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HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

Holiday Semi-Formal

By Ben DeGennaro

The semester capstone for NHC's Student Government Association was the Holiday Semi-Formal dance on Dec. 8. Last Friday was a magical evening of food, fun and dancing. Several committees, coordinated by SGA vice-president Nicole Sirote, organized the dance.

This dance is an annual event at NHC, giving students a chance to relax during the hectic end-of-semester workload. The dance was held in the Small Gym from 8 p.m. until midnight. Sirote and her teams turned the gym into a Fantasea theme, complete with lights, balloons and sea creatures. The ultimate decoration was the sand castle on the stage, surrounded by sand, beach pails and seaweed.

Improvements to the dance this year included a larger dance floor, which was appreciated by all.

Some may have missed the "beer tent," but students were allowed to bring guests from off campus this year.

In previous years, students had been asked to bring a donation for the campus-wide food drive sponsored by Campus Ministry. This year SGA sponsored a Toys-for-Tots collection; NHC students were encouraged to bring a toy in exchange for free admission to the dance.

In addition to toys, a sum of money was collected that will be used to purchase additional games, matchbox cars and Barbie dolls to make this holiday season a special one for many children. The toys raised for Toys-for-Tots will be donated before the holidays to local children.



These are some of the many toys that were donated for Toys-for-Tots by the students of NHC (Photo by Andrea Hill).

The launch of SNHU – virtually, anyway

By Ben DeGennaro

With the transition of New Hampshire College to Southern New Hampshire University well underway, changes have already become apparent. In the admissions process, one of the first methods of exposure to a school is the website. New Hampshire College is no exception. The NHC website will be redesigned and posted as the new "U" emerges.

The traditional site has become familiar to many students who use its resources, including the library and distance education. Since the Distance Education department has purchased a new web-based software package, it has changed the image that the website presents.

A website committee has been established and has met with several firms who make web design their business. A sample website for SNHU has been uploaded to the server and is available for viewing. Check it out at <http://www.snhu.edu> or <http://www.nhc.edu> and click on Southern New Hampshire University on the top right of the screen.

With the input of faculty, staff, administration and students, the new SNHU website will be functional and inviting. The website committee is taking a close look at the sites of similar schools, including the UNH system, Daniel Webster College, Franklin Pierce and several other colleges.

It appears that the new website will be standardized. That is, each page will have a common navigation bar, or a similar feature so that the site will be user friendly and prevent someone from losing his/her way.

With the creation of new academic programs and majors, the construction and renovation of buildings on campus and the website, SNHU has paved the way into the 21st century.

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From the Editor's Desk:

I can't believe it, but it's actually here – the last week of classes for the fall semester. It's time to study for finals and finish those last-minute projects. On behalf of The Observer staff, I'd like to wish all of you success on your finals and hope you enjoy your winter break.

In this last issue of 2000, I'd like to recap what news The Observer has brought to NHC's attention this year. The name change was a big issue, as well as the construction on campus. Will the buildings ever be finished? We'll let you know. Who can forget the politics, especially the presidential election? Perhaps when this issue is published, we'll know what's going to happen in Washington.

In 2000 The Observer also brought you the news about the changes in the Learning Center, introductions to SGA president Sheri McCall and vice president of academic affairs Dr. D'Ann Campbell, information on Radio NHC and much more. In 2001 our goal is to continue publishing a newspaper that is the student voice of NHC and that the whole NHC community enjoys reading.

As usual, if you have any suggestions or wish to publish an article, please let us know by e-mail or call us and leave a message.

I'd like to say "good luck" to the women's and men's basketball teams, as well as to the hockey team for the competitions over winter break. Even though I won't be there, I'll be rooting for you.

Have a safe holiday and a fun New Year's, and I hope to see all of you next semester.

Tara Cowdrey
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Quote of the issue:

"Reality is wrong. Dreams are for real."

Tupac Shakur

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Hospitality Student Association update

By Matt Melvin

On Friday, Nov. 10, the Hospitality Student Association left on the New York City trip to see the International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant trade show. Joining us on the trip were Prof. William Petersen, advisor to the HSA, and Prof. Ravi Pandit. We were fortunate to have accommodations at the Hilton Towers.

We arrived in the Big Apple at 6:30 p.m. after a long van ride and were eager to get settled and to dine out. We had reservations at Tino's, a full-service Italian restaurant with an exquisite menu. After dinner we toured the city, went to the Rockefeller Center and also stopped at a little café where we enjoyed dessert.

On Saturday, we started the day off with a tour of the Four Seasons Hotel on 57th Street. The tour was given by Barbara Peru from Sales and Marketing. The hotel had a contemporary theme, which became very apparent when we entered the presidential suite located on the 54th floor. The presidential suite costs \$10,000 a night and people of fame like Jim Carey have stayed there. The suite was rich in décor and elegance; it also contained an unforgettable view, which revealed such sights as the Empire State Building and the Chrysler Building. The owner of the 370-room hotel is Ty Warner, who employs 660 workers. The current value of the hotel is \$160,000,000.

After leaving the Four Seasons we went to the Gershwin,

a dormitory hotel with cheap rates. We then stopped at the Gotham Bar and Grill. The restaurant seated 150 people by reservation only and the waiting list was usually about 20-25 minutes every night. Mauro, an assistant manager of the restaurant, was kind enough to show us the layout of the restaurant as well as the kitchen. Upon leaving the Gotham Bar and Grill, some of us went to see the Empire State Building. This site is one that everyone should visit when they come to New York because it is one of the most breathtaking. Later we went to Jekyll & Hyde for dessert, but we could not be seated because of our large number, so instead we decided to tour Central Park.

To start off our last day we toured the Hilton Hotel. Then we went to the International Hotel/Motel & Restaurant trade show, which consisted of four floors featuring items ranging from furniture to food. Toward the end we all gathered for a group photo at the New Hampshire College booth. We then jumped in the vans and departed for home.

This trip was a co-curricular event that everyone enjoyed. We had 24 members of the HSA join us for the New York trip, and I cannot wait to participate in this excursion again.

Now we are all looking forward to the Boston Trade show, which will take place sometime early next year.



These members of the Hospitality Student Association enjoyed their trip to NYC (Photo provided by the HSA).

In an attempt to publicize campus news to a wider audience, The Observer has partnered with the Public Relations office to reprint excerpts from the *Campus Weekly*. Similarly, the Public Relations office will also reprint selections from The Observer.

Flu Shot Rescheduled

The flu shot originally scheduled to be administered on Nov. 13 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, December 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the downunder conference room of the Wellness Center. This shot is available to all who have previously signed up.

Angel Tree Program

The Angel Tree Program is sponsoring six organizations that support the less fortunate in the area. There are three trees with angel ornaments; one in Frost Hall near the SAS office, one in the library and one in the Webster Hall (graduate school) lobby. It takes only four steps to give someone less fortunate than you a brighter holiday:

1. Take an ornament.
2. Purchase a gift (approximately \$20).
3. Wrap the gift and attach the top part of the ornament tag securely to each package.
4. Bring gift(s) to the Career Development Center (Frost 6 or 8) by Dec. 15 or Dec. 18 if it's a fruit basket.

It is our hope that all the members of the NHC community, including faculty, staff, students and friends, will feel as enthusiastic and generous as they have in the past.

On-Campus Recruiting

Check out the wide variety of companies on the Career Development Center's On-Campus Recruiting schedule on our website (www.nhc.edu/cdc/fallrecr.htm) or stop by our office and pick up a copy. Be sure not to miss the resume deadline dates. The program will run through December 15, so whether you have recently graduated, are graduating this winter or in May, check out these job opportunities now.

Attention Resident Students

Students who anticipate they will need accommodations during intersession must notify the Office of Residence Life. Please submit a request by Dec. 13. Request forms will be distributed by the RA to all undergraduate, culinary, ESL and graduate students. Additional forms are available in Residence Life.

The intersession housing cost is \$80 per week. Approved preregistration will ensure that appropriate heat and hot water are operational in your living area. Students not receiving appropriate approval may be billed an administrative housing assessment and be asked to leave campus immediately.

If you have any questions regarding registration, contact Paula Shapazian, Office of Residence Life, Chocorua Hall, Suite 3.

Are Classes Cancelled?

To find out if classes are cancelled due to bad weather, listen to the following radio/TV stations: WBZ, WRKO, Channel 7, WMUR-TV, WJYY, WNHI, WFEA, WZID, WQLL, WGIR, WKXL.

Students may also call (603) 644-3133 or go to the NHC website: www.nhc.edu/cancellations to find out more about the status of classes.

CSC news

By Jessica Brennan



As the first semester is rapidly coming to an end, the Executive Board of the Commuter Student Council of New Hampshire College would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you good luck on your final exams and a happy holiday season.

In keeping with our goal of trying to make the commuter students feel as though they too are a part of campus life, during the past semester CSC has sponsored events such as car washes in August and October, the Saturday Night Welcome for new commuter students at orientation in September, an Autumn Picnic on the campus grounds in October, the Halloween Masquerade Party in the Last Chapter Pub in October, a trip to the Pumpkin Festival in Keene, N.H., also held in October, and a Winter Wonderland Christmas Party in the Last Chapter Pub held in December. CSC has also hosted weekly meetings with guest speakers such as Dr. George Larkin, Vice-President of Student Affairs at NHC/CSC Advisor, Mr. George Miville, Director of Public Safety at NHC, and Dr. Richard Gustafson, president of NHC.

Upcoming events CSC has planned for second semester include a Valentine's Semiformal, to be held on Friday, Feb. 9 from 8 p.m. to midnight in the Hospitality Ballroom, and a Spring Picnic, to be held on Thursday, April 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Quad. Look for more information on these events and more to be posted in the coming weeks around campus or on our website, www.commuternhc.com.

We encourage you to attend our meetings, which are held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Commuter Lounge. To contact us, email us at CommuterNHC@aol.com, drop a note in our suggestion box in the Commuter Lounge, or leave us a voicemail at our NHC extension, 4026.

The CSC Executive Board looks forward to seeing you next semester!

Slaves to the Web: Students becoming online addicts

Tribune Media Services

Robert Arcola says he paid the price for his obsession with online comics.

"I ended up dropping classes my senior year because I would stay up until five in the morning looking at comic Web sites," says Arcola, who graduated from Ball State University in May. "I had to take a couple classes in the summer to make up for it. I felt pathetic."

Arcola's not alone. A recent study says that 10 percent of college students may spend too much time online, resulting in missed classes and social isolation. These results may seem to come as no surprise. Much Internet and computer technology is developed on college

campuses, which are updated in order to lure potential students by being state-of-the-art.

Meanwhile, students are encouraged to use campus email and electronic research systems to their advantage. Even the media associates college students with living life online, from a commercial showing a student ordering a car via his computer, to Kozmo.com, which comes close to eliminating any need to leave one's dorm room.

