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Traffic tips

By Laura France Demers

In talking to New Hampshire State Police Trooper Marshall, I found out some information others might want to know but would never ask a police officer themselves. Trooper Marshall talked about how NOT to get a ticket. His first advice was "don't violate the law." But when I asked him about tips to get out of a ticket after the stop has already been made, he explained the ticket will or will not be given usually depending on two things: the severity of the violation and the way the violator communicates with the officer.

Opposed to popular belief, officers normally do not write the ticket until they talk to the driver. This is because the officer may not feel the need to give a ticket if the drivers are aware of their actions. According to Trooper Marshall, if violators are not rude, understand why they are being stopped and agree to refrain from committing the violation again, the ticket may not be written. However, if the violators are angry and disagree with the officer, the ticket may be issued. Perhaps this is because if the violators feel they have not done anything wrong, they most likely will do it again. If the driver receives a warning, Trooper Marshall explained that warnings

go on record only if you are found guilty in court, or you plead guilty by not going to court and paying your ticket.

As far as holiday traffic is concerned, Trooper Marshall believes the busiest time of the year is the Fourth of July. He states that summer holidays and foliage season almost always have heavier traffic. When asked if State Police must give out a certain number of tickets by the end of each month, Trooper Marshall stated that it was "absolutely not true, at least not for State Police." He explained it is possible that towns and cities have taken on this concept; however, as far as the State Police are concerned, "It's our job to enforce the law," and in fact unwritten warnings sometimes have a greater effect on people. If an officer is seen attending to a car along the road, whether it be concerning a traffic violation or car trouble, other drivers who pass by become aware of their own actions and catch themselves violating traffic laws before an officer catches them. Trooper Marshall believes this is very effective.

So to all you who dislike police officers, give them a chance. They are here to help us. They are normal people. They want you to be safe during the holiday seasons. Be friendly with them and they will be friendly too.

Traditional wassail (holiday punch)

The holiday season is now officially upon us. A holiday season just wouldn't be complete without a traditional holiday wassail, or punch. But what's this? You say you've never had a wassail before? Not to worry! The staff here at the Observer has provided our loyal readers with this incredibly easy recipe that anyone can make! Oh yes, you can make it non-alcoholic too, just omit the rum. Enjoy your punch and have a happy holiday season!

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| Apple Cider | 1 gallon |
| Oranges | 1 (sliced thinly) |
| Lemon | 1 (zest only) |
| Whole Cloves | 2 T |
| Cinnamon Stick | 3 each |
| Rum | 2 cups |

Mix all ingredients together thoroughly. Serve warm.



Semester break information

By Danny Luciano

Before heading home at the close of the semester, students have to make sure of a few things. First of all, remove all trash from your rooms. Second, do not turn off the heat in your room; it will be monitored by computer. Third, unplug all appliances, with the exception of refrigerators and stoves. Fourth, clean out ovens and refrigerators. Make sure you don't leave any food that will spoil in your room. Fifth, lock all your windows and doors. Also, close the drapes for those who live on the ground floors. All the residence areas will be inspected during the break and any areas found in need of cleaning will be cleaned and students will be assessed the cost. Be sure not to leave any valuables such as jewelry in your rooms because the school will not be held responsible for any items left behind.

Any damage in your resi-

dence area should be reported before leaving so that the appropriate person(s) have to pay for the damages. If there are any questions regarding the damage assessment process, you can refer to the school handbook.

If at the present time you don't have a roommate, you'll probably have one next semester so be sure to leave your room in the proper condition. This means keeping the room clean and utilizing only your own furniture. If you are not returning for the spring semester notify the Office of Residence Life by December 17, 1997.

Students have up to 24 hours after their last exam to leave, except for those who have their last exam on December 18; they have until 5 p.m. to leave. Residence will re-open on Sunday, January 11, 1998, at 9 a.m. Happy Holidays!

This information was taken from the Semester Break 101 handout that was distributed by the RA's.

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Letter to the editor:

While reflecting on the article dealing with Nicholas Cameron's resignation, I realized that few people knew of the considerable effort that was involved in covering his courses. Many people were responsible including the Freshman Writing Coordinator, who spent the larger part of four days finding faculty who could not only cover current courses, but cover the spring courses as well. Remember the registration booklet for the spring was about to be released and students would soon be registering for the next semester.

The search was made easier by the generosity of those who came forward to help: Cynthia Earle and Margaret Murphy took the writing courses; Susan Youngs, the public speaking course; Rich Colfer, the FEX course.

The arrangements for spring were not nearly so easily accomplished because faculty, including adjunct faculty, had already been scheduled. Hence, many commitments had to be undone and rearranged. We are particularly grateful to Helen Packey for allowing us to rearrange her schedule so that we could give her the Basic Studies courses and provide continuity for those students in the spring.

Finally, a second thank you goes out to those faculty who were willing to walk into the classes of someone who had commanded a strong sense of loyalty and respect from his students. We are fortunate to have faculty who not only have the professional skill, but the sensitivity, to deal with a remarkably difficult situation.

Sincerely,

Chris Toy, Chair
Liberal Arts Division

Dear Editors:

You'll note, I trust, that I have saluted both of you. And I'll begin this letter once again with more good news: Your 12 November issue was, even with its sorrowful news, in keeping with what a free press is all about. So nice job, even though I can imagine how painful putting together this issue must have been for everyone involved. However, I digress from my true purpose in writing this missive. Unfortunately, some of my colleagues (I won't call them mean-spirited, even though the idea has occurred to me) have launched a vicious attack upon my character for saying good words about your paper. I have been accused of being a toady, a sycophant, a self-serving lackey who flatters and defers to others without conscience or conviction. And all of these hurtful accusations prompted by my letter to you.

I hope you have staff members who are eager to know the identity of these individuals and are willing to expose and condemn them, a fate they richly deserve. Regrettably, the ethics of my profession forbid me to identify them by name (it's one of those irksome things about this business). However, I might be of some help to your investigative reporters should they visit my campus digs. Send someone who knows Morse Code and I think we can, without compromising moral issues, work something out. It's about time these rogues and scoundrels were revealed to the community at large. And until they are, I will be unable to write any more letters in praise of all your good works. On this note let me leave you as a devoted reader, a loyal supporter and a humble servant, etc., etc., etc.

