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## A first: full-time students in the International Business doctoral program

By Anisat Ben-Lawal

Hideki Takei and Charlotte Broaden are the first full-time students in the International Business doctoral program at the Graduate School of NHC. This DBA program began last year with part-time students and is now growing.

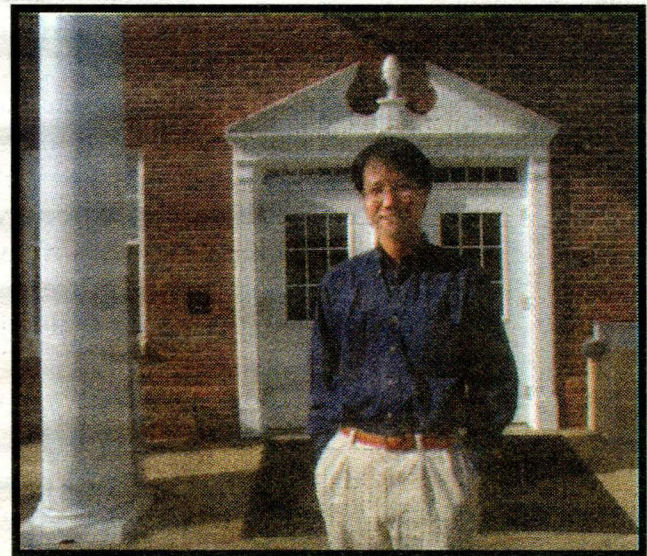
Takei, 26, is originally from Japan. He graduated in March 1998 from NHC with his MBA and went back to Japan where he worked at the International Development Center as a research assistant. He then landed a second job with the Tokyo Survey Research Company doing marketing research.

After some time Takei felt he needed to pursue his life-long ambition to be a professor. He applied for the NHC doctoral program and was accepted. When asked why he chose to come back to NHC, his answer was simply that because there is so much diversity not only amongst students but also faculty at NHC, it is a real advantage to study International Business here. Another reason is the instructors are really qualified and knowledgeable in their respective fields.

Takei's advice to international students is that everyone should speak up and not be shy. He also recommends having a solid foundation in whatever field one wants to pursue. Managing your time effectively is also important, but most of all, he says, be patient and take everything in stride.

Broaden, a native of Pittsburgh, Penn., is the other full-time doctoral student in the International Business program. She received her undergraduate degree at Marquette University in Milwaukee. After her bachelor's, she worked in Human Resources at three international firms, the last one being W.H Brady. The job with this company relocated her to Canada, where she lived for three years. Her experience in Canada led her to want to pursue an International Business degree because she believes that is where corporate America is ultimately headed. And thus she gave up a very well-paying job and came to New Hampshire.

Broaden signed up for a master's degree in International Business. Her reason for choosing



Pictured is Hideki Takei, one of the first full-time students in the International Business doctoral program at the Graduate School of NHC (Photo by Anisat Ben-Lawal).

NHC is she liked the fact the International Business program was expanding into a doctoral program. When asked how she feels about the program so far, she answered she likes it because it gives students an opportunity to look at the broad nature of International Business before making a decision on which aspect to focus on. She also thinks the faculty has a diverse and broad experience, which gives students the opportunity to build on. Finally, she

mentions Dr. Massood Samii's, chair of the department, enthusiasm about the program is contagious and that has made the program enjoyable. "He is a great ambassador for the program," she says. She also emphasizes the faculty of the program bring in different perspectives in marketing, finance, etc. Her word of advice for students: Being in the business field and having the experience have really helped her make sense of everything she is learning.

## Are anti-smoking campaigns backfiring?

Submitted by the Wellness Center staff

Where have we come from and where are we going?

- In the 70's it seemed that everybody had a cigarette in their mouth—in the movies, on TV shows, in magazines and in our homes.
- In the 80's came a growing national awareness about the dangers of smoking and campaigns to discourage smoking, to limit advertising and to educate consumers about the effects of nicotine and second-hand smoke.
- In the 90's, tobacco companies are finally admitting that they

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## Alpha Chi honor society accepting members

By Dr. Carolyn Hollman

Junior and senior Liberal Arts majors with a 3.2 or higher GPA are eligible to join *Alpha Chi*, the Liberal Arts honor society. Liberal Arts majors include Communication, English Language and Literature, English Teacher Education, Humanities, Psychology, Social Science, Economics and American Studies. An induction ceremony for all honor societies will be held in March 2000.

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## From the Editor's Desk:

The cold air is upon us and winter is just around the corner. Soon will come the northeasters and the slippery roads. So, while staying inside your warm dorm rooms or apartments, why not read The Observer?

The staff and I hope you enjoyed the full-color photos in the last issue. As a first in the life of The Observer, I hope the color prompted you to read that issue. I was also very pleased with the numerous articles we received for publication.

As some of you may have noticed, there were many changes made to the look of our school newspaper. One major change was the masthead. In order to achieve a more professional look, we chose to omit the Penman logo and use NHC's logo instead. Also, the staff box was changed to a vertical style, and we omitted some of the "spectacular" page headings such as those for Voices and Faces and A and E. For the sports fans, Sports now starts on the back page and works its way inward.

Not only are there changes just in the paper's layout, there are staff changes as well. Nick Coates has stepped up from staff writer to join Pat Rogers as Co-Sports Editor. Matthew Buzzell has joined Mark Williams to help with copy editing duties.

One unfortunate change, though, is the loss of Co-Editor in Chief Andrea Hill. Due to other commitments, Andrea is taking a leave of absence from her position. She was an asset to The Observer and will be missed. We all hope to see her back on the staff when possible.

On a lighter note, the winter sports teams are underway, and it should be an interesting season. With new coaches for the hockey team and the women's basketball team, there looks to be some exciting games in the near future.

Recently the hockey team had their first game at Plymouth State College. It was a very exciting game that came down to the wire. The Penmen out-dueled their opponent in a 5-4 overtime win. Congratulations!

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Dr. Jeanette Ritzenthaler, a long-time, beloved English professor at NHC, who died recently.

As always, if anyone wants to submit an article for possible publication, drop it off at The Observer office during posted office hours or at Box 1084 in the Student Center. **Deadline for the next issue; December 6.** Hope you all enjoy this issue.

Tara L. Cowdrey  
Editor-in-Chief

## Corrections:

The policy of The Observer is to "print any material found to be factual and in good taste by the editorial staff of the paper." In the last issue the opinion article on the Yankees vs. Red Sox Series, contained some material that did not fit these criteria. We regret any offense caused.

In the October issue of The Observer, due to a reporting error, the article titled "Registering with Public Safety" said people entering the campus after 6 p.m. must notify Public Safety. The correct time this policy goes into effect is 11 p.m.

The Editors

### Quote of the issue:

*"Only those who  
dare to fail greatly  
can ever achieve  
greatly."*

**Robert F. Kennedy**

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## Letter to the Editor:

I am writing this letter in reaction to Jason Friday's article in last month's issue entitled "What the school is doing to its students and vice versa." I am not writing this reply solely to answer his questions but also to defend the integrity of our Public Safety Officers.

I refer to them as our Public Safety Officers for the simple reason that they are here for our public safety. Many are retired police, some are up and coming law personnel and some are me and you; yes, students can also work for public safety. They perform duties that go unnoticed and generally unappreciated. As a resident assistant I work very closely with many of the PSOs and have gotten to know them. I have yet to meet one that does not make his responsibilities paramount.

PSOs are responsible for maintaining a safe atmosphere on campus. Running down any and all students who *may* be under 21 and in a wet area would not create this atmosphere. I don't think Jason would have written the same article if it were about a police officer that pulled him over for doing 59 in a 55 mph zone. Many of us remember seeing last year's riots in Denver colleges when the city of Denver decided to crack down on alcohol.

The fact is, they can't catch everyone and if they did imagine what campus life would be like. Technically if an RA or PSO can hear you from outside your room during quiet hours it is a violation. If they strictly and vigorously enforced that rule many of us including myself would have been sent packing a long time ago.

If you are truly concerned about people *you know* are under age and carrying beer in wet areas then it is your responsibility to inform the PSO. If Jason told the PSO that the resident was under 21 then I know for a fact that he would have acted on that information. However,

we can't expect them to card every resident in a wet area; what kind of environment would that create?

I agree with Jason 100 percent on why couldn't the Human Rights Association sponsor a child. I think if the organization went through the proper channels and had the resources they should have been able to do it.

Vending machines are located in Washington Hall, the athletic center and Winnesquam Hall and are accessible to all residents with or without a key. I recommend you see the admission department for a tour of our campus before you criticize it for a lack of something that really isn't lacking.

I also agree with Jason on the Papa John's issue. Let's not ruin a good thing. They deliver us pizza, we let them keep their signs. It beats driving out at 1:30 in the morning for food.

The next issue I had was with the complaint of "drunk in public" or the more legal term "public intoxication." Public intoxication is a tier two offense. It is a guaranteed probation and a second offense is almost guaranteed residential expulsion. That said the requirements for public intoxication are very high to go along with the high penalties. Someone who is simply stumbling is not going to be found responsible for public intoxication and if they were they would have the decision reversed on appeal. Unless someone is flat on their face passed out or gets rowdy they will not be found responsible. A large crowd of people leaving a party singing songs is not a sign of public intoxication; it is a sign of friendship and camaraderie which is what this school is "doing to us and vice versa," by allowing us to learn and grow on our own with support when we need it.

-Rich Winefield

## Alpha Chi

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higher initial grade in civil service jobs.

Qualified students must have completed at least 60 credit hours and achieved the required 3.2 GPA. Letters of invitation will be sent in November and January. However,

if you know you meet the requirements and do not receive a letter, please contact Dr. Carolyn Hollman (Liberal Arts trailer, ext. 2212) or Prof. Christopher Toy (Stark 15, ext. 2237) as soon as possible.

## Anti-Smoking

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have been lying to their consumers for years. However, researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health found in a study released last year that smoking has increased 28 percent among college students. "About 11 percent started smoking in college and another 25 percent started smoking *regularly* while they were in college," said lead researcher Henry Weschler. He went on to point out that part of the reason for the increase in college smokers may be attributed to an increase in smoking among the high school population.

So what have we learned?

- If you can delay the age at which a person starts experimenting with cigarettes, he/she is less likely to try smoking at all.
- The earlier a person stops smoking, the better the chances are that his/her body can heal from the damage caused from tobacco use.

What can we do to reduce smoking?

- Become more aware of the dangers of smoking.
- Reduce the amount of contact you have with second-hand smoke.
- Encourage those who are smoking to stop and support them in their efforts. Withdrawal from nicotine is more difficult than withdrawal from any other substance and often a person isn't successful in his/her first attempts. But, every attempt is a step in the right direction.

Where can you begin?

- Participate in Smoking Awareness Day on Thursday, November 18, on campus.
- Visit one of the informational tables throughout Smoking Awareness Day.
- Take the challenge if you are a smoker to stop for a day.
- Attend the evening concert co-sponsored by the American Lung Association of New Hampshire. The concert features Leslie Nuchow, a singer/songwriter who has actively campaigned against the tobacco industry and their use of music in the promotion of tobacco products.

More information on these activities is available by contacting the Wellness Center or looking for promotional flyers throughout campus.

## Phi Delta Beta: having fun and helping out

By Jessy-Lyn Shaw

Phi Delta Beta is a local sorority on campus. We currently have nine active sisters on campus and one off campus. We are very involved in many aspects of our community life, both at NHC and in the surrounding cities. The sisters are involved in organizations such as the Inter-Greek Council, SGA, CAPE and various athletics. We pride ourselves on leadership and our numerous community service events. You may have seen us throughout the semester in the cafeteria, selling candy for local charities and helping raise money for breast cancer awareness.

Next semester we have our annual Superbowl party in the Pub. We will also be organizing an Easter party for the Boys and Girls Club. We are looking forward to meeting new young women who would be interested in joining a strong organization such as ours. Greek life at NHC is both an exciting and rewarding experience.

## Can your voice be heard?

By David W. Scott

According to the New York Times (November 13), "One of the roles of higher education is to provide a place where ideas and beliefs can collide, where students can learn to tolerate even points of view they find obnoxious."