Kenneth J. Anderson, a psychologist at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, N. Y., decided to conduct a study on how much time college students spend online. He had been counseling a student

who flunked out after spending an average of 18 hours a day online. The student talked about other problems he had, such as depression, missed classes, clashes with his parents, and lack of sleep.

"Interestingly, while he did not know his next-door neighbors, [he] drove to Tennessee, some 1900 miles roundtrip to meet a woman that he met during MUD conversations," says Anderson.

"Students will always take advantage of things that make their lives more efficient," is how Anderson explains students' readiness to spend a lot of time online. "However, sometimes they just lose track of time, as anybody does. They have more independence, there is nobody telling them when to do their homework, or go to class, or go to bed," says Anderson.

From 1998-1999, Anderson surveyed 1,300 students from American International University, Black Hawk College, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rensselaer, Siena College, the State University of New York campuses at Albany and Buffalo, and the University of Ulster, in Northern Ireland (see survey results.) What he found is that at least 10 percent of college students use the Internet to the extent that it interferes with their grades, their health, or their social lives, and that the problem is not only limited to science and engineering institutions.

For his study, Anderson used criteria from alcohol and drug addiction, such as withdrawal from other activities because of the addiction, unsuccessful efforts to cut down or quit, and a tendency to consume larger amounts over a

longer period of time than they had intended. The students who were characterized as Internet-dependent spent an average of 229 minutes a day online for nonacademic reasons, compared with 73 minutes a day for other students, according to Anderson.

Do certain types of people tend to become Internet addicts? According to Anderson, "A disproportionate number of Internet dependents are found among the hard science majors." Of the 106 classified as Internet dependents, 93 were men, and 76 percent of the dependents majored in chemistry, computer science, engineering, math, physics, and computer science.

"These types of students tend to be more comfortable with the technology," says Anderson, "and are less comfortable socially."

In order to remedy this problem, Anderson suggests that some schools look into a system in which students are granted a sort of debit system for Internet time. He is aware, however, that this may be unpopular with many colleges.

"Schools are trying to increase access, not decrease it, and they may look at this suggestion as a bigger problem than it's worth." Anderson also applauds schools that emphasize the importance of and reward students who get involved in campus activities.

Ball State grad Arcola agrees. "I used to do so much my first couple years of school at night intramurals, going to see local bands. Then I just started sitting in front of my computer screen," Arcola said. "It took me a while to snap out of it."



These were some of the decorations seen in the pub on Saturday night at the CSC's Holiday Party (Photo provided by Jessica Brennan).

Campus Security Log



Compiled by Tara Cowdrey

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

12/4/00

On the above date, an unknown individual approached a PSO and expressed his opinion about no guardrails around the rear of some buildings. The unknown individual stated he went in the gutter with his car but was able to get out. The individual was a visitor and not a student therefore no name was taken.

12/5/00

On the above date, a PSO heard a voice of someone whimpering in the hallway. The PSO went to the student's aid and brought the student into the Public Safety office. The student had gotten their middle finger caught in the door. The student felt faint and dizzy so the student was sat down. The Wellness Center was called, but no one was available. The student was told to see the nurse, but instead was taken to see a doctor by a relative.

12/5/00

On the above date, a message was received that there was a fire on the library wall by the outdoor phones. Upon the PSO's arrival it was observed that someone unknown has set fire to several advertising brochures, an area approximately 3' by 3' was in flames, proceeding up the exterior southwest wall of the library. It was extremely windy, fanning the flames to nearby brochures. A fire extinguisher was taken from the Public Safety truck, and the fire was put down with chemical spray. Hot sparks from the fire burnt a couple of holes.

12/8/00

On the above date, a PSO saw an individual walk by with an open beer. The PSO asked the individual to stop. He started to run but tripped over his feet and dropped the beer. The individual stated he had no I.D. and did not live here. After a few minutes of trying to get a name or I.D., the PSO asked if he had a wallet. The individual pulled one out and then he opened it; there in plain sight was a NHC I.D. The student showed several signs of being intoxicated such as blood-shot eyes, alcohol odor, unsteady balance and walked in a swaying manner.

12/9/00

While working at the semi-formal, a PSO observed a couple of people helping another student in the far corner of the gym. The student was getting sick in the corner. The PSO gave the student a trashcan. The student was unresponsive to the PSO and only could stand with the aid of the bleachers and trashcan. The student had a strong odor of alcohol and had trouble talking and walking. The student was helped home by some friends.

12/11/00

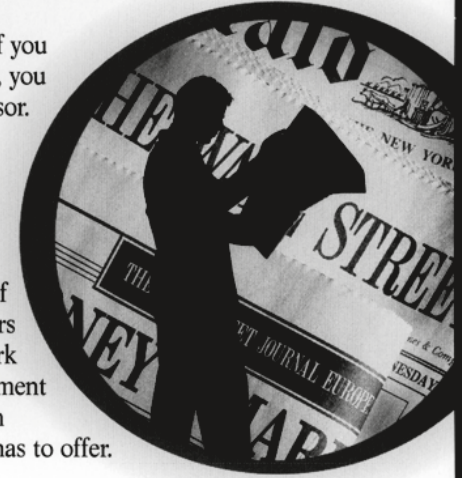
On the above date, housekeeping called to report that someone had taken a white deer that was in a Christmas display outside of the pub. The deer is made out of white metal wire. There are Christmas lights wrapped around the metal frame.

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CAPE update

By Leah Robichaud

Even though the semester is winding down, that hasn't stopped CAPE! On Nov. 9 through 12, the Executive Board and a few committee members attended NACA, a conference with other colleges from New England. The conference is designed for schools to share ideas about programming on campus. It also serves as an "audition" for performers. We were able to watch comedians, bands and other acts perform to see if we liked them enough to bring them to campus. CAPE also won four awards at NACA: Excellence in Programming 1999-2000, Best Poster Design by a student, Best Gimmick and Ryan Eberman was awarded Outstanding Leader for the state of New Hampshire.

We enjoyed a special edition of TGIF on Saturday, Dec. 2, so we renamed it TGIS! Everyone enjoyed free Wendy's food and the music of the cover band Even Tide. All the football fans watched the Patriots while enjoying free Chinese food, during Monday night football on the Dec. 4.

During finals our monthly committee has planned study breaks. Stop by the Pub on Dec. 19 and 20 to receive free food from the Backroom and to relieve a little stress. All of our committees are busy planning for spring semester. Our Major Weekends committee has announced that Winter Weekend will be Feb. 9 and 10. The theme of the weekend is "Positively Polar." Our Travel and Rec committee is planning tons of things for spring semester, such as a Bruins game, Broadway show in New York City and even an overnight hiking trip!

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact us at cape@nhc.edu or at extension 9716. We are located behind the info booth so stop by with your ideas! We meet every Monday in the Pub at 6 p.m. New members are welcome! Good luck on your finals and have a happy and safe holiday season! See you in 2001!

FYI

The man behind the counter

By Noelle Bachand

"I love teenagers; I think they are great," says Joe Roy when asked why he liked his job at NHC. Roy works in SAS. You will see him every day behind the Student Administrative Services counter located in Frost Hall, a big smile on his face.

As I sat down with Roy in the small office behind his desk, I glanced up and saw Disney World paraphernalia everywhere. He explained that in Disney World and in all of Disney's movies the characters are always happy and that's the feeling he has when he visits a Disney property: "happy." He has been to Orlando, believe it or not, nine times. This surprised me because we have something in common. I have been to Disney World a number of times as a child, and I have found it to be a very "happy" place, too!

Roy is a Manchester native. He went to Central High School. He lived in Goffstown for a bit, but ended up back in Manchester. He has recently bought a new house with his brother and spends most of his time doing yard work and making it look good. A lot of his family is often at the house for dinner and holidays. He and his brother just

got a new twelve-week old puppy named Thumper, which also takes up a lot of his time.

Roy has taken a few courses at the college and will continue to take more. He got his job at NHC when his sister worked here. Joe loves his job. He likes the counter because he loves the kids and loves to make people laugh. He says, "I don't care if people are laughing at me, as long as they are laughing." He is in the SAS office all summer long and says it is even busier than in September – May.

Roy has many hobbies, chief among them making people laugh. He does this with his smiles and his great sense of humor. He loves movies and even has a bin full of a variety of movies that he brings into SAS and lets the other in the office take them home to watch. He enjoys traveling. His two favorite places are Disney World and New Orleans. He also enjoys camping, and he is a member of the Boston Museum while enjoying the Museum of Science, too.

Joe Roy is currently in the SAS office all day Monday through Friday assisting the students of NHC. Hopefully he will be here for a while continuing to make people smile and laugh and be of help to many students.

Professor Carolyn Whitney rules!

By David Dunn

I have yet to see NHC psychology professor Carolyn Whitney without a smile on her face. And if I had to sum her up in one word it would be "caring." I have never met anyone more concerned for others. Instead of using her spare time to watch television, she invests it in volunteer work for local organizations. Rather than being happy with where she is in the world and settling for what she has, she is always striving for more, always believing she can be more involved in some way. She states, "I believe on certain levels that we can have it all, we just don't have it all at the same time."

Whitney grew up and went to school in Vermont. She attended various undergraduate schools and then settled in at the University of Vermont to earn her graduate degree. Since then, she has lived in Cape Cod, Providence and a few towns in Connecticut. New Hampshire is new to her, but she says she likes what she has experienced to this point. No matter where she lives, though, she will always be drawn to her roots in Vermont.

This is Whitney's inaugural year at New Hampshire College. She previously taught at Trinity College, but when the school was forced to close due to financial problems, she had to move on. She teaches psychology, the area in which she has received her Ph.D. She teaches a challenging course in an interactive and fun way. I would recommend Whitney to any student considering a psychology class.

When asked how she feels about NHC so far, her comments were positive. She did note she was having some of the same troubles that a freshman might have in starting a new school. "It's not that there are things that I necessarily dislike, but there are some daily hassles that come with being in a new organization, which is the same for students when they come to a new place," she said. As for what she likes about NHC, she said she was impressed with the small community. She also noted that the diversity of the student body, for a small college, is very impressive. Overall she is

enjoying her time here and believes it is a good fit for her.

When asked what led her to psychology, she said she was attracted to the subject since she first took it in high school. It also went along well with English, as she was double majoring in both subjects at the time. She enjoys analyzing and discussing characters, plots and why people do the things they do.

