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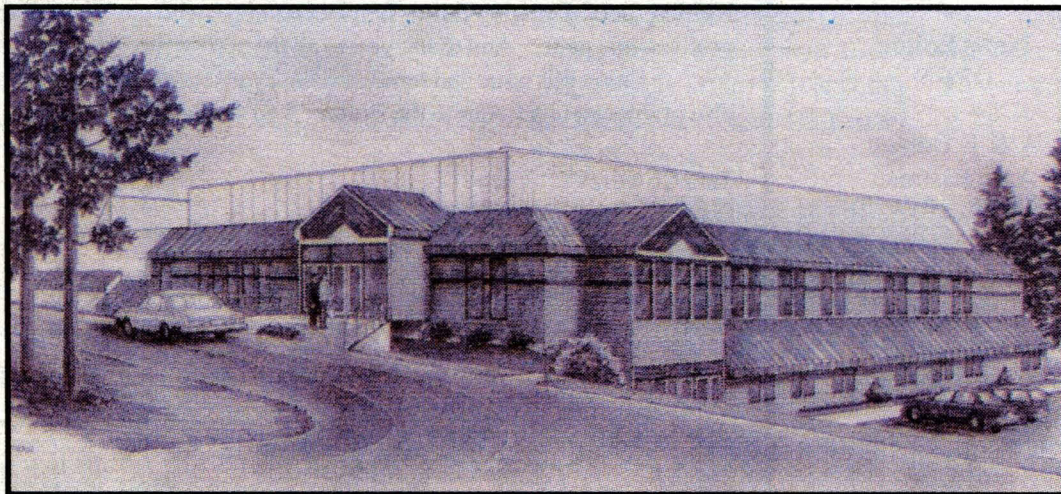
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## Masterplan equals master benefits

By Jeffrey A. Camuso

On more than one occasion during this school year, I have had the pleasure of discussing the New Hampshire College Masterplan with the school's president, Dr. Richard Gustafson. This expansion plan is a welcome one and promises to breathe new, invigorating life into our campus and beyond. Some of the expansions in the Masterplan will not be undertaken for a few years; the brunt of the changes, however, will be felt much sooner.

The first order of business is the further development of the athletic complex and the construction of a new dormitory. The latter will show a striking resemblance to the primarily freshman dorm, Washington Hall. The athletic complex is a much more elaborate plan. The completed project, with a price tag in the neighborhood of \$2 million, will try to make the complex more accommodating in nearly every aspect for which it is used. This includes but is far from limited to a 4500-square-foot fitness center, new locker rooms, elevators, new offices and a host of other much needed improvements. Much of this work will be completed and ready for use at the start of the fall 2000 semester.



*This is what the new athletic complex will look like when it is completed (Picture provided by Jeffrey A. Camuso).*

Other objectives of the Masterplan include the addition of parking areas on campus. Especially during the winter months, the limited parking on campus has left many a driver looking for a spot with little or no luck. This is sure to change with the addition of many smaller lots closer to the core of the campus.

There has been much talk about the possibility of the college attaining university status in the near future. New Hampshire College already meets the criteria for becoming a university due to the graduate academic programs offered. You

may be wondering what ramifications the everyday student will feel if the change to a university takes place; there will be very minimal changes with this transformation. One unavoidable consequence of the change will be the apparent loss of the New Hampshire College name. Some possible heirs to the present name are University of Manchester, John Stark University (John Stark was an American Patriot who once owned the land on which NHC now stands) and Granite University. There will be a meeting among the trustees this spring to determine exactly what will happen

in this matter, though Gustafson assured me they were in fact definitely leaning towards university status. This will not be the end of New Hampshire College though. "The plan is to keep the business school named New Hampshire College School of Business so as to keep a part of the school's history intact," said Gustafson.

What can we expect to see down the road? A completely restructured, more traditional-looking campus extending well beyond its current boundaries and catering to students' needs.