Your Pal,
Dr. Don Sieker

From the editor's desk:

As scary as it may seem, the end of the semester is just about here. Also surprising is how quickly and painlessly it went by.

Yes, I am aware that this issue was supposed to come out November 25 and that it is now about two weeks past the original release date. The blame for this can be directly attributed to the Thanksgiving holiday break. We got a call from our printer saying the Monday and Tuesday time slots were booked, which are our usual printing times. Since Wednesday was officially the start of Thanksgiving break, it would have been impossible for us to stick to our original production schedule.

To make matters worse, many of the articles and features in that issue were highly time-sensitive, meaning they would have been outdated by the time we could get another printing date set. So, in essence we had to go back to the drawing board and start the issue over again from scratch. It just goes to show that in order to get things to run smoothly, there needs to be a tremendous level of coordination between all the people and factors involved.

Regarding our last issue, we received a good deal of feedback pertaining to the Dr. Cameron incident. As one of the people who run the Observer, I felt that it was important for the campus to know exactly what happened. Prior to Issue # 2 coming out, there were plenty of rumors going around campus, many of which were so distorted one only wonders where this misinformation originated from. Since the Observer is one of the "voices" of NHC, I felt it was important to straighten out this subject once and for all.

Thank you for reading the Observer. I wish all of you good luck on your finals and a happy holiday season. Watch for our next issue which is slated to come out a few weeks after we return from the holiday break!

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From the Desk of the Wellness Center

You Don't Know What You're Missing!

By Sara Wilson

Over the past several years, the Wellness Center has undergone a number of changes including physical renovations, the addition of new staff, changes in policies and procedures that better serve our student population and a renewed commitment to educating the campus community on the importance of wellness in the college experience. Some of these changes may be apparent to you (especially if you're an underclassman) but others are probably new to you regardless of your class status. So, I'd like to take this opportunity to briefly describe some of the things we do and how we feel about you.

We are a multi-service office. If you were to look on other college campuses, the services we provide would be offered through a variety of offices including a counseling center, a health center, a health education office, a women's center, a sexual assault center, and a disability support services office. As you can see, there are many services that we provide or share responsibility for, all with the convenience of one-stop shopping for you! This affords you easy access to a multitude of services and it allows you a level of privacy that you may not have if you were to walk into a single center on another campus. Here, there are a variety of reasons you may be seeing someone and a variety of people you may be seeing making it more difficult for other students to jump to conclusions.

We care about you! Throughout our reorganization, we have committed ourselves to improving our communications with students about their health, of respecting your rights to confidentiality and of providing easier access to outside care for both emotional and physical concerns. For example, in the past, the Center held a Monday evening clinic with the College's physician. Beginning this year, we have ceased holding that clinic and instead have worked with the College physician to have students seen throughout the week in his office for illnesses needing a referral. What are the benefits of this? You are seen more quickly and the doctor has access to the things he needs to make a complete and accurate diagnosis.

We want your business! From time to time, we do have students who have not been pleased with the service they received or who don't get along with a particular staff member. What I ask of you is that you voice that displeasure not with others in the campus community but to a staff member in the office and that you give us another try. Without your input, we are incapable of improving our service or explaining why something may have been handled a certain way, even if it wasn't the way you wanted. Communication is the key!

Want to know more about us??? Stop by sometime for more information, or give us a call at 645-9679.

Free Spirit (from page 4)

mouth; words flopped out quickly evaporating under Russ' deep, muffled gasps. The guards couldn't comprehend his muttering, so they drew closer. They expanded their ear drums, so they might get a better understanding because if a prisoner died while being "tamed," as they called it, then their lives would be diminished. Still whispering, Russ purred the words, "Screw you," laughing madly into the showering moonlight that burned on the

oak tree's trunk.

The guards lashed out like a whip, belting him in the head. Russ continued to laugh wildly, but laughter only fueled the guards, and they brought their clubs down on his head with such force Russ thought he was dying. They scooped him up like ice cream and tossed him into isolation, leaving him there to dwell in thought.

More in the next issue.

UNC students protest Nike ontract

By College Press Service

More than 100 University of North Carolina students rallied outside the chancellor's office to protest the university's renewal of a multimillion-dollar contract with Nike, the athletic shoe manufacturer.

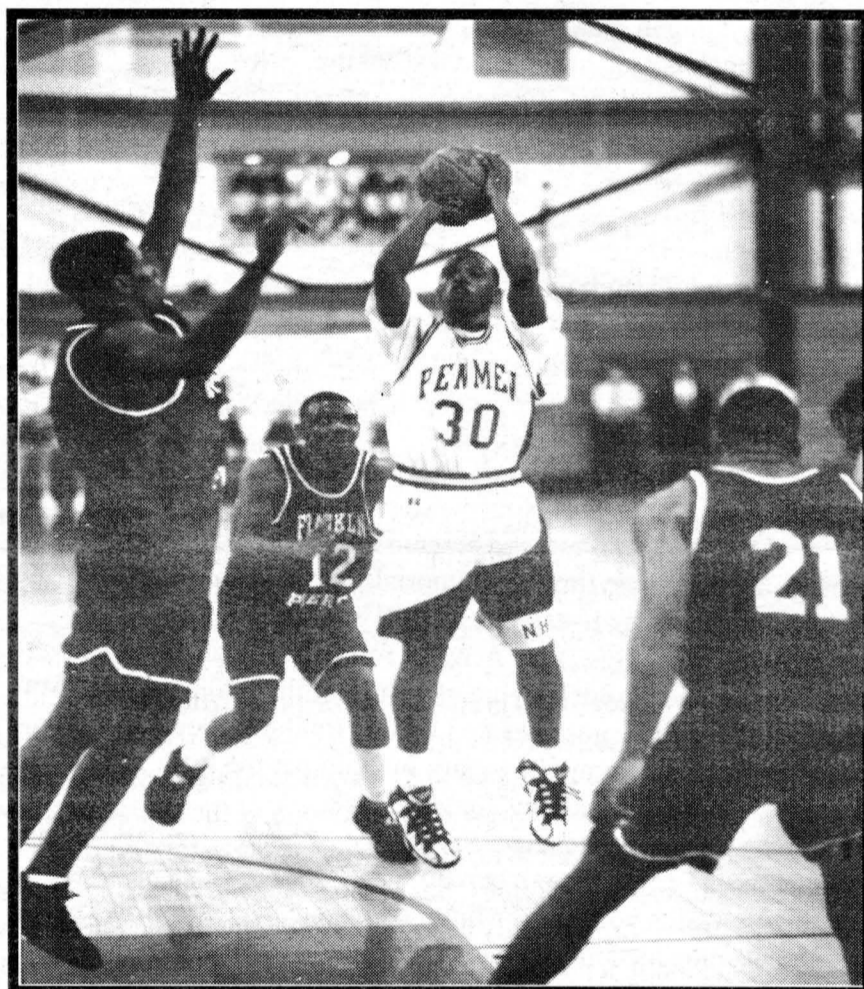
The rally was organized by the Nike Awareness Campaign, a campus group that says that the university should not do business with a company that's been accused of unfair labor practices at its Southeast Asia factories.