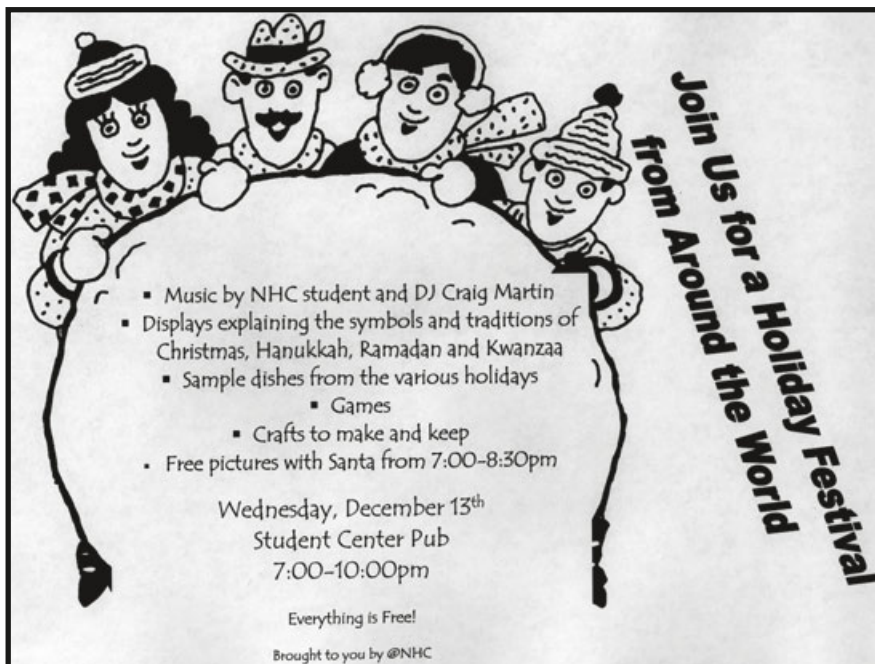
Whitney was not sure that she was going to teach. For a while she moved into research and thought she would leave teaching behind, but what she truly enjoys is being able to do both.

Whitney does much volunteer work in her free time, for there is always need in the world. "Whether it's working at the food shelter or simply writing a grant for a food shelter, I can take the skills and gifts that I have and really channel them," she said.

"I believe on certain levels that we can have it all..."

Art is another passion; she has her own art studio. She does not spend as much time as she wishes she could on her art, but what she does complete often goes for contributions and donations. Working with the elderly is also a passion of hers. She has a 94-year-old neighbor that she is currently helping with driving lessons in her quest to keep her ability to drive.

When asked about what she is going to pursue in the future, she was not sure. She is keeping her options open. But for now she remains as we want her: Professor Carolyn Whitney, always with a smile on her face, always considering others, always trying to help, employing her many skills to the fullest extent.



Backyard Treasures: The Old Man of NH

By Sharon Smith

Riddle time! Try to guess who this person is. His face can be seen on most every highway sign in New Hampshire, his likeness can be found in any coin collector's collection, he lives in Franconia Notch, and his existence has been cherished since the time of the Native Americans. Okay, time's up, the answer is The Old Man of the Mountain.

This granite profile is located on the southeast side of Profile Mountain in Franconia Notch State Park, right beside Cannon Mountain. For more than one hundred years, Great Stone Face (another name for the profile) has been visited by tourists from all over the world, and has become the official symbol of New Hampshire.

Geologists explain that the Old Man was created as a result of the melting and slipping away action of the ice covering that topped the Franconia Mountains at the end of the glacial period. Because of the action of the frost and ice, the crevices and shifting of certain rocks and ledges created the famous profile we see today. It is estimated that The Old Man of the Mountain was finally formed during the latter part of the post glacial period, from 2,000 to 10,000 years ago.

The Old Man sits about 1200 feet above Profile Lake. It is made up of five layers of granite ledge, one above the other. Of these five layers one forms the chin, another the upper lip, a third the nose and two layers make up the forehead. The profile has been measured as being forty feet and five inches in height.

There is a vast historical background surrounding this mass of granite. Centuries ago, the Native Americans saw the Old Man as a guardian, and they worshipped him. Many historical figures visited the site, such as Daniel Webster who said, "Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoe makers hang out a gigantic shoe; jewelers a monster watch, and the dentist hangs out a gold tooth; but up in the Mountains of New Hampshire, God Almighty has hung out a sign to show that there He makes men."

Though formed completely naturally, The Old Man of the Mountain has had some un-natural help in its preservation. Back as early as 1875, mountain climbers notified the authorities that the profile was at risk of falling apart because of the harsh winter snows and frosts. In 1858, major repairs were made with chains being added to help support the ledges' massive weight.

The Old Man can be best seen when traveling southbound on Route 93. There are several designated viewing areas located throughout Franconia Notch State Park.

Can you... Yahoo!

By Jennifer Baggett

In this age of technology, many college students use the Internet as a source of information for homework assignments. When searching the World Wide Web for data, you may have used a search engine to aid you in finding material.

Have you ever looked further into what other features a search engine has? Maybe you should. You may be amazed at what you find.

As stated in their description of services, the search engine Yahoo! "currently provides users with access to a rich collection of on-line resources, including various communication tools, online forums, shopping services, personalized content and branded programming through its network of properties."

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The dreaded week: Tips for doing well

By Katelyn Duggan

Finals week is here. As doors start slamming and quiet hours take over the dorms, the days go by faster and faster, and exams come closer and closer. Here are some tips on how to be prepared and do well on your finals.

First, find a quiet place to study that is free from distractions and temptations; the school library, an empty classroom, your lounge, or even the public library, which has access to many other sources of information that may be of service to you. These places will allow you to focus on what you need to learn and not on what that girl/boy is wearing. Second, make sure you know exactly what you need to know for the final, so as not to clutter your brain with unnecessary information. Ask your professor what chapters/sections will be on the final. Third, take advantage of the 24-hour quiet hours. Your dorm room may be the best place for you to soak up information. If necessary, make a plan with your roommate to be able to have a set "study time." Fourth, **DO NOT CRAM!** Cramming will not help you to do

well on finals, no matter what anyone says. Your brain will not be able to absorb all the information, and most likely you will be stressed, miserable, and once that test is placed in front of you, your mind will go blank.

Another tip that many students often forget is ask for help. There are many services available to students, and many people who are willing to help. There are tutoring sessions available extensively during finals week. There is also the Office of Learner Services. This office has tutoring by faculty and peers, individually or in a group. They also have supplemental labs, study skills instruction, writing assistance and academic counseling. For information, help with studying, or to ask questions, contact Lori DeConinck in the Learner Services office at ext. 2015.

Follow these tips and take advantage of the services, and finals will be that much easier. Your stress level will be down, and you will leave for winter break relaxed and not worrying about whether or not you passed that final.

Off-campus vs. on-campus jobs

By Katelyn Duggan

College students' pockets are often known to be quite empty. As the first week's money begins to wind down and they reach in their pockets and pull out nothing but an empty gum wrapper and some lint, many students begin to scrounge for a job.

Off-campus jobs are often the best way to go. Off-campus jobs often provide experience in your major, and they also offer a much larger amount of money. There is also any job at a local mall or store. These jobs will often pay between \$7-\$10 an hour. This extra cash can be used for numerous things that are "vital" to a college student.

However, some students do not have the luxury of having a car on campus and therefore have no way to get to that job every day. For those students, there is the option of

an on-campus job. These jobs entail working at SAS, the financial aid office, annual appeal, admission, athletics, food service, mail room or public safety. There are many other jobs available as well. That list can be attained in the financial aid office.

However, these on-campus jobs are often limited to work-study students. So where does that leave those students who are on payroll? There are a few jobs that hire payroll students, but not many. These on-campus jobs also have a very low pay rate. On-campus jobs pay only \$5.15 an hour to begin with. Although the pay might be low, it is a job that allows you to have a little extra cash. If you are interested in an on-campus job, you can check out the financial aid office for the list of jobs available.

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Honors Column: Model United Nations: A fun and exciting experience

By Ryan Eberman

"Model United Nations presents an interesting learning opportunity," notes senior communication major, Ben Peirce.

While classes are currently winding down, the Model United Nations course is headed into full swing. Twelve New Hampshire College students will travel to New York City and stay at the Grand Hyatt Hotel so that they may participate in the National Model United Nations Conference from April 9 to April 14.

In the meantime, the students will be preparing for their participation in the conference. Currently, they are studying United Nations procedures and terminology. As the course progresses, students will be required to participate in a simulation. Each student will conduct extensive research on a selected country which they represent in order to ensure that they are prepared to participate in April. The course is student-designed, under the guidance of Honors Program Director Dr. Julianne Cooper with the help of current and past Model United Nations students.

Just a few weeks ago, the class was notified that they would be representing the United Arab Emirates. During the course's first year of existence, former NHC student Najla Rabee was a participant. Rabee is from the United Arab Emirates and hopes to be assisting current students in the course to better understand the social values and practices of her heritage. This first-hand experience and knowledge are essential in ensuring that current students have a strong grasp of the material, which enhances their performance during the conference.

At the conference, students attend meetings pertaining to the specific committee for which they have extensively prepared. The conference presents participants with three topics that change each year. Students are required to participate in the writing of resolutions based upon the United Arab Emirates' stand in order to create solutions for each of the three topics.

The course is currently in its third year and provides students with a unique experience. Peirce says, "The course teaches us to think on our feet and to be prepared in unpredictable situations." In past years NHC has represented countries such as Turkey, Afghanistan and Eritrea. The course is open to all students during any of their four years.

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Anger: A knife that cuts both ways

By Geoff Morgan

What happens when people gather in order to discuss the various ways in which emotion seems to affect their daily lives? What happens when the subject of the conversation is that blackest of emotions, anger, in particular? What you might get is something similar to what occurred one evening this semester at 8 p.m. in the conference room of Washington Hall. There, Jet Goldberg, the Coordinator of Counseling Services at NHC, stood before a small assembly of students and began her seminar on anger management.

Goldberg started by asking the members of her audience to define the sensation of anger as best as they could. Instead of defining the term, however, a few students chose to describe the personal symptoms of their rage. Responses varied from "I get real quiet" to "when I'm angry, I feel like breaking things." In the end, Goldberg explained anger as a wonderful tool allowing for people to amend injustices and to make changes in their lives whenever necessary, and yet she warned that it could just as easily get out of hand and affect things in a harmful way.

In addition to handing out questionnaires and informational flyers, Goldberg illustrated the different ways people exhibit anger by showing segments of such well-known films as *Sleeping With the Enemy*, *Pretty Woman*, *10 Things I Hate About You* and *My Best Friend's Wedding*. She then explained that certain types of personalities tend to express their frustrations in five different ways.

Those who fit under the category of "Type I" tend to try to conceal their anger until it builds up to the point where they experience verbal and/or physical explosions.

People belonging to the "Type II" classification often feel depressed, helpless or inadequate. Goldberg paused here to point out a commonly held misconception concerning those who succumb to depression. "A lot of people think that depression is nothing more than a state of sadness. What they don't realize is that depression is really anger turned inwards," she said.