## New academic programs at NHC

By Dean Bob Doucette

For the past six years, the undergraduate school at New Hampshire College focused its energy and resources on improving the quality of its existing programs. Professors were hired, the curriculum was strengthened and new technology was introduced, as were improved ways of assessing the effectiveness of courses and programs. During the same period, the under-

graduate school was reorganized into three academic divisions: the business division, the liberal arts division and the hospitality division.

During this period of stability and improvement, the college also had an eye on the future. The rapid changes of the marketplace are sometimes dazzling. New career options develop and old ones evolve. The college, whose mission it is to prepare today's students for the careers of today and tomorrow,

has kept a sustained focus on the trends in the marketplace.

We listen to employers, alumni groups, advisory boards, guidance counselors, students and their parents. These groups keep us well informed on what the future calls for and what the college must do to assure that its graduates are prepared with the best possible education for competitiveness in the modern, global economy.

The college is now ready to launch several new programs, which will bring new vitality to our campus. They will also provide more career options for NHC students. The new programs will be in place

in September 2000. While they will be available to new students, they will also be open to currently enrolled students. In many cases, currently enrolled students will be able to shift to these new programs without losing credits for the academic work already completed.

The best sources of advice about the new programs are the division chairs in whose division these programs are located and the faculty who have developed and will teach in the programs. The dean's office, the registrar's office, Student Administrative Services and the Career Development Center are also

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## From the Editor's Desk:

Finally, spring is here and the campus is coming to life. I don't know about the rest of you, but it seems that many more students come out of hibernation once the weather is nice. And while you are enjoying the warm and sunny days, cheer on the baseball, softball and lacrosse teams of NHC.

Speaking of sports, The Observer staff and I would like to thank Tom McDermott for his assistance in the sports pages of our newspaper. Without his great pictures and sports press releases, our sports pages would be less interesting. So, thanks a lot, Tom!

As I'm typing this statement, I'm listening to the radio. And not just any radio. RadioNHC! Congratulations to all of the members of RadioNHC who have worked hard to get it here. Not only is the radio another voice for NHC students, but it is also a means of learning for NHC students, especially for those pursuing a career in communications. Great job, guys, and I'll be sure to keep listening in.

As always, we are looking for students who are interested in joining the staff in an editorial position, as a staff writer or contributing writer or as advertising representatives. And as an incentive, those who sell ads for The Observer will receive 20 percent of what they sell. Isn't that a good deal?

With only one issue left to go this year, I want to thank those staff members (especially our advisor Ausra Kubilius and Managing Editor Ben DeGennaro) who put in numerous hours and give up their weekends to help produce this paper. And thank you to all the staff writers who write articles for every issue.

Enjoy this issue and remember that you can comment on anything you read in The Observer or anything else of interest in a Letter to the Editor. And seniors, hang in there, just about one month left to go.

Tara Cowdrey  
Editor in Chief

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### Quote of the Issue:

"Your friend is  
the man who  
knows all about  
you and still likes  
you."

**Elbert Hubbard**

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## Letter to the Editor:

On February 25, the Liberal Arts Division held a meeting in the Hospitality Ballroom to address the dissolution of the Learning Center and to consider the development of a writing center. English faculty and tutors were invited to share their views about this issue. The new Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. D'Ann Campbell, was also present.

First, I would like to thank Prof. Bob Fleeson for allowing the English tutors to participate in this meeting. It is refreshing to know that our thoughts and opinions matter so much in the construction and running of this new facility. Thanks again for including all of us; we really appreciate the thoughtful consideration.

Overall, I feel the meeting went well. Although we did not arrive at any concrete conclusions about the new writing center, many underlying questions and concerns were addressed, such as location, tutor and faculty placement, and the different types of writing that will be addressed.