Chancellor Michael Hooker responded to student protesters by saying it would be hard to find a

"consumer good in the United States right now that is not made in a low-wage factory somewhere," according to Associated Press reports.

In July, university officials signed a new contract with Nike, in which the company will pay \$7.1 million to suit up UNC's sports teams, the Tar Heels, with Nike apparel.

All the students at the rally, however, were not urging that the university boycott Nike. Support the Swoosh, another campus group, defended Nike's efforts to improve its labor practices.



Orlando "Bino" Ranson takes his best shot. (NHC file photo)



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Invoking the gods of good luck

By Lisa Bertagnoli
College Press Service

Finals week means it's time to study, eat too much (or too little), freak out and indulge in a little ritualistic behavior.

When it's exam time, students around the nation report they'll try almost anything to invoke the gods of good luck.

"One student rubs a redhead before taking a test. Another writes to her mother before every test or 'she is cursed.' Still another student reported that she does not take a shower during finals week," says James Farmer, public information officer at Lamar California Community College in Lamar, Colo.

Others take a more simple approach. "I pray a little more," says Mike, who's on the staff of the Orion student newspaper at California State University, Chico.

Believe it or not, a little ritual or two actually might help you pass that exam, says George Howard, a professor of psychology at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind.

"You want to do everything you can to be prepared, and if that means waking on the right side of something, then you're prepared," he explains.

Engaging in such rituals also can put a student in a good frame of mind, which is crucial for good test-taking, Howard says.

At many colleges, finals-week superstitions and rituals have been elevated to a campus tradition. Here's a sample of some of the rituals that superstitious students indulge in year after year:

The smell of success. Test-takers at Colorado Electronic Community College are encouraged to wear a fragrance they've never worn before while studying, then wear it again while taking the final. "This actually works; our sense of smell evokes the strongest and most vivid memories," says college president Mary Beth Susman. "Of course on exam day the whole classroom smells like a fancy whorehouse," she adds.

The primal scream. At 9 p.m. the Sunday before finals, the 8,000 or so students at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., throw open their windows and scream at the top of their lungs. It's been going on "since time immemorial," says Stefani Sarvadi, '99, adding that students off-campus let it all out, too.

The petting zoo. A water fountain at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., holds a statue of a small child holding a frog. Students rub the child's nose before taking a final for good luck. Similarly, students at Miami University in Ohio pet the little turtles that decorate a sundial on campus for good luck.

"Those turtles have very polished heads," remarks Claire Wagner of the school's news bureau.

Watch your step. Miami University students also avoid a metal seal embedded in concrete in the middle of campus if they want to pass their first final. "Some people press their luck and jump on it, but most people stay away," says Melissa Morris, a Miami University graduate. Likewise, students at Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, Ohio, walk on the right side of the school seal for luck.

Stay-away study area. Students at Baldwin-Wallace in Berea, Ohio, avoid a concrete study area built last year near the library. "People say that if you study near it, you'll forget what you studied while you were there and fail your finals," says Jason Miller, '01.

Light a candle about it. A grotto on campus at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind., gets a heavy workout during exam week, says Dennis Moore, director of public relations for the school. Students can light a candle if they wish, and during finals week the shrine blazes, Moore says.

"It's not superstition, though," he points out. "Eighty-five percent of our students are Catholic and they've been raised to turn to prayer when they need to get through something."

Eggstra credit. Professors at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta cook and serve breakfast to students the night before finals week. "Everybody enjoys the fun and stress-relief this time provides," says Randy Robertson of the school's public relations office.

The same goes at Berry College, Rome, Ga., where administrators serve breakfast to students at 9 the night before finals....the same time NU students are screaming out their windows.



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Not too early to plan for spring break

By Erin Haughey
The Colorado Daily
University of Colorado-Boulder

Students are notorious for making price the determining factor when planning their spring breaks.

Travel agents say researching your trip, as well as your travel company or agent, is the key to a no-stress vacation.

Last year, several local college and high school students were stranded in Mexico by agencies and tour operators that didn't keep their end of the bargain.

"Just because it sounds good, doesn't mean it is!" warned Bill Winch, a student travel specialist for James Travel Pints International in Boulder, Colo. He's urging students to research travel companies' reputations for standing behind their travel arrangements.

Suspect companies usually work through student representatives who blanket colleges with spring break travel brochures. Many students, enamored by the bargain pricing, do not take the time to research the company they are entrusting their vacation plans to.

Sometimes these companies will send out flyers and confirm travel arrangements before they have actually booked seating on planes. Some tour operators buy bulk seats on planes to get special rates but scramble at the last minute to accommodate over-booked flights.

