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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND ENJOY YOUR WINTER BREAK!

### Dancing in the city

By Michael Lascelles

At 9:45 the small gym is decorated and has some people, at 10:15 the small gym is a little more packed, at 10:45 the dance floor is jammed as is the rest of the gym. On December 11, CAPE, ACE and other organizations and clubs put on the third annual Holiday Semi-Formal.

It was apparent that a lot of work went into the decorations. Holiday lights were wrapped around everything they could be, skyscrapers lined the walls and stars hung overhead. The overall atmosphere was very nicely done.

Congratulations to all who made the decorations possible.

Besides the decorations, the semi-formal contained casino games, a DJ and wet tent. The casino games didn't seem to be extremely popular with maybe only four people to a game at most. The majority of students were divided between the dance floor and the wet tent. The DJ spun some good tunes. Some new stuff, some classic stuff and then Vanilla Ice was in there somewhere. But I think the DJ was getting a commission from Will Smith. The dancers got "jiggy with it," went to Miami twice,

heard Smith's new song with Tatyana Ali and grooved to the Men in Black.

The NHC dance floor did clear for about five minutes as the princes, princesses, King and Queen were crowned. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors had princes and princesses while the seniors had a King and Queen.

Around midnight things started to fade out as dancers' feet wore down and people had other places to go. Between quarter past midnight and quarter of one, there was a sharp decline in people and only the die-hard dancers remained.

It was a great event overall. Thanks again to everyone who worked hard to put this event together. Hopefully see 2000 again next year. The Greeks were striving to "Hellenize" the region, by dictating their language and customs.

Many Jews resisted and fighting commenced, lasting for seven years. Finally, a group of young fighters lead by the priestly Hasmonian family came forward. The Maccabees overcame the Syrian army and won the battle. The Jews finally returned to Jerusalem only to find the Holy Temple in ruins. The Temple was restored to its proper order; the Jews then proceeded to light the Holy Light, but they could find only one jar of pure and sacred olive oil. This could only light the lamp for one day. Miraculously, the one cruse of oil burned for eight days and eight nights, hence



King John and Queen Nancy at the semi-formal. (Photo by David Snuffer)

### The history of Ramadan, Chanukah and Christmas

By Bindu Rai

The holidays are around the corner, bringing festivities and a time for families to bond together and share in love and laughter. This month there are three religious festivals back to back. Ramadan is the holy month of fasting for the Muslims; this forgives them for all the past sins they have committed. Chanukah is the Festival of Lights, which is celebrated by the Jews. The Christians celebrate Christmas in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Ramadan starts every year, ten days earlier than the year before. It commences on the night of the full moon and ends on the next full moon one month later. Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam, and has to be celebrated by every Muslim. Earlier, Ramadan was celebrated for more than thirty days, but according to the Holy Quran, the Prophet Mohammed rose to heaven and

pleaded with Allah to shorten it to one month. The Muslims are allowed to eat only after sunset and stop their eating after sunrise. Sunrise brings their time to fast, when even water is not allowed. It is a test of their will power to control their hunger. After Ramadan, the Muslims celebrate Eid, when they celebrate the ending of Ramadan by sacrificing goats and donating food and money amongst the poor.

Chanukah is celebrated from the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Kislev on the Jewish/Hebrew calendar. The celebrations continue for eight days and nights and end on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Hebrew month of Tevet. This year the festivities will commence on the night of December 13 and end on December 20. The Jewish day starts at sunset, so the eve of December 13 is the first night of Chanukah. It is the symbol of victory for Judah Maccabee over the Greek-Syrian dictator, Antiochus,

the Festival of Lights.

Christmas is celebrated in full swing every year with Christmas trees, candy and mistletoes. But has anyone ever thought about how the traditions originated? Legend has it that evergreen trees maintain their green color because when Mary, Joseph and Jesus were on their way to Egypt, they had to conceal themselves from Herod's soldiers in a clump of cedar trees. To hide them, the trees brought forth green needles and the cedar's white berries turned blue so that Mary's blue robe would blend in. Since then, evergreen trees have maintained their color all year round. The Christmas candy is the shape of "J" for Jesus and a shepherd's cane. The white is there for purity, and the red stripe symbolizes the blood Jesus shed. The mistletoe has long been considered the soul of the oak and regarded as a sexual symbol. In the Middle Ages it was hung on doors to ward off evil spirits and witches. The kissing tradition, though, originated from the Greek festival of Saturnalia. The mistletoe was said to give fertility and have life-giving power.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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## From the Editor's Desk:

Happy holidays to all, regardless of what holiday you celebrate. I hope you will enjoy spending the time with your family and friends.

This is our fourth issue, and I'm very proud of the progress that has been made over this semester. Next semester we will also aim for four issues as well as a special Valentine's Day issue.

Finals will start in a couple days, and I know how stressful they can be. Just make sure that you adequately space out your studying so you don't have to cram or stay up until the early morning hours. I wish all of you luck and hope that you achieve your academic goals for this semester.

Dr. Ausra Kubilius has been the advisor of The Observer for a few years. She is taking a well-deserved sabbatical next semester, so we will be welcoming a new advisor. Dr. Don Sieker will be our advisor for The Observer spring semester, and the staff and I are very pleased that he has accepted the position.

Even though our winter break has been cut short compared to last year, I hope you all enjoy your time off. Happy New Year, and see you all next year.

Tara Cowdrey  
Co-Editor in Chief

### Quote of the issue:

*"The cards you hold in the game of life have little meaning. It's the way you play them that counts."*

--Unknown

## From the Editor's Desk:

Well, the semester is coming to an end. I would like to thank all of those who have made The Observer as good as it was this semester.

First of all I would like to thank Ausra Kubilius for her dedication and encouragement to The Observer staff. We will all miss her while she is on sabbatical next semester. The staff of The Observer would also like to thank Beverly Joyce for picking up The Observer at the publishers every month. Also thank you to everyone who has contributed; we could not have done it without all of these people.

As Tara has said above, we are happy that Don Seiker has taken on the job of advisor of The Observer.

I can't wait for next semester's issues; they are going to be great! I hope that everyone has a great semester break. I think it is well needed for everyone. Hopefully we will all come back rested and ready to go.

Andrea Hill  
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## Wackiest Gift Contest Winner

The winner of our wackiest holiday gift contest was Jennifer Miles. She will receive a cash prize of \$50.

Here is her entry:

*"The wackiest gift I ever got was a 5 pound roast beef and a dozen donuts, in my stocking, from Santa."*

## Dear Editors:

As an instructor of geography and government at NHC and as a political junkie, I couldn't resist looking for similarities among the three presidents faced with impeachment inquiry hearings – Andrew Johnson, Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton.

Significant or not, all three have the following in common: last two letters of surname end in "o-n," English-Scottish-Irish heritage, only daughters as wives, date of marriage contains the number "one" (Johnson: May 17, Nixon: June 21, Clinton: Oct. 11), date of birth contains the number "nine" (Johnson: Dec. 29, Nixon: Jan. 9, Clinton: Aug. 19), ran for governor of their home state and won (except Nixon), ran for the U.S. House and won (except Clinton), never the target of an outright, up-front assassination attempt as president (as were Andrew Jackson, FDR, Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan), and last, all three had an appetite for knowledge as youngsters (In Johnson's case, though, he never attended one day of school. He taught himself to read and write

and later as a young adult was tutored by his wife, Eliza).

There are some similarities shared by different combinations of two out of three. Johnson had eleven articles of impeachment lodged against him, and Kenneth Starr's report cites eleven impeachable offenses against Clinton (Nixon had three). Nixon and Clinton were both lawyers but not Johnson. Clinton and Johnson come from the South but not Nixon. Johnson and Nixon both served as vice president but not Clinton. Johnson and Nixon grew up amid poverty but not Clinton, who grew up in modest circumstances. Last, Clinton's father died while his mother was pregnant with him, Johnson was left fatherless at age 3, but Nixon's father made it to 77 and died while Nixon was vice president.

This concludes today's history lesson. Periodically, I would like to share my presidential research with readers of The Observer.

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## Dear Editors:

First things first, even though what's to follow may get me into some little difficulty with those who refuse to fully appreciate The Observer's good works: Congratulations on a semester's worth of fine newspapers. Each one gets better, the last the best to date. And none of this conspicuous quality, it should be noted, accidental.

Now that I've dispatched some good words in your direction, let me announce a few more. Dean Doucette, I strongly suspect, has seen to it that new tables and chairs now occupy the A-V Studio. Upon entering this room last week, I gazed upon some thirty students, most of them with goofy looks on their faces, all seated behind sturdy and commodious tables, their bottoms resting comfortably on well-upholstered chairs. They demanded to know who was responsible for the new furnishings. As I had repeatedly demonized the Dean, holding him personally responsible for the A-V Studio's deplorable condition, I felt it only proper to award him full credit for rescuing the entire class from a lifetime of spinal discomfort and chiropractic addiction. So in recognition of this wondrous gesture, let me publicly thank the Dean and

his helpers for doing the right thing.