There were, however, two areas of great concern to me. The first was the issue of tutor training and CRLA certification. I have been tutoring for a little over a year, and I find our tutor training sessions to be a great benefit to me especially since I am also an English education major. During these discipline-specific training sessions, tutors learn how to spot the most common grammar mistakes, address different learning styles, and utilize different tutoring strategies. These are just a few of the things we learn during these training sessions. Believe me, the list could go on forever. CRLA stands for the College Reading and Language Association. We have tutor training so that we can become certified in each of the three levels dictated by this association. Having this certification is necessary for tutors to perform their jobs proficiently and consistently. It is absurd to have a writing center that does not include tutor training. Many tutors, including me, would be at a loss without tutor training, and the thought of that should not even be given consideration.

Second, the issue of faculty competence was brought up. Apparently, many faculty members feel uncomfortable with the responsibility of training tutors and tutoring students with writing difficulties. I understand their concerns; however, if these faculty members feel incompetent, then the students at NHC are

in big trouble. I have had many members of the English faculty as mentors, advisors, and teachers. Let me assure those faculty members who doubt their abilities that you are great teachers; furthermore, you are more qualified than anyone to train and tutor students, so don't sell yourselves short. If this discomfort is a result of not wanting the added responsibility of helping more students, there is nothing that can be done about that. With the implementation of a new writing center, both faculty and tutors will have to take on more responsibility. There is just no getting around it.

Laying the framework for a new institution is no easy task. There are still many kinks to be worked out in the planning of the new writing center, but with the dedication and hard work of the English faculty and tutors, I think the development of this new student support center is well underway.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shana Longey

## Letter to the Editor:

I am writing regarding spring break and being a student at New Hampshire College. I would like to let you all know what happened to me, my friends, and probably thousands of others from across the U.S. during spring break. I want to let you know what happened to me and my friends because I hope the ordeal I went through NEVER happens to you.

I will start by explaining that I had always wanted to go away for spring break. This year I found out about going away in the worst way possible, through a flier on campus that was posted on a campus bulletin board. I had said to many friends that I would NEVER use one of those fliers because I heard nothing but bad things about them and the companies behind them. But I got carried away with the excitement of going to Cancun, Mexico, and used one of the fliers I had always said I would never use.

What I wanted to be the most fun and memorable trip of my life turned into partly that. This trip to Cancun was surely memorable, partly a memorable nightmare. My friends and I were told nothing but lies from start to finish. All of these lies came from the company we used, a tour company out of Huntington Beach, California. We were told we would be taken care of when we got to Cancun; a complete lie. The ironic part of the

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story is that we ever arrived in Cancun, since we arrived 24 hours late after about 300 students spent the night sleeping on the airport floor because once again we were lied to and told our flight would be leaving when the plane didn't leave until the following afternoon. This was just the beginning of the lies. The chartered flight of approximately 300 kids finally arrived at Cancun airport. Many students, already exhausted, got off the plane to what they thought was going to be a representative from the tour company. There was no representative for the so-called orientation we were supposed to have and were told we would have even though the orientation times were on Saturday and Sunday and it was now Monday. Once again, we weren't taken care of like we were told. My friends and I arrived at our hotel around 9 at night to find out we didn't have a room because it had been given away the night before when we were scheduled to arrive. Luckily, the hotel employees found us a room in the hotel for the week.

After a day of tears and frustration my friends and I turned our spring break nightmare into the best thing possible and went out for the night. We went out to see if we could find the office where we could pick up our ID bracelets, which would be our entrance into the restaurants and hot spots in Cancun. After searching for this office in a run-down building, 48 hours later we received our bracelets and coupons for the food we hoped to eat. (Most of the clubs and restaurants wouldn't

even accept these bracelets and coupons after all.) In addition my friends and I gave our two cents to the man in charge of this company, but he was of no use to us. He told us he wasn't authorized to compensate us for anything that had happened and that he had no idea our flight had been 24 hours late. Another lie told right to our face. After making the best of what we could do in Cancun, my friends and I could not wait to get home to the United States, where our friends and family waited for our return.