Experts advise students to watch for trick advertising used to camouflage cost "add-ons," fees hidden between the lines. Be aware of price increases due to peak travel weeks, departure

taxes, price-increase dates and processing fees. Many flights, for example, are priced for East Coast departure, charging extra to leave from other airports.

When problems do arise, these companies are nowhere to be found, as some students discovered last March.

"They claim to have an office on location, but they never say where," said Winch of unreliable travel companies.

Winch, who has been in the business of student travel for more than 15 years, has heard hundreds of horror stories about students who didn't research their trip.

Some of these unfortunate travelers spent more time moving in and out of hotels (as many as three in the course of a week) than they did on the beach. Others found that "breakfast included" meant a free coupon for a biscuit at a fast-food restaurant, he said.

Watch for tricky wording, Winch added. "They claim to have airfare but never promise secured seating."

Not all of these companies are sketchy, but do your homework to have a worry-free vacation.

No matter what, the earlier you book, the better off you are. Travel agents advise students to book before Christmas to avoid possible problems. You'll have your choice of destinations, and find the best bargains, and you might be able to pay your bill in installments.

If you've been too busy in previous years to go on a spring break trip, this might be a good winter to head elsewhere. Here's a head start on the hottest places

to go this year.

The No. 1 destination this year will be Cancun, Mexico. Cancun is known for its beautiful climate, reasonable prices and organized activities for spring breakers.

"Cancun is gorgeous and everything is moderately priced," said Shane Burbach, a teacher in Denver. "The hotel I stayed at had it all even free bike rentals and volleyball tournaments."

Cancun caters to the tourists with a night life that never shuts its doors and a beach full of hotels and shops where you can barter with the local merchants.

Another popular destination in Mexico is Mazatlan. Not as Americanized as Cancun but also less expensive, Mazatlan is known for its beaches. For music and disco-dancing fans the highlight of the trip will be a dazzling disco club, the dance floor of which juts out over the ocean.

The third most popular spring break vacation spot is Jamaica.

Jessica Lavender, a CU student who traveled there, said, "We decided to rent a house to get away from the spring-break havoc that dominated our trip the year before. We were able to see much more of the island than our friends who spent a majority of their time in and around the hotel in Montego Bay."

The cities offer exciting attractions, like carnivals every Monday night and many dance clubs and shops.

For the vacationer trying to avoid the spring-break extravaganza, there are other options guaranteed to offer fun in the sun at a

reasonable price. These include Puerto Vallarta, Cabo San Lucas, and South Padre Island. While these places may not cater quite as much to college students, there is still plenty to do, such as scuba diving, snorkeling, para-sailing and bike-riding.

If airfare and airports is something you want to avoid, you could drive down to South Padre Island in Texas.

Other experienced travelers recommend the Caribbean.

"Scuba diving in the waters of the Caribbean is incredible off the shore of St. Kitts. I was at least 100 feet down, and I could see to the surface as if I were sitting at the bottom of a swimming pool," said Bryan Stokes, president of Steeprock Builders in Boulder.

Besides the underwater activities along the coral reef, there are also many inland adventures into the untamed rainforests and through historic fortresses.

Mary Kukral, travel manager for Rocky Mountain Diving Center and Boulder Scuba Tours, suggests travelers check out the South Pacific because summer there occurs during our winter months.

This area offers several diverse countries, including Australia, Pau Pau New Guinea, Fiji and the Kingdom of Tonga.

"Traveling to these countries is a different kind of experience," said Kukral. "It's not that much farther, and it doesn't cost that much more than your typical vacation destinations. It's a wild yet civilized place to discover."

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Entertainment...

Fantasy at its finest

Book Review

By Michael Lascelles

David Eddings was already a remarkable writer, but in his latest series, *The Tamuli*, he has outdone himself. The series consists of three books, all of which I have read, *Domes of Fire*, *The Shining Ones* and *The Hidden City*. All were well-deserved *New York Times* bestsellers; the books are about 500-pages long and available in paperback for \$6.99.

In the series readers find themselves sucked into the world Eddings has created. The novels are remarkable examples of escapist literature. Each novel contains a prologue enabling them to be read individually, but I recommend reading the complete series. By the end of a book you feel like you have met the characters yourself; by the end of the series, you feel like you've known them for years.

The Tamuli is set in a fantasy world that contains two very large continents, Elenia and Tamuli. The main character of the novels is the Anakha, Sparhawk. An Anakha is a being without a destiny known to the gods. Sparhawk was created by the most powerful essence in the world, Bhelliom. Bhelliom is a force that created the worlds, the universes and even gods.

In these novels, religion has a powerful role, and in some ways the entire plot revolves around the religions that are "good" versus those that are "evil." Sparhawk is the champion of good and the tool of Bhelliom. Sparhawk is married to Queen Ehlana and is preceptor of the order of the Pandion Knights. Sparhawk, it is told to us, has destroyed gods before through the use of Bhelliom's power. Bhelliom is held captive inside of a rose-shaped sapphire, enabling Sparhawk to control and manipulate its power.

In the beginning of the series, Bhelliom is in the bottom of the deepest sea and only the goddess Aphreal knows where. Aphreal is one of a thousand gods of what is called Styricum, one of the many religions in the series.

Sparhawk and his knights have been trained to use Styric magic. Aphreal as goddess realizes the importance of Sparhawk and puts aside religious segregation, be-friending and advising him. However, many of her Styric worshippers do not wish to put aside long-standing religious differences. A renegade Styric, Zalasta, calls upon the evil god Cyrgon to help him with a diabolic plan.

They manage to terrorize the land of Tamuli by raising armies of the past. Long since dead warriors, vampires and creatures of mythology terrorize the cities. The government is ill prepared for the onslaught and forced to travel to Elenia in hopes of getting Sparhawk to come assess the problems. Sparhawk agrees, but Aphreal tells him she does not want to retrieve Bhelliom.