When people become obsessed with their inabilities or shortcomings, real or imagined, what they're really experiencing is anger as a result of their own perceived inadequacies. These people are in sharp contrast with candidates for

the "Type III" category, who attempt to lay blame for anything on anyone other than themselves.

The "Type IV" personality frequently experiences illness or other forms of physical discomfort as a result of constant underlying frustrations.

Then there are the "Type V" people who, when angered, tend to sulk or play cruel tricks on others. These people often express their anger through sarcasm or by directing snide remarks to companions.

As it turns out, exhibiting any of these symptoms indicates that you have at least some difficulty in dealing with your emotions. Rather than attempting to deal with your anger in an appropriate manner, such as recognizing the source of your annoyance and doing something to resolve the situation, you allow your feelings to fester inside of you until you suddenly find yourself in one of the above five categories.

Why does this happen? Probably because, as Goldberg said, society gives us the false impression that anger is a terrible thing. We are taught from a young age that we must never allow our anger to show, and this tends to cause us problems later.

"Too many of us grow up in families where we're told not to be angry. It's okay for parents to get angry with their kids, but not the other way around. We do get this message that anger is bad. But if we pretend not to be angry," continued Goldberg, "if we don't allow ourselves to be angry, it comes out in very unhealthy ways."

In order to prevent this from happening, she suggested to those in attendance that they keep an "anger journal" in which they could record the specific instances that seemed to spark their tempers. Over time, they would begin to notice a pattern developing. The catalysts for their reactions of anger would then become obvious, factors such as being lied to or let down by friends.

"If you discover that someone disagreeing with you makes you angry, then really notice what you're thinking," said Goldberg. "Perhaps you get angry because you think they think you're stupid. Realize that the person is merely expressing a difference in opinion, and you may not get angry after all.

"Anger," she went on to say, "is triggered by our thinking. We can't change anger. We can't control it. But we can change how we think."

Rivals turned allies

By Sara Scott

As a member of the women's basketball team at New Hampshire College, I am often in and out of the office that is occupied by all three coaches. Usually, I am in there to talk to one of them about improvements needed or jobs well done. Whatever the reason, I have come to notice a great deal of differences among the coaches' desks. A photo highlighting Coach, Chris Wood's desk is one of the objects that seems to catch my eye most often. Performing a sort of human pyramid, the Plymouth State High School girls' basketball team posed for the picture that stands out even more than all the recruiting folders and game tapes. I must look at that team picture every time I enter the office. It reminds me of when I first met Wood many years ago when he coached against my team from Laconia, New Hampshire. I remembered most of the girls on his team, and it often brought back memories of our games. I always thought of us being hometown rivals; never did I think of us as one day working together as a team.

Wood is the assistant basketball coach at NHC. Going into his second season, he is very happy. Before his job here, he led a life full of various coaching positions in New Hampshire. This included two years of track and field, three years of soccer and thirteen years of basketball. While having three part-time positions at local high schools and junior high schools, he taught Special Education for Plymouth High School. When in the off-season or summer, he worked for his father as a full-time land surveyor.

Wood was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, on May 12, 1966. He moved to Mannheim, Germany, and lived there for three years with his parents, brother, Matt, and sister, Steph. Then his family made their way to Laconia. Within two more years the family found a home in Meredith, the town directly north of Laconia. He attended the Inter-Lakes school system and then moved on to Plymouth State College, where he received a degree in physical education while minoring in social science and coaching. After graduating in 1988, he started his career as a coach and teacher.

Since he was thirteen years old, Wood knew he wanted to become a coach. Although he coached boys in soccer, he applied

for the boys' basketball position at Plymouth but was turned down. He had never had an interest in coaching girls, but figured he could give the open position "a shot." He got the job at Plymouth coaching the girls' team and never looked back. "Girls work harder. In boys' sports you have to deal with their levels of testosterone," says Wood. "Girls just all in all work harder. You don't have to make everything a life or death situation like you do with boys. If you just sit down and explain what you want and how you want it done, they will give it to you."



Assistant Coach Chris Wood has had a long history of coaching, including the Plymouth State High School team (Photo by Tom McDermott).

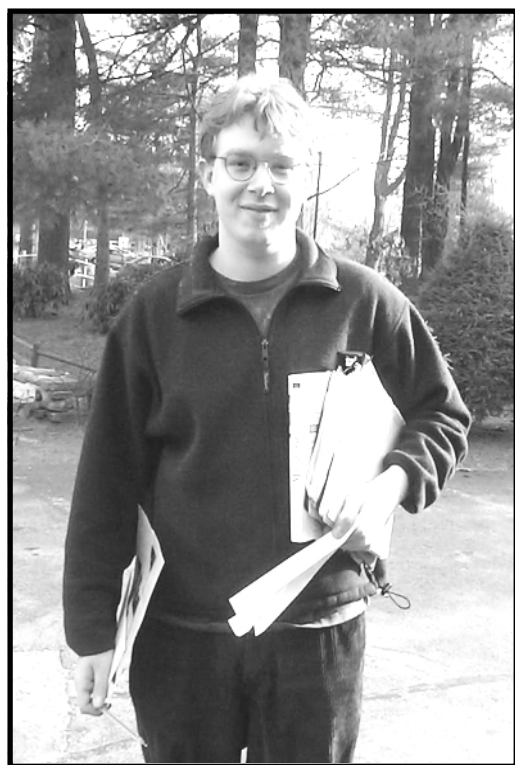
When asked about what helped him become the college coach he is today, he replied, "Networking helped me to receive this position." He also talked about why he respects women's basketball so much. "It is much more fundamentally sound than men's basketball," he said. "You have to be a better skilled player to play at the higher levels in women's basketball." Although he is happy with his career now, he would like to see himself as a head coach for a Division I team in five to ten years.

A few years ago, when I was starting to make my decision about playing college basketball, I never would have thought that Wood would be a part of that decision. Although now we are rooting for the same team, we still enjoy giving each other a hard time about our rivalries in the past. Not only do I encourage everyone at NHC to take the time to get to know Coach Wood as the incredible person he is, I encourage them to witness his superb coaching skills at our games this season.

VOICES AND FACES

What is your New Year's resolution?

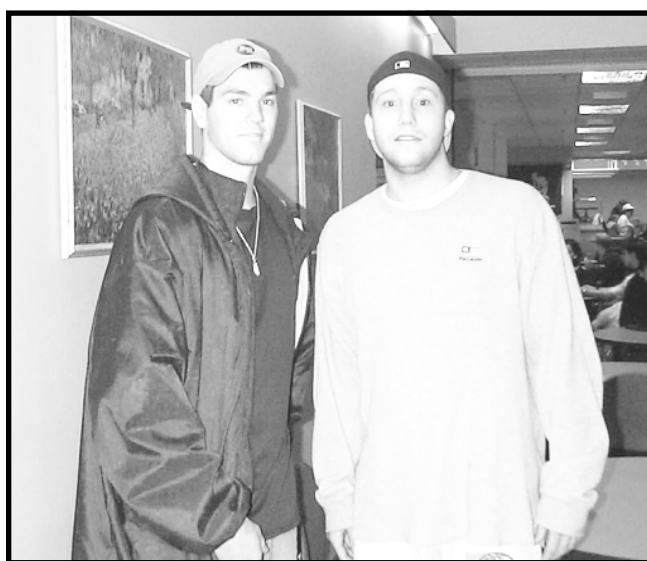
By Andrea Hill



Paul Merritt
Junior
Business Administration Major
"To save more money."



Jill McKenzie Nicole Gordon
Seniors
Psychology Majors
"To stop procrastinating and actually do some work right before we graduate."



Tim Lee
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"To find the one who completes me."

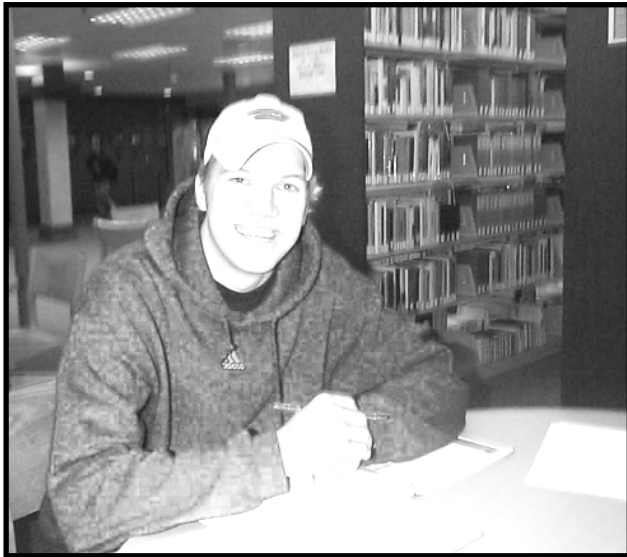
Ryan Chartrand
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Christine Mandeville
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"Give up driving to Mass every day."



Rio Rumawas
Sophomore
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"Find something new that I can enjoy."



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"To stop smoking butts."



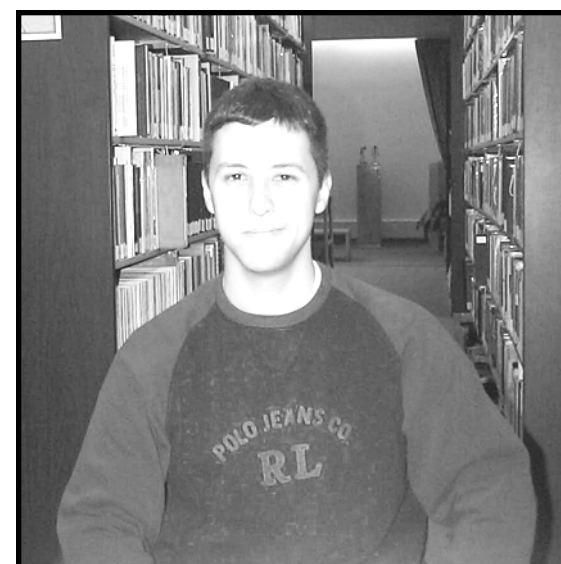
Leah Robichaud
Senior
Travel Management Major
"I don't make New Year's resolutions!"



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*"To go on a date with that
'WANNABE PLAYER' WE FEEL BAD FOR."*



Kartik Padmanabhan
Senior
Psychology Major
"To exercise more."



Tyler Heilhecker
Junior
European History Major
"Resolution is to stop smoking cigarettes."

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The New "U" Singers debut

By Melissa Cowdrey

Friday, Dec. 15, is Reading Day for New Hampshire College students. Of course you should spend all day studying for finals, but in the evening you should take a break. You should meet with some friends and listen to some sounds of the season to help you get unstressed. I'm not talking about the kind of music you pop into a CD player; I'm talking about the best kind. LIVE!