But I fear all is not beer and skittles just yet. There's a rub. The new chairs are incapable of delivering raw and unrelenting pain to a human's backside, qualities for which the old ones were well known. This means that sleeping in class, previously an impossibility, is now an option. Only yesterday, when lights were dimmed for an exciting slide lecture covering Etruscan pepper pots and early Roman gravy boats, I heard the not-so-gentle "thump" of a forehead meeting, head on, the surface of a newly acquired table. So I am already thinking of a second request to the Dean, this time for the immediate removal of the new tables and chairs and the return of the old ones; and I'll justify all of this by invoking the sacred name of pedagogy. Then again, maybe I should just leave things well enough alone and do some research into a forehead protector, a pillow-like device which could be strapped to a student's head in the event Morpheus calls. Not only would such a contraption prevent damage to the new tables, but it would greatly reduce classroom noise. I'll have to think about all of this very carefully, and I promise faithfully to do so.

But for now, Happy Holidays to all!

Your pal,  
Don Sieker

## Corrections

The corrections are for the November 18, 1998, issue of The Observer. The Observer staff regrets the errors.

### Honors Program (page 6)

The total cost of the trip to Italy is estimated between \$2000 - \$2400.

### Voices and Faces (page 8)



Josh Engel

Junior Hospitality Administration Major  
"Carlito's Way/Mobsters"

### NHC: Diverse or inverse (page 13)

By Charmaine Madamba

Although some do not seem to experience the diverse atmosphere of New Hampshire College, some Americans, like Chad Detjen, acknowledge that the blend of cultures adds to the students' learning experience. "I feel that there is a lot of diversity and a lot of interaction between American and international students," Detjen, a freshman who majors in Sport Management, said. "In at least three of my classes, I have international students for classmates and just by listening to what they have to say in class I get a feel of who they are. I understand them better than I have in the past."



# Honors Program

## Honors Program students lead the effort for a campus radio station

By Ben Peirce

1998 saw the introduction of a new facility for the Honors Program, a centralized office dedicated to The Observer, a graphics lab for communication students and plans for a new academic building and university status. While these sweeping changes have brought a lot of approval, they lead the more opportunistic student to ask, "What's next?"

The next step, according to many communication students and several members of the Honors Program, is radio. College radio is a major building block for the music industry. It offers students a hands-on opportunity to get involved with broadcasting. Even if you're not interested in being a DJ, there are tons of opportunities for students in college radio. Radio stations need people for promotion, engineering, accounting and other off-air positions. Additionally, college radio serves as an entry point for many aspiring artists. Chances are that months or even years before the first time you heard Pearl Jam on mainstream radio, they were being played on college stations across the country.

Imagine yourself behind the microphone running your own radio show, cranking out your favorite tunes and having your voice heard all over campus. Several members of the Honors Program are teaming up with the communication department and David Dillman of the AV Center in an effort to bring college radio back to New Hampshire College. College radio would offer not only opportunities for the student body, but also serve as a valuable media outlet for the college itself. The obvious barrier to this project, however, is money. Equipment costs aside, FCC licensing is a lengthy and expensive process. But that is not the only thing delaying the process. Student support is essential for the effort to yield results. New Hampshire College ran WNHC, an AM radio station, from the 1960's to the early 1980's, at which point the station folded due to lack of interest. To convince the administration to try again, the student body needs to show interest and commitment to the project.

There are three ways to bring a radio station to the college, but minimal efforts have been made. Last year, senior Susan Spencer and communication professor Patrice Oppliger started an effort to bring Internet-based radio to the college, but due to Spencer's graduation and the departure of Oppliger, the movement fizzled. More recently, Dean Bob Doucette has reportedly made inquiries as to the fate of WNDC, Notre Dame College's radio station, which folded and will likely go up for auction. The third option is to run a radio program over the campus cable system. This would be the quickest and most cost-effective option, but the obvious drawbacks are that it would be available only on-campus and would have to be listened to on the TV. Cable radio could be a good start up option, but the long-term goal should be something more.

It seems that the most viable option is Internet-based radio. Babson College became the first college to introduce an Internet radio station (started by a small student group) when it went on-line last year. Babson's radio station, which can be heard on line at <http://radio.babson.edu>, uses an audio program called Real Audio. The program must be downloaded in order to hear the station, but is available on their web site, free of charge. An Internet radio station has several advantages over its airwave counterpart. First, because the FCC does not regulate the Internet, a web-based station does not require a license. Second, the Internet is worldwide, which allows listeners all over the world to access the station's programming. All of a sudden, you're sitting behind the microphone and your voice is being heard worldwide. Much like New Hampshire College, Babson has a large international population. Internet radio is ideal for colleges such as ours because alumni and prospective students all over the world can tune in.

Several things need to take place before New Hampshire College's radio dreams can become a reality. Dillman has agreed to serve as the radio station's tentative faculty advisor. What he wants to see from students, and what the college administration is likely to want also, is evidence of support and commitment in having a radio station on campus. The students currently involved and ones that will hopefully join the effort will need to prepare a detailed proposal to the Dean containing evidence of student support. A budget should be included with the proposal. In addition to that proposal, Dillman would like to see open communication between interested students and Babson College's radio station.

On the immediate horizon, the radio station effort needs student support. Keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming meeting. Currently involved students would like to recruit a group of committed students before the semester recess. Plans are in the works to visit Babson College's station with a group of interested students.

So how soon do you get to pick out some songs and think up some witty banter for your radio show? Should you call Dave Matthews right now and try to set up an interview? When do you get to slip that song that nobody's ever heard into your play-list and make it a hit single? Well, it all depends on how much interest the student body shows. At present, the most valuable resource for the NHC radio effort is student interest. While it is unlikely that you will have your radio dials set to WNHC before June 1999, with enough student support the station could become a reality in the very near future. If students attend the meetings to be announced, we can get the ball rolling and the CDs spinning as soon as possible.

# Student accused of killing kitten drops out of school

College Press Service

A freshman at West Virginia University charged with beating a kitten to death has withdrawn from school and may not reapply for admission again until next fall, school officials said.

Michael James Vega, 18, of Madison, Wis., formally dropped out of the university to avoid penalties from the Office of Student Life that ranged from reprimand to expulsion. During a meeting with school officials, Vega, who was accompanied by his father, said he needs counseling for alcohol abuse and other problems, Becky Lofstead, a spokeswoman for the school told the Associated Press.

"He was very remorseful and takes fully responsibility for what happened," she said. "... His family will be diligent in helping him work out his problems.

Police charged Vega on November 14 with cruelty to animals, disorderly conduct and underage drinking after finding blood splattered on the walls of his dorm room.

The kitten was alive when a dorm supervisor found it, but died later, a spokesman for the campus police department said.

The cat did not belong to Vega and had been kept secretly by several of his hallmates in various rooms because animals are not allowed in campus dormitories.

Police said Vega told them he could not remember what happened. He also has no record of disciplinary problems at the university, the police spokesman said.

If Vega seeks readmission next year, Lofstead said he will have to prove he has received counseling and met other conditions set by school officials.



# Campus Security Log



Compiled by Andrea Hill and Tara Cowdrey

*The reports printed here have been selected directly from the Department of Public Safety's records. All individuals and locations have been made anonymous for obvious reasons.*

12/4/98

On the above date, a PSO smelled smoke. The PSO found a bonfire in the woods by I-93. The students were told that they were not allowed to have fires. The PSO also confiscated beer from the students.

12/7/98

On the above date, in "C" lot a PSO observed a silver car speed through the lot at 40-45 mph. The vehicle then flew past the stop sign next to the HRM building without reducing speed. There was a vehicle coming onto campus via the north gate and another vehicle leaving "B" lot at this time. The silver car nearly struck both vehicles. The PSO did not recognize the driver.

12/8/98

On the above date, a PSO smelled smoke in the student center. The PSO found a piece of paper burning in one of the mailboxes. The PSO suggested that windows be drilled in each box or place fines on any student who leaves his or her box unlocked.

12/8/98

On the above date, a student stopped a PSO outside of Kearsage and told the PSO that someone had spilled something in the hallway. He then asked if they could prop the door open because it smelled really bad. The PSO went to Kearsage to see and noticed Shellac Sealer and Finish had been thrown at one of the doors and on the rug.

12/10/98

On the above date a PSO responded to a call from someone about a vending machine that was broken into. Arriving at the location the PSO found glass spread over the floor. There was a big hole in the glass front of the vending machine. The PSO said it seemed like half the snacks had been stolen, but they did not get to the money. The PSO emptied the machine (except for the gum, which the PSO could not get out) and dropped it off at the food service office. Food service will call the vending company.

## As the Culture Turns

By Kimika Embree

Season's Greetings! The winter holiday is always a fun and exciting time particularly with the weather and experiences with family and friends. It is really interesting how people of different religious backgrounds are able to interact without offending each other. Catholics, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists and members of other religions make up a wide diversity on campus. But the general consensus appears to be that it is of no importance what religion one is, as long as there is a party with the holiday season. So, celebrate and have a party! Happy Holidays!

## Pell grants out of proportion with college costs

College Press Service

The value of Pell Grants has decreased so sharply that the maximum award of \$3,000 would have to double to pay for the same proportion of college costs it did 20 years ago, researchers say.

Despite recent increases, the grants – a major source of federal funding for low-income students – cover only half the expenses they did two decades ago, according to a study released by the Education Resources Institute and The Institute for Higher Education Policy. About 3.6 million of the country's 14 million college students receive Pell Grants, and more than half of those recipients attending four-year schools qualify for the maximum award.