Bhelliom, as Aphreal points out, unleashed a tremendous amount of power into the world. However, Cyrgon summons Klael, Bhelliom's opposite and the total element of evil in the entire universe. Sparhawk and Aphreal are then forced to retrieve Bhelliom from its depths under the sea, making the flower gem, as the Bhelliom is commonly called, available for a challenge with Klael.

Sparhawk and his companions are far more resourceful than Cyrgon anticipates and at the end of the second novel come within inches of victory. Threatened, Cyrgon kidnaps Ehlana, Sparhawk's wife, and wants to bargain for Bhelliom.

In the end, all of the enemies' efforts are in vain, as they are destroyed by Sparhawk and his comrades. It is then that Bhelliom is released from its prison and Sparhawk is pinned against Cyrgon. The end is captivating and thrilling, followed by a beautiful and sorrowful epilogue that leaves a tear in the reader's eye.

The novels are filled with dozens of important and lovable characters, giving the story a sense of reality. The series is a clash of worlds, religions, and an escape to a place where the good guys win.

Tupac Shakur's new album

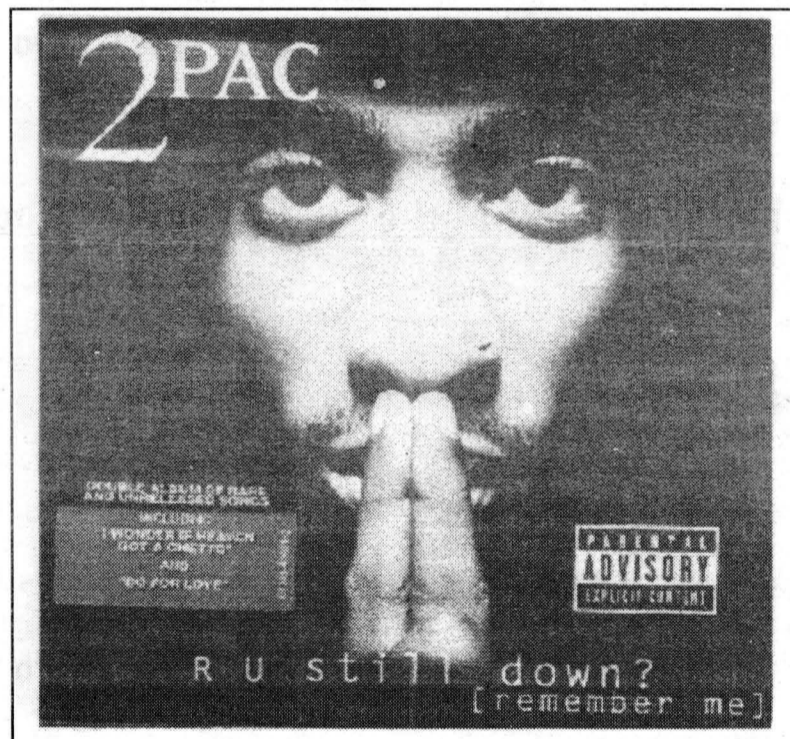
CD Review

By David F. Snuffer

On Saturday, November 22, the music stores released the double album by 2pac. What makes this CD so special is it has rare and previously unreleased songs. The songs by Tupac Shakur are also special because he is no longer alive. In 1996 Tupac was killed in a drive-by shooting. When Tupac was shot he was at

ing to the lyrics of the songs. Some of the lyrics were taken out of his older songs. For example, *I'm Getting Money* is an earlier version of *Str8 Ballin* off the *Thug Life* album. Another example is *I'm Losin It*, which features part of the lyrics from *High Til I Die*.

Originally, I heard this album was supposed to be all unreleased tracks from 91-94. A lot of songs have old lyrics, but there are also new songs such as *I wonder if Heaven Got a Ghetto* and *R U still down?* These songs have the potential to become popular singles, but there is one song that sticks out in my mind.



the climax of his musical career. At the age of twenty-five he died by the lyrics he rapped about.

The name of Tupac's new album is *R U still down?* This album is the second since Tupac's death. The first album since his death was *Makaveli the don killuminati.....the 7day theory*. This CD was totally different from any of the other music Tupac had done in the past. There were softer melodies, when previously he had a lot of hard beats and a lot of fast background music in his songs. So in the *Makaveli* album he didn't just change his name to Tupac but his style. Now in his new album he has gone back to 2Pac and his hard-hitting beats.

This new album has a mixture of his old and new styles. I was able to pick that up by listen-

The song, *Do For Love*, is completely different. It has a strong repeating beat with a soft melody, and on the interludes there are background singers. Throughout the song Tupac talks about what he and another do for love and how extreme people go. To really understand what I'm talking about you have to listen to the song because it's terrific.

Overall I think *R U still down?* is a great album! It is rare when I find a CD that I can let play through without skipping around. There are ten really good songs out of the twenty-six total tracks on the two CDs combined. If you ask me, that's twenty-one dollars spent well. So if you're a fan of Tupac, you will enjoy the mixture of styles *R U still down?* has to offer.

Campus Profile: Super alumnus

By Roland Loranger

"Faculty and staff are always looking for ways to improve the campus and curriculum, to better the education for the students. Most changes start as suggestions internally," said Michael DeBlasi, Director of Alumni and Community Relations for NHC. He explained why NHC is on the cutting edge of education and renowned nationally for its programs. DeBlasi has been actively involved with the school's transition to success for many years.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, DeBlasi attended Temple University for the first two years of his college education. However, after these two years DeBlasi faced a fork in the road, which would change his life forever. Placed on academic probation, due in part to the enormous number of students attending Temple, DeBlasi had to make a choice. Stay at Temple, where he was sure to fall back into the same routine; not go to school, and so be drafted to Vietnam; or find somewhere else to attend school.

DeBlasi knew that he had to buckle down and take control of his life. In desperation, he filled out a single application that was distributed to colleges throughout the United States. Responses were received from across the country, but DeBlasi did not have time to check all of the campuses. In a last-minute decision he set out with his parents to New Hampshire. What he saw when he arrived almost caused him to return to Philadelphia, with no place to go except Vietnam.