That is another part of the story. We were never picked up by a shuttle bus at our hotel and with my last \$10 my friends and I took the 40-minute drive to the airport in a taxi to be dropped off in the wrong terminal. An hour later, after aimlessly trying to find our flight home, we eventually found the 300 other students waiting for the plane home.

After all the aggravation, frustration and lies, the moral of the story is: I ask of all you future spring breakers to always please research the company or travel agency you plan on using. I hope that what happened to my friends and me, and probably thousands of other kids who used these fliers and bogus companies, never happens to any of you here at NHC, or at any other college for that matter.

Nicole Sirote

## Letter to the Editor:

### Positive pledging takes a hit

How many of you have taken sociology? Take a look back and remember the lessons you learned about norms. In these lessons, one learns about how society looks down upon those who break norms because it is something that members of society are not used to.

There was a recent incident when two new members of an organization took it upon themselves to break a norm to show their pride in the organization they were pledging. Because it was a Greek organization that these two women belonged to, the college community assumed the incident was a form of hazing. When the situation was brought to our attention in this light, we formally explained to the head of student organizations that these women were merely showing pride in something they truly believed in. We were still disciplined and told that our organization was going to be used to set an example of what not to do for pledging.

There have been many de-

bates over the last few years about hazing and the effects that it has on the new members that go through it. Our organization has heard these debates and has changed its traditions so that new members are brought into this organization by means of a positive pledge program. We have learned how to use sister dinners, friendship bracelets and community service to teach women the fundamentals of our sorority. Our new program has worked to the benefit of not only our new members but the sisters as well.

When these two women decided they would like to resurrect an old tradition by themselves and show their pride, we were accused of hazing. How is this right? People need to stop thinking that pledging a Greek organization involves all those horror stories they see on television and need to realize that organizations everywhere are changing for the better. So, if they want to stand up and tell everyone about how we "haze," we will be standing up right beside them telling everyone the truth, about how we take women and help them to become strong people who stand up for what they believe in.

Jessy-Lyn Shaw

## Radio NHC

By Dusty Salzberger

Well, it's finally here, folks. After two years of long hard work, we are finally on the verge of re-launching RADIO NHC after an almost 15-year absence. Our official launch date is at noon on March 31.

There will be no set format per se. We will be running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in real time with live audio streaming through [www.webradio.com](http://www.webradio.com). All shows will vary according to the DJ's personal taste and style. If you enjoy, for example, Phish and the Dead you may be interested in Paul Merritt's evening shows. Or if you like modern rock, more along the lines of

WAAF, you may want to check out Christina's and my show almost daily from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The full schedule will be available on our website: [www.nhc.edu/radionhc](http://www.nhc.edu/radionhc).

There are no downloads or applications necessary to have as there are in RealAudio. Just enter NHC on [www.webradio.com](http://www.webradio.com) — point, click and listen.

If you are interested in getting involved, we need people in all aspects — from promotions and sales to DJing and show production. You can go to our website, [www.nhc.edu/radionhc](http://www.nhc.edu/radionhc), and download an application.



On March 30, these members of Radio NHC were having a blast at their launch party. Seated left to right, front: Lisa Legendre, Dustin Salzberger, Ben Peirce, Jen Forrester. Back: Paul Merritt, Melissa Hartford, Christina Morrell. Missing from photo: Chantal Auger (Photo by Ben DeGennaro).

## New academic programs

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good sources of information about these new programs and how current students can switch to one of these programs if they desire. In continuing education centers, the center director and the center's academic advisor are good sources for accurate program information.