The study found that the purchasing power of the average grant, when adjusted for inflation, declined by 23 percent in the last 20 years. When broken down by school, the average award given during the 1976-77 academic year covered 19 percent of the cost of attending a private, four-year institution and 39 percent of the price tag attached to a public four-year school. In comparison, the average grant awarded in 1996-97 – the most recent data available – paid for only 9 percent of the cost to attend a private school and 22 percent of costs associated with public ones.

Even more striking, researchers say, is that the maximum award – reserved for the neediest students – dropped from covering 35 percent of private college costs in 1976-77 to only 13 percent in 1996-97; for public schools, it fell from covering 72 percent to 34 percent.

Meanwhile, college costs rose 49 percent, and family income climbed only 10 percent during the same amount of time.

"The bottom line is that the net price still increases for most families, particularly for the lowest-income students," said Jamie Merisotis, president of the policy institute, based in Washington.

What all this means for many campuses – despite reports of higher enrollment over the last two decades – is a widening gap between students from low-income and high-income families, researchers say. The study reported that 78 percent of students from upper income households go to college, while only 49 percent of students from low-income families do.

"What we like to think is that we have a system where people have both access and choice," said Thomas Parker, senior vice president of the Boston-based resources institute. "But what we're rapidly developing is a system where people have access but not a choice."



## SGA News

By Bill Koval

The fall semester is ending quickly and the Student Government Association is wrapping up the year with the executive committee's annual holiday semi-formal. The semi-formal was the biggest campus event this semester and was co-sponsored by many organizations. During the evening a King and Queen were crowned; other activities included casino games and dancing.

In other SGA news, the executive board of the SGA participated in the National NCSS conference in Washington D.C. The board spent November 20-23 attending leadership seminars and workshops. They also toured the capitol building and the Holocaust museum. Many ideas are being brought back to New Hampshire College and hopefully will benefit all students. The highlight for the board was keynote speaker James Carville, a Democratic strategist for the 1992 Clinton campaign.

On November 17, the SGA meeting had a special guest, President Gustafson. The president brought in the master plan of the campus and explained to the student congress what will be happening over the next couple of years. The plans included a new dorm building, academic facilities and the completion of the athletic complex. It will be an exciting time for students at New Hampshire College.

If students have concerns about living conditions, policies or student activities, they are encouraged to attend meetings on Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

## Phi Delta Beta

By Melissa D'Agata

Phi Delta Beta is a local sorority currently in our 13<sup>th</sup> year. As sisters and students, we stress campus involvement, student leadership, sisterhood, community service and academic excellence.

Phi Delta Beta has done various volunteer work this semester including the NHC Blood Drive, Boys and Girls Club Halloween Party, Walk for Breast Cancer, Walk for Shelter, Happy Birthday Visitors, Nuts Pond Clean-up, the Ace Function, Fall Foliage Run clean-up and the NHC Wellness Fair.

Phi Delta Beta works hard to promote positive campus relations. We are currently selling tickets to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Campus-Wide Raffle where local businesses have donated gift certificates and coupons for free items. Companies include Backroom, Forefathers, Papa John's, Heatwave and H&R Block to name a few. Tickets are \$1 each or 5 for \$3. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please come see us in the cafeteria during free periods throughout December.

Phi Delta Beta also wants to welcome our newest members: Diana Abbene, Kellie Patane, Sheila Thurston and Jennifer Hardin. Congratulations, sisters!

## Smoking on rise among college students

College Press Service

The number of cigarette smokers on college campuses is rising, jumping 28 percent in four years and prompting researchers to warn that tobacco-related illnesses could continue on the upswing.

A recent study, conducted by researchers at Harvard University, compared surveys of more than 14,000 students at 116 colleges nationwide in 1993 and 1997. Last year, 28.5 percent of students reported smoking, up from 22.3 percent in 1993.

The findings aren't much of a surprise given that smoking already had risen among teenagers by 32 percent in the 1990's. Once those teens hit college, smoking rates naturally rose in academia, too. The study found that the vast majority of college smokers picked up the habit in high school; only 11 percent took their first drag after the age of 18.

"It seems like everyone smokes," said Caryn Rousseau, a junior at the University of Missouri who has tried smoking but said she doesn't like it. "It's a social thing that some people do all the time and a lot of people just do when they drink."

Healthcare professionals

say there's often a high price to pay for that kind of socializing. Smoking is the nation's leading preventable cause of death and disease. The government says it kills more than 400,000 Americans each year and causes a variety of health problems, including premature labor, lung and bladder cancer, heart disease and impotence.

"College kids don't think about that stuff," said Claire Weingarden, a sophomore at Syracuse University who has tried smoking but avoided making it a habit. "We don't sleep. We don't exercise. We eat terrible food, and we drink like it's our job."

All the more reason to kick the habit or refrain from ever picking it up, said Dr. Halina Brukner, director of the University of Chicago's primary care group.

"Even the most intelligent, high-achieving students really don't believe they are going to die," she said. "In a sense, they are smoking because it makes a statement that they are immortal. It's a rebellion and an adolescent defiance that even they know is bad for them."

"Students have heard the medical data," she continued. "But heart disease is something so distant to them; it's something their grandparents get, not their friends."

Further complicating the problem is that many students don't consider themselves to be smokers if they take a drag only occasionally, like at bars or during weekend parties, Brukner said. It's rationalizing and delusional for students to think of themselves and their friends as only "social smokers," she said. "The health effects are accumulative, so it doesn't matter whether you smoke seven cigarettes over the course of a week, or seven in one day. Doctors consider the number of packs you smoked over the number of years. It's the number of cigarettes you consume over time that matters."

"Sure, (infrequent) smokers are at a lower risk of getting addicted," she continued. "But because this is an addictive substance and the threshold for getting addicted is so low, we know their need to have it starts increasing. They may feel they can handle it now, but studies show that, in general, once people start smoking, they need to smoke more and more."

Jason Thomas, a sophomore smoker at the University of Iowa, knows that feeling. He first tried smoking when he was a junior in high school. At first he managed to limit his smoking to weekends only, but found that increasingly difficult once he reached the university.

"I'm hooked, and I admit it," he said. "I started because it was just something to do. I guess I thought it looked kind of cool and sophisticated. To be honest, I can't say an exact reason."

**"When adults are asked about smoking, they almost always say 'That was so stupid. I wish I had never done it.'"**

That's the irony, Brukner said. Many students smoke because of the cool image they think they're projecting. Yet they don't seem to think about their bad breath, yellowed teeth, deep coughs or clothes and hair that reek of smoke.

"I'd love to see billboards and ad campaigns that say, 'Gee, your breath really stinks,' or 'Your clothes smell terrible,'" she said. "Because that's what smoking does to a person whether they like it or not. I have seen adults who are embarrassed to tell me that they've smoked for years, and when they do, they almost always say, 'That was so stupid. I wish I had never done it.'"

Thomas said he plans to kick his smoking habit before he graduates.

"I'm young," he said. "I'm not worried about it."

Quitting is rarely easy, doctors say. According to the Harvard study, half of college smokers reported that they've tried to stop in the previous year, and 18 percent had made five or more attempts to beat their addiction, the study found.



# Getting respect

By Amy Slattum

Through its seventy-eight years of existence the Miss America Scholarship Program has fought negative stereotypes. Each year at the local and national level participants speak out to gain respect.

The Miss America Scholarship Program is the largest scholarship foundation for women in the world. New Hampshire alone offers more than \$50,000 to young women each year. "This program is a real opportunity," said Shannon Clark, 21, Northern Essex student and Miss New Hampshire participant.

This program provides a forum for individuals to communicate to the public their commitment to a specific social issue. This issue or platform needs to be a topic that they are sincerely devoted to, for example, breast cancer awareness, literacy in America or any other issue that pertains to women in the '90's.

One of the biggest controversies facing the Miss America Scholarship Program is the swimsuit competition. "The swimsuit competition adds extra pressure to women to have the perfect body adding to the stereotypes for young women in today's society," said

Vicki Camera, 21, NHC student. The purpose of the swimsuit competition is not to look for the skinniest contestant, but to look for a physically healthy individual.

The Miss America Scholarship Program is seeking well-rounded women that excel in four areas of competition: swimsuit, talent, eveningwear and personal interview.

The two most important categories of competition are the personal interview and the talent portion. The personal interview consists of a thirty-second introduction done by the contestant herself. This is followed by twelve grueling minutes of judges firing questions ranging from politics to her personal feelings on abortion. A Miss America contestant needs to have opinions and be knowledgeable about all of today's current events. The talent portion ranges from opera to dramatic reading.

Just recently Karen Kenny, 21, NHC student said, "The Miss America organization has no positive outcome. It's all hard work and if you don't win you get nothing." This is a stereotype I personally hope to destroy.

After competing in the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Pageant for three years, I have earned

over \$7,000 in scholarship money. I have gained poise, confidence and interview skills that will one day land me my dream job. I am not the most beautiful young woman, I don't have the perfect body, but I believe in a cause and I am not afraid to speak

my mind. Hopefully, one day, everyone will come to realize that this program offers scholarship opportunities to many deserving young women. This program is not a beauty pageant; intelligence is required.

## USC's 'Super Fan' Dies at Trojan Game

College Press Service

When it came his time to go, Giles Pellerin couldn't have picked a better time or place.

The 91-year-old who was the University of Southern California's most loyal fan, died during the Trojan's 34-17 loss to UCLA at the Rose Bowl. He was attending his 797<sup>th</sup> consecutive USC game with his 87-year-old brother, Oliver, when he complained about feeling ill.