"My parents asked me if I wanted to turn around and go home when we first saw the school," DeBlasi said. He remembers how small the campus was, with the only sign that it was actually a college being a small wooden sign with New Hamp-

shire College written on it. This is when NHC was located in the center of Manchester. However, he knew that he had no choice but to stick it out, no matter how bad it seemed. "I had to make the best out of a bad situation," he said.

DeBlasi knew he had to turn himself around in order to make anything out of his life. He said, "I wanted to prove to people, and myself, that I could do it." Because there was a lot less trouble to get into in Manchester, he concentrated more on his school work and was better able to manage his time. He also recalls what can still be seen today at NHC: "People took the time to work with me." He immediately became involved in school activities by becoming the president of his class and playing multiple sports.

DeBlasi enrolled at NHC for three years and obtained one of his degrees (the other is a master's in Counseling and Guidance from Rider College). Throughout his three years at NHC he became acquainted with the Admission Department and eagerly sought a job there. Although there were no openings at the time, he never gave up. One of the major reasons for his persistence was that he was in a management trainee program that he hated with a passion. While he was involved in this program, DeBlasi married. Conveniently, one week after his marriage, he was asked to work for NHC as a Regional Representative in Territorial Admissions. This career change forced him to move back to Philadelphia in order to promote the school to potential students. Finally, DeBlasi's persistence had paid off.

Although DeBlasi was finally doing what he wanted to, working in admissions, he found the marketing of the college a lot

harder than he initially thought. "I had to sell a vision of South Campus." Since South Campus had yet to be built, DeBlasi's "job description" was to promote something to students that did not exist. One might take advantage of this uncertain future to exaggerate the proposed campus, but not DeBlasi. He felt it was his duty to be totally honest with the potential students whom he was talking with. "If NHC did not carry what the student was looking for, I did not try to talk him into coming anyway." On the contrary, DeBlasi led the student to another college that would better meet the student's needs. It was this sometimes painfully honest attitude that gained DeBlasi recognition in colleges throughout the United States for his never-ending quest to create opportunities for college-bound students. In 1980 NHC recognized DeBlasi's talents and increased his status to Director of Admission.

The Director of Admission position required DeBlasi to move back to New Hampshire, where he resides to this day. Along with the increased influence he now had among the NHC community through his promotion, South Campus was also growing around him. He recalls the lack of quality facilities on campus then. He also recalls a "one-track" curriculum in which business was the main focus. Now a Liberal Arts Division has been in place for a few years. And in September 1997 a three-year bachelor's degree program was started. Soon NHC will be offering doctoral programs.

Six years ago DeBlasi was reassigned to become the Director of Alumni and Community Relations. Since then, his job has been to plan and execute various events for the school's alumni and

the community. In accordance with this mission, DeBlasi plans Alumni Family Days, various golf tournaments, Homecoming Weekend and many other events.

For his effort DeBlasi has received awards. In 1991 he received the Alumni Distinguished Service Award. In 1996 he was inducted into the NHC Alumni Hall of Fame.

One thing that DeBlasi feels is the best part of his duties is the opportunity to interact with alumni that he recruited many years ago. He also loves the interaction with the incoming students through the FEX program. He serves as an advisor to students in his FEX class.

One of DeBlasi's former students reflects on the manner in which he conducted class and interacted with the students: "He keeps checking up on me and other kids in the class that I've talked to. He's really concerned with the progress of all the students." This student goes on to give examples as to DeBlasi's dedication to the students by recalling that he was down to earth and was not afraid to not be politically correct in order to get his point across. He incorporated real-life experiences into his classes by bringing them on field trips to business organizations throughout Manchester.

DeBlasi, or Mike as he prefers his students to call him, helped build NHC into a recognized institution, always remembering the philosophy that was followed since the beginning: "Faculty and staff provide students with a nurturing environment for their physical and mental well being. Our mission is still to provide the best possible education."

Today NHC has been able to broaden its horizons with the help of enthusiasts like DeBlasi who spend their time making this a better place for education.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"He [She] whose face
gives no light will never
be a star."**

-William Blake

Sport Management Club

By Chris Cameron

The newly formed Sport Management Club is quickly becoming a dynamic club on campus. With Professor Phelps and Professor Blais as academic advisors and club officers Eric Stafford (President), Heather Sheasley (Vice President), Nick Smith (Treasurer) and Tammy Lambrou (Secretary), the club has the leadership it needs to become a premier club on campus.

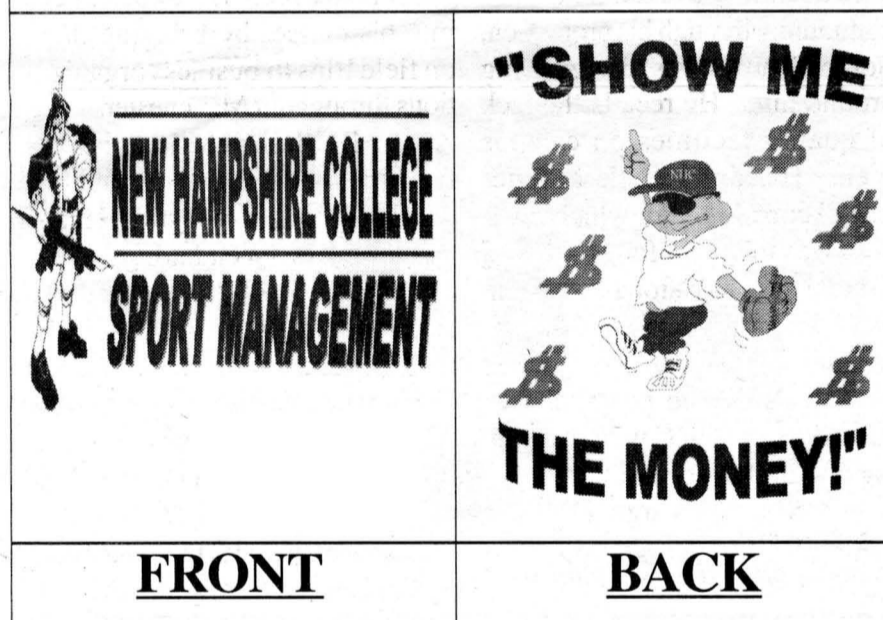
The Sport Management Club is actively involved in supporting the New Hampshire College athletic teams. Ultimately we would like to have the club in attendance at every event on campus, along with our club banner, to cheer on our student athletes. A spring trip to see the Boston Blazers is in the works. Club T-shirts are also being produced with the theme of "Show Me the Money." T-shirts are available to

any student at the cost of \$12. See Professor Phelps or Professor Blais to make a purchase.