Does this mean that as students, your activity fees should pay for politically active organizations to express opinions you do not share? The Supreme Court is currently addressing this very question. What are your feelings about your right to

express or not express your beliefs in a democratic society?

Next semester, Prof. David Scott, an expert on First Amendment law, is offering a special topics course for NHC students regarding the First Amendment and issues such as hate speech, pornography, forced speech, censorship and flag burning. Wouldn't you like your voice to be heard? If so, please sign up for COM 470, offered on Mondays and Thursdays from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

### Have you ever wondered why you always seem to get a cold around the time of finals?

Does "positive thinking" really help you stay healthy?

Can having friends help you live longer?

Do you know what you can do to improve your chances of avoiding serious illness such as cancer, heart disease and stroke?

What can you do to help loved ones who are ill?

Find out the answers to these questions and more by enrolling in PSY 470, Psychological Factors in Health and Illness, next semester. This course, offered by new NHC faculty member Dr. Karen Couture, explores how psychological and social factors can contribute to the attainment and preservation of good health as well as help us better cope with illnesses that do occur.

This course is for anyone interested in learning more about health, health care and the impact of illness on the individual and family. Feel free to call Dr. Couture, ext.2249, for more information.

## Be a Big Brother, help a child

**Editors Note:** This article was submitted by students in Prof. Pat Spirou's Promotional Research and Media Measurement class.

At the beginning of the semester our class was assigned a project for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The executive director of the organization explained what he needed from us as a class. The challenge was to recruit adult males 18 years or older to volunteer for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters brings children 7 to 12 years old together with volunteers to share some time. The activities they do can include playing basketball, going to the movies, surfing the Internet, cooking, doing homework, talking or just hanging out. This is an opportunity to share your experiences with kids and go to places and do activities you haven't done in years. Besides, it's a great opportunity for meeting new people and making great

friends. The greatest reward of all, however, is the impact that you will have on a child's life.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters is based on a one-on-one mentoring program. Due to the lack of male volunteers, there are currently 40 boys who are on the waiting list to have a Big Brother. Being a Big Brother does not involve a large time commitment. All it takes is three or four hours every other week, for one year.

Studies have shown that children matched with an adult mentor are more likely to finish school and avoid involvement with drugs or alcohol. Having a role model helps children to learn new skills and to develop a sense of being valued as individuals.

Any New Hampshire College student interested in making a significant difference in a child's life should contact Prof. Spirou at extension 2259, or stop by her office, Stark 31, for further information.

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# Campus Security Log



Compiled by Tara Cowdrey

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11/2/99

On the above date a Hooksett police officer called NHC campus security reporting five NHC students in custody because they were in possession of allegedly stolen/misplaced property. The students were all returned to campus. The Hooksett police officer stated the incident was probably pledge related because of a statement made by one of the students during questioning.

11/6/99

On the above date a PSO responded to a dormitory for a fire alarm. Upon arrival, the PSO found a fire extinguisher had been discharged. The extinguisher came from the hallway cabinet. The videotape was checked and no one could be seen before the alarm. The panels were reset after opening windows and doors to air out the hallway.

11/7/99

On the above date the gatehouse informed a PSO that a maintenance truck left in the quad was a target for vandalism. Several beer cans had already been thrown at it and the orange warning light turned on. It was suggested that it could be towed but instead Public Safety kept an eye on it for the remainder of the night.

11/8/99

On the above date an NHC staff member reported someone had stolen her wallet from her office. The PSO checked the surrounding trash cans but came up empty. The office was not locked at the time of the theft.

11/10/99

On the above date while on patrol a PSO found a computer monitor that had been smashed outside of a building. The monitor was placed in the back of a truck, and no other computer equipment was found.

## Amnesty International: An eye-opener for NHC students

By Bindu Rai

November 13 marked the trip of the Human Rights Association to Amnesty International workshops at Boston University. The HRA is grateful to Dean Francis "Bob" Doucette for sponsoring this trip. The program for the day started at 9 a.m. with a commencement ceremony that took place in Metcalf Hall at BU. The organizers discussed a broad range of concerns in the world today. The first was a screening of a short video on the U.S. campaign to stop the use of child soldiers. It was brought to the attention of the audience by one of the speakers at AI that, "all countries of the world, excluding Somalia and the United States, have signed a treaty allowing them to recruit children over the age of 15 years to participate in armed conflicts. Approximately 300,000 children are suffering due to this. Most of these child soldiers are in their teens, while some are as young as seven years old.

Another issue discussed was the Maine Youth Center. Children from 11-17 who have been charged for various crimes are taken there. The story was accompanied by a short video, which was a report done by a news station. These children were isolated in rooms for months, tied with plastic bands, and some were placed in a restraint chair for hours, while legally the chair is supposed to hold someone for not more than 30 minutes.

Another speaker presented the plight of refugees who have been suffering over the years and have not been receiving proper medical care or supplies.

The opening plenary ended at 11:15 a.m. and everyone set forward to attend the workshops that were being held for the day. There were two ses-

sions held, one from 11:30-1:00 p.m. and the other from 2:15-3:45 p.m. The first session covered topics from the death penalty, to women's and human rights. The HRA attended the workshops on the international criminal court and women's issues. They found them extremely informative and helpful for their own campaigns at NHC. The women's rights workshop covered problems like female genital mutilation and their freedom of speech. The presenters discussed various articles from the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" and noted that although these articles have been in place since 1948, women still have not been able to achieve their right to live as freely as men.

After a brief lunch the HRA returned to another round of workshops, which were equally enlightening. Some of the concerns covered ranged from landmines to police brutality to presenting AI issues to your community to cultural issues of human rights. Another topic was the U.S. sanctions that will be imposed on Afghanistan if they do not hand over Osama Bin Laden, who allegedly was responsible for the U.S. embassy bombings last year. AI was concerned that an entire country will suffer if these sanctions take place. Many people would suffer from starvation.

The HRA also hope to attend a two-day conference in Providence, R.I. next March. This conference will cover mainly women's rights, but will also bring to light the other problems that are being faced by people all over the world, even today. The HRA hopes to educate the students at NHC about the growing concerns in the world today and they hope that they can help in making a difference.

# CSC news

By J.B. London

Regarding parking issues, George Miville, the Director of Public Safety, attended a recent Commuter Student Council (CSC) meeting. He discussed commuter access to the campus and parking availability, and explained that commuters who wish to stay overnight must be signed in and have a guest tag on their vehicle in addition to the yellow parking decal. Miville also talked about snow removal procedures and residents moving their cars when parking bans are in effect.

The CSC in cooperation with SGA is working on distributing a survey to commuter students. It is hoped the results of the survey will help CSC better address issues concerning commuting students about parking and getting on campus during evenings and weekends. CSC will be creating a database with the survey results and using the information to help initiate solutions for these issues.

If you have any questions or comments regarding parking issues on campus, please feel free to drop a note in the CSC suggestion box (located in the Commuter Lounge), or e-mail CSC at [commuter@nhc.edu](mailto:commuter@nhc.edu). CSC, in collaboration with George Miville and the Parking Committee, created by SGA, will be working on distributing information to all students outlining parking availability, snow removal and other campus parking issues.

The CSC sponsored a Halloween Masquerade Party on October 29. The event was held in the Pub and prizes were awarded for best costumes. Council officers reported a "reasonable" turnout, but felt the issue of the dance not being a wet/dry event had a negative effect on attendance. There was a miscommunication regarding who would be responsible should alcohol-related incidents occur during the event. The issue has been resolved and CSC will be able to host wet/dry events when appropriate. Overall, the dance was a success and those who attended had fun.

The CSC is hosting NHC's version of "The Blame Game," and is currently seeking participants. "The Blame Game" will be held on December 5 in the Pub. If you and your "ex" would like to be contestants, please contact CSC by e-mail or drop us a note in the suggestion box (must be NHC couples only).

The CSC meets every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Commuter Lounge, located in the Student Center. All commuters are welcomed and encouraged to attend. For details on upcoming events, meeting times, pictures of past events and much more, visit the CSC website at: [http://www.nhc.edu/student/Commuter\\_Student\\_Council/index.htm](http://www.nhc.edu/student/Commuter_Student_Council/index.htm).



Grease! Jessica Brennan, Cheryl Variava, Cassie Novak and J.B. London at the Halloween Masquerade Party, sponsored by the Commuter Student Council (Photo provided by J.B. London).

# Human Rights Association news

By Kimika Embree

The Human Rights Association has been very busy this semester. We participated in various events such as Children's Day. We also hosted Mary Parent, an NHC alumna, as a guest speaker on homelessness. We have also become members of Amnesty International thanks in part to Dean Doucette's sponsorship of our organization. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Northeast Regional Amnesty International Conference at Boston University. Not only have we become more enlightened about humanitarian needs and rights, we have also learned how to campaign for causes and issues we feel are important for the NHC campus to be aware of and informed about. We will be going to the Soup Kitchen in Manchester November 21. If you are interested in joining the HRA or would like more information, please call Kimika (president) at X9311.

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## Honors Program news

### Honors 201 students volunteer 5 to 10 hours a week working on presidential campaigns

By Rich Winefield

This year's Honors sophomores are enrolled in HON 201 with Professor Ernest Holm. He boasts over 20 years experience in the field of politics. Several of his students have gone on to careers in politics.

The class starts just as any other class does, with students filing into a classroom, notebooks in hand, awaiting the deluge of lecturing that waits. However, when class begins, it is Prof. Holm who is taking the notes. While there is some lecturing, the class is approximately 90 percent interactive. Most work is done in the field.

Students research the presidential candidates until they find one they feel comfortable supporting. No one is expected to blindly support a candidate they may disagree with. This is because at the end of the semester the HON 201 students must present their candidate and explain why they feel he or she should be elected president. By observing the campaign and how it is run one should be able to gauge the candidate's viability as a legitimate candidate.

Just ask Kristina Kintzer and Angela Jennings. They originally worked with the Elizabeth Dole campaign. Dole has since dropped out, not to the surprise of Kristina or Angela. They will tell you that the Dole campaign lacked direction, which led to Dole's poor showing.

If you ask any president why he was elected he will tell you it was his campaign workers. These diligent men and women arrange all visits and assure candidates that no matter where they go there will be mobs of supporters carrying signs. They can make a weak candidate look strong or can make a strong candidate look weak. Who will ever forget George Bush looking at his watch during a debate? Then again, who will forget that an eccentric billionaire named Ross Perot got on the ballot as a third party candidate. Without the hard work of Bush's campaign workers, his mistake may have cost him the election, while Perot's campaign workers fought to give him the chance to become president.

New Hampshire is in the unique position of hosting the first-in-the-nation primary. It is for this reason that candidates spend months before the primary in New Hampshire. They know that if they are to succeed nationally they must succeed in New Hampshire. New Hampshire has been responsible many times for choosing the president.

Since the candidate can't be in New Hampshire all the time, he relies heavily on his campaign workers. Most workers are volunteers while a select few are paid, but they all share one common goal and that is to see their candidate take the oath of office in 2000.

Volunteers help carry out mass mailings, phone polls and even help coordinate and plan visits. They plan every aspect from arranging transportation and notifying the media to arranging furniture at the visit site so everything is just perfect.

The NHC Honors sophomores are right in the middle of it getting a first-hand look at what politics is all about. What a great way to learn, the textbook is the political trail and the professor is the candidate's staff.

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## The latest news in student government

By Nicole Sirote

If you ask what is new in student government, I may just have an answer for you. The last two SGA meetings in October consisted of many new discussions. The Commuter Club has found a solution to the problem of the 'C' on the commuter parking stickers. Commuters will no longer be known as commuters by the 'C' on their cars.

Student government members are keeping busy working on new projects and coming up with ideas and solutions to improve NHC now and in the future. Some very exciting news the SGA would like to announce is a new house added to the SGA cabinet. The House of Representatives was accepted and ratified on November 2. It will include all 41 clubs on campus and was created to help the clubs and organizations on campus communicate better with each other.

November is here and there is only one month left until the semi-formal. Don't forget to mark your calendars. On Friday evening, December 10, there will be a holiday semi-formal. Last year's attendance was outstanding and we hope to make it even better this year. We hope to see you all there.

If you are interested in attending an SGA meeting to see what we discuss, or have any concerns or questions, meetings are held every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in the SGA conference room.