The new programs are exciting. There is a new ADVERTISING major, which will have the innovative flexibility of allowing students to choose either the LIBERAL ARTS core or the BUSINESS core curriculum. There will be a new HISTORY major with a choice of four concentrations: AMERICAN HISTORY, EUROPEAN HISTORY, TOURISM and PRE-LAW. There will also be a new POLITICAL SCIENCE major and a new PUBLIC RELATIONS major. The psychology program will offer a new concentration in CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHOLOGY. The college has also developed two new programs

in teacher education. The New Hampshire Postsecondary Commission has already reviewed these programs, and we anticipate their approval by the beginning of the fall 2000 semester. One is in COMPUTER TEACHER EDUCATION and the other is in SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER EDUCATION. In addition to these major programs, two new minors will be introduced. One will be in INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS and the other in PHILOSOPHY.

This is an impressive array of new options for NHC students. With the increased program strength and stability of the past six years, along with the ambitious building projects undertaken and completed during that time period and the ambitious building projects planned for the next two years, these new academic programs are a clear signal that the future of New Hampshire College is bright and exciting.

## Want to use your communications skills when you graduate?

By David W. Scott, Ph.D.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that public relations is one of the fastest growing professional fields in the country. This is one of many reasons why I am proud to announce on behalf of the Liberal Arts Department and the Communication faculty that New Hampshire College will offer students the opportunity to major in public relations beginning in the 2000-2001 academic year.

The backbone of this major is premised on the skills and training of the strong Communication faculty at NHC. The major requirements are premised on the recommendations of the Public Relations Society of America, which established minimum competencies after determining that future public

relations practitioners need a liberal arts and science foundation to meet the expanding demands of the profession.

In addition to the liberal arts core, students will develop competencies demanded by the profession in a program patterned after several highly ranked programs at larger universities. This extends to students the benefits of a progressive and modern public relations education that might be found at a large university without the disadvantages of oversized classrooms and inadequate interaction with faculty members and professionals.

Students interested in this program can contact John Fleming or me with any questions.



# 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.*

3/19/00

On the above date a student reported that someone broke into his room and took shirts, pants, a telephone and 3 CD's for Play Station. It appeared that someone ripped off the screen and climbed in the window.

3/25/00

While on patrol on the above date, two PSO's observed two cans of beer, one glass bottle and one empty 12-pack box get thrown out of a window. When one PSO went to the residential area, the students said they didn't see anything. They stated a bunch of people had just left after someone stated "Public Safety is coming." The PSO's informed them this incident was being documented and to keep quiet for the rest of the night.

3/26/00

On the above date, a PSO observed a student hanging out a window screaming remarks and obscenities. It appeared that he was trying to antagonize some individuals who had entered the building. After spotting the PSO, the student slammed the window and closed the curtains. The PSO knocked on the window. After no response the PSO opened the window and another student opened the curtain. The first student denied yelling out the window. The student became confrontational and was uncooperative.

3/31/00

On the above date, a PSO responded to a call about a student who had fallen. The student had started walking up the stairs when his knee buckled, and he fell down the stairs. Two other students heard him calling and they went to help him. He was transported to the hospital.

## Class of 2000 Alumni Leader Corps selected

By Mike DeBlasi

On behalf of President Richard Gustafson and the Alumni Association, I am pleased to announce that Tristan Harris has been selected to become the 2000 Class President for the Alumni Leader Corps program.

Harris's first official duty as president-elect has been to appoint the following executive officers:

Rebecca Belanger as Vice President, Heather Stewart and Mark Whitcomb as Co-Reunion Chairs, Sandra Forcier and Ben Sutch as Co-Fund Raising Chairs and Meghan Cotton and Tiffany Lyon as Co-News Chairs.

In addition to the executive officers, the following individuals will serve as members of the Alumni

Leader Corps: Jesse Buss, Wendy Sue Clark, Sean Couture, Adam Davidoff, Ja'Ney Kelsey, Lauren Kobs, Kellie Patane, Robert Sullivan and Amy Sweeter.

The Leader Corps program, now in its fifth year, has proven to be a great success for the Alumni Association. Students are nominated for this program because of

their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to New Hampshire College, with the hope of maintaining their level of commitment to NHC after graduation. Members of the Corps will plan class reunions, gather class news and raise money for their class gift.