Pellerin went into cardiac arrest in the Rose Bowl's parking lot and was pronounced dead before reaching local hospital.

The retired telephone company executive and resident of Pasadena had watched every USC game - both home and away - in person

since the start of the 1926 season. He also attended each of the 28 Rose Bowl games in which the Trojans have played as well as 69 USC/Notre Dame games. His brother, Oliver, joined him for many of those games. On Saturday, Oliver Pellerin marked his 600<sup>th</sup> consecutive game appearance.

To maintain his streak over the years, Giles Pellerin traveled more than 650,000 miles and spent more than \$85,000. His biography, dubbing him USC's "Super Fan," has been in the Trojans' press guide for years.

Pellerin will be cremated as he requested and entombed next to his late wife, Jessie. In lieu of flowers, Pellerin's family asked that donations be made to the USC athletic department in his name.

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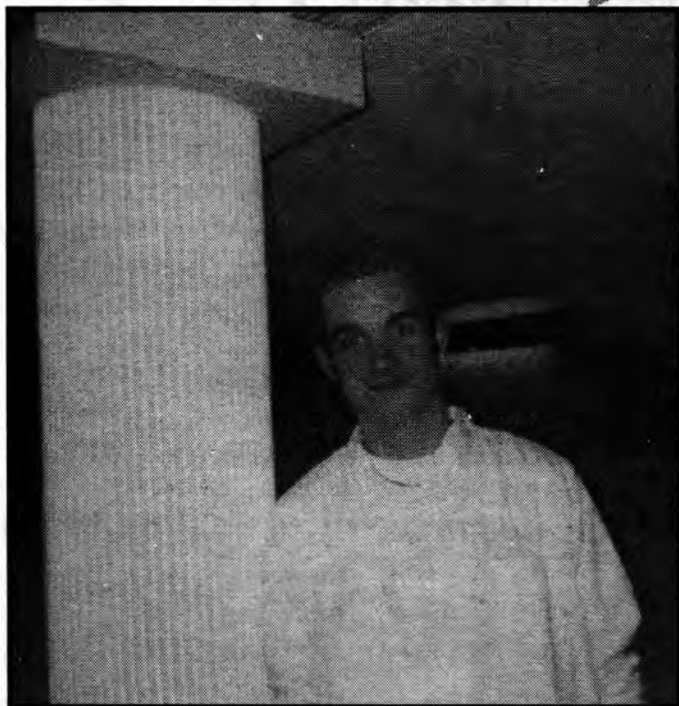




# Voices and Faces

By David Snuffer

## What is your New Year's resolution?



**Chad Pimentel**  
Sophomore Business Administration Major  
*"Get a 4.0."*



**Amanda Reno**  
Sophomore Business Administration Major  
*"To win Powerball and buy an island."*



**Mike Warena**  
Freshman CIS Major  
*"Perhaps get a girlfriend, because Pimpin' ain't easy."*

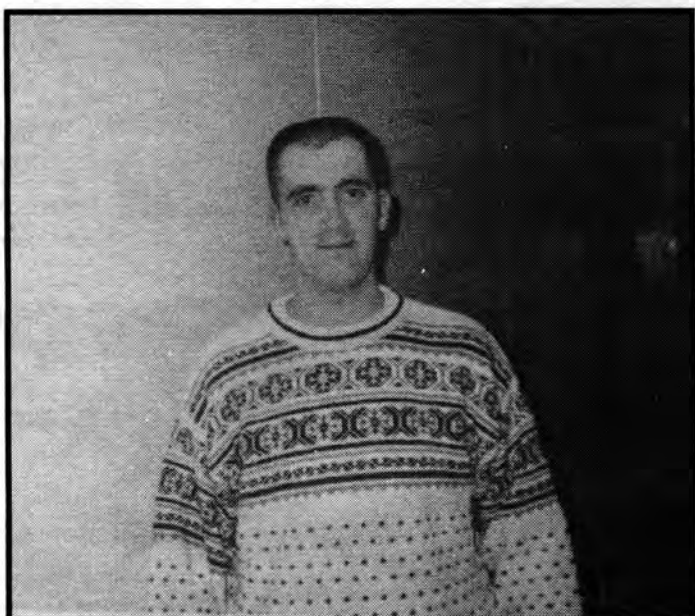


**Sheba Cote**  
Sophomore Sport Management Major

*"To better appreciate the people I care about more."*

**Tiffany Lyon**  
Sophomore Business Administration Major

*"To get to bed earlier at night so I am useful the next day."*

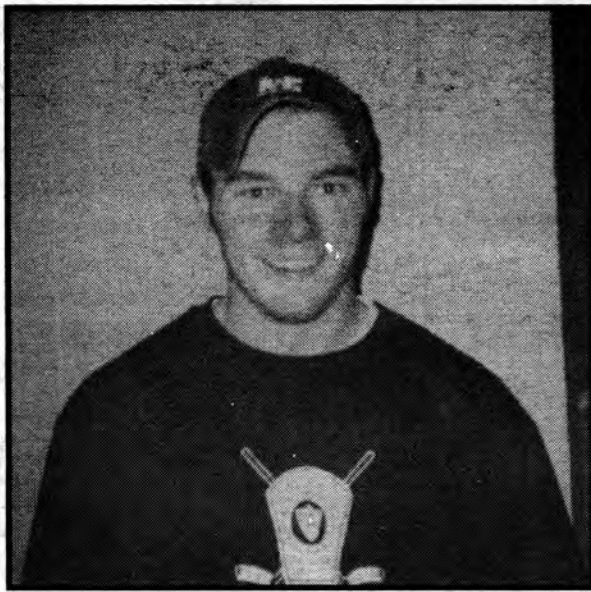


**Bill Libby**  
Senior Accounting Major  
*"Get into shape."*



**Kate Giannetti**  
Senior Hospitality Administration Major  
*"To be happy and to graduate!"*





**Chris LaPerle**  
Sophomore Sport Management Major  
*"Move to a twelve from a sixer."*



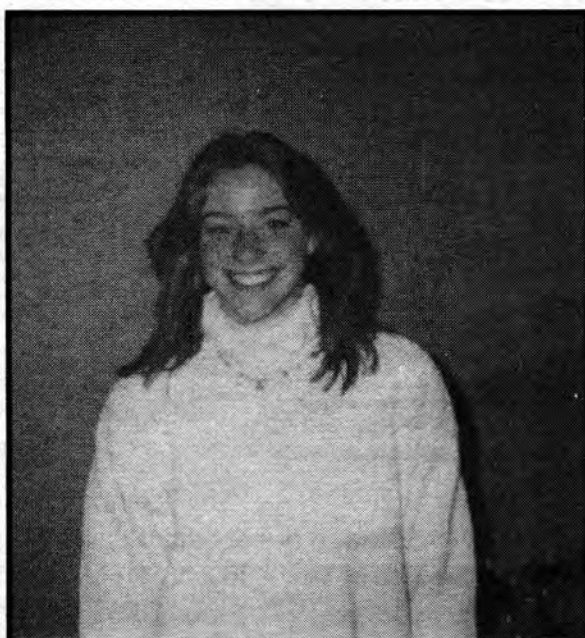
**Rebecca Belanger**  
Junior Psychology Major  
**Amanda Dumont**  
Sophomore Hotel/Restaurant Management Major  
*"To find time for myself to do what I enjoy."*



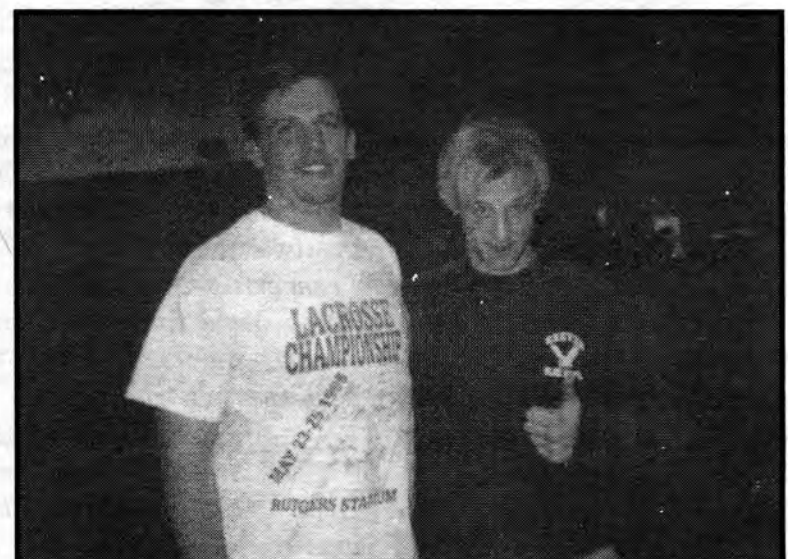
**Ariane Hueber**  
Sophomore Business Administration Major  
*"To be better to myself and other people."*  
**Chantel Auger**  
Sophomore Communication Major  
*"To get along with my room-mates."*



**Aaron Heyer**  
Freshman Sport Management Major  
*"Drink more."*



**Jennifer Poland**  
Junior Basha Travel Tourism  
*"To feel good."*



**Patrick Kirchner**  
Sophomore CIS Major  
**Ben Sutch**  
Sophomore Business Administration Major  
*"We will try not to lose our shirts next year."*





# Entertainment

## Movie review: Death lives!

By Katy Faria

*Meet Joe Black* ran close to three hours, much too long for such a simple story. The title character, played by Brad Pitt, is really Death. He has come to Earth to guide a wealthy New York business tycoon, played by Anthony Hopkins, into the after-life. But first, Pitt wants to dwell among the living and Hopkins must serve as his guide. As long as Death is enjoying himself he will remain on Earth, and so will Hopkins. This is fine by Hopkins until Pitt falls for his daughter, Claire Forlani. As we all know, being Death may cause a few problems in the relationship.