# Tribute to Diane Dugan, director of ALCC, on her impending early retirement

By students at ALCC

"Welcome to ESL, nice to meet you. Whenever you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. I am here for all of you." When I met Diane for the first time, which was about one and half years ago, she gave me a big smile and made me feel very comfortable. As everybody can imagine, there are many problems for international students in order to live and study in other countries. Whenever students have questions or troubles with learning English, Diane is kind and flexible. She listens to students' words and gives us the best suggestions. Additionally, she helps solve students' personal problems about roommates, how to live outside campus and so on. Some questions are not necessarily her field, but she listens and tries to solve these problems as much as she can. Her devotion gives students gratification and confidence to stay and study in the United States.

When I was trying to pass the final English class in ESL to be able to take regular classes in undergraduate school, my grade did not qualify, so I had to take one more English class before taking the regular classes. Although I was studying as hard as I could, my grade was far from what was expected, which made me struggle and feel depressed. Besides, I was paying all of the tuition myself, and I could not afford to take another English class. I explained to my teacher and Diane my situation. Then, when they understood my situation and my dedication to future effort, they let me take regular classes instead of another English class. I have been applying myself studying regular classes since then. Generally speaking, I could not have taken regular classes, but I could do it thanks to their confidence in me. I do not want them to regret what they have done for me. Whenever I have a hard time catching up in regular classes and am about to lose confidence to study, I remember what my teacher and Diane told me; "Naomi, we know you always study hard, we know you can do it, so we believe your future effort." I have been trying to do my best not to betray their trust. They have very supportive. Thanks to their confidence and support I am graduating now. If I did not have their trust and support, I would not be able to graduate.

I have learned a lot of things since I came here; English, culture, friendship and so on. Diane has taught me about the wonderful relationship between teachers and students by her character and behavior. I really had a great time with all of my classmates and teachers in ESL, and I am proud of this ESL. Besides, Diane is my director, counselor, teacher, tutor and my mother in the United States. Thank you mother, I am graduating.

Naomi Okumoto/From Japan

Thank you for giving me your help kindly anytime.

One of the things which I remember is about last summer.

To stay in the U.S. during the summer had been one of my desires since I was in Japan. Then it came true by your help. You found a nice person who could accept me into their home during the summer vacation. I had a great time there. It was a great experience and a memory I will never forget.

Thank you for giving me a great memory in the U.S.

Junko Tsunoda/From Japan



Pictured is Diane Dugan (back row, second from left) with ALCC students (Photo provided by Jessie Su).

"A beautiful smile and an open heart." This is how the students of the International Center described and remember Mrs. Dugan.

Her office was always open to everyone. She was dedicated to her job and she was a great role model.

When I arrived here along with the other foreign students, I was hesitant about walking outside the International Center and just trying to get involved on campus, but she changed all of that.

Last year with her help and supervision, we were able to create the first ALCC indoor soccer team and we won the tournament. For some of us, it was the first time we were a part of the campus community.

This was only one of the many things that Mrs. Dugan has done for her students.

Dear Mrs. Dugan: From all of us on the AST team, including myself, thank you for everything. We will miss you.

Massimiliano Pupino/From Italy



When the snow begins to fall and the Christmas bells begin to ring, you will be leaving us. Still, the international students have a long way to go and we will have to continue without you.

On that windy day, you told me with a smile, "Do not worry because I know the new director will love all my children as I did." With a kiss and a hug, you go back to your office. I couldn't go any further. Standing at the corner of ALCC, remembering your leaving date is soon coming, the wind is blowing still and tears are falling on my face. The apple trees shed their leaves without pain. The flowers shed their petals without tears. They know there is always another spring waiting for them.

Diane, what will next spring be like for the international students?

Remember~

After we had flown thousands of miles away from our homes, it was your smile that first comforted our trembling hearts.

After we had suffered from culture shock, it was your love for us foreign kids that helped us be adopted by an American Papa and Mom.

After we had struggled from class to class, it was your advice that helped us to have the courage to go further.

After we had cried from prejudiced treatment, it was your shoulder that supported us and was always there for us.

Never forget~

Our first inexperienced presentation, you were saying with tears, "Did you hear that? They are all my children. Now, they can speak."

Yes, Diane, it's always your smile and love that make us all different. People who don't understand international students think we are handicapped. You, as a mother, helped us progress from crawling to standing, and from standing to walking. It was you that carried these teary-eyed kids without any shame. While we still cannot run, you are leaving us.

I don't want you to go, but I know your going is another lesson about how to love people. When you told me retirement will allow you to spend more time with your aging mother-in-law, I realized why you deserve all our love and respect. A good-bye will not take you away; you will remain in our hearts. Diane, thanks for all the memories you left to us. Thanks for everything you have done for us, as a mother, an advisor and a friend.

Jessie Su/From Taiwan

It is hard to say goodbye to somebody when they have been very special in the moments that you feel depressed and the moments that you feel so happy. For international students, it is a pleasure to know Mrs. Dugan because she is an angel to us, especially if you are a new student and you do not have any friends that can help you. I want to say to Mrs. Dugan, "Thanks for giving your hand in those moments that we needed someone the most." I hope that it is not just a simple "goodbye." Instead, I hope that it will be "see you in a while." Take care and know that we will really miss you.

Wilson Alfonso/From Colombia

Dear Diane,

You may not remember this, but thank you for giving me your help when I registered for the room change on campus. You called the residence office and told me what I needed to do. After moving into another dorm, you asked me sometimes how I was doing. I am a transfer student so you might not know a lot about me, but I know you! You are such a nice person, and you treat us with respect and kindness. We will miss you!

Yuki Yamaguchi/From Japan

I'm really sad to learn that Mrs. Dugan is going to retire from the International Center at New Hampshire College. She was a wonderful teacher and left a big footprint on my heart. It was her who made me wake up and opened the door for me, someone who was leading an inactive and gutless life. Thanks to you, I figured out the meaning of life and learning at New Hampshire College.

Through her I have known and kept a great relationship with one American family. Moreover, because I liked to play baseball, she introduced me to a little league baseball team, and asked the manager if he had a volunteer job for me as their coach. As well as helping me with my life on campus, she took me outside of the college in order to show me American life and American culture. She has helped to make me who I am today.

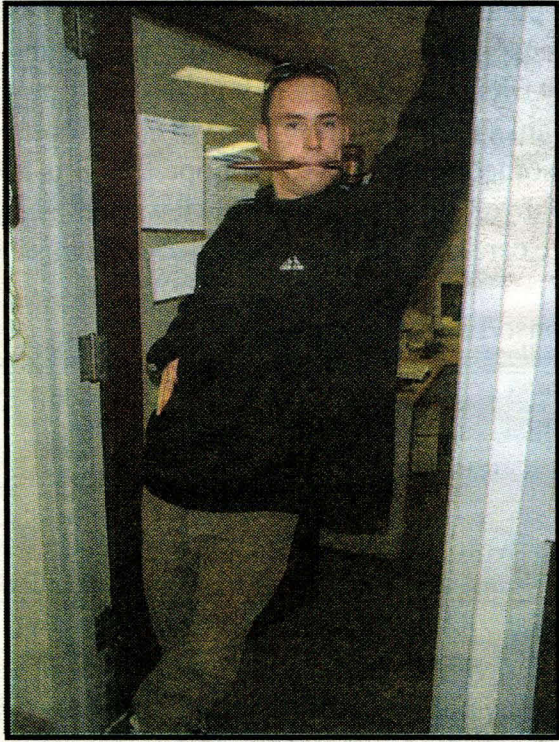
I really would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude for her support in aiding us with our lives not only in college but also in the United States. It was her helpful contribution that made our lives successful; she also brought a smile to my face and all of the international students at New Hampshire College. I hope that the rest of her life will be substantial and wonderful. I'm glad to be able to celebrate the coming of the magnificent new millennium together with her.

Yuichi Ishida/From Japan

# VOICES AND FACES

## What should be the next Voices and Faces question?

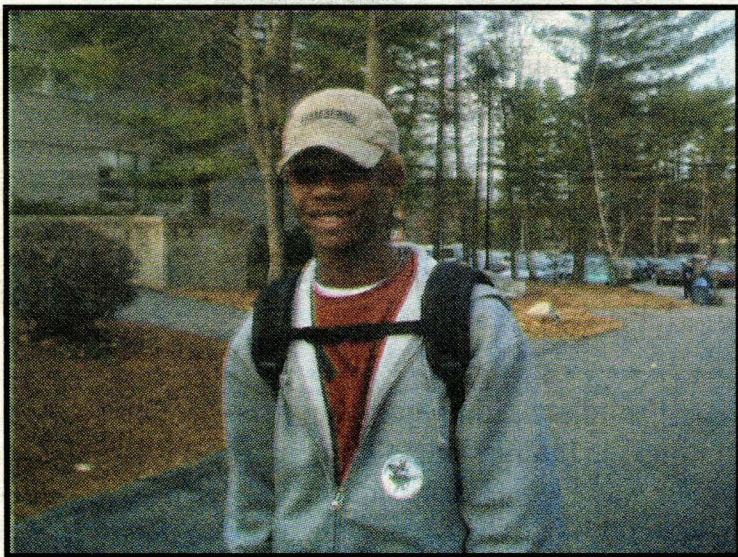
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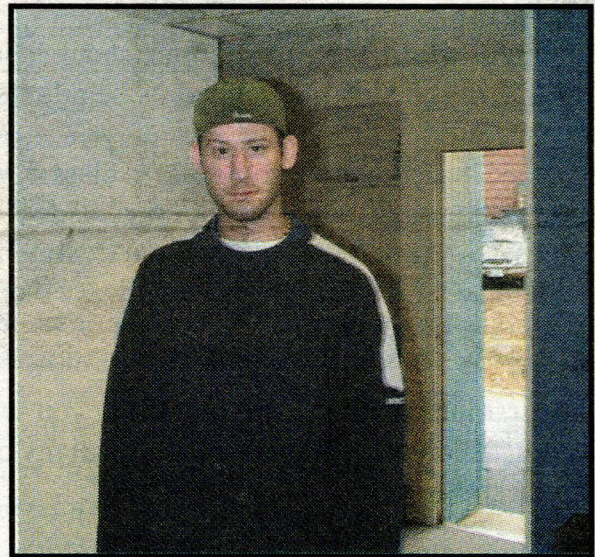
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*"Why ask why?"*



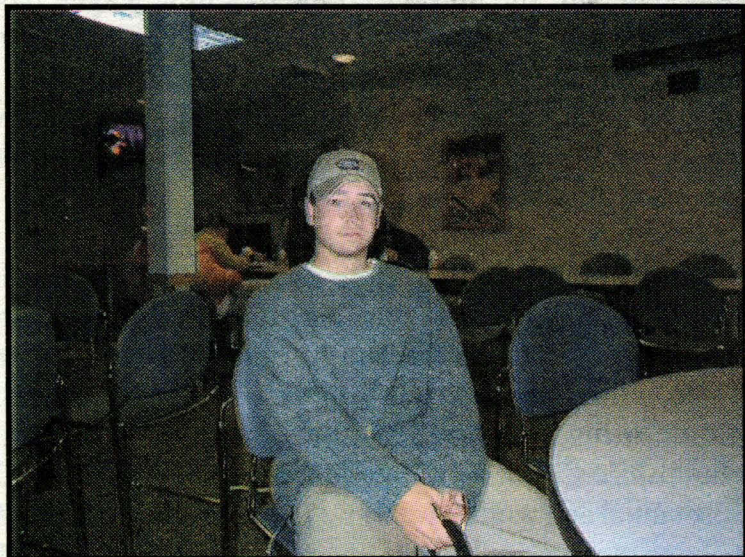
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*"Who was the best group at the Lip Sync?" (Coco  
and the Cabana Girls)*