On the 15th, in the AV Studio, the New "U" Singers of NHC/Southern New Hampshire University will present their debut performance. The group consists of students, faculty and staff of NHC. The director of the group, Peter J. Bridges, comes from Notre Dame College. He is also helping the Drama Club with their musical accompaniment in their spring semester performance of 'You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.'

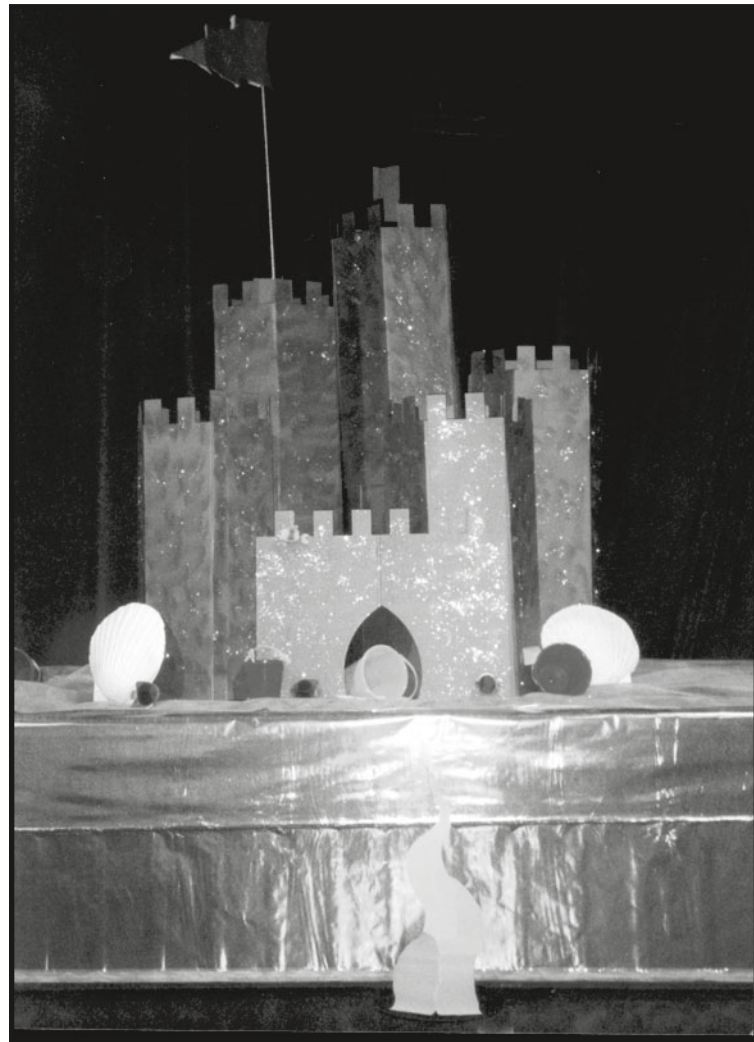
The holiday concert will begin at 8 p.m. There will be many choir songs, sing-a-longs and solos. Some choir songs include 'Carol Singers, Carol', 'Grown Up Christmas List', and 'Do You Hear What I Hear.' Sing-a-long songs include 'Rudolph,' 'Angels We Have Heard,' and 'Silent Night.' Rachel Marotta, Lisa Sessions, Katie Darling, and Tara Lenihan will perform solo performances. Duets

will be performed by Abbey McDonald and Eric Snyder and Tara Lenihan and Bridges. There will also be a very special performance by the one and only Santa. The New "U" Singers are very much looking forward to their first performance.

The singers in the group love to sing and were excited about having a chance to do so. Some of the group members said why they joined the group. Dr. Susan Youngs, an assistant professor in the English department, said, "I love to sing, and I was very glad there's finally an opportunity to do so on campus." Darling, a student at NHC agreed. "I hadn't been able to sing in a group for a year. I was excited we had a chorus on campus," she said. Snyder, another student at NHC, said, "I joined the group to have the opportunity to keep singing. After singing all through high school, I needed a place to use my voice."

If you love to sing and want to join the group, it's never too late. You can call 491-9038 for information or show up to a choral rehearsal every Tuesday in the AV Studio, at 11 a.m.

Hope to see you, your friends and family at the performance on Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. Happy Holidays!



This castle was one of the decorations featured at last Friday's Fantasea Semi-formal dance (Photo provided by Nicole Sirote).

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Mike Bolduc was the host of Sex Jeopardy held in the first floor conference room of Washington Hall (Photo by Geoff Morgan).

Fourth floor scores on Sex Jeopardy

By Geoff Morgan

What would Alex Trebek have said if he had been standing in the conference room of NHC's Washington Hall last Wednesday Dec. 6, at 9 p.m.? It's possible that, as a long line of students filed in through a single door under the encouragement and wild cheers of scores of their peers proudly displaying posters emblazoned with anatomically correct artwork, the man would have had a tough time keeping his eyes from bulging out of their sockets. Or perhaps he would have merely shaken his head and smiled. Perhaps, just like any college

kid, he would have sat down to watch and enjoy an event that several students, Kari McLeod and Jamie Davidson foremost among them, worked so diligently to plan, advertise and execute. Most likely, Trebek would have laughed and shouted as loudly as the student next to him as he beheld the hilariously raucous spectacle that was Sex Jeopardy.

The event was structured similarly to the popular TV game show, with resident assistants and directors assuming all managerial positions. Instead of three

contestants, however, Sex Jeopardy had four teams of two students representing each of Washington's four floors. The teams consisted of Mike Tatu and Jay Morneau, Sandra Lobel and Matt Sharpe, Mike Horbal and Jesse Lapointe, and Mike Jones and Jeff Warena from the first, second, third and fourth floors respectively. Equipped with electronic buzzers and seated at tables to either side of host Mike Bolduc, the contestants chose from categories such as www.trojan.com, protection, sex and the headlines, and anatomy for points. Roger Caramanica and Kristen Keyes constituted a panel of judges that decided the legitimacy of the players' responses, while Kimmy Dunkley kept track of the scores. Will Goulet provided music for the event, and Mike Keister served as a general announcer, reading off the names of winners of raffle prizes from the audience and keeping everyone excited during the show. T-shirts and scratch tickets were only two of the prizes awarded to people throughout the event. Sex Jeopardy even had its own Vanna — Vanna Red, to be exact, in Davidson. Steph Serewicz and resident director Chris Clifford also played active roles in the evening's proceedings.

During the second round, it became clear that the true contest between teams would come down

to teams three and four: Horbal and Lapointe, and Jones and Warena. With new categories including teen pregnancy, toys, sexual facts, and STD's and AIDS, the two teams were fairly close until the final round. Before the final question, however, team four's lead was made even more substantial after being granted an extra 2025 points for that floor's amazing effort in donating most of the canned goods such as Spaghettios and peanut butter that were collected for a worthy cause.

At this time, each team was asked to wager a certain number of points, and then the contestants set about trying to name as many different types of condoms as they could. Incredibly, both teams three and four managed to name six brands of condoms to earn 1,000 and 1,500 points. In the end, team four swept the game with a total of 4,350 points. Teams three and one scored 2,025 and 925 points respectively, while team two made even team one look good with a score of negative 3,950.

All told, Sex Jeopardy was a stimulating, err...refreshing event that everybody seemed to enjoy. McLeod and Davidson, along with the other organizers, did an excellent job of creating a supervised environment in which the members of the audience could win free prizes and go wild — and in providing a good time for everyone.



Jamie Davidson portrays Vanna Red in Washington Hall's version of Sex Jeopardy (Photo by Geoff Morgan).



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Horoscopes

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — The better you are at solving problems, the more fun you'll have. You're a pretty good do-it-yourselfer, so how hard can it be? Well, just know that if plumbing or electricity's involved, it's wise to do it by the book.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You should emerge from this phase in a better place than you were before. You might even have new skills that you can use to increase your income. Head off in that direction.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — You might know what you want to do, but you can't afford it. Talk a partner or roommate into going along with your scheme. Be nice. Also, be willing to sell or trade.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — There's way too much for one person to do in a measly 24 hours. Since you're already overwhelmed, offer to help a friend. If you do something nice for somebody else, the favor may be reciprocated.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're lucky in love. That's the good news. The bad news is that you could get distracted and forget to do something important. The person who needs it could catch you flirting with your sweetheart. This could lead to trouble, so beware.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Extra work should bring in extra money, and put you in the middle of the action. But did you mean to go without lunch on purpose? Well, then, don't.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — You're very smart, and that's wonderful. You're mastering new skills, and they make you look good. Sometimes you're shy, but you're not self-conscious now. You're more interested in what you're doing, and it shows. Go for the gold!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You'll find things get easier soon. In the meantime, let someone know you really meant what you said. If you don't, the other person may think they can walk all over you. And that would be ridiculous.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You and your partner need to have a serious conversation. You have to figure out how much you have to spend, and roughly what you'll get with it. You start out with quite different ideas, but that's okay. It's probably not the first time.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may be drowning in paperwork. Trouble is, you can't just light a match to it. There's something important in there, mixed up with the garbage. So be thorough. You'll feel great when it's done.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You start out lucky and charming. Keep pestering until you get your point across. And don't procrastinate; write letters and make phone calls. Later, you may want to get involved in a whole new project. Make room for it!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — You'd just as soon avoid attention, but that might be difficult. Everybody seems to need something only you can provide. They're involved in their own agendas, however. Practice serving, while being invisible.



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The Demon Song

By Geoff Morgan

“To whom shall I become an apprentice, Heraad?”

Lynn knew by the sound of her voice that she was failing to conceal her rising excitement. To think that she, only nineteen, would become a full-fledged Sentinel within one more year. Nothing like this had happened to anyone before, she knew. No one had ever skipped a year of basic training before moving on to the final stage of development. No one, that is, before her.

“I’ll give you three guesses,” the trainer said with a smile, and the truth hit her with the force of an electric shock.

“Kendel Sampson,” she groaned, and Heraad nodded his head.

The implications of such a partnership fell over her like a death shroud, and she let her face drop into her hands. Heraad’s quiet laughter did nothing to improve her suddenly foul mood.

“Kendel’s a decent fellow, Lynn, despite the impression he might have given you today. He’s a considerate young man, and I’m sure the two of you will get along just fine.”

Lynn opened her mouth and shook her head in protest, but before she could utter a single word in her defense, the locker room doors burst open with a bang. Through those doors rushed a crowd of pushing and shoving trainees, all racing toward their lockers in their haste to head home. She watched with indifference as the men filed over to the right side of the room. Sampson was the last in line, and it was obvious to her as she followed his progress that he was avoiding her gaze. With a rueful shake of her head, Lynn turned to regard Heraad Sharpe once more, but her friend and former mentor was gone.