The main flaw in *Meet Joe*

*Black* is the director-producer's, Martin Brest's (*Scent of a Woman*), conception of Joe Black. He is apparently unaccustomed to many human habits; for example, in one scene he is such a novice at living on Earth that he is fascinated by peanut butter. Strangely, though, scenes later he is engaging in a game of corporate hardball.

*Meet Joe Black* has some affecting moments, such as Hopkins' farewell scene with his less-favored daughter, played by Marcia Gay Harden, and when Pitt bids adieu to Forlani.

Ultimately, *Meet Joe Black* is a great film, but because of the long running time it can be said that too much of a good thing can be overkill.

## Holiday time movies

By Melissa Cowdrey

The holidays are for family, friends, gift-giving and receiving and watching holiday movies and specials together. There are many great movies to choose from. You could watch the traditional *It's a Wonderful Life* or *A Christmas Story*.

*It's a Wonderful Life* is about a man who learns what the world would be like without him, and how good his life really is. *A Christmas Story* is about a boy who wants a BB gun for Christmas. Every adult he knew told him that he would shoot his eye out.

Holiday cartoons are always a good choice for families with little ones, or little ones at heart. *Frosty the Snowman*,

*Rudolph* and *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas* are always cute. A more recent family hit was *The Santa Clause* starring Tim Allen. If you would like a weird twist on the holiday, you could watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. A heartwarming choice would be *Prancer*. *Prancer* was about a little girl who finds one of Santa's reindeer and tries to hide it from her father in a barn.

If you'd like to see a Christmas movie in the theater, Disney's *I'll Be Home for Christmas* and *Jack Frost* are out. Jonathan Taylor Thomas stars in *I'll Be Home for Christmas*. Michael Keaton stars in *Jack Frost*. He plays a father who dies and becomes a snowman. Whatever kind of holiday movie you decide to watch, it's always fun to watch it with loved ones. So, have a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year.

## A scholar's view of Thoreau

By Mark Williams

On Friday, November 13, as part of the Spectrum Series Tom Blanding gave a lecture at NHC on Thoreau's spiritual life. Blanding was a jovial man with a deep, mellow voice. He was introduced by NHC professor Charles Wilbert as a friend who looked like "a modern-day Ben Franklin," referring to his flowing, silver hair and wire-rimmed spectacles.

Blanding is a past president of the Thoreau Society and editor of a book of Thoreau's works that was published by Princeton University. Blanding showed a commanding knowledge of Transcendentalism, of which Thoreau was a well-known advocate. He was described by Blanding as "the lion of the (Transcendentalist) movement."

Blanding spoke in depth about Transcendentalism and Mysticism. According to this observer's understanding of Blanding, Transcendentalism was a movement born to reform the Unitarian Church, to which Thoreau belonged; the movement borrowed heavily from Immanuel

Kant's philosophies. Basically, transcendentalists believed that there is one great universal soul in place over all nature, including human nature, which connects everything. Also, the idea that the "real" world underlies the actual world and that one must explore life for reality were beliefs held by Thoreau.

Next Blanding described the mystical aspect of these "shrewd Yankees," in a discussion about what they called a divine experience. According to the dogma, the revelation is denied to those who desire it and when it is felt, time becomes irrelevant and a second can seem like a day.

The words of Thoreau relate to his understanding of life in which these two concepts played a large part. However, Blanding suggested that "his writing is not simply descriptive, but an enlightened commentary on creation."

After his presentation, Blanding answered a few questions from the audience revealing his introduction to Emerson when he was in junior high school. Emerson was "the catalyst toward Thoreau," whom he then devoted his life to studying. His fascination with Thoreau was, as he put it, that in Thoreau's life, "if he had his head in the clouds, he also had his feet on the ground."

## CD review: U2, The Best Of 1980-1990

College Press Service

Globetrotting, ZOOTOV megastars that they are now, it is refreshing to be reminded of how U2 began. Less the hype and the electronia bandwagon jumping, U2 were one of the most lyrically and musically potent of the postpunk U.K. bands. The new

"hits" compilation thankfully reacquaints us with early classics like "I Will Follow" and "Sunday Bloody Sunday." Initial copies are also shipping with a limited edition collection of B-sides, which contributes to the sense that this is a nice overview of the band's most fertile period. Rating: 9



# Horoscopes

By Nicole Golburgh

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)**  
You will be lucky in love but unlucky in finances. Be careful. Don't let your heart control your wallet.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)**  
This is a time for you to try new things. The unknown can lead to adventurous endeavors, and maybe a little romance.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)**  
Bored with life, you will begin to check out new social scenes. Break away from the old and get in with the new.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)**  
As the new year approaches, you will use your vibrant energy to focus on work and family. Avoid complicating situations.

**Aries (March 21 – April 19)**  
Romance is in the air for you this month. Keep your eyes open for the perfect mate. Be cautious. Mr. Right isn't always who he seems to be.

**Taurus (April 20 – May 20)**  
Intricate conversations lead to positive developments in school and work. Leave time for friends. Don't let work interfere with relationships.

**Gemini (May 21 – June 20)**  
Be careful not to let the stress of the

holidays get to you. Leave time to relax with friends. Trust the advice of those who are near to you.

**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)**  
Keep your finances in focus; the holidays will drain your accounts. However, a new job is in the cards for you after the holidays and all finances will be recovered.

**Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22)**  
A change in your attitude will be noticeable among your peers. This may cause conflict with those who are close to you. A resolution be needed.

**Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)**  
Holidays are time for families so resolve sibling rivalries. Be careful not to make promises you can't keep. Don't be afraid to spend, a windfall awaits you.

**Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22)**  
A brief romance will prevail during the holidays. Don't let love blind you. You will soon need to focus your attention back to school and work.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21)**  
Your bursting energy and enthusiasm will lead to many social encounters. Be cautious. Don't let your social life steer you away from what is most important to you.

## Let's spice things up

By Renee Levesque

Same old thing all the time getting a little boring? Would you like to spice things up? How about going Cajun style!

I'm talking about Cajun and Zydeco music. If you've ever experienced a Mardi Gras in New Orleans, you know what I'm talking about, and you can't say you didn't have fun. Believe it or not, you don't have to travel as far as Louisiana to experience a blast from the bayou.

The fiddle and accordion, accompanied by a triangle or spoons for keeping time, are the traditional Cajun musical instruments. Country western, African American, swing and bluegrass have influenced Cajun musicians. Zydeco refers to the Creole counterpart of Cajun music, incorporating R&B, Jazz, Blues and, recently, Urban Soul. Much of its distinctive African-Caribbean sound comes from a percussion instrument known as a frottoir. A frottoir is a corrugated metal vest that the wearer plays with spoons, bottle openers or other metal scrapers.

*"Believe it or not, you don't have to travel as far as Louisiana to experience a blast from the bayou."*

If you're not familiar with Cajun and Zydeco, you don't know what you're missing. The Cajuns of Southwest Louisiana are the direct descendants of the French "Arcadians" who were driven from Nova Scotia 200 years ago. Their distinctive culture has developed in the isolation of the Louisiana bayous and prairies. While influenced by the non-French-speaking world around them, these proud people have struggled to preserve their way of life. Not only have they preserved

it, but also the Cajun and Zydeco bands have ventured out and have been getting a good response.

My favorite part is the dancing. Dance is central to Cajun and Creole cultures. The house dances or "fais do-dos" (the literal translation is "go to sleep," but the Cajuns know it as "put the kids to sleep") evolved to street dances, and then to social gatherings for all ages in dance halls. The distinction between Zydeco and Cajun music affects the dance styles. The Cajun jitterbug, with its many turns and unique broken leg step, is smoother and more precise, but Zydeco dancing is more soulful, as expressed through greater hip action. Small crowded dance halls keep Zydeco dancers in place on the floor, rather than circling the room like Cajun dancers. Dancing in a tight space to the pulsing and syncopated Zydeco beat promotes a bouncy, vertical style with few turns. In contrast, dancing around the room to melodic Cajun music encourages smooth, horizontal movements with more turns.

Does the name Buckwheat Zydeco ring a bell? Well, if you're from the Boston area it should. Buckwheat Zydeco played with the Pops Orchestra on the Fourth of July 1998. His wild and crazy sounds made the crowd go wild. Keep in mind that most people haven't even heard of Zydeco before. After the concert, I have met people that are hooked.

Cajun and Zydeco have come a long way. You have to experience them to really know what I'm talking about. I've been experiencing them for ten years now, and I'm not planning on stopping anytime soon. Keep an eye open for a listing of bands. There are many Cajun and Zydeco dances happening all the time in the Providence area. On New Year's Eve, in Concord, N.H., "Beausoliel" will be playing at the Capitol Center of the Arts. If you're interested, just get on line and type in Cajun and Zydeco music and have a ball. And remember, *Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler!* (Let the good times roll).