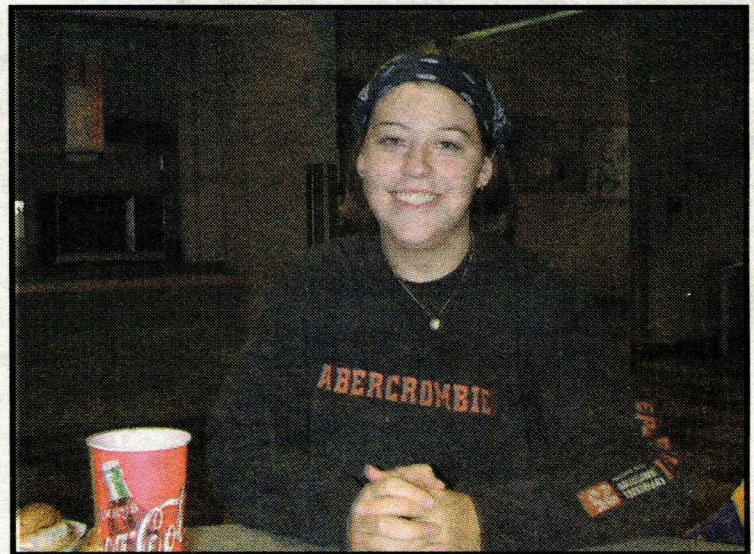
**David Snuffer**  
Senior Sports Management Major  
*"Who's the biggest pimp on campus?"*



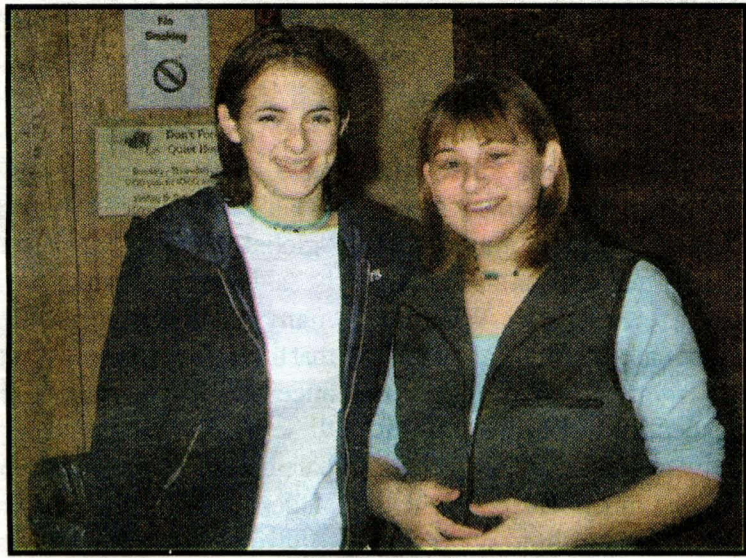
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*"Why can't Latino women give us a  
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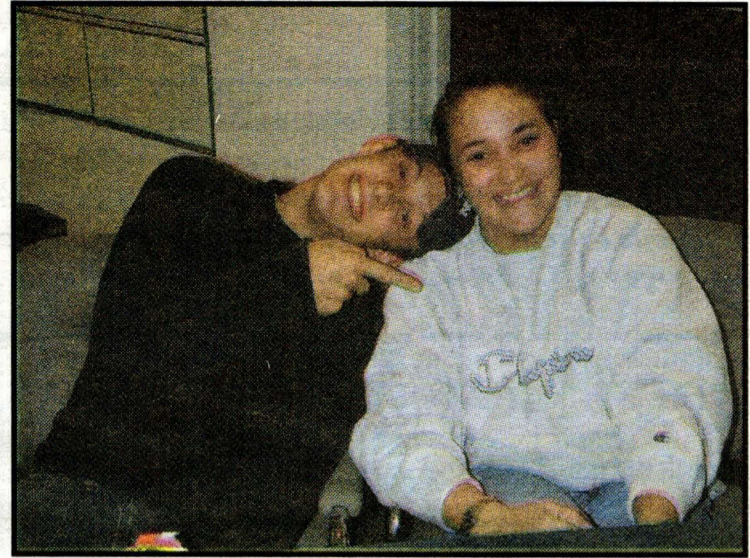
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Freshman Undecided  
*"Why does the cafe close so early?"*



**Melissa Cormier**  
Sophomore Culinary Major  
*"Which apartment has the best parties?"*



**Elizabeth Roberts and Sarah Zide**  
**Freshmen Culinary Majors**  
*"Why do people steal your laundry?"*



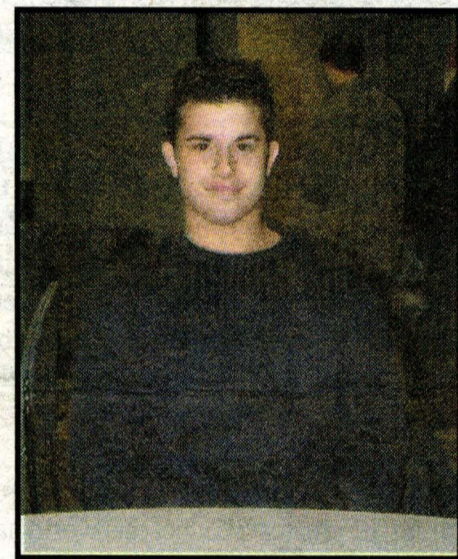
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**Darcy Tippie**  
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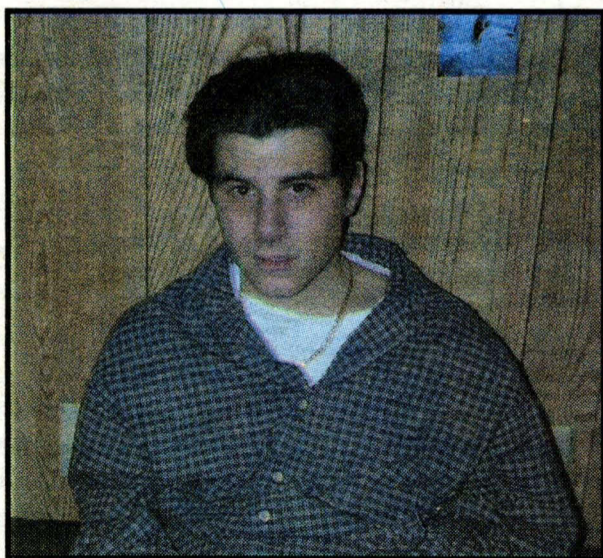
*"Who's the coolest girl on campus?"*



**Courtney Cote**  
**Freshman Business Administration Major**  
*"What is NHC cafeteria food?"*



**Nathan Gruber**  
**Sophomore Business Admin-**  
**istration Major**  
*"Do I make you horny?"*



**Joel Beaulieu**  
**Freshman Undecided**  
*"What do you do when there's a monkey on your back?"*



**Amy Austin and Jess Plourde**  
**Junior Psychology Majors**  
*"Who's had the greatest impact on your life?"*

## OPINION

**Editors' Note:** Students' opinions are accepted to be published on the opinion page, yet they do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial staff. If anyone would like to write about his/her religious beliefs, that will also be accepted for publication on this page.

### Good News:

#### Marketing Jesus

By Mark Williams

In the world today, marketing is used to sell everything from cars to toilet paper. As a Christian, my job is to sell Jesus Christ to the world around me. Jesus is a very marketable commodity. He embodies love, happiness, giving, caring and, most importantly, life.

When the Revelation is fulfilled, we will all be shown our eternity, and some of us will not like what we see. Jesus is the only way to ensure that your eternity is fellowship with God in Heaven. Most people in the world today acknowledge that there is a "higher power" governing the forces of nature and our lives. These people are just three steps away from a personal relationship with El Shaddai, the all-powerful one.

By giving your "higher power" the name Jesus Christ, the Son of God, confessing your sins to Him and believing that He has died in your stead to secure your place in Heaven, you can live out your life on earth with the assurance that the second (spiritual) death cannot touch you. John 11:26 says, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" This comfort will influence your personality, attitudes and interactions with others in a way nothing else can.

Your new life in Christ will be evident to others around you, and you can begin selling the greatest product this world has ever known, the Rock of Salvation, King of Heaven and Earth, Jesus.

## Cultural isolation at NHC: overcoming language and national barriers

By Keith McLaren

New Hampshire College has something that many other schools in the area, and the country for that matter, don't have—a diverse, international student body. With this in mind, you would think that students at NHC would go out of their way to use this diversity as a way for Americans to learn about foreign cultures and for international students to learn about American culture. Unfortunately, this is not the case. Our campus resembles the segregation movements seen in the 1950s and 1960s.

I have had the pleasure of meeting students from Italy, Taiwan,

China, Japan, France, Sweden, Turkey and the Philippines, to name a few of the places that our student body comes from. I have learned there are cultural similarities between popular American culture, norms and beliefs, and the beliefs shared by students the world over. It has made my stay at NHC much more intellectually stimulating and enjoyable. Cultural diversity is one of the major factors that led to my coming to NHC. On the other hand, many students here do not take advantage of the global orientation of our students. Many fear what they don't know, and cultural and language barriers cause the greatest fear. Xe-

nophobia, or the fear of foreigners, has become a major malady in American culture. And many international students fear Americans, too, for many of the same reasons.

Many of you may not see the signs of xenophobia at NHC, but here are a few examples. When you get in the cafeteria, look at the seating arrangements. With very, very few exceptions, the tables are divided by nationality. Very few students share lunch with people with a cultural background other than their own. Now, think about your classes. Many international students are forced to migrate into corners or to the front of the room because American students (subconsciously I may add) have decided to exclude them.

Blame for the segregation of students with different national and cultural backgrounds than our own can be attributed to a variety of things. News media in the United States show us the terror and turmoil of many countries around the world. Seeing images of turmoil in the Middle East, the disintegration of the former Soviet Union and civil wars in Europe and Africa have filled our ideas of an "international perspective." Slogans and beliefs such as "losing the war to Japan" in business have also led to an anti-foreign sentiment in the United States. Americans fear international citizens—we fear the loss in business, war and in well being. Many Americans worry that their reign upon the "throne of the world" will be ended.

So, are you wondering, "How do we overcome this?" The answer is a rather one simple if you think about it. I tell many people who exhibit the signs of xenophobia that they should spend one minute talking to one student of a different nationality or culture and learn

something new from him/her. Almost half of our student population is comprised of "international students," a term I use rather loosely here; I would personally like to use the term "global students," because this can be said for Americans as well. How many times must we be reminded that through the course of history our ancestors have come to us from these countries we now fear? "Global students," especially the business student of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, will need to have a thorough knowledge of the world's cultures, nationalities and history.

I would like everyone to look at himself or herself and see what they truly admire in themselves, and, then, I would like you to walk up to a student of a culture and nationality different from your own and begin to see their positive traits. You will surely see you will have common points, and you will be able to build a bridge to understanding the differences as well. There are many organizations on campus that promote diversity and an understanding of the cultural, national and religious differences on our campus. We have the Association for Cultural Exchange, the Muslim Student Association, the Human Rights Association and a plethora of other organizations that give NHC its image of "where the world comes to mind."

In closing, I would like to see every student at NHC look to being the "global student" as opposed to the xenophobe. Use the luxury of our differences to increase your educational and social experiences here, or you may be missing out on meeting half of the student population. I implore all "global students" to write to The Observer to share their nationalities, cultures or beliefs with the rest of the student body.

## Team of the decade

By Peter Lopez

How do we measure which team is the best for a decade? By the number of games they won or by the number of World Championships won? For the 1990s there were really only four teams who can argue they were the best of the decade. However, only one of the four can be called the "Team of the '90s."

First, there are the Cleveland Indians. With five straight division titles from 1995-99, two World Series appearances and one of the best winning percentages of the decade, the Indians deserve to be

named one of the best of the decade. However, the lack of solid pitching and the inability to win the "Big Game" extinguish the Indians' chance at being the best of the '90s.

Being one of the two teams to win multiple world championships in the decade, the Toronto Blue Jays should be considered. Led by manager Cito Gaston and star players Joe Carter, Devon White and Roberto Alomar, the Blue Jays won the 1992 and 1993 World Series with good pitching and timely hitting, including Carter's memorable series-

clinching homerun in 1993 off Philadelphia's Mitch Williams. However, the club's inability to challenge for a pennant in the second half of the decade ruins their chance at being the best of the decade.