Congratulations to all!

## NHC Service Awards 2000

By Tara Cowdrey

On March 24, the 2000 Service Awards were given. Many were in attendance for this event. Vice President John C. Miles of Operations and Finance gave opening remarks and President Richard Gustafson welcomed everyone.

Many awards were given in recognition of faculty and staff services to New Hampshire College.

Five years of service awards went to Richard Ouellette (Registrar), Mark Paradis (Hospitality), Romana Rozbicki (US/Business), Patricia Spirou (US/Business), Linda Beaudoin (Public Safety), Kimberly Blanchette (Athletics) and Richard Lawrence (Public Safety). Ten years of service awards were given to Frederika Kalampalikis (Food Service), Shirley Rosenthal (Housekeeping), Janie Janelle (Wellness Center), Normand St. Onge, Jr. (Public Safety), Roger St. Onge (Public Safety) and James Kuras (Career Development Center). Fifteen years of service awards went to Sylvia Maley (Library), Sandra Spakoski (Library), Ellen Cady

(GSB), Euclid Dupuis (GSB/Accounting), Gerald Harel (GSB/Business), Roberta Banfield (US/Dean), Pamela Cohen (Learning Center), Eleanor Dunfrey-Freiburger (US/Liberal Arts), Cynthia Earle (Learning Center), Lawrence Kinsman (US/Liberal Arts), Louis Greenstein (Food Service), Kathleen Innarelli (Food Service), Jacqueline Larmie (Computing Resources), Dawn Pulliner (Food Service), Susan Daneault (Athletics), Jacqueline Dunn (Student Affairs), Stanley Spirou (Athletics) and Peter Tufts (Athletics). Twenty years of service awards were given to Patricia Beaton (Library), Charles White (US/Business) and Brenda Schadick (Residence Life).

President Gustafson gave the Special Presentations of Thirty Years of Service. Those recipients were Frank Barnes (Undergraduate School/Computer Information Systems), Ernest Holm (Undergraduate School/Liberal Arts) and George Commentator (Center for International Exchange).



*George Commentator, standing with President Richard Gustafson, was one of three recipients of the Thirty Years of Service award (Photo by Bob Linquist).*



# Hospitality news: new master's and undergraduate Tourism Management options

By Prof. William Petersen

The New Hampshire College Division of Hospitality Administration in conjunction with the Graduate School of Business will offer a unique program leading to a Master of Science in Hospitality Administration. The program, which begins in September, consists of 14 courses (42 credits) that provide students with the leadership and management competencies necessary for hospitality, tourism, leisure and recreation management career advancement. Courses include Management of Hospitality, Tourism, Leisure and Recreation, Leadership, International Hospitality Operations, Redesigning Middle Management, Service Management, Hospitality Entrepreneurship and Development, and a Consulting Project in Hospitality, Tourism, Leisure, and Recreation Management. Graduates of the new master's program are prepared for positions in General Management, Multi-Unit Management and Corporate Management in the world's largest service industry, Hospitality and Tourism. Students who have completed undergraduate degrees in Hotel and Restaurant Management, Tourism Management, Leisure and Recreation or related fields are encouraged to enroll in this exciting new master's program.

The Division of Hospitality Administration also now offers three concentrations in Tourism Management: Travel Management, Destination Management and Convention and Event Management. Students who select one of these concentrations are well prepared for careers in one of the fastest growing segments of the service economy. A World Travel and Tourism Council study notes that the world travel and

tourism industry employs more than 225 million people and represents about 12 percent of the world gross national product.