Sunlight filtered through the green leaves of trees, clinging to branches that reached for each other from either side of the broad biking trail. The light flashed against Lynn’s face as she rode underneath the forest canopy. Birds sang their songs, and squirrels skittered across the dirt path. Smiling with exhilaration, Lynn leaned forward and pumped her muscular legs faster. She careened through the park on her bicycle, just like she did every day after training, and nearly laid the bike down as she zoomed around a bend to encounter a smiling young

couple holding hands.

Their eyes widened in horror when they saw her coming, and they dove to either side at the last moment before Lynn, laughing aloud, plowed on. She was around another bend in a matter of moments, too quickly to offer even a shrug of apology. These were called “bike trails” for a reason though, and she refused to allow her conscience to bother her. If she were a Sentinel, she would have had half a mind to chase them off the path with her stun-blasters. Of course, Lynn was not a Sentinel — not quite yet — and therefore had no stun-blasters. A wistful smile appeared on her face as she told herself that some things would have to wait.

She was forced to abandon her wishful thinking as she neared a clearing up ahead, for she was rapidly approaching a familiar intersection. She veered to the right after making sure that the trails were clear and continued along this new course for the remainder of her ride.

There came the distant sounds of the blaring of horns and the shouts of a sea of pedestrians, and she knew that she was nearing the city street straight ahead. The forest ceiling began to thin, revealing the towering forms of office buildings and extravagant hotels. She glanced up in time to see a monorail train passing overhead. Its powerful thrusters roared a challenge to gravity as the shuttle raced up a sharp incline and disappeared through a square-shaped opening in a nearby building.

Transportation for the privileged class, Lynn thought with a shake of her head. Truly she pitied those unlucky enough to be stuck in a box on a fine day like this. All thoughts of pity were abandoned just as the walls of trees to either side of her vanished, and she found herself riding down a hill toward the street. Mobs of pedestrians walked down the lanes marked solely for their benefit. Cars and buses hovered along inches above the surface of the magnetic road, laden with impatient commuters anxious to get wherever they needed to be. In their midst, zipping in and out of traffic, were the speeding Sentinel gliders.

She marveled at the sight of those sleek vehicles as they screamed past her widening eyes. They looked like diving falcons as they soared through the air, their stabilizing wings angled out to either

side. So fascinated was she by the sight of the flying Sentinel officers that she forgot all about her speedy descent into the street. People raised their arms protectively before their faces when they saw she was not going to stop.

Lynn cried out in surprise as she instinctively locked up both brakes, leaning back as far as she could to avoid being thrown from the seat of the bike. She overcompensated, though, and the front tire of the bicycle lifted off of the ground. The rear tire,

unfortunately, hit a sizeable rock at the same instant, and before Lynn realized what was going on, she was gliding through the air with her bike trailing after. The back of her head smacked into the street curb, sending her world spinning into darkness. Her last conscious thought before she blacked out was that at least she hadn’t felt the pain.

Editors’ Note: The Demon Song will be serialized in each issue throughout the academic year.

By Dena Duplessis

When a person gives themselves
To another one
It’s to be suspected
That they are completely done

Done with messing around
Done with all that stuff
I suspect one other person
Should always be enough

However wrong I am
Those are my beliefs
So once those two are together
Neither cheats and leaves

So now that I am with you
I hope it all holds true
Because you are my best friend
And I care about you

Now we are over
You just told me so
And I’ve never felt this bad
Never felt so low

So I can’t believe this
I thought you really cared
And now that I have lost you
I am really scared

But you still talk to me
And assure me you’re there
You told me I am your best friend here
And that you really care

So I said the same
‘Cause I feel that way
Just know that I think about you
Every single day

And know that I am sorry
For all the things gone wrong
But I’m glad they happened
‘Cause we’re right where we belong

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.

A scourge on the body politic

By Steve Fredrickson

On Nov. 7, the people of our great nation — at least half of them anyway — went to the polls to decide who would lead this country as our next president. As I write this nearly a month later, the election results still remain uncertain, with Gore refusing to concede the presidency over contested ballots. While Bush may prove to be victorious, the aftermath that followed Super Tuesday has left a largely apathetic public in turmoil. Yet as the Democratic and Republican parties continue to battle for an outcome in the courts, most have missed the real culprit: the Green party.

With all of the petty finger pointing that has gone on, it truly is surprising that Ralph Nader has not received more of the blame. In the days and weeks leading up to the end of the campaign, Gore supporters declared “a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush.” Even with that being said, no one could have predicted that the race would ultimately be decided by the narrowest of margins. Their main concern was that he would steal crucial votes away from Gore in swing states, not that he would steal the election. Yet that is essentially what Nader did with the aid of a small liberal fringe.

Now I do not see more choice as a bad thing, even when it comes to the matter of selecting the most powerful man in the free world. In fact, no one ever demanded that the American people choose from the two major political parties. Still, casting your ballot for one of the numerous alternatives that appear has long been considered a wasted vote. Yet I believe in the progressive style of third-party politics and can see a time when they will become a viable option.

Nader, however, is not and never was a viable candidate. He

only served to add volatility to the electoral process by posing, in effect, as the anti-candidate. It was a protest appeal that many leftists found hard to resist. In the process, the Green party managed to make a mockery of third-party politics, which in the past had been known for substance over style. While the Bush and Gore campaigns were arguably more concerned with style, Nader's platform lacked substance. Say what you will about the Reform party and Pat Buchanan — and you could certainly say a lot — it at least presented its views in the interest of the people.

Granted, some may say that Nader has demonstrated the power of this voting movement. Yet I feel he went on a self-important personal crusade under the guise of changing the landscape of the corrupt political system. To me, all that he demonstrated was the willingness of the disenfranchised to vote blindly. In the end, it undermined the values of the political arena, which should be serious social thought rather than disorganized dissent.

So as the pundits claim that this election will be one historians write about for years, I can only hope that they include a note or two on Ralph Nader. He positioned himself solely as a spoiler candidate and was successful in his approach. Now, no one can undoubtedly say that he cost Gore the presidency. Still, regardless of who is our next leader, they will have to face the uncertainty of a country with support evenly divided. Given the discrepancy between the popular and the electoral vote, neither man has a clear mandate. That leaves me only to look at Nader's distracting presence and to think of what could have been and what might have been avoided.

Good News: The reason for the season

By Mark Williams

“And the angel said to them, ‘Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.’” (Luke 2:10-12)

In this season, we are all busy with the holidays and finishing up another semester. But the busy times are the ones when we most need comfort and guidance. The story of Jesus' birth is one we have all heard many times, but I think that it is important to remember that this holiday season would not exist except for the celebration of our God made man for the salvation of our souls. For this reason, I will recount the birth of Christ found in the gospel of Matthew.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with Child of the Holy Spirit; and her husband, Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit; she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means, God is with us). When Joseph woke from his sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had borne a son; and he called His name Jesus. (Matthew 1:18-25)

Christmas is a special season of fellowship with friends and family in the remembrance of Christ's birth. That glorious day God set His greatest plan in motion and made it possible for us to have a personal love relationship with Him. “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.” (Isaiah 12:2) Good luck in your finals, your careers and your life, and don't be afraid when you're faced with difficulty. Jesus loves you in a way you can't imagine, and He wants the best for you. Seek Him and you will find true happiness and love. Merry Christmas and happy birthday, Jesus!



These students were seen having a good time at the Holiday Party on Saturday night hosted by the CSC (Photo provided by Jessica Brennan).

Gonzo: A Plea to Al Gore

By Matt Theroux

"You say you want a leader but ya can't seem to make up your mind, I think you better close it and let me guide you to the purple rain." - Prince

Last week was a fast one for Election 2000 news, a sense of things *really* speeding up, like Robert Downey Jr. on a vicious three-day coke binge...ballots were counted and then recounted and then recounted again, a bunch of crooked lawyers got the chance to crawl out of their scumbags and act important on national TV, and George W. Bush was certified the winner in the state of Florida.

Hey, Matty, doesn't this mean that this election fiasco is finally over?

Ha, ha...of course not. There is no end to this mess in sight and to anyone who disagrees with me I accuse you of foolishness and intellectual incapacity. The war is far from over, gentle reader. This Election 2000 business has become a disease without any cure. We're moving into the tertiary stage of this syphilis and things will only get worse, guaranteed.

Yeah, sure...Bush got The Nod in Florida but that doesn't mean he should start counting his chickens just yet. Al Gore wants to be President - he has what Bruce Springsteen called a "hungry heart" - and you can bet Big Al will publicly flog anyone or anything that stands in his way with litigation until either the vote tabulation swings in his favor or he starts to rot and stink like a festering corpse.

Hey, I have a surprisingly good grasp on this thing, and I don't know about you but I'm really starting to get pissed. Frankly, I've never been so embarrassed about my country, especially its so-called

leadership. I mean the fact that it's nearly December and we still don't know who our next president will be is appalling and disgraceful.

In the Eighties, Howard Jones sang that "no one is to blame" - he's a fine musician and songwriter but in this particular case I must disagree with him. I blame Al Gore and curse the Democratic Party and all its rotten lawyers for setting this gloom upon us and making the U.S. a laughing stock in the eyes of the rest of the world.

And so, my friends (because only friends of mine actually read what I write), here's my goofy-sounding plea to Al Gore:

"Please Al - give it up, dude. I hate to be the one to break this to ya, bub, but the bitterest pill is yours to take. You are not gonna be the next President of the United States no matter how many freakin' lawsuits you file so succumb to the Beat Surrender, do the Right Thing, concede the election and spare us all from any further pain and misery. Thank you."

Well, folks...I don't have the space or the energy to say much more. Maybe by the time this terribly written gibberish goes to press all will be revealed concerning Election 2000 - but this gambler believes the odds of that happening are very long indeed.

I suppose all I can do is go to Charley Pepper's on Tuesday, get cranked up to an incredible level of alcoholic frenzy, shamelessly hit on the lingerie-clad chick with the New Wave hairdo at the end of the bar, and then wait and see what monstrous things will happen next in the freak kingdom. Let the good times roll. - MT
(therouma@nhc.edu)

Another thing about Christmas shopping is there is no such thing as a "perfect present." You may think you got the best possible present, but when it's about to be opened, you start to get doubts. Don't deny it, it happens to everyone. That's why I love buying presents for my relatives that live far away. Because if you buy them a present, you know they're not going to send it back to you. You know it's going to get stored in the closet and you'll get it back sometime later in life when you may actually need it. Personally, I have a pile of presents in my closet that I will never use until I'm about 40 with three kids.

Every year about this time, you hear someone say, "The Internet makes shopping so much easier." But it really doesn't. For one, you have too many options, so you always try to find the best deal. There are too many options and you find yourself comparing the products by "length of technical data," then by prices. I have probably spent more time on the Internet trying to find "the perfect present" than I have on my homework (which isn't too smart during finals week). Another thing I hate about the Internet is that you can't touch the product. I love being able to walk into a store and pick the product up. Then I usually ask stupid questions to try to figure out how the dumb thing works. So what if you do find "the perfect present" on the Internet. You can't pay with cash, so out comes the credit card.