After going from "Worst" in 1990 to "First" in 1991, the Atlanta Braves dominated the National League throughout the decade with a great pitching staff and solid hitting. With five World Series appearances, one world championship, two divisional titles and the best winning percentage of the decade, the Braves certainly have the credentials to be named the "Team of the '90s." However, the Braves had the same problem the Minnesota Vikings of the '70s and Buffalo Bills of the early '90s had. They couldn't win the big game. By winning only one world title in five chances, the Braves can be called the "Second Best of the Decade."

Finally, there are the New York Yankees. In the beginning of the decade, they weren't the best. But from 1995-99 they were. With

## Election year will soon be upon us

By Matthew Buzzell

Returning to pursue my formal education has helped me refine my character in many positive ways. I find myself connecting various aspects of my life with other subjects that are increasingly obvious, but were never presented to me in a revealing manner before. The easiest way I can explain it follows.

Consider yourself in class – two, maybe three years ago – during your high school career. Can you remember asking questions like "What does this have to do with me being a (insert your intended career here)? How will I ever use this?" As naïve as we were, it was a rare case when we knew the actual profession we would pursue. Many of us, in retrospect, can now see some kind of connection between our high school curriculum and our future careers. Perhaps the actual contents of said classes were not that enlightening, but the analytical skills and quantitative analysis our brains have become capable of certainly help us at our current level of education.

Developing a philosophy of life, however relevant that philosophy may or may not be, requires the same critical thinking skills that we continually learn. To truly "know thyself" and make intelligent decisions about our lives, we must not look only inward, but be capable of recognizing the effects of our envi-

ronment and culture. I recently had a chance to listen to a man who is truly aware of these elements and their effects on society.

one of the best winning percentages of the decade, two divisional titles in 1995 and 1997 and world championships in 1996, 1998 and 1999, the Yankees earn the honor of being not only the "Team of the '90s" but the "Team of the Century" with their 25 titles.

Unlike other winning teams, the Yankees won three titles with three different playing styles. In 1996, they beat a Braves team that was better than them by playing with emotion generated by manager Joe Torre's brother's sickness. In 1998, they just beat everyone as they enjoyed the best season of any team in recent memory. Then, this past season the Yankees, back to being mortal, took advantage of every opportunity their opponents gave them. This was evident by their victories over the Red Sox and the Braves in the playoffs. Every time there was an error, the Yankees capitalized. That is a sign of not only a great team, but it also gives the team the title "Team of the '90s."

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On November 9, I was blessed with the inclination to visit Saint Anselm College in order to attend a presentation by Republican presidential candidate, Gary Bauer. Mr. Bauer was there to deliver a speech titled "Anti-Christian Bigotry in America" in which he courageously exposed the increasingly regular attacks on people of faith by the cultural and political elite of our country. Mr. Bauer highlighted such controversial issues as the Brooklyn Museum of Art's Virgin Mary exhibit and the separation of church and state. In his discourse, Mr. Bauer specifically cited the introductory words of our Constitution: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights..." Mr. Bauer used this as the basis for his speech in which he faithfully confessed the Divine emanation of our guaranteed liberty.

Citing the aforementioned examples, Mr. Bauer asked the audience to consider the facts that we live in a country where it is no longer acceptable to hang the Ten Commandments in a public school, participate in public prayer at those same schools nor even discuss Christianity openly. Students, as well as teachers, are restricted in this re-

spect because it is not "politically correct." If we turn our attention to the Brooklyn Art exhibit, we see that all we need to do to make religious material "politically correct" is throw some animal feces on it or put an upside-down cross in a jar of urine and we have "art." It instantly becomes acceptable for that purpose alone. So, following this standard, all we should have to do to hang the Ten Commandments in a public school is throw a little crap on it and call it art. I hope that Mr. Bauer's point is as obvious to you as it is to me.

Mr. Bauer is a man of in-

credible moral character worthy of your attention, if not your vote. Disregard the usual cynicism that surrounds politics and pay attention; God has brought the people a man apparently worthy of fulfilling the obligations of leading this country. Regardless of your opinion, my intention is not to sway your vote; I would rather that this article simply spark some motivation in respect to your civic duty to participate in our right to choose.

Mr. Bauer, I pray that you restore this country to its status of a "shining city on a hill."

## Jaye's Thoughts: Am I allowed to breathe clean air?

By Jaye Friday X9304

Everywhere I go I see people filling their lungs with a thick cloud of poison. I know it's their choice and they can do what they want, but it's when I have to breathe the same air their smoke defiles that I get angry. I don't like it when I walk out of a building and there is a small group of people puffing on cancer, blowing their smoke my way and I get a big whiff of it. I don't want to poison my body with second-hand death. I want to live and breathe clean air. I hate the smell of tobacco, hate to get the smell on my clothes and my body. It is a sickening cancer that my body will not partake in. I don't want acetone and tar to enter my body; it only weakens the lungs and causes cancer and many other diseases. Second-hand smoke is linked to stroke; I really don't want to have a stroke because of someone's gross habit. I think the school should move smoking areas away from the buildings. I know someone who has asthma, and he said if he breathes in too much smoke it can cause an asthma attack. So it would be a good idea for this school to move the smokers away from the doorways of the buildings so an asthma attack doesn't occur and cause the school any trouble.

Continuing on this subject of smoking being a means of killing yourself, shouldn't it be illegal to smoke? Suicide is illegal; smoking is a slow suicide. Wouldn't it be a logical thing to make smoking illegal? Also, it kills other people too. Breathing in second-hand smoke causes cancer, just like smoking. Cancer is fatal. If someone dies because of cancer caused by second-hand smoke, I would think everyone who was smoking around that person should be convicted of murder.

I just don't understand the thoughts behind allowing companies to spread their propaganda feces across this world just to kill people for money. Well, I suppose that is the reason, MONEY. The government is regulating this stuff, so I bet they get a cut of the profits. I would think the government would stop anyone who tried to cut in on their jobs, but with a cut of the profits I can see the government turning their heads from this. If the government was so concerned with how this nation is going, they would ban tobacco use. Kinda like a new Prohibition. The government actually cared back then when they banned alcohol use. Now it is time again for change, but it won't happen because these companies have a tight stranglehold on this nation of mindless consumers. Throw a product in their face...they consume.

I believe that a change must be made. I can't stand by and watch as this sickness is not confronted. I want to know who out there is also sickened by this, and we shall rise as one and make a force of change. I may be the only person fighting for this, but I won't be silenced.

"This is my statement of life in a dying world." Morning Again

## More Opinion

### Recycling at NHC: Where is it?

By Amy Eastman

How many of you have walked around campus on the weekends, or any day for that matter, and seen all kinds of aluminum cans and plastic bottles in the garbage cans or lying around? This sight is a common occurrence at NHC. Cans, especially beer cans, litter the walkways as well as hallways and stairwells of the apartment complexes. I would estimate that probably about 50 percent of the contents of the garbage consists of aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Every day maintenance people empty the garbage, which consists of these recyclable items, and haul it off somewhere, probably to the local dump. These items are not being taken to a local recycling center when they should be. Instead, of sitting in a dump-yard or a landfill simply taking up space, they could be used in a much more productive manner, like being recycled to make new cans or plastic bottles.

I feel that this issue of NHC not recycling is a very sad one. There is no reason why it shouldn't have a program in place. That fact is that many people are just plain lazy and don't feel like doing their part. Other colleges have recycling programs and NHC should do the same. If we had a recycling center, it would open up more work-study opportunities for the students here as well as benefit the environment.

The absence of a recycling effort is seen not only in the residential areas, but also in the cafeteria. All those plastic plate covers and plastic cups could be recycled, but it just isn't being done. What is the deal with all the Styrofoam use in the cafeteria? Styrofoam is not biodegradable and takes up space in landfills. These products are not environmentally friendly and should be changed.

The last places to address are the mailrooms, the one in the Student Center and the one in Washington Hall. We all receive newsletters in our mailboxes that we just simply throw away in the garbage cans. These could be easily recycled. Or, what happens to the Observer newspaper that you are reading right now? You will most likely dispose of this newspaper in the garbage can when you are through with it. This should not be happening, plain and simple.

I have thought of some solutions to these problems. For the residential areas, we should place big

buckets—one for aluminum, one for plastic and glass, and one for paper products—in all of the dormitories on each floor. They should be placed on every floor in the apartments, and in each of the town houses. They would be easily accessible to the residents of these areas. All it takes is just a little extra time and thought.

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As far as the cafeteria is concerned, I think we should have three-way trashcans. One section should be for plastic and glass, one for aluminum, and one for regular garbage. We should also switch from Styrofoam to paper or cardboard plates. McDonald's, for example, switched from Styrofoam packaging to cardboard packaging because Styrofoam does not benefit the environment. We should do the same at NHC.

For the mailrooms, labeled buckets should be placed near them so students can dispose of paper products in them for recycling, rather than in the garbage cans.

The lack of recycling here is a very big problem, one that cannot be tackled by an individual person. This is going to need the support of a large percentage of the student body as well as faculty and administration. This campus needs your help! If you agree that this issue is a problem, then let's do something about it. Speak to your class SGA officer and ask that he/she brings this issue up at the next meeting. Or better yet, go directly to the top. Talk to the president of the college and see what he has to say about this problem. Maybe if enough people speak up about this and bring it to the attention of the administration, we can get a recycling program started and do our part to help this environment.

### Wanted:

An Arts and Entertainment Editor and an Advertising Manager. If interested, please come to our next meeting on Thursday at 12:45 p.m. in the SGA Conference Room.

### "...everything happens for a reason"

By Peter Eagles

Two celebrities and over 200 civilian airline passengers have been killed in aircraft accidents over the last five months. And those are only the accidents that have drawn the most publicity.

JFK Jr., Payne Stewart and the passengers of EgyptAir Flight 990 have all recently died in crashes. Planes carrying civilians have been falling like rain, or at least it seems that way to some. "I'm a frequent flyer and I'm afraid to leave the ground right now. It seems like they [aircrafts] have been droppings like flies," said sophomore CIS major Frank Verdillo.

Some people have even gone so far as to blame the recent rash of aircraft accidents on the Y2K bug. "I think Y2K is starting to affect the planes' computer systems," adds Verdillo.

Culinary Arts major Steve Vercontaire does not agree. "I don't think the bug [Y2K] has anything to do with it; it's not even the millenium yet," he said.

As scared as some may be, the facts are, according to statistics from the National Transportation Safety Board ([http://](http://www.nts.gov)

[www.nts.gov](http://www.nts.gov)), there were only 48 U.S. airline accidents in 1998, none of which were classified as major. The NTSB defines an accident as major if a Part 121 aircraft was destroyed, there were multiple fatalities or there was one fatality and a Part 121 aircraft was substantially damaged. They define an accident as serious if there was fatality without substantial damage to a Part 121 aircraft or there was at least one serious injury and a Part 121 was substantially damaged. Another table from the NTSB reports there were zero fatalities from the accidents in 1998. One chart showed there were only 0.436 major accidents per million hours flown and not one serious accident.

Sophomore Phillip Cargill was never alarmed by the recent string of accidents. "It doesn't make me afraid to fly; I just think everything happens for a reason," he said.

But, despite the facts provided by the NTSB, people are still skeptical about flying. Jay Sterritt, a Hotel/Restaurant Management major said, "All these crashes are starting to put serious doubts into my mind about flying."

## Employment opportunity

The New Hampshire College Journal will have a position for a student assistant/intern to work with the Journal editor during the spring term of 2000. The ideal candidate will be someone with strong writing, editorial and copy-editing skills, who also has an interest in print media and a desire to learn how a magazine is produced. Interested students should contact Journal editor David Bradt in Stark 18. The opening will be filled by early December. This is a paid position.

## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## 'Spoon River Anthology': good turnout

By Melissa Cowdrey

On October 29 and 30, six Drama Club members presented "Spoon River Anthology," a play that was about an hour in length. Each member played numerous parts in the show. There were about forty characters represented in the somewhat, at first, confusing plot. The play included characters reminiscing about their lives and what the last important moments were before their deaths. Some of the events they remembered lead up to or partly caused their deaths. This play is the work of Edgar Lee Masters, who was born in 1868 and grew up near Spoon River in Illinois.

Gladdy White directed the play, Rachel Schor was assistant director, set design was by White, Charles Wilbert was credited with the set construction and Ryan Fulton ran the lighting and sound. The ensemble of actors and actresses included Brooke Bourassa, Gary Carkin, Katie Darling, Susan Spencer, Tim Stockman and Rachel Schor.