The growing tourism industry provides increasing opportunities for graduates of hospitality and tourism management programs. Career opportunities for Destination Management graduates exist in heritage tourism organizations, parks, recreation and campgrounds, spas, sports and leisure destinations, theme parks and museum villages. Travel Management graduates work for airport and port authorities, airlines, cruise lines, tour operators, retail and wholesale travel companies and ground transportation companies. Convention and Event Management graduates have career opportunities with convention and visitor bureaus, government tourism offices, special event planners, meeting and convention planners, conference centers, hotels, resorts and convention centers.

A balanced curriculum blends theory with practice and students take advantage of the Hospitality Center Tourism Technology Classroom (HO-314) that was completed this year. An example of the innovative curriculum is Sustainable Tourism, a course that explores ecotourism. Students enrolled in the Sustainable Tourism classes are visiting the Everglades in Florida the first week of April to research the relationship between the natural and built environment and the impact of tourism on both ecology and the local economy. Tourism majors are required to take a cooperative education experience that offers them the opportunity to work and travel throughout the United States and abroad, as well as synthesize classroom theory with industry practice.

## SGA ELECTIONS

If you want to know what NHC is all about, don't miss your chance to run for a position on Student Government for next year. Elections are going to be held on Tuesday, April 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in various locations around campus. For those students who want to be heard, applications are available in the information booth and SGA office and are due Friday, April 14, in the SGA office by 4 p.m., no later, please! Thanks and get out there and make a difference. Pick up an application for SGA today!

# New Liberal Arts programs

By Chris Toy  
Chair of the Liberal Arts Division

The Liberal Arts Division will be offering several new majors and one new minor beginning in Fall 2000. For interested students, contacts for each major are provided below.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES

### **ADVERTISING** (also available as a Bachelor of Science)

The advertising major, developed in response to student demand and the many career options available to students in this \$400-billion-per-year industry, combines elements from the business, communication and marketing fields and allows flexibility for students to tailor the major to their own interests.

[Contact Dr. David Scott, Frost 30, Ext. 2243, [scottda@nhc.edu](mailto:scottda@nhc.edu) or Prof. Pat Spirou, Stark 31, ext. 2259, [spiroupa@nhc.edu](mailto:spiroupa@nhc.edu)]

### **HISTORY**

Consisting of a series of required history courses with a number of electives, the program allows the student to self-design the major. Currently there are four basic concentrations. Within the American History concentration there are two tracks that will eventually replace the American Studies major now offered and allow students to specialize in the study of American Government. (The Political Science major will emphasize International Relations and Political Economy.)

Concentration in American History

American Studies Track

American Government Track

Concentration in European History

Concentration in Historical Tourism

Concentration in Pre-Law

[Contact Dr. Julianne Cooper, Delphi House, Ext. 9798, [cooperju@nhc.edu](mailto:cooperju@nhc.edu)]

### **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

Students choosing the Political Science major will commence a lifelong pursuit of understanding of the new global political environment that will resemble nothing seen in the past. The first concentration in the major draws its strength from the international orientation of the college community; the second, from our traditional business orientation, which recognizes the connection in practice between economics and business on the one hand and politics on the other.

Concentration in International Relations

Concentration in Political Economy

[Contact Dr. Ernest Holm, Stark 24, Ext. 2220, [holmer@nhc.edu](mailto:holmer@nhc.edu)].

### **PSYCHOLOGY**

Concentration in Child and Adolescent Development. Are you interested in working with children and adolescents in a variety of settings including social service agencies, schools and hospitals? Through this new concentration within psychology, students will gain expertise at an undergraduate level that will give them an edge over other graduates competing for job placements and graduate school acceptances.

[Contact Dr. Betsy Gunzelmann, Lib. Arts Trailer, Ext. 2207, [gunzelbe@nhc.edu](mailto:gunzelbe@nhc.edu)]

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

This major introduces the student to both the theory and application of public relations. Moving the student from understanding the role different media play in the construction of effective public communication to the design of convincing public campaigns, the program will build strong communicators.