This club can be very beneficial to Sport Management majors. First, it is a club/organization to place on your resume which is related to your career expectations. Second, it can help you find an internship or a job, as several internship opportunities are announced at meetings. Third, this club can give you experience working and organizing sporting events. Any experiences you have large or small can be beneficial in finding a good job.

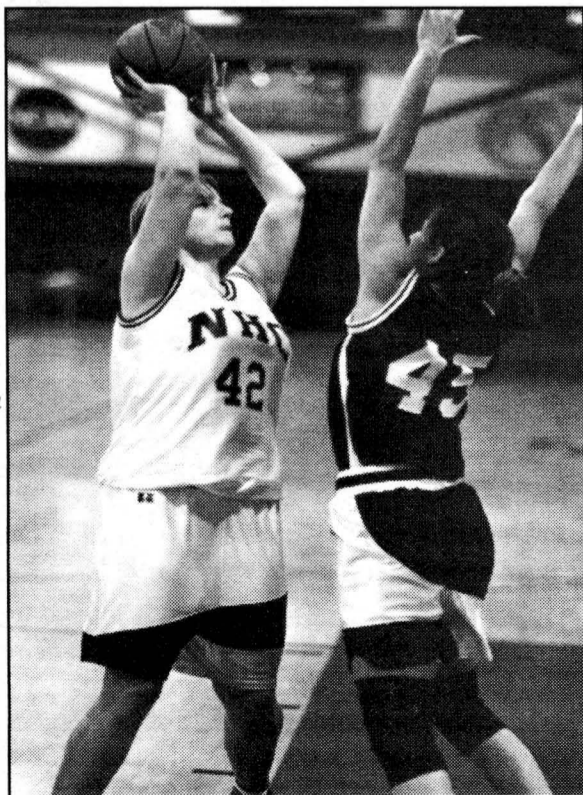
The Sport Management Club is not limited to Sport Management majors. Anyone who has any interest in sports, particularly the sports industry, is welcome. We welcome any ideas you may be able to contribute on fund raising, trips and promoting the club. Come be a part of this exciting new club on campus. Watch for flyers on future meetings or see Professor Phelps (Stark 9) or Professor Blais (Stark 21) for more information.

T-SHIRT DESIGN



Interested in buying a Sport Management Club shirt? This is how they look. Contact Professors Blais or Phelps to purchase one!.

Jen Robinson attempting to fake out a defender. (Photo by Tom McDermott)



Surf.The.Net.Now

By David Lee Tong

It's December! In this spirited Yuletide season most of us are worried about one thing. PRESENTS! While most of us like opening presents, not a lot of us enjoy lining up in shopping malls, searching for the right gift only to find out that it's all sold out!

Holidays can be a frustrating time to make any purchase, so how would you like to shop in the comfort of your own home? No lines, no snobbish salesperson, no traveling through the slippery roads. Well, web technology is here to make our lives easier.

I know that most of us are fearful to make a purchase on the Internet due to security. I don't blame you; it's easy especially with the credit card fraud phenomenon. This issue, I would like to shed some light on the topic of online shopping and help you make your first step to online shopping.

Don't be deceived by the looks of a web site; anyone can look credible on the web.

Before making any purchase, check to see if the site provides a customer service address, e-mail address, phone number, and a Better Business Bureau logo. Call the number beforehand to make sure there is someone answering the phone.

Bookmark the site so that you can go back just in case.

NEVER enter your credit card information unless you are in a SECURED site. With Netscape you can see a GOLD KEY with a BLUE background in the lower left corner. (It will show a broken key otherwise.) With Internet Explorer, you will see a YELLOW PADLOCK on a LOCKED position at the bottom of the screen. (It will show an unlocked padlock otherwise.)

After the transaction, the company will usually give a confirmation number, kind of like a receipt, to keep. For your protection, copy all the information down, save and print the page for record keeping. You can not go back to this exact page after you exit the browser.

Following these simple guidelines, there should be no problem with the security of your credit card. Now here are some reputable web sites for your holiday shopping needs. Happy Holidays!

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Barnes and Nobles - www.barnesandnoble.com
Amazon - www.amazon.com
ALT.BOOKSTORE - www.altbookstore.com (HR)
Book Stacks Unlimited - www.books.com
Different Light Bookstore - www.adlbooks.com

Clothes

R.E.I. Outdoor wear - www.rei.com (HR)
Eddie Bauer - www.ebauer.com
Channel Island Sweater Company - www.jerseyvirtual.net/sweaters
J.Crew - jcrew.com
Gap - www.gap.com
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Music

CDNOW - www.cdnw.com
Pentagon CD's - pentagon.net (HR)
Tunes.com - www.tunes.com
Music Boulevard - www.musicblvd.com
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Toys

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Videos

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Penwomen in the middle of a difficult stretch

Source: NHC Press Releases

Provided by Andrea Hill

The NHC women's basketball team is off to a slow start as the Penwomen are currently mired in an 0-6 slump. The women traveled to Albany, N.Y. to take on the University of Albany on December 2. The final was 50-71, in Albany's favor. The top NHC contributors in this game were Tynae Gaston, leading NHC with 14 points and Steph Meyer

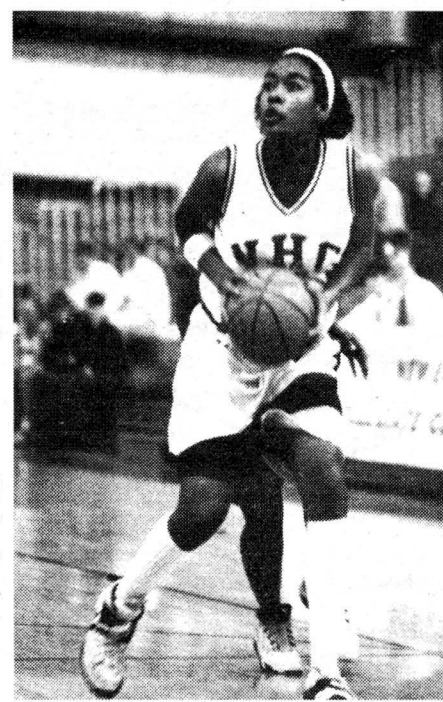
who added 10 points and 7 rebounds.