This play had a bit of dancing and some great acting as well as wonderful singing. There was a good turnout for both performances.

## Jam bands

By Richie Victorino

Try doing it over 100 times a year, give or take. You'd do it all over the country, even cross borders and seas just to do it.

Can you imagine a life on the road, eating take-out daily and performing in front of crowds who cling to everything you do? You perform in front of people who have been touring with you because with you on stage, no one knows what's next, and they don't want to miss a thing.

This is the life of a jam band. Jam bands are generally described as having a blue-grass folk rhythm style. However, jam bands are also

known to write new music constantly, creating thousands of different sounds for their audience.

You may have heard of the Grateful Dead. The Grateful Dead performed over 2,000 shows while front-man Jerry Garcia was alive. They performed for crowds over 100,000, selling out large venues for five days straight. Yet they managed to have only one top-ten song on the Billboard charts, "Touch of Grey," in over 30 years of making music.

Yet that is the uniqueness of the music created by jam bands. In a time when record deals and radio hits are in the minds of young musicians everywhere, one tends to ask, "What happened to just making music, not money?"

You can pay anywhere from \$45 or more to see one show of a "big name" musical group. What you'll hear for the most part is the music that comes out of the radio and/or CD players. Albeit you'll see your favorite rock stars in person (if you can catch a glimpse through the herds of people), aren't you there to hear the music?

Bands such as Phish and Strangefolk (who generally have cheaper tickets for concerts) use touring as their primary means of spreading music, like the Grateful Dead, rather than record sales. Like the bands, followers of jam bands consider the concert, not the album, as essentially important.

These bands change their set lists each night they perform. There are times that a certain song isn't played in years, which makes it special if you're there to hear it live if it's never played again. Jam bands push their songs to their absolute limits, creating songs within songs. They combine different songs creating an unforgettable sound that can't be duplicated. During a show, the band can take you through jams where you don't know what's coming next and neither do they. But no one on stage or watching loses a beat.

That's the power of music.

Take Strangefolk, a band out of Burlington, Vermont. They're made up of a rhythm guitarist, lead guitarist, bassist and drummer. Sounds like a normal rock band, right? Listen to them and you'll hear a sound that just can't be mistaken for someone else. "If you listen only to the acoustic side, you may end up thinking Eagles or worse. But try walking up to the speaker and letting the electric sounds blow you away. Quite simply, this is a very trippy band. And once you get it

you'll never want to turn back," says Andy Bernstein, write for "The Pharmers Almanac," a book about the jam band Phish as well as other jam bands.

Before a song makes it to radio, hours and hours of takes and retakes are done. Changes and modifications are done to "perfect" the songs as much as possible so that the people will like them. But music is created by people, not technology. And people aren't perfect, so why should music be?

When you find people who like jam bands, you'll see a common enthusiasm for the music. Their fans know about the musicians as people, not just rock gods.

Instead of hours of studio time dressing up music to suit the pop culture at the time, jam bands give the audience what they deserve to hear. Music in its purest form: experimental jams, intense guitars and keyboards, an unpredictable ride into one of the oldest forms of hu-

man entertainment and expression long before record deals and radio were invented. Sweet beautiful music where you never know when the song will end. You're taken away from the real world as long as the bands allow you to be. You feed off of their music as much as they feed off of your enthusiasm. Nothing can be as intense as being at the mercy of the band, where you can be who you want to be and no one cares. The music controls you, forcing you to start moving your head and tapping your feet. Before you realize it, you're dancing.

Welcome to the life of jam bands.

"You can dance, dance, move your feet and lose your mind-

You can dance, dance, leave your troubled world behind."

"Dance" Strangefolk

Note: You can see Strangefolk at the Worcester Palladium on November 27.

## Gonzo movie review: 'American Beauty'

By Matt Theroux

*"I feel like I've been in a coma for the past twenty years and I'm just now waking up."*

-Lester Burnham

I wanted to see this movie ever since I saw the commercial for it a few weeks ago. Ah yes, I remember it well; I was sitting alone on the couch in Hillsboro watching TV, heavily sedated of course (I like it that way), and the trailer for "American Beauty" came on and rudely snapped me out of the coma-like stupor I was in. I stared helplessly transfixed at the screen while the trailer flashed before my eyes and by the time the commercial ended I was giggling uncontrollably with excitement and anticipation. The movie looked completely twisted...it was perfect for this gig. I immediately called up headquarters because I knew that I had found my next perilous assignment: climb into the ring and wrestle "American Beauty" armed with nothing except my astonishing good looks and my own brand of gonzo journalism.

I was running very late; my deadline was in like five hours and headquarters was getting quite impatient with this chain-smoking Lit major from Rhode Island. I was racing through the streets of

Manchester at incredible speeds, like Mel Gibson in the "Road Warrior," and I could've sworn that I saw John Belushi standing outside of a car wash that I passed on South Willow. I slammed on the brakes for a better look and was almost crunched from behind by a car full of nuns, but there was no one there. It was only a hallucination of my unstable mind. There are still some of us out there, like me, for example, who refuse to except the fact, for whatever reason, that John Belushi is dead. I drove the rest of the way to the theater a little freaked out and took my seat just as the movie was being fired up and the previews started to roll.

First-time filmmaker Sam Mendes has crafted a brilliant film here. Lester Burnham, played by Kevin Spacey in one of the best performances of his career, is a bored, unhappy husband and father living in suburban America. Lester hates his job, and both his wife Carolyn (Annette Bening) and daughter Jane (Thora Birch) think he is a loser. Lester undergoes an epiphany of sorts when he becomes infatuated with one of his daughter's friends, a Lolita-like cheerleader and vixen named Angela (Mena Suvari).

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# Sunday night at the AV studio

By Bill Rennie

*It's very quiet, relaxed, almost tranquil until...*

*"Quick, I need a transparency for a Humanities presentation," exclaims a worried Freshman.*

*"Procrastination," the man behind the counter concludes.*

*"Procrastawhat?" questions the Freshman, now shaking while looking at the clock on the wall.*

*Matt then casually asks, "Color or black and white?"*

*"I have a choice? Umm... color!"*

*Two minutes later, the transparency is done and 9,000 heartbeats, 75 minutes and one oral presentation after that the Freshman comes back to the Audio/Visual studio saying, "Sorry I forgot to pay. How much do I owe you?"*

*"One color transparency... \$1.50."*

*The Freshman pulls out \$2 saying, "Keep the change, I think I got an A."*

*"Good for you!" Matt says with a smile.*

Starting this fall semester, junior Matt Theroux has been helping students like the Freshman while working at the A/V studio. Matt happily took the time to tell me about the many functions of the A/V studio, while working one busy Sunday night.

Between bites of mystery chicken, Matt, who was by himself for a five-hour shift, told me the three computers here have the same programs as the library, but there is also a photo scanner, which students may use to scan anything from photographs to beer bottle labels onto a disk.

After finishing his dinner Matt looked through the doorway from his chair. The mechanical sound of an automatic door could be heard. "Customer?", I questioned hoping to see an A/V worker in action. "No, he's just using the phone."

My disappointment diminished while looking over the counter into Matt's work area. A computer to log times for equipment use, rows of video tapes on several shelves, a video camera, a copy machine and a transparency maker – all there for the students. Maybe having to work 30 hours a week to pay for an NHC education isn't so bad after all, I

thought, especially when great services such as the A/V studio are so easily accessible.

Matt works about 20 hours a week and receives minimum wage, but he said, "I have no complaints." However, he has yet to trudge through snow hauling a projector cart to the opposite end of campus while snowflakes sting his face and the harsh New Hampshire winter winds send vicious chills through his body. Matt's eyes widened for a moment after I reminded him of this, but he just took it in stride saying he still enjoys his job.

Matt sometimes keeps busy by building projector carts or helping his boss, Tom Helm, install ceiling projectors. But Matt always remembers to bring homework in case the A/V studio is as "congested" as it is tonight.

The door then opened again, and a student approached the front counter. "Can I use the graphics computer room?" Her soft innocent tone indicated she was sorry for interrupting our boredom.

"Anything for a lady," Matt replied in his best Mel Gibson impersonation. Revealing his bulging biceps under a tight white tee-shirt, he pushed himself out of the chair.

A faint sigh passed through her lips as Matt strut by her to unlock the door.

Matt leisurely came back, looked at the clock and told me, "It's break time." I bellowed out an enthusiastic "Wuhoo," though it seemed he was already on break.

## "Anything for a lady," Matt replied in his best Mel Gibson impersonation.

Five minutes after the break started, the automatic door opened again. "Finally, a customer!" I said grabbing my note pad and pen, ready to take notes on the skills Matt has developed during the first two months of his tour-of-duty as an audio and visual communication spe-

## Surf.The.Net

By Ben DeGennaro

Attention, all presidents and PR officers of NHC organizations! More and more clubs are using email and the Internet as a means of communication. As an officer of the CIS Club as well as Managing Editor of The Observer, I rely heavily on being able to reach members of those organizations. I can call, leave messages, hope they are returned and wait. I could also use word of mouth and hope that people remember their commitments and obligations. However, the best method I have found is through email. And the best email service I have used is OneList (<http://www.onelist.com>). If you are familiar with creating a group or distribution list with your email, then you will feel at home with OneList. OneList allows any member of your list to email the group from any computer. Simply send a message to [your-group@onelist.com](mailto:your-group@onelist.com) and the message is instantly delivered to your entire group, available for their viewing pleasure at a convenient time. Even if you're not a member of a club, you can join communities created by others. Communities are grouped by every topic imaginable. If you can't find the right community, then create your own!

Another terrific service that has been making headlines is DialPad. DialPad (<http://www.dialpad.com>) allows the user to make free long-distance calls anywhere in the United States. Simply plug in a microphone and headset and you're connected! DialPad requires users to sign up and fill out a small questionnaire in order to create their accounts.

Have you got a computer question and are not sure to whom you should turn? Well, I have the solution. Two websites, both operating for at least two years, are offering free email tech support, just for the asking. No question is too easy or too technical for this group as the responses come from a large and diverse volunteer group. Check out NoWonder (<http://www.nowonder.com>) and Nerd-Patrol (<http://www.nerd-patrol.com>).

Many of my readers asked about where to find free clip art. I am including a few sites: Clip-Art (<http://www.clip-art.com>), ClipArt (<http://www.clipart.com>), MuchoFun (<http://www.muchofun.com>), AAAClipArt (<http://www.aaacclipart.com>) and Microsoft ClipArt Gallery (<http://cgl.microsoft.com/clipgallery/live/default27.asp?ea=1&ci=>).

As usual, I urge you to visit my web-site (<http://bend.web.com>). Please check it out and let me know your thoughts. I can be reached at [degennbe@nhc.edu](mailto:degennbe@nhc.edu).

cialist.

After hearing another door open Matt said, "Nope, just using the bathroom," as he leaned back in his chair.

I thought Matt's shift might have been in vain, but then was reminded of the damsel using the computer room. As she came back to thank Matt and let him know she was done using the computer, I could faintly here the sounds of harps and violins and through the corner of my eyes, saw cupid's devilish smile as he flew away. Breaking Matt's enchantment I said, "The title of my next article will be, 'Falling in love at the A/V studio'." After she left, Matt, the almost-famous writer,

threw his latest novel at me, not appreciating my sense of humor. "Ouch... a whole 10 pages. I think I got a paper cut," I moaned.

As Matt's shift neared its end I thanked him for the informative interview and told him, "After students read this article, they'll be swarming to the A/V studio, and you won't have to worry about bringing your homework here anymore." Matt just smiled and snapped a pencil in half with one hand.

So the next time you see Matt pushing a cart projector, say "Hi," hold the door open for him or simply get out of his way, because he just might run you over.



## 'Blair Witch': fact or fiction?

By Peter Eagles

Picture yourself lost in the woods with no idea where to go and a compass that keeps leading you back to the same spot. You're tired, hungry and scared. When the sun goes down all you hear are strange, unfriendly noises, until finally you're attacked. The Blair Witch has found you!