I have a stupid question: Why did God invent credit cards? I just applied for my first credit card, and it was probably the stupidest thing I have ever done. Credit cards are abused during this time of the year. I have a credit card that I borrowed from my parents due to the fact that I have terrible credit. I am supposed to use it for emergency situations only, and I think that not having enough money for my bar tab is an emergency. So every month I get an email from my mother telling me I owe them a large amount of money ASAP. Well, after this month, I am going to have to work double time because I am not looking forward to that email. Everyone uses their credit cards now; presents look cheaper when you pay with a credit card instead of cash. And everyone says, "Oh, it makes shopping so much easier. I don't have to keep going to the ATM for cash." Hello, after using that card again and again, you're not going to have any money in that ATM, so don't worry about it.

I think the only remedy to Christmas shopping is to start early. After this year, when Easter rolls around, I am going to send emails out to see what my family wants for Christmas. Then I can buy it early, wrap it and put it in the closet. Everyone should shop early. Save yourself the frustrations of shopping, parking and trying to find an empty bar stool at the end of a long day. Happy Holidays and have a good New Year's!

Christmas shopping

By Charles Foster

Admit it, you hate Christmas shopping. Everyone does. It is the most stressful time of the year; now I know how stockbrokers feel. You never know what to get or what not to get. Do I have enough money? What if they don't like it? What if it's too big or too small?

For this period of the year only, I wish I was still a kid. Back when everyone was a child, Christmas shopping was easy. You

told your parents what you wanted to get for them and they went out and got it. They already knew the right size, and even if it wasn't what they wanted - "This is so thoughtful of you, thank you." Now when I get my mother a present and she doesn't like it, the first thing she asks is "Do you still have the receipt?" Yes, I still have the receipt. Don't you think I've learned something in my dull life?

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What does it take to make it in the sports industry?

By Brian Bates and
Jonathan Splaine

What does the future hold for jobs in the sports industry? Fortunately, there is a positive outlook. The sports industry is the sixth leading industry in the nation and is continually growing. More jobs are opening each day. Through the New Hampshire College Sport Management Program students are able to get internships with the Detroit Tigers, New York Mets, the New York Yankees and other sports teams. These internships can lead to full-time jobs. To make it in the sports industry internships are crucial.

NHC Sport Management majors have gone on to successful careers with the use of internships. Adam Davidoff, a graduate from the class of 2000, started off with an internship with the New York Yankees. Jason Elias, a 1999 graduate, did an internship with the Detroit Tigers at their spring training facility at Lakeland, Florida. Shawn Sullivan, a 1995 graduate, did an internship with the Boston Garden. Melissa Conti did a variety of internships in the Albany, New York area and did an internship with the America East Conference her senior year in 1998.

Davidoff's career started with an internship with the Yankees where he worked for the Media Relations Director. He researched stats, read all the articles written about the Yankees in the New York metropolitan area and worked on interviews with the media and the players. Currently he is a production assistant with Fox Sports. He mostly does office and research footage for pre-game shows. "My job doesn't require me to wear a shirt and tie. I am always doing different things; it's not a regular job," Davidoff says. Unfortunately, his job requires him to work long hours. "I usually work seventy to one hundred hours a week. I get in at 10 a.m. and don't leave until 10 to 12 at night."

Elias graduated in December 1999. While in Florida with the Detroit Tigers, he worked with public relations, payroll, budget and all ticket operations. He says, "I enjoyed all aspects of ticketing, helping customers find what they want. I also enjoyed working with the players and other employees." Like most internships, Elias had to put in long hours. Currently he is with the Tigers in Detroit as

Coordinator of Promotions and Special Events.

Sullivan had an internship at the Boston Garden in the Marketing Department. "I worked on various events like the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus, Disney on Ice and the Globetrotters. The highlight was being involved in the closing of the Garden and the opening of the Fleet Center," he said. He is currently the Director of Sales for the Boston Celtics. His duties include overseeing all aspects of season and group ticket sales as well as developing strategies to sell individual game tickets to the Celtics home games. "I don't really have a least favorite part of the job. I am lucky to have a job I love to do, he said. "My favorite part of the job is to walk into a sold out Fleet Center and see the Celtics win; it really doesn't get any better than that."

Conti did three internships prior to graduating. First was with the Albany Sports Foundation. With them she worked for the NY Giants training camp, which was held in Albany, N.Y. Second she worked with the Albany Firebirds. They are an arena football team who recently moved to Indianapolis. Then she did an internship with the America East Conference the second semester of her senior year. The America East conference members include schools such as UNH, Boston University, Maine and Vermont. Now as Manager of Operations Conti has to plan championships for 21 sports, which means lots of traveling. She also serves as the business manager, handles a budget of over \$2 million, assists in areas of compliance and coordinates six officiating bureaus for the conference. Her favorite part of her job is traveling, but it is also what she dislikes the most. She says, "Sometimes you feel like you are living out of your suitcase. You could be on the road for two weeks straight. Hotels are my second home."

To get a job in the sports industry takes time and patience. The more internships you do, the better chance you have of getting a job. Conti says, "I don't think it is difficult to get in the industry to start with. What I mean is internships are readily available but actual jobs are difficult to get. Those internships are important to getting that job." Davidoff offered simple but important advice: "take every

opportunity available to you. Do a lot of volunteer work. You have to love sports because it means a lot of hours. Even if you don't like your

initial job in the sports industry, don't worry about it because things will change if you take opportunities."

Women's basketball season preview

By Nick Coates

The term "rebuilding" is thrown around the college and professional ranks all the time. A team has a bad year or two, and you'll hear coaches talk about being in a rebuilding year. You'll hear the fans talk about how their favorite team should play for draft picks. You'll hear owners wanting to reestablish a winning tradition.

But what exactly is rebuilding? What are these people taking about, really?

The concept seems like a pretty simple one – a once-great team has a year or two, maybe more, where they fall from the elite group of teams to those toward the bottom. Coaches may lose their jobs, ownership may change hands, players are sure to come and go.

But what is it that goes into that process? How does that once-great team or organization rise up and redefine a niche as one of the best?

While there's no specific formula, or one that is even guaranteed to work at all, there are always plenty of theories tossed around. Whatever the case may be, there is one person on this campus who may be able to answer that question better than anyone else these days.

His name is Dennis Masi.

It is Masi and his three-person coaching staff that the New Hampshire College administration –

namely Athletic Director Chip Polak and Associate Athletic Director Ray Prouty – have entrusted to steer the women's basketball program back in the direction of the elite.

While women's basketball, on the whole, has been fairly successful at NHC, it fell on severely hard times two years ago – one year before Masi's appointment as head coach. Prior to his arrival the Penwomen found themselves in a four-year funk in which they went a combined 18-89 under the departed Deb Reardon. In Reardon's final year at the helm, NHC was a sad 0-27.

The losing didn't stop there either, as the program won just 30 of its last 99 games under coach Nancy Dreffs. Prior to that four-year string that ended in 1994-95, Dreffs led the Penwomen to the NCAA regional in 87-88, again in 89-90, and the ECAC Division title in 90-91.

With exception to the 88-89 season when Ed Sides filled in for Dreffs, NHC went 117-58 – a winning percentage of .669 – from 84-85 to 90-91. During that time the program made five post-season appearances to either the NCAA or its conference championship.

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New kings in town

By Ben Peirce

As the move toward SNHU begins to take shape, buildings seem to be popping up all over campus. But NHC isn't the only construction site in Manchester. If you've taken a cruise down Elm Street you've probably noticed the newest addition to the city's landscape. In November 2001, the Manchester Civic Center will open its doors for the first time. Eagerly awaiting that day is professional hockey's newest team—the Manchester Monarchs.

The Monarchs will enter the American Hockey League next season. The AHL is the premier minor-league hockey organization in the country and the most direct pipeline to the NHL. The Monarchs are an AHL affiliate owned and operated by the Los Angeles Kings. They should be a welcome addition to the Manchester community. The prospect of professional hockey in Manchester is creating a lot of excitement, including on campus. NHC became one of the Monarchs' earliest supporters by purchasing

luxury suite seating at the new Civic Center.

The Monarchs officially opened for business on Nov. 13, with a press conference unveiling the team's logo, a lion in full roar wearing a crown. "We have exactly one year to go from this day," said Monarchs' president Jeff Eisenberg. "This is our coming out party." The "party" included performances by the Central High School Marching Band and Cheerleaders, a speech by the Kings' assistant general manager Kevin Gilmore, and a fashion show introducing Monarchs merchandise. Manchester mayor Robert Baines attended the event as well as several of the city's aldermen.

NHC sport management professors Doug Blais and Norton Phelps were also in attendance for the Monarchs' press conference. Blais, who serves on the mayor's task force on the civic center, hopes that the Monarchs and the Civic Center will be a valuable asset to the sport management program. "We've talked about incorporating it into some of our classes," Blais

said. The facilities management class, for example, might ask students to volunteer time at the Civic Center. "Since it's so close, it's very difficult for a student to say, 'well, I can't do it,'" Blais said. He added, "It's experiential learning for (students), and logistically this makes it much easier."

Some are questioning the college's purchase of luxury suite seating as an unnecessary expenditure. NHC president Richard Gustafson personally made the decision to purchase suite seating in the summer of 1999. The college purchased a 50% share of a luxury suite for approximately \$19,000 per year. With that purchase came an agreement to purchase suite seating for five years. Gustafson defends the purchase saying, "We are a player in the greater Manchester community. We are involved in supporting lots of things in the area. This is just one of them." The purchase of premium seating is NHC's declaration of support for the civic center and the Manchester chamber of commerce in this new venture. "(The civic center) adds to the community environment that would help us attract students to

come to school here." Gustafson said that he thinks the suite will allow NHC to promote itself and recognize people who contribute to the institution.

The Monarchs' relationship with NHC looks to be a promising one. "I think it's a positive," Gustafson said, "not just for our institution but for the other colleges in the area as well." The Civic Center should be a valuable entertainment outlet for the city. In addition to ice hockey, the center will host concerts, conventions, ice shows and the circus. Ticket prices are still being worked out for Monarchs games but should be inexpensive enough to fit a college student's budget. Other prices will vary by event. Team representative Jean Labeé said that ticket packages are being planned specifically for college students. The Monarchs are also looking into shuttle services and promotions with local bars in an effort to attract college students to games. NHC students and New Hampshire natives can both look forward to a lot of high quality entertainment in years to come.

Women's basketball also suffering from inexperience

By Brian Gagnon

"Close but no cigar" might be the best cliché to describe the early 2000-2001 version of the NHC women's basketball team.