[Contact Dr. David Scott, Frost 30, Ext. 2243, [scottda@nhc.edu](mailto:scottda@nhc.edu)]

### MINORS

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

For liberal arts and business majors a minor in philosophy gives evidence that one's education has encompassed a breadth and depth of thinking both East and West in scope. This minor aids in understanding the complexity of many issues and seeing these issues as they might appear to people with different world views than our own.

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## Alpha Chi Honor Society again accepting members: Last call

By Dr. Carolyn Hollman  
Alpha Chi Advisor

Invitations to join Alpha Chi, the liberal arts honor society, are being sent to eligible students. The deadline for joining is April 5.

Junior and senior liberal arts majors with a 3.2 or higher GPA are eligible to join Alpha Chi. Liberal arts majors include Communication, English, English Teacher Education, Humanities, Psychology, Social Science and American Studies.

An induction ceremony for all honor societies will be held on Sunday, April 16, at The Derryfield School. A reception will follow. Inductees may invite family and friends.

Alpha Chi is a scholarship recognition society with 300 chapters nationally. The Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi was established at New Hampshire College to honor outstanding liberal arts majors. Alpha Chi membership emphasizes high scholastic achievement, service and character. The organization of-

fers many benefits to members, including scholarships and fellowships, opportunities for participation in national and regional conferences and a higher initial grade in Civil Service jobs.

At the April 16 induction ceremony, graduating seniors who are Alpha Chi members will receive gold honor cords to wear during May graduation; their names will be listed in the graduation program booklet under honor societies. In addition, junior and senior members will be recognized at the May honors ceremony.

Qualified students must have completed at least 60 credit hours and achieved the required 3.2 GPA. Letters of invitation were sent in November and March. However, if you know you meet the requirements and have not received a letter, please contact Dr. Carolyn Hollman (Liberal Arts Trailer or ext. 2212) or Professor Christopher Toy (Stark 15 or ext. 2237) as soon as possible.

## Pay close attention if you want to know what is going on at NHC!

By Nicole Sirote

Well, listen up, NHC, there are a lot of things going on that you may want to know about. All of student government's elections have been postponed because more applicants are needed to run for next year's positions. If you want to have your voice heard and represent your class, get out there and pick up an application to be a student government representative for New Hampshire College. Applications will be available in the information booth in the Student Center and will be due Friday, April 14, by 4 p.m. in the SGA office. Elections will be held Tuesday, April 18, from 10 a.m.-3p.m. in the Student Center, Washington Hall, Graduate School and Hospitality Building. Support your classmates, make a difference and get out there and vote! Once again get out and be heard so apply to become an SGA member. For those of you who thought that only elections are going on, well you are in for a surprise.

The Student Government Association would like to congratulate the Track and Field Club which is now recognized by SGA. On a similar note, thanks go out to all those applicants who were chosen for SGA for this semester; we look forward to working with you all. Congrats to all! As always mentioned, SGA meetings are held in the Student Center Conference Room. ANYONE interested in seeing what goes on in SGA, feel free to attend a meeting at 6 p.m. every Tuesday. One last important piece of information is that Ben Sutch, Keith Fuller, Sheri McCall, Kellie Patane, Nicole Sirote and all of the SGA senate are doing an excellent job finishing off a great year. Only one month left, so hang in there!

## CSC News

By JB London

Winding down through the last stretch of the Spring Semester, the Commuter Student Council is planning a few events that may interest you! Coming up on April 15, CSC will be having a free picnic outside the Student Center (just outside the Commuter Lounge windows on the lawn). Food will be available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. On April 26, CSC will be holding an end-of-the-year party, also on the lawn. Music, food, fun and even a tent will be there. All NHC students are invited.

CSC officers have been working hard to prepare for an excellent year beginning next fall. Events include another Karaoke night, a Valentine's Semi-formal and a Halloween Party, just to name a few.

On March 3, CSC held a pool party in the Athletic Center; attendance was reasonable, but CSC officers discussed holding an event during a weeknight to increase attendance at events.

Stop by the