In the terrifyingly original film "The Blair Witch Project," independent directors Daniel Myrick and Eduardo Sanchez relive the journey of three student filmmakers through the woods in Burkittsville, Maryland, in search of the legend of the Blair Witch.

Heather Donahue, project leader, Joshua Leonard, cameraman, and Michael Williams, audio recorder, interview the townspeople about the legendary curse and then venture into the woods to prove the legend. The team gathers the footage it needs, but the trail back becomes questionable and they begin to unravel, although Heather insists they're on the right track. When the sun goes down the crew becomes engulfed in total chaos.

Strange noises surround the campsite and they sound unhappy. During the next few days the crew becomes hungry, tired, cranky and continuously lost. When the group finds numerous stick figures hanging from trees, even the most careless observer can sense danger.

The genius behind this film is the lack of music and bloodshed. It makes us believe it's real and leaves us to create our own horrify-

ing imagery. The directors turn up the heat and don't stop until the final spine-tingling scene. They bring us along the journey with the cast. We get to know and care for them; it's like watching our friends die.

"The Blair Witch Project" is remarkably original and truly defines the term "horror." Talk of this film swept the nation before it was released, and it is everything it was hyped up to be and more; more can enjoy this film.

"I was scared; I thought it was real. I thought someone actually found those tapes. The whole ride home I was scared; I couldn't believe it was a mockumentary," said Karey Stingo, a sophomore English Education Major at NHC.

CIS major Frank Verdillo exclaimed, "I was scared, I was honestly really scared. I saw it the first night it came out; they made you believe it was real."

"I thought it was real until I read an article in Rolling Stone, then I went to see it. It wasn't scary in the sense that it was gory like Freddy [Krueger]. It seemed realistic and let your mind wander; you never really saw any violence," sophomore Adam Correau admitted.

Sophomore Business Administration major Philip Cargill stated, "I thought, who would make a movie like that if it were real? I thought it was more messed up than scary."

Rent the video today; it will scare you out of your wits.

## Sport Management speaker

By Jason LaBossiere

On October 26 Tom Rowe, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Lowell Lock Monsters Hockey Team, spoke to Sport Management majors instead of the expected guest speaker, Bernice Rowe.

Tom Rowe apologized for being late. "I haven't been up here in a couple of years, so I got lost and had to do a u-turn to find this place," he said.

He also explained why he was here rather than Bernice. With Minor League Hockey teams there are many financial reports due at the end of each month, and he felt it would more beneficial for the team to have Bernice stay in the office and for him to come and speak.

Throughout his speech, Rowe discussed the importance of promotions at a Minor League level. A promotion attracts the fans' attention throughout the game. It is also used to capture the fans' eyes as soon as they enter the facility. He mentioned how well the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) handles promoting their logos. "Any students that are planning to go into a Minor

League organization should read The NASCAR Way," he said. This book will explain to readers the value and importance of promotions and how they should be done, according to Rowe.

Rowe also discussed the significance of internships, experiences and contacts to a student who wants to work in the sports industry. He said the Lock Monsters offer great ways to get the experiences students need through their game day operations. Students will learn the basics of the organization but most importantly they will learn how promotions are run and how important it is to grab the fans' attention.

Rowe mentioned how useful and helpful NHC students have been for the team. He pointed out three of his best volunteers from NHC, who were in the audience: Keith Detjen, Chris Devoe and Jason LaBossiere.

After the lecture about seven students approached Rowe and asked him for business cards, what is available for internships, or what they need to do to better themselves. He told them the best thing they could do is talk to Keith, Chris or Jason and see what they did to get involved.

## Mysteries of the incredible Internet

Written by the Yearlings (freshmen in the 3-year program)

Edited by Tim Heald and Joe Aviza Jr.

**Editors' note:** This article will be serialized throughout the year.

### Beginnings of the Internet

More than 25 years ago, the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA) started construction on a wide area network called the ARPANET. The network embarked on a mission to connect high-powered computers across the nation.

In 1966, Robert Tyler started a campaign to link the country's most powerful computers for computing resources. Lawrence Roberts headed up the project and within three years developed a prototype with only four computers on the network. Two of the computers were the MAC system at MIT, and the ILLIAC IV supercomputer in Illinois. The four sites that started the ARPANET in 1970 rose to 13 by January 1971 and nearly doubled to 23 by April 1972.

Since the 1960s, scientists have worked on the concepts that power the World Wide Web. The original "Web" was called the Xanadu project. Developer Ted Nelson wanted to amass nearly every document of literature in existence. Nelson's idea was to link every document by hypertext connections that would enable a continuous flow from one document to the next. All of the documents were to be stored in a logical and concise method that would allow anyone to search and find information. Yet, at the time, there was limited interest in such an idea and no computer capable of storing such vast amounts of information. Unfortunately for Nelson, the Xanadu project never became a reality although his ideas came to light again in the early 1990s when the World Wide Web was taking form.

## Gonzo movie review

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Lester Burnham realizes that he's "just an ordinary guy with nothing to lose" and decides to rebel against his dead-end existence by living life by his own rules, much to the astonishment of the people around him. There are also subplots with Bening's and Birch's characters, but I don't have the time or the desire to reveal too much. See this movie for yourself, buy the ticket and take the ride... just enjoy this film.

When the movie ended and the credits were rolling in that lonely

theater in Manchester, I was in my seat oscillating wildly in movie-geek ecstasy, Spacey is uber cool in this film, the entire cast is awesome, but it's Spacey's film and I'm thinking long shot for the Academy Award here. Unfortunately, "American Beauty" might be one of those films that quietly slip away. Don't let that happen: it's well worth your money. Please send all comments, criticisms, and death threats to [therouma@nhc.edu](mailto:therouma@nhc.edu).

# Horoscopes brought to you by Amy

## Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Your quick tongue and smart remarks could get you in a lot of trouble so be careful and think before you speak – It could save you a major headache. This month is yours for playing the field, so keep those eyes peeled for that lucky romantic prospect!!!

Hot days: November 15 and 23

## Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

This month is your energy month, love energy that is. Send it to that certain person you've been watching. You may find yourself in trouble these days, but don't worry because help is near. Go with your gut feeling.

Hot days: November 8 and 30

## Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

Things may not go exactly how you want them to go, but rather than getting angry at the situation, channel your anger somewhere else. Maybe a weekend getaway is just what you need. When opportunity knocks, will you answer?

Hot days: November 10 and 14

## Pisces

February 19 to March 20

Are you ready to hear some news that you may not totally enjoy? If you don't really want to know, then don't ask. If you do ask, brace yourself, it could be disturbing. On the bright side, you will be rewarded for all the work you have been doing. Great job, keep it up!!!

Hot days: November 20 and 26

## Aries

March 21 to April 19

I know someone who likes you!!! You'll never figure it out though because this person is so shy that even saying hello is hard for him/her to do. You need a stress-reliever. Take a night off and relax. A close friend needs you now. Your shoulder is perfect to cry on.

Hot days: November 11 and 29

## Taurus

April 20 to May 20

This is your intellectual month. You're feeling a little "smarter" than usual. This is the time to take a new class or maybe even sign up for some dance lessons. Have fun and show what you got!!! Plan for the future, you can never start too early. What you do today affects what you accomplish tomorrow.

Hot days: November 5 and 21

## Gemini

May 21 to June 20

Are you doing things to please yourself or to please someone else? Take this month to be a little self-centered. Do something extra special for yourself, maybe go shopping for that new outfit you saw last week. Build up your confidence, you'll need it soon!

Hot days: November 1 and 28

## Cancer

June 21 to July 22

You may be feeling like no one appreciates the things you do, but that is not so. Many people will show their gratitude through rewards this month, money is coming your way so open up that wallet! Channel your energy in a creative way, the results may surprise you.

Hot days: November 3 and 17

## Leo

July 23 to August 22

Your body is screaming for exercise this month, it needs your attention. Try a new workout routine, maybe cardio-kick boxing is right up your alley. A friend may stab you in the back so don't let your guard down. It will be to your benefit. Be careful with legal issues.

Hot days: November 9 and 24

## Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Don't put your work off any longer, it could be a big mistake. You could find yourself in debt these days, so work that extra hour and get your checkbook in balance. An old friend will contact you soon!

Hot days: November 7 and 12

## Libra

September 23 to October 22

Don't keep everything inside of you – talk to a friend. Pick up that phone and call some people. You need a night out on the town. Take a trip to the city and go dancing or something. You need attention right now, so go out there and get it!!!

Hot days: November 4 and 22

## Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Tell that friend that you are mad at him/her. Don't act like everything is okay because it isn't. You need to put your foot down and let him/her know who is in charge. This is your month for a new look. Go get that haircut you've been debating. It will look great!

Hot days: November 2 and 16

## What's new in beauty and fashion?

By Amy Eastman

### Beauty Secrets

Are you looking for new ways to enhance your beauty? If so, here a few things you can try. They may not be the best-smelling things, but from what I hear they work wonders. Give it a shot! I have never tried any of these, so the results are uncertain.

- For shiny hair, try soaking it in yogurt. I hear plain works the best, but for good-smelling hair, try strawberry or peaches n' cream.

- If your conditioner isn't satisfying you, try raw eggs to give it added softness.

- Try mixing mayo with your favorite face wash for some really smooth skin. Although I've never tried it and don't know if I could handle it, some people say it really works.

- Are your nails giving off a yellow hue instead of glimmering pearly white? Try diluting a very small amount of bleach with water and applying that to your nails with a Q-tip. Say good-bye to yellow nails. However, I wouldn't recommend doing this to those yellow teeth... stick to the whitening toothpaste!

- Are you finding that your hair is dry and breaking? Try mixing two eggs, two tablespoons of mayo and one teaspoon of vegetable oil in a blender and apply to hair. Do this once a week, and your hair will amaze you.

Sources for some of this information are Jane and Cosmogirl magazines, November issues.

### Fashion

Wondering what to wear for fall? Wacky baseball-style shirts are something cool you can throw on and look stylish at the same time. They are comfortable and warm all in one.

For winter, throw out those old jackets and look for something new and different. Bright, bold and crazy are the new styles for those cold months.

Pull out those warm sweaters, whatever your style, because it is going to be one cold winter... brrrrr.

Check out the next issue for more wacky beauty secrets and fashion blurbs.

# New game, new experience, new love

By Scott Veith

When you talk with people about playing sports in college, some part of the conversation usually involves how long they have played that sport. Athletes on a varsity team even talk about the awards and honors they have won in that sport. But for three NHC freshman lacrosse players, awards and team experience are non-existent.

Tyson Chartier, Josh Fraize and Kevin Stromski, all residents of Winnepesaukee Suite Three, will be lacing up the cleats for the Penmen lacrosse team this year. The one surprising aspect is that the amount of experience among the three of them before coming to NHC is equal only to a couple of catch sessions with friends.

"I heard that they were looking for players, no experience needed," said Fraize. "It looked fun, so I got together with Tyson and Kevin and we decided to join."

All three are former high school athletes who came to NHC without sports in mind. Chartier played football and wrestled, two sports not offered at NHC. Fraize was another two-sport star in soccer and basketball, but didn't try out for either NHC team. Stromski was a wrestler and soccer player in high school, but decided not to participate.

"They don't offer wrestling here," said Stromski. "And I just kind of lost interest in soccer after high school."

Though they all have an athletic background, one would think the adjustment to a brand new sport has to be extremely difficult. But these three athletes see it as more of an adaptation to the sport because of their backgrounds.

"The fact that I am a former athlete has helped tremendously," Stromski said. "I am in shape, and I am used to commitment and teamwork. For a non-athlete to come in and try to learn a new sport it would be harder because they would have to learn all those things, as well as all the individual skills that lacrosse demands."

Each player has his own reason why he likes the sport, but the one that was mentioned by all three was of course the physical contact.

"I was drawn to lacrosse because it was a really fast-paced game," said Chartier. "Plus there is a lot of physical contact, something that was in both of the other sports I have played."

Fraize and Stromski agree

with Chartier on the physical contact of the game, but both also like learning a new sport and being part of a team again.

"I like lacrosse because you can hit people with your body and your stick, which is something totally different from anything I have played before," said Stromski. "Plus it is a completely new sport, and I love learning new sports."

One thing that the three freshmen do agree upon is that lacrosse is different from other sports they have seen or played. All three compare it to a mixture of soccer, basketball and football.