## Swinging women

By Katy Faria

On Thursday, December 4, in the Hospitality Ballroom, the Spectrum Series First Thursday Café presented a group of four women who really knew how to swing.

From the second the four members of Sweet, Hot and Sassy picked up their instruments, the audience could not sit still. From swing to bluegrass to folk, Sweet, Hot and Sassy's music was drawn from a variety of sources and influences, such as Duke Ellington and Shelby Lynn.

This group showed many talents, with their vocal abilities by singing a cappella and also playing a variety of instruments, which ranged from the acoustic guitar, bass, violin

and flute to the spoons, a tin can, maracas and even a coffee pot!

Sweet, Hot and Sassy presented numerous tunes including some great holiday songs, such as the lively "Mr. Santa," which was a play on "Mr. Sandman," and the slow "Mary, Did You Know?" After the intermission, they shifted seasons and performed a song about the spring. Then the band took the audience on a "Sentimental Journey" with a beautifully played love song.

Once again, the audience was pleased with the evening and the Spectrum Series' choice of performer. This show was the last First Thursday event for the fall. There will soon be a new schedule for the spring.



## \$\$\$ NHC Contest \$\$\$

### Surf.the.net.now

By Ben DeGennaro

Making purchases online is an emerging feature of the Internet. Many companies are publishing pictures of their merchandise on their web pages and allowing consumers to purchase these items online. The consumer logs onto the Internet, visits the company web site, places his/her order and the items are delivered to the consumer's door.

All sorts of companies are taking advantage of this new market: computers, groceries, sports equipment, electronics, office supplies, clothing and housewares are all available online. The following are several prominent web sites that offer a variety of products.

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Check out these great sources for Christmas shopping. However, be aware that ordering online generally requires a credit card. Be careful when giving out personal information. Make sure that the site is a reputable one and that you use a web browser that encrypts your personal information.

As usual, I encourage you to visit my personal web page at <http://degennaro.freesevers.com> and send me your comments. Although you can't shop at my site, there is plenty of free stuff and great links to try. Happy Shopping!

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## Needed: A place to pray

By Bindu Rai

Various Muslims at NHC have celebrated Ramadan for years. Unfortunately for them, there has not been a stable place where they could go for their prayers. Originally Sheikh Ahmed Shedi, a former student at NHC, had provided a room for Muslim students where they could have their daily prayers. That sufficed only as a temporary mosque. Soon they were provided with the temporary use of the AV studio on Fridays for the main prayer. This sometimes clashed with some classes, so Friday prayers were then held in Stark 17 on South Campus. Later they were provided temporary usage of the dance studio on South Campus.

In 1990, NHC finally designated a room for Muslim prayer

in New Hampshire Hall on North Campus, according to Professor Mahboubul Hassan. A group of NHC students met with Dr. Ashraf, president of the Islamic Society in Quincy, Mass., to set up permanent base for their prayers. Another problem soon arose because by mid 1995, the NHC Board of Trustees decided to sell North Campus.

Now the Friday prayers are being temporarily held in Crawford Hall on North Campus. Hassan said new ground has been appraised, and there are plans to make a permanent base for Muslim prayers. Unfortunately, the land costs up to \$378,000. This land is very expensive for the college to fund. The Muslim Student Association hopes that the Board of Trustees will construct a prayer room on the main campus.

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# Attorney General Files Complaint Against Bar In Drinking Death

College Press Service

Michigan's attorney general has filed charges against a bar where a Michigan State University student celebrating his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday drank for about 90 minutes before dying of alcohol poisoning.

Attorney General Frank Kelley on Thursday charged Rick's American Café in connection with the November 5 death of Bradley McCue, whom authorities said drank 24 shots of liquor purchased by his friends. A bar employee eventually asked McCue to leave because he was drunk, police said.

"When all is said and done, we're gonna see there was no wrongdoing on the part of my client," the bar's attorney, John Doyle, told the Lansing State Journal.

McCue's friends escorted him home, put him to bed and used a red marker to write "24 Shots" on his face. He was found dead later that morning with a blood-alcohol level of 0.44 percent, more than four times the legal limit in Michigan.

Ingham County prosecutors declined to press charges against the

bar or McCue's companions, but Kelley decided to pursue the case after reviewing police findings. Kelley is accusing the bar of serving alcohol to an intoxicated person to consume alcohol on the premises; permitting a visibly intoxicated person to frequent or loiter on the premises; and giving away alcohol.

Serving an intoxicated person carries a fine of up to \$1,000, while the other charges carry up to \$300 fines. All four counts could result in the suspension or revocation of the bar's liquor license.

"The bar has an obligation to assess the condition of its patrons before permitting them to consume additional alcohol and to keep track of how much alcohol has been consumed," Kelley said in a prepared statement.

"... Certainly Bradley McCue bears some degree of fault, as do his friends who purchased drinks for him," he continued. "However, McCue and his friends were young and inexperienced, unaware of the effects of drinking this quantity of alcohol. The same cannot be said for Rick's American

Café. And Mr. McCue has paid for his fault with his life and the permanent loss to his family."

Nevertheless, some Michigan State students think the charges against the bar are unfair.

"If anyone's going to be charged, I think it should be his

(McCue's friends because it was they who kept feeding him drinks," senior Ryan Knott told the Detroit Free Press

"Rick's can't keep track of everyone who's buying drinks for their friends."

## Hospitality Student Association News

By Kimika Embree

Happy holidays and happy New Year! The Hospitality Student Association would like to extend their best wishes for a wonderful holiday. With the many events that are coming up, the Hospitality Student Association is now wrapping up some of the programs they have been working on over the semester. The beer-making program is almost finished, and the organization is pleased that it has gone so well. However, with exams coming, all other events and activities will continue next semester. The association is always welcoming new members, so please feel free to join next semester. There are always activities that provoke laughs and marvelous memories. Come and share the fun!

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# The new man on campus

By Sammy Faris

He's not a student nor a professor. Tom Poitras, 30, of Shrewsbury, Mass., is the new head coach of the NHC men's soccer team. The former University of New Haven coach has some big shoes to fill as he takes the reins from former coach John Rootes.

Rootes was NHC's head men's soccer coach for the last nine years, compiling a whopping 169-30-10 record with one national championship and several NCAA regional final appearances.

Coming into the NHC program, Poitras is leaving New Haven after four years with a 38-32-4 record and a 1996 Coach of the Year award. He is no stranger to the NCAA national scene either, as he too has won a national crown in 1987 as a player with NHC's rival, Southern Connecticut State University.

What are the major differences between NHC and the University of New Haven? "Well, for starters, the commitment here at the administration standpoint is greater, and generally the interest in soccer here in New Hampshire is much higher," Poitras said.

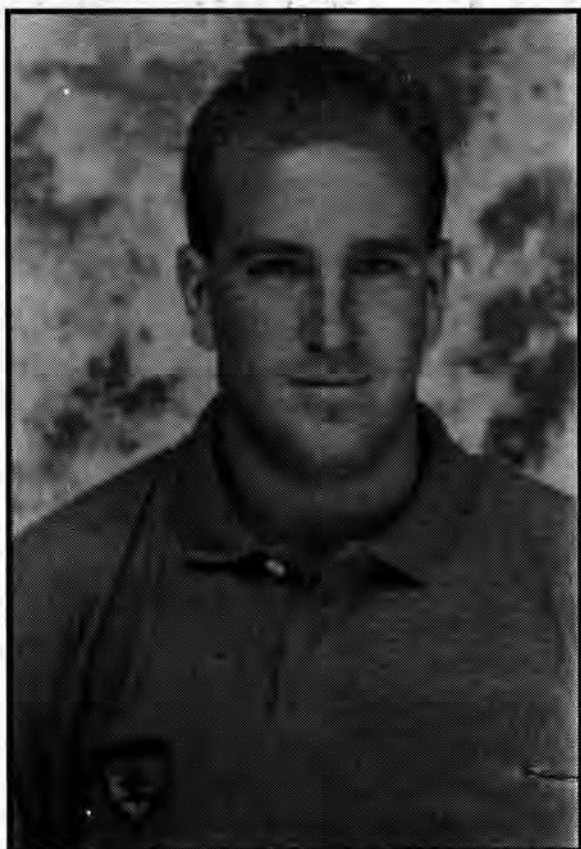
Don't let his young age fool you. Poitras holds an A coaching license, is a coach in the Olympic Development Program, is a member of the U.S Soccer Federation and the National Soccer Coaches of America, and has a seat on the NCAA Coaches Committee Board.

Very busy indeed, it seems, yet Poitras and assistant David Anderson still had the time to drive this year's Penmen to a 16-3-2 record, which recently included a disappointing 4-2 loss in the regional finals against none other than Southern Connecticut.

Entering a new environment, a new school and a new team, it's enough to make anybody nauseous. When asked if there were any major clashes he had to endure when taking over in September, Poitras said, "It was more about different personalities and different styles than anything else, but easy nonetheless. The main thing was that we got along as a group."

Poitras faces an uphill battle next year as he loses eight seniors, most of whom are starters for the Penmen. "We need to establish a recruiting base, definitely need to re-vamp and push for more internationals to replace the loss," Poitras said.