Assumption College was next on December 4 in Worcester, MA. Unfortunately, Assumption outscored NHC 23-0 over the first 11 minutes of the first half. Assumption took a 35-14 lead into the break, and this proved to be all the Assumption women needed as they maintained a comfortable lead through the entire second half. Kristy Woodill led NHC with 9 points,

while Jen Robinson and Etta Livingston each netted 8 points.

The women hope to turn things around when they return to action on December 10 at the University of New Haven.

Tynae Gaston looks for an open teammate. Gaston has been one of the top producers for the Penwomen thus far. (Photo by Tom McDermott)



Young NHC hockey team off to a good start

Source: NHC Press Releases

The NHC hockey team were victorious over Plymouth State College on December 2. The Penmen came away from the game with a 3-1 win. Scoring for NHC were Chris Holland with an unassisted goal with 9:11 left in the second period. Chuck Croteau followed up 34 seconds later with a goal of his own, scored off a feed from Jason Rayher. Nick Therrien also assisted on the goal. Scott Proulx scored with just 14 seconds left to play on an empty net. This was the team-leading 7th goal of

the season for Proulx. Rayher picked up his 6th assist on the goal. Brian Cole went the distance in the goal for NHC and made 20 saves.

Things didn't go as well on December 4 when the Penmen played UMass-Dartmouth. As a harbinger of things to come, UMD scored its first goal just 13 seconds into the game. The Corsairs racked up 5 goals in just the first period alone while NHC struggled offensively throughout. Freshman Rich Miller scored two powerplay goals: one during the first period at 11:16 with an assist from Chuck Croteau and the other during the second period with an assist from John Dunn. Scott Proulx added to the cause with his team-leading 8th goal assisted by Rob Miller in the second period.

UMass-Dartmouth ended this game with a 12-3 drubbing of the Penmen. Brian Cole started in net for NHC and made 25 saves before being replaced by Greg Pilney who stopped nine shots. With the loss, the hockey team's record stands at 3-4-1.



Freshman defenseman Rob Miller, a key player for the young Penmen hockey team. (Photo by Tom McDermott)

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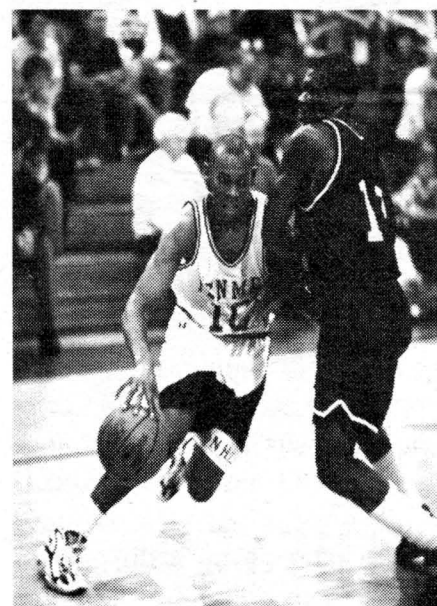
The Penmen basketball team took on the Great Danes of the University of Albany on December 2. The game was tied 37-37 at the half and NHC opened up a 46-42 lead three minutes into the second half following a three-pointer by Orlando "Bino" Ranson. The Danes quickly tied the game and the next seven minutes saw five

ties and five lead changes. Albany took the lead for good, 65-63 with 6:10 left in the game as the Penmen went without a field goal over the final six minutes.

Ranson finished the game with 16 points. Bobby Miller also reached double figures with 10 points and a season-high 15 rebounds. Following the loss, the Penmen saw their overall record drop to 3-4. This was Albany's first win over the Penmen since the Great Danes joined the NECC three seasons ago.

In their previous game, NHC won big over the New York Tech with a final score of 90-68. Tarik Sheppard was the team leader in points and rebounds as he netted 22 points and a career-high 14 boards. Ryan Chartrand finished with a season-high 13 points and 4 assists, while teammate Bobby Miller continued his solid play for the Penmen also contributing 13 points towards the win.

The Penmen return to action on December 10 against the University of New Haven.



Senior Ray Blackwell taking it to the hoop. (NHC file photo)

Volleyball wrap-up

Source: NHC Press Releases

The NHC women's volleyball team finished up their season on November 15 at the NECC Tournament. Despite losing all three of their games versus UMass-Lowell, Bridgeport, and Stony Brook in the NECC Tournament, the team finished with a 6-17 record. The volleyball program has shown much improvement these last few years and this season was no exception.

Sandy Forcier, Tammy Lambrou, Deb Milton, and Kristina Kintzer were the top producers this season. Jodi Stimson still managed to put

together a productive season despite being injured for a good portion of it. Forcier and Milton led the team in digs (206 and 205 respectively) and kills (144 and 229 respectively). Freshman Jennifer Basilere had an excellent rookie year with an astounding 558 assists and 121 digs. Kintzer turned in 164 digs and 105 kills for the year.

Other members of the team were productive when called upon. Melissa Cowdrey, Melinda Luiz, Theresa Enkosky, Yvonne Dupont, and Rebecca Belanger all played important roles during the much-improved season. If this steady improvement is a sign of things to come, then next year should be even more successful for the Penwomen.

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