The Penwomen have played in a number of close, not to mention winnable, basketball games so far this season (with the exception of a blowout at the hands of Pace University on Nov. 26). However, they have only two wins (one conference) to show for their hard work.

"The reason we've lost by such close numbers has to do with consistency and intensity," said freshman forward Sara Scott. "We come out in the beginning playing really hard and aggressive, then in the second half we have too many turnovers and allow the other team to almost double their first half points."

Coach Dennis Masi is in his second season at NHC, and he says it is just a matter of coming together. Eight new players were recruited this year, and the coaching staff is still waiting for them to mold their predominantly winning attitudes into what could be a very formidable opponent.

In order to do this, it all

comes down to hard work according to Scott. "I think our close losses have made us realize that we have to work harder in practices," she said. "You could say that we are understanding the importance of hard work, not only in the games but in the practices leading up to them."

On Dec. 2 against Franklin Pierce, that harder work ethic led to their first conference win with a 71-61 victory at the NHC Field House. Point guard Shannon Drury led the way with five three-pointers and a total of 19 points on the afternoon. Freshman Tonya Cray also added nine points and six rebounds. Nine of the twelve players that saw action scored for the Penwomen, showing the depth of the team. The game was still fairly close at 57-55 NHC with less than 5 minutes to play. Freshman Colleen Quinn then put to rest any thoughts of an FPC win by drilling a three from the corner. The three-pointer set off a 10-3 run which put the game away, and brought NHC's overall record to 2-4.

It was a big victory for NHC as it snapped a four-game skid. The Penwomen are now hoping to build off of that win.

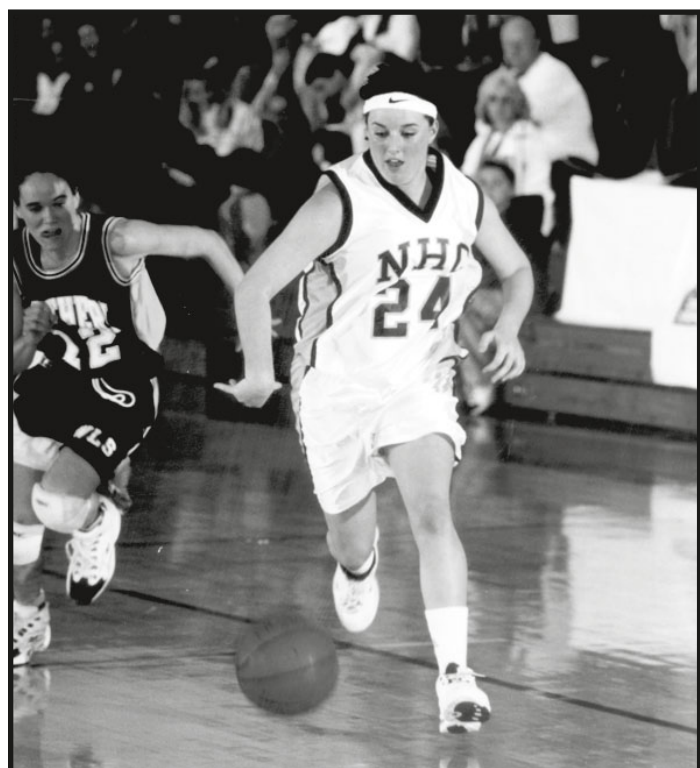
Among the bright spots for NHC in the first month have been

freshman Ana Lavilla from Spain and the outside shooting duo of senior Eilise Sharkey and grad student Shannon Drury as they seem to have become the floor leaders for this team.

During the Franklin Pierce game on Dec. 2, there was a marked improvement in the Penwomen's post play over the first few games. Cray and Scott have both been working hard to better develop their post games, and the results were there against FPC.

Junior Anna Bell has also been impressive all season long. The play of these three on the post could be a key factor in this team's success this season.

NHC returns to action on Dec. 9 at the Field House against cross-town rival St. Anselm College. The Penwomen will also be traveling to Florida over the holidays, as they take on the University of Tampa and St. Leo University on Dec. 28 and 29, respectively. To open 2001, they will travel to the College of St. Rose on Jan. 4 before beginning a three-game home stand.



Eilise Sharkey is one of only five veterans returning to the team this year (Photo by Tom McDermott).

SPORTS

Men's basketball looking to rebound from tough start

By Brian Gagnon

It all boils down to injuries and inexperience.

The New Hampshire College men's basketball team could probably tell you all about both, as they have proved to be a difference through the first four games of their 2000-2001 Northeast-10 campaign.

The loss of key players like junior guard and co-captain Tim Lee, junior center Carlington Bent and senior guard/co-captain Ryan Chartrand have proved to be key early on in the season. In an interview with The Observer's Nick Coates, NHC head coach Stan Spirou said that the injuries have been the most frustrating part of the season so far and they

are obviously pretty disappointed with the results.

There is hope for the Penmen, as Lee returned strong during the loss on Dec. 2 to Franklin Pierce. Also, junior forward Namdi Williams has played well in coming back from injuries.

Nonetheless, the Penmen stand at 2-2 overall (2-2, Northeast-10 conference) at press time. It is a record that NHC would like to improve on over the coming weeks.

Most recently, the Ravens of Franklin Pierce College came to town on the 2nd to hand the Penmen a 70-67 loss. A last second three-point toss by Sotirios Karapostolou fell just short, evening NHC's record to 2-2. The Penmen could not recover from a shaky first

half of play, as they held but one lead the entire game. Tim Lee drained a three-pointer with 11:35 to go putting NHC up 49-47. However, FPC reeled off a 14-6 run following that basket, taking the lead for good. Lee attained a double-double (14 points, 10 rebounds), and Karapostolou led all scorers with 22 points and 8 assists.

In other games, the Penmen dropped the Hawks of U-Mass Lowell on Nov. 29, 52-48. This followed an 88-81 defeat at the hands of Pace University, despite a career-high 26 points from Karapostolou, on Nov. 26. On opening night, Nov. 21, the star of the game was Dan Rasanen, who poured in 27 points and ripped down 9 rebounds en route to a 77-74 victory over Southern

Connecticut State. The Penmen held on to win the opener despite nearly blowing leads of 37-24 in the first half, and 62-50 in the second half.

There have been numerous bright spots this year for the Penmen. Sophomore Dan Rasanen has been drawing plenty of attention with his dominant play on the low post, as has Williams. NHC should also be impressed with the outside play of Larissa, Greece's very own Athanasios Souflias and Karapostolou.

If the Penmen can overcome the injuries to their key players, and if they can get some of their younger players some more minutes of experience, they should be a force to be reckoned with during the remainder of the season.

Dowling College comes to town on Dec. 17 (2 p.m., WMUR-TV), and then the Penmen travel to



Steve Lavolpicelo scored a career-high 19 points in the recent loss against Pace University (Photo by Tom McDermott).

Florida for a pair of games during Christmas break against Nova Southeastern University and Lynn University. On Jan. 4, they play a key game at the College of St. Rose and then return home for a four-game home stand (St. Anselm, Le Moyne, St. Michael's and Pace).

Hockey heads into break with some questions

By Nick Coates

While the frozen version of the Penmen is far from struggling at this point of the season, it may also be too much to say the team is cruising along. Indeed, with one game remaining until Winter Break, the Penmen have broken out to a less-than-spectacular 6-2-1 mark, including a 4-2-1 stretch in their last seven games and a 2-2 record in their last four.

Certainly, at their



Senior Matt Nee has been strong on the ice this season (Photo by Tom McDermott).

current standing there's no cause for alarm, but they may be asking themselves a few questions before they head off to the Cod Fish Bowl at UMass Boston on Dec. 28-29. With that being said, NHC still managed to grab a 7-5 victory over ECAC Northeast foe Nichols last Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Prior to the win at Nichols, however, the Penmen suffered a 6-4 loss at home to Salve Regina on Dec. 2 in which they gave up

two shorthanded goals, including the game-winner at 6:04 into the third period. The loss typified NHC's latest struggle on special-teams.

After opening the season with three straight wins, including claiming the tournament championship of the Paine Webber Classic at Fitchburg State to start the 2000-01 campaign, the Penmen have yielded eight powerplays in their last seven

contests. Add to that an 11-5 advantage opponents hold in first-period goals during that stretch, and it's easy to see why NHC has had to rely on its offense so much in the late periods.

The offense that averaged nearly six goals a game last season is still solid in posting a 4.6 goals-per-game average, but allowing 12 special-teams goals, including two shorthanded tallies in nine games, may be putting too much pressure on the scorers. Again, the frontline has been what was expected, but the defense has also allowed 26 goals in the last seven games for a 3.7 goals-against-average compared to allowing just six goals in their first two games.

Considering the situation, NHC finds itself in a position that many other teams in the conference would not complain about. The road will be a little tougher than most, though. With 15 regular season games remaining, only five will be at home, including a critical five-game ECAC road swing in late January-early February that pits NHC against Stonehill,

Assumption, St. Michael's and others.

The team will continue to rely on the steady season snipers Chuck Croteau, Rich Miller, Scott Proulx and Dan Roy. At the same time, the trio of Nick Roussel, Chris Vokes and Brian Holland will need to solidify play between the pipes.

Going into the start of the season, the four forwards had combined to score a staggering 447 points for their careers, which included 218 goals and 229 assists. And this season alone the group has totaled 54 points on 24 goals and 30 assists.

Croteau and Miller (who is also just one of five players in NHC history to total at least 70 goals) share the team lead in scoring with 17 points apiece; both have eight goals and nine assists to their names. Proulx and Roy have added four goals and six goals each through the first nine games.

Roy, a senior who transferred from Assumption three years ago, managed to score his 100th career point (52 goals and 48 assists) in the win over Nichols. This, after Proulx netted the 50th goal of his career in a 5-2 win over Curry on Nov. 29. He

has also scored over 100 points for his career, 108 to be exact, after he hit the century mark in the second game of the season.

Roy stands just two points shy of accomplishing the same feat with 52 goals and 46 assists to this point.

After sitting out last season, goalie Roussel has come back to hold the No. 1 net spot. In his rookie season, the junior posted a 16-6-2 record with a .893 save-percentage. In seven games this season he has managed to turn away 160 shots in seven games.

He had a rough time of it against city-rival Saint Anselm on Nov. 25, though. He, freshman backup Holland and the Penmen were whipped by the Hawks to the tune of an 8-3 loss in the first round of the sixth annual Manchester PAL Stovepipe Tournament at Tri-Town Arena in Hooksett.

NHC tied early into the second period at 3-3, but Saint Anselm answered with five straight goals to put the game out of reach. The Penmen rebounded for a 7-4 win in the consolation game.

NHC will next play on Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Tri-Town against Johnson & Wales. Game time is slated for 7:20 p.m.