On a personal note I would like to send a little message out to the coaching staff of the soccer team on behalf of all the guys that played for NHC this year, especially the seniors. Tom, Dave and Jimmy, we would all like to thank you for your hard work and all your efforts in doing the best you could in keeping us happy and winning. We apologize for not coming up with the goods in the end, but we are sure we left you with a few memories to hopefully compensate. However, if your efforts surpass those



Tom Poitras is the new head coach of NHC's men's soccer team. (Photo by Tom McDermott)

# Sports editorial: Penmen hockey on a roll

By Scott Bilodeau

With winter upon us and one's breath visible in the air, it can only mean one thing to 29 men here on the NHC campus, "Game on - aye!" Maybe it has to do with the NBA lockout, or just my love for hockey, but I cannot seem to enjoy watching any other sport here this year like I do watching our men's hockey team.

In case you haven't noticed, the men's hockey team is off to the greatest start in school history, posting a 8-0-0 record, 4-0-0 in the ECAC Northeast. This record has them on top of the division for the first time this late in the season. The "coolest game on earth" is now the "coolest game on campus." The fact is there is not a game on this earth that is as fast paced as hockey; and with our guys playing like they are, you just can't beat the excitement. The best thing about it is that the team is young, experienced and has the drive to win. They love to play both parts of hockey - finesse and physical. They are led by a core of talented sophomores, including Chuck Croteau, Dan Roy, and Rich and Rob Miller, just to name a few. Let's not forget there is also the leadership of junior captain Chris Holland, and sophomore John Dunn.

First let's examine the offense. Croteau can just flat out skate. His moves often leave defensemen searching for him, the puck, and their jocks, amongst other things. Meanwhile he is dishing incredible passes, 14 assists on the season, or he is lighting up the lamp. Speaking of goals, Dan should start bringing Solarcaine for the goalies that he burns on a regular basis. He has already scored 12 goals this season, that is 1.5 goals per game for you non-math majors. At this rate they are going to need to start charging admission to pay for all the red light bulbs. Then there are the Miller brothers. I have one thing to say, don't mess with them; it is a very bad thing to do. They play as physical as it gets and both can score at will. Rob Miller has shown that as a sophomore he is one of the best defensemen in the ECAC-NE and is among leaders in defensive scoring. Rich is also amongst the

team leaders in points at press time.

Then there is NHC with the best defense in the ECAC-NE, led by Holland, Miller and an old friend of mine, grad student Jean Marc deGrandpre. Better known as "Marco," he is the team's minister of defense. Mean Jean doesn't let anyone get away with anything on the ice without paying a price. Let's just say I wouldn't be going into the boards with him. The NHC defense is also solid throughout with diaper dandies Steve Acropolis and Brian Favreau getting some serious playing time.

Now, the main reason the Penmen boast their 8-0-0 record is thanks to the best goalie I have seen all year, Nick Roussel. He has without a doubt had some big shoes to fill with the loss of Brian Cole, and he has done that and more. No goalie has ever started out 8-0-0 and get this, the kid is a freshman! Good luck to the league for the next 4 years. With a goals against average of under 2, how could Head Coach Peter Tufts ask for more. Roussel keeps the team alive in every game, and often inspires others to play well. Combine that with a team average of 6+ goals per game, and it isn't hard to figure out why they stand undefeated.

Coach Tufts is extremely pleased but won't be satisfied until March, when it is time for the playoffs. He has confidence in his young team. "This is far and away the hardest working team I have ever coached. The guys don't care who is on the schedule. They know as long as they work hard, good things will happen," Tufts said. He wasn't lying. At press time the New Hampshire College Penmen hockey team was number one in the nation for division II hockey. A first here at NHC.

With a new rink, a core of rock solid talent that is both young and experienced, there is little doubt that this team will be lacking 'em up come tournament time in March. Could it be that this year's March Madness will include both winter sports teams? Bet the rink on it! So seeing how we have a new rink, and a great team, I can't see why anyone would not attend all of the remaining 6 home games. With that said I ask you to break out the woolies, sip on some hot cocoa and cheer for the other NHC winter sports team we have. I will warn



## Women with pep

By Courtney McMennamin

Dedication, determination, drive, strength and talent are a few characteristics of the 1998-99 NHC cheerleading squad.

The team includes 14 young women: five seniors, two sophomores and seven freshmen. Their season starts in September with an informational meeting and try-outs at the end of the month. The try-outs run for a week: practice on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday followed by the actual try-out on Thursday. Qualified judges carefully critique each candidate and produce a raw score. The young women with the highest scores are chosen for the team.

Cheerleading is a combined effort; everyone has to give 100 percent. Ami Palluto, sophomore, said, "We are a team. We all count on each other, as does every other sport. If one person is missing, we need to be spontaneous and go with plan B. You need to be on your toes at all times." Dana Dubiel, freshman, said, "We have a job. We help get the crowd into the game. It makes the game much more exciting when the crowd is cheering the team on." Senior Jennifer Tavares said, "We can accomplish any goal we want. We just have to focus and put our minds to it."

Senior tri-captains Amy Slatum, Tatum Turner and Courtney McMennamin run practices. Chris Dudley, the head coach, and Heather Ziarko and Pauline St. Hilaire, both assistant coaches, help run the practice. St. Hilaire, the Associate Director of Admission, said, "The opportunity to work with a

group of NHC students in a team environment is extremely rewarding and allows for better relations for students and staff."

Practices run Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. In addition, the cheerleaders have dance practice at 7:30 on Wednesday morning. During this time, their dance choreographer Heidi Sullivan teaches them up-to-date dances. Sullivan is a professional dancer who owns a dance studio in the Manchester area. In her spare time, she is a cheerleading tri-captain for the New England Patriots.

During night practices, the team does a fifteen-minute warm-up routine, runs through sidelines, critiques previously learned dances, puts new dances and cheers together and builds stunts. If the team does not finish their agenda by 8 p.m., they will stay until everything is accomplished.

Last year the NHC cheerleaders placed first in the New England Dance and Cheer Competition for their division. No competition dates are scheduled for the cheerleaders this year, but that could change.

There are twelve home basketball games this year at NHC, and the cheerleaders will be there to root the team on. They will also be traveling to rival St. Anselm College.

The NHC tri-captains said the 1998-99 squad is talented and has a great deal of potential. They, along with the squad members, intend to coach the crowd to get involved. Slatum said, "The end result will be a more motivational basketball team with a winning record."

## Celtics Sales Manager visits NHC

By Chris Cook

Shawn Sullivan, Boston Celtics Sales Manager, visited Professor Phelps' Sports Sales and Public Relations class on Wednesday, November 18. Sullivan came to discuss the many aspects of his job and what the NBA lockout has meant to him and Celtics fans.

Sullivan was asked how the lockout was affecting him and the organization. "Loyalty" was his first word. "We are hoping that fans in Boston stay loyal to the Celtics even through the lockout. People have to understand that I am just doing my job. I want the lockout to end as soon as possible. The lockout kills ticket sales because you are trying to sell something that is not going on."

Sullivan graduated from New Hampshire College in 1996. At NHC he majored in Sport Management. During his junior year, he interned at the Fleet Center. Following graduation, he went to work for the Fleet Center. Once there, he was responsible for giving tours of the facility. He was also involved in the selling of tickets to Fleet Center events. After a year of providing the Fleet Center with his services, Sullivan ran into the Boston Celtics head of ticket sales. He was told a position was open in ticket sales and didn't hesitate at the opportunity to work for the Celtics. The Celtics were impressed with his background and his work ethic. Soon after, he was hired to help the Celtics ticket sales.

Sullivan's job requires him

to sell season tickets to fans and to sell ticket packages to businesses. He interacts with many people every day in Boston.

Sullivan also discussed his process of selling to businesses and corporations. He doesn't do business over the phone; he always sets up a meeting with someone that may be in charge of entertaining clients in that business. In the meeting Sullivan talks very little. "Let the client keep talking and they may talk themselves right into a sale," he said. He has kept with this philosophy since starting with the Celtics and has become

very successful.

The final topic of conversation was internships and how to land a good one. Sullivan suggested that students should get many contacts in the sports world. Also to get their resumes seen by a person in the front office, he suggested Fed-Ex or overnight delivery to that person to avoid all the middlemen. "If a Fed-Ex is received many people won't touch it because it may be something important to the boss," he said. Sullivan suggested using this method when a student is very interested in a job.

## School drops 'Chiefs' nickname

College Press Service

Efforts are underway at Oklahoma City University to drop the athletic team names of "Chiefs" and "Lady Chiefs" and to come up with a new mascot.

President Stephen Jennings, backed by the university's alumni association, said he would appoint a committee to choose a new logo and mascot that would debut in January. Administrators, alumni, faculty, students and athletic department staff will make up the committee, Jennings said.

The Methodist-affiliated school is responding to the United Methodist Church's recommendation that all institutions somehow connected to the denomination — there are more than 100 across the

nation — take another look at their existing use of mascots and logos.

The change is understandable, Athletic Director Bud Sahmaunt said.

"As an American Indian, I have not been offended by the use of the name Chiefs and always have been proud of the way OCU has respected the name," he said. "But I am sensitive to the fact that other American Indians, particularly the younger generation, prefer that nicknames of this sort not be used."

The decision makes OCU the second Oklahoma school to change its logo and mascot from names associated with Native American culture. Earlier this year, Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla., changed its mascot to the Crimson Storm.

The university's teams had been called the Redskins since 1948.

## Oregon state student struck by falling goalpost

College Press Service

A student at Oregon State University remained hospitalized in serious condition Nov. 23 after she was struck in the head by a goalpost torn down by fans after the football game against University of Oregon.