"The best way that I can describe lacrosse is rugby with sticks," said Fraize. "It's a violent game."

No matter what the athletic background or the reasons for playing, all three have decided that lacrosse is something that will be in their futures while they are at NHC.

## NHC men's soccer game wins last home game

By Craig Corthell

The NHC men's soccer team finished their home schedule on Saturday, October 30. The team defeated Felician College 2-0.

With the victory, the Penmen ran their unbeaten streak to 13 games. The team, which at the time was ranked eighth nationally, ameliorated their record to 12-2-2 overall and 6-0-1 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

Before the game, Coach Tom Poitras honored all graduating players. Paul Cleary, Cory Silver, Glen Hollingworth and David DaSilva were the five players honored. Poitras presented each player with a commemorative plaque.

The first half was action packed. Both teams traded shots throughout. The Penmen got on the board quickly. Just 7:43 into the first half junior Neil Williams one-timed a shot past the Felician goalkeeper. The great pass came from sophomore Markus Nilsson. The goal was Williams' eighth of the year.

With 55 seconds left in the first half the Penmen struck again. Junior Richard Walker headed the ball past the Felician goalkeeper to double the lead. Freshman Ricky Browning served up a long cross for Walker.

The two goals were all the Penmen would need to seal the victory. Tobias Svantesson, NHC goalkeeper, played a solid game. He went the distance and stopped two shots to record his tenth shutout of the year. The shutout tied a school

record for most consecutive shutouts. The record was originally set in 1995.

After the game, junior Dan Lindemann commented, "This was a good win for the team. It feels good to clinch a playoff berth and it was also nice to win the final home game of the year for the seniors."

The game clinched a NCAA post-season berth for the NHC soccer team. The team will most likely play Southern Connecticut State in the first round of the playoffs.

## X-Country teams compete in last NECC championships

By Tara Cowdrey

This is the last year of the New England Collegiate Conference, so it will be the last year of NECC championships in each respective sport.

On October 23, the men's and women's cross-country teams competed in the NECC championship hosted by the University of New Haven at a state park in Madison, Conn.

The male harriers had a good showing, many of them running their best times of the season.

David Sleeper ran a personal best time of 30:34 in the 5-mile race. He placed first for NHC and 49<sup>th</sup> overall.

Second for NHC was Shawn Gove, who has been consistently improving in his first season of competitive running. He ran a personal best time of 32:46 and placed 52<sup>nd</sup> overall.

Right behind Gove in 53<sup>rd</sup> place was Kevin Crean. In his first competitive race, he ran a very respectable time of 34:07. The men's team is hoping to see him come back for a full season next year.

Sadry Assouad and Jason Carlage had a sprinting race to the finish as Assouad beat out Carlage by one second in a time of 36:30. The two runners finished in 56<sup>th</sup> and 57<sup>th</sup> place overall.

There were seven teams. NHC placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall with 177 points.

In the women's race, NHC's female harriers didn't run as well as hoped, due to weather conditions. It was cool and breezy, which worked against most of the runners.

Tara Cowdrey was the first finisher for NHC with a time of 24:19. She placed 33<sup>rd</sup> overall. Senior Lynn Beal ended her collegiate career with a 35<sup>th</sup> placing over-

all and a time of 25:00.

In third place for NHC was Karen Lacerte with a time of 27:24. New to the sport of running, she placed 37<sup>th</sup> overall and was the most improved runner this season. From her first race to the last race, she bettered her time by 5 minutes and 28 seconds.

The fourth NHC finisher was Melissa Cowdrey, who ran a time of 27:35 and placed 38<sup>th</sup> overall. Rounding out NHC's top-five runners was Jaime Davidson, who placed 39<sup>th</sup> overall and ran a time of 27:53.

The NHC women's team placed fifth out of seven competing teams.

In order to count as a team, both the men's and women's teams had to have five finishers in five races this season. Because of injuries and other factors, the men had only four races that counted. So for NHC to count as a team, Coach Ed Daniels set up a home meet against UMass-Lowell to fulfill the requirement.

The meet took place on October 27. Both teams ran the 5k (3.1) course instead of the 5-mile course. UMass-Lowell took the top four spots in the race.

NHC's top finisher was Sleeper with a time of 18:55. Gove ran a time of 20:48 and placed seventh overall. Adam Gianunzio ran his second race of the season in a time of 24:13 and a placing of ninth overall. Carlage was close behind in a time of 24:21. Kevin Gahre ran a time of 29:01 and placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall for NHC.

The Penmen harriers lost the meet 16-42, but do count as a team for the season.

Congratulations to the runners who completed their season, and to Coach Karyn Weeks in her inaugural season of coaching women's cross-country at NHC.

## SPORTS

# NHC runners compete with Olympian

By Lynn Beal

On Saturday, November 6, the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Bruce Ellis Memorial 5k Road Race was held in Exeter, N.H. The participants of the race made it possible for two Exeter High School students to receive a scholarship for college.

One major highlight of the road race was the presence of Lynn Jennings, Olympic bronze medalist in the 10,000 meter run. She started the race with the starting gun and was at the finish line to see runners in as they finished.

During the awards ceremony, she gave away

autographed pictures, which included a list of her career highlights. Jennings's 5,000 meters (5k) personal best time is 15:07.92, just to give you an idea of what an incredible runner she is. In February she will be heading to North Carolina where she will complete in the marathon trials for the 2000 Olympics.

Three women from the NHC cross-country team took part in the 5k race, as well their coach, Karyn Weeks.

Tara Cowdrey, with a season best time of 23:14, came in seventh out of 26 in her age group and 100<sup>th</sup> place overall.

Coach Weeks ran a time of 25 flat, coming in 11<sup>th</sup> out of 26 in her age group and 141<sup>st</sup> place overall.

Lynn Beal, with a time of 25:34, came in 12<sup>th</sup> out of 26 in her age group and 149<sup>th</sup> overall.

Karen Lacerte also participated; however, her name and finish time were not recorded.

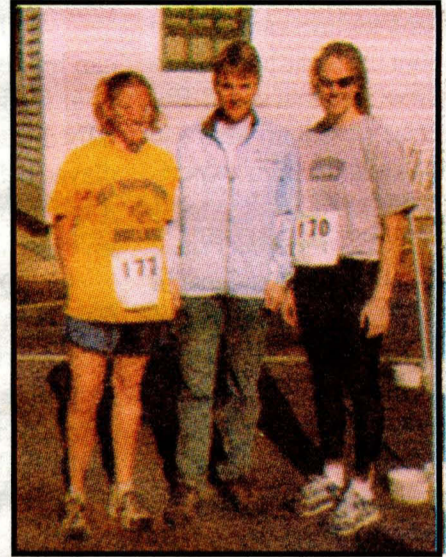
It was a great day for a road race, and meeting Jennings was exciting. Anyone interested in running road races should visit for

race information.

Also, if you enjoy running, the first ever Spring Track Club at NHC begins

in March. Contact Tara at or for Lynn, for more informa-

tion. Who knows, maybe you could run as fast as Jennings!



Tara Cowdrey (left) and Lynn Beal (right) pose with Olympian runner Lynn Jennings (center) after the race (Photo provided by Tara Cowdrey).

# Soccer game promotions

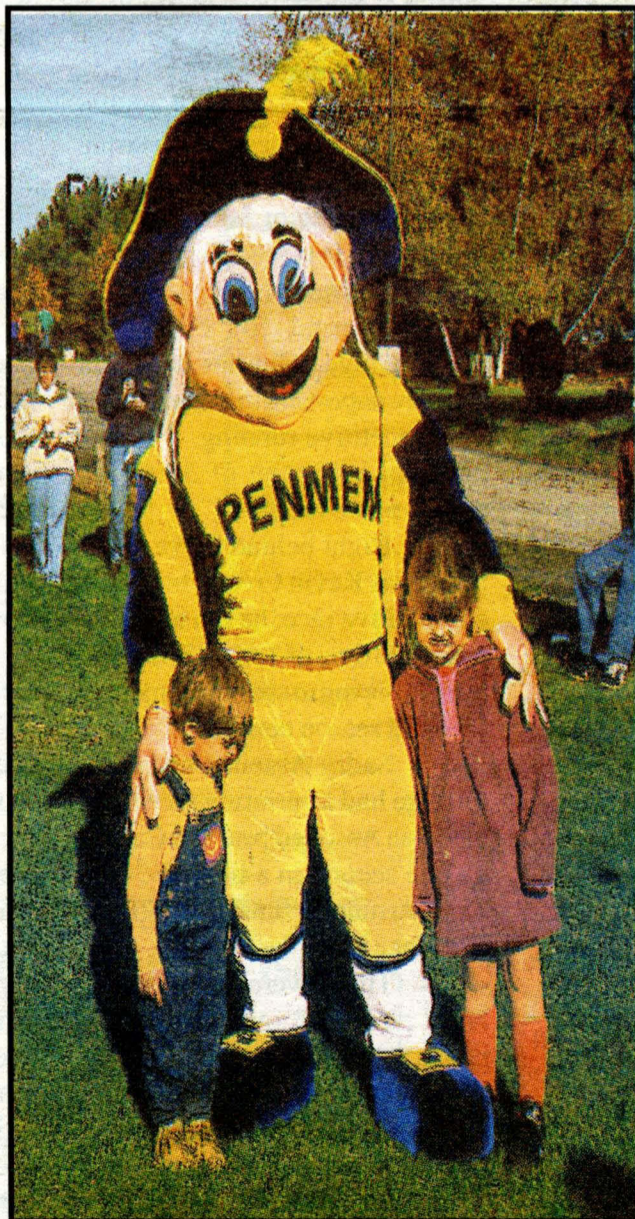
By David Snuffer

When people attend sports events they love to be entertained. As part of our sports sales and public relations class we had to do a promotion for an event. The event was the big soccer game against Franklin Pierce on the night of October 27.

A lot of planning goes into organizing a promotion. For the first aspect of promotion, we had to decide what objective everyone in the class would be responsible for. Some people were part of the game day crew, others chose publicity and the remaining students formed an items group.

The publicity group was responsible for different duties. The first priority was to publicize the event. Fliers were placed around the campus and the game was publicized through the local newspaper.

The items group was an important one. They were responsible for going around Manchester and other local areas, gathering items to give away at the soccer game. The items group was able to accomplish their task by talking to local merchants and explaining that our production was



The Penmen poses with children during a recent soccer game (Photo by David Snuffer).

part of college coursework and would benefit the Manchester community. The items group did a great job getting prizes. They re-

ceived T-shirts, a box of hockey cards, free movie rentals, a hockey jersey, season tickets to NHC basketball games, Boston Celtics

posters, fanny packs, Gatorade bottles, two tickets to a Portland Seadogs game and a mug from the NHC alumni association.

The last group was the game day crew, responsible for events that went on during the game. Before the event took place, we had to decide what events we were going to do during half-time. We chose bat races, penalty kicks and a bubble blowing contest.

The bat races consisted of two contestants who had to put on a baggy soccer uniform, run to a designated spot where they had to spin ten times and then run to the soccer ball, where they had to shoot it into the goal. The results were hilarious because the dizzy participants were running all over the place.

Penalty kicks gave children a chance to shoot on the Penmen from the penalty line. It wasn't hard for the children, all six kids who attempted a shot, scored. The Penmen sure looked foolish in goal!

The last event was the bubble gum contest in which kids had to put their face into whip cream, find the bubble gum and then blow a bubble. This was an amusing contest because it's hard to blow a bubble after the bubble gum has been in the whip cream. You should

have seen the expression on the children's faces as they tried to blow a bubble. The children watching were laughing their heads off.

After we knew what the events were going to be, we felt we needed more, so we decided we would give items not only to the participants of the event but to random people in the crowd. We also decided to invite the NHC Penmen to pass through the crowd during the game. The Penmen were extremely friendly with all the children and the ladies.

The night of the game, everything went well. It was a great learning experience for our class. "Sports promotion gave a great opportunity for the sport management class to get involved with the sports team," said Jason Albright and Scott Boucher, members of the soccer game promotion. It seemed the families and students who attended the game appreciated our hard work and had a great time. I can't wait to see you at the next promotion!

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