Cara Marie Martin, 18, was among a throng of students who rushed the field after the Beavers beat Oregon in double-overtime Saturday. Witnesses told police that Martin was with a friend when she noticed the goalpost falling. She pushed her friend out of the way before she was hit.

Authorities said they're still trying to determine whether charges should be filed in connection with the incident.

"Whether or not a crime has been committed has not been de-

termined," Oregon State Police Lt. Gregg Hastings told the Associated Press. "But we have a person seriously injured after the actions of some individuals."

Police had expected unruly fans to rush onto the field after the game, but withdrew after the crowd overwhelmed them.

In addition to Martin's injury, police made several arrests and doled out citations for offenses ranging from alcohol possession to criminal mischief. At least one dozen drivers were arrested for drunken driving after the game, Hastings said.

A 21-year-old man also was injured after falling from a goalpost. He was treated at a local hospital and released.



# Hockey team still undefeated 9-0

## NHC Press Release

Sophomore Dan Roy netted three goals and assisted two others to lead the New Hampshire College hockey team to a 7-2 victory over Johnson & Wales University on December 9 at Tri-Town Arena. NHC improved to 8-0-0 overall and 4-0-0 in the ECAC Northeast, while the Wildcats dropped to 3-7-0 overall and 2-4-0 in the league.

Sophomore Chuck Croteau helped the NHC cause with a goal and three assists, while twin brothers Rick and Rob Miller and Scott Proulx each tallied a goal and an assist for the Penmen.

Roy opened the

scoring with a powerplay goal at 5:23 of the first period, and the Penmen doubled their lead just 13 seconds later with Rich Miller banged a rebound past Johnson & Wales goalie. NHC increased its lead to 4-0, as Roy completed his hat trick with back-to-back goals at 3:33 and 7:23 of the second period. The Wildcats then scored 2 goals in the second period, but Rob Miller closed out the second period scoring with a powerplay goal with 33 seconds left in the period.

Nick Roussel, a freshman goalie, stopped 16 shots for the Penmen en route to his eighth win of the season.

Sophomore Chuck Croteau netted three goals,

including an empty net goal with 39 seconds to play, to lead the New Hampshire College hockey team to a 6-4 victory over Framingham State College this past Saturday night. NHC improved to 9-0-0 overall and 5-0-0 in the ECAC Northeast, while the Rams dropped to 1-9-0 overall and 1-5-0 in the league.

Graduate student Jean-Marc deGrandpre helped the NHC cause with two goals and one assist, while Proulx also scored for the Penmen.

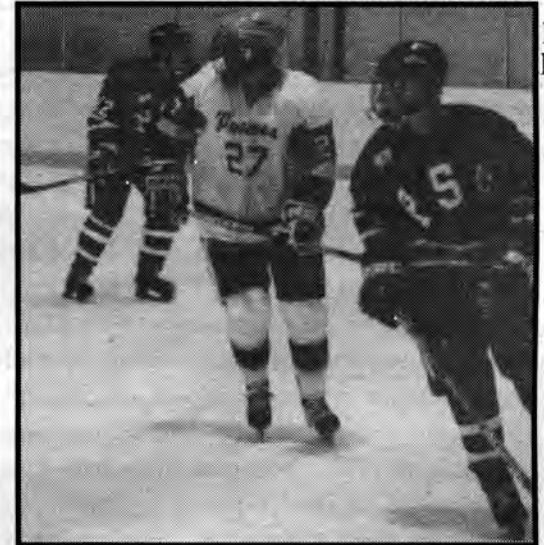
NHC outshot the Rams, 27-17, over the first two periods and held a 5-2 advantage late in the final stanza when the Rams struck for two goals just 51 seconds apart to cut the

Penmen lead to a goal. FSC pulled their goaltender in favor of an extra attacker, but Croteau secured the win for NHC with his empty goal with 39 seconds to play.

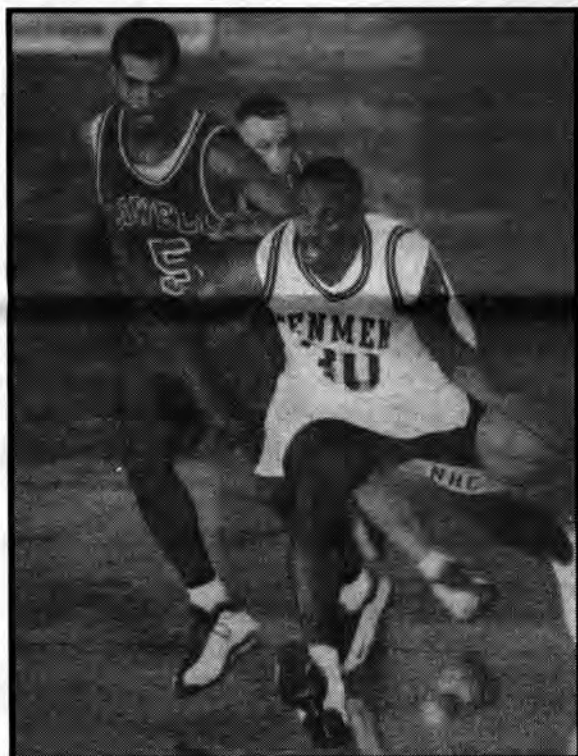
Roussel stopped 25 shots for the Penmen en route to his ninth win of the season.

NHC is idle until January 12 when it hosts Suffolk University in an ECAC Northeast contest.

The Penmen head into the place



*Jean-Marc deGrandpre has been a key player in many of the recent hockey games. (Photo by Tom McDermott)*



*Orlando Ranson races upcourt upcourt against UMass-Lowell. (Photo by Bruce Taylor)*

## Men's basketball beats Stony Brook

### NHC Press Release

Senior Orlando Ranson drilled four three-pointers and totaled 28 points to lead the New Hampshire College men's basketball team to a 72-67 victory over the University of Stony Brook this past Saturday at the NHC Fieldhouse. NHC improved to 5-4 overall and 3-1 in the New England Collegiate Conference, while the Seawolves dropped to 2-5 overall and

2-1 in the league.

NHC trailed 14-9 midway through the first half, but a three-pointer by Ranson sparked the Penmen on a 20-3 run that gave the hosts a 29-17 advantage. Ranson drilled three treys during the rally, which was capped by a lay-up by senior Tarik Sheppard with 2:24 left before intermission.

NHC opened the second half with a 14-2 run and took its largest lead of the game, 45-23, following a free throw by freshman Nambi Williams

with 14:25 to play. The lead was cut to 58-55 when the Seawolves had a 24-7 run. USB would come no closer, as NHC responded with four unanswered points and secured the win by hitting 6-of-8 free throws over the final 50 seconds.

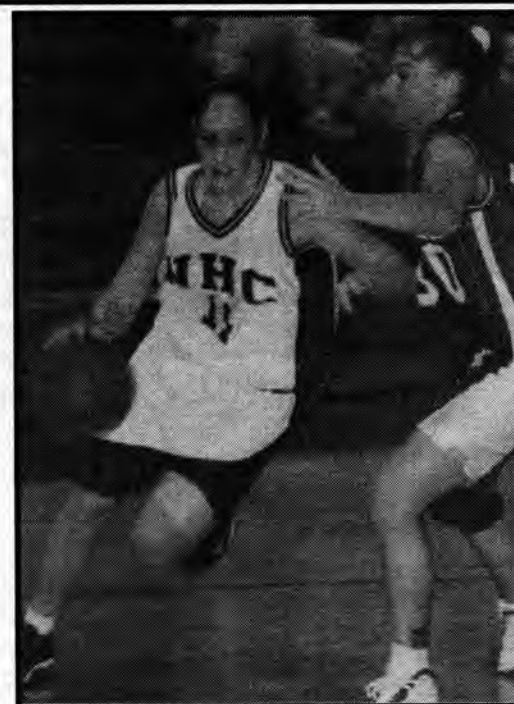
Sheppard finished with 16 points and seven rebounds, while Williams totaled 10 points and seven boards.

NHC returns to action December 28 when it takes on Grand Canyon University in opening round action of the Grand Canyon Christmas Invitational.

Stony Brook opened the second half with a 13-4 run and later took its largest lead of the game, 52-39, following a 15-2 run. NHC rallied and cut the lead to four points, 61-57, following a basket by freshman Heidi Skelton with 1:28 remaining, but Stony Brook secured the win by hitting 6-of-10 free throws over the final minute.

Kavanaugh led all scorers with 14 points, while Robinson finished with 12.

NHC is idle until January 3 when it hosts Bryant College at 2 p.m.



*Erin Case drives past a UMass-Lowell defender. Photo by Bruce Taylor)*

## Kavanaugh leads all scorers in loss

### NHC Press Release

This past Saturday the University of Stony Brook achieved their first win of the season over New Hampshire College women's basketball team. The end score was 67-57. NHC dropped to 0-8 overall and 0-4 in the New England Collegiate Conference, while the Seawolves improved to 1-9 overall

and 1-3 in the league.

The game was tied, 9-9, early on when the Penwomen put together a 9-0 run and took an 18-9 lead following a lay-up by junior Jen Robinson with 10:10 left before intermission. NHC later took its largest lead of the first half, 28-18, following two free throws by sophomore Loretta Kavanaugh with 2:27 remaining in the half. The hosts took a 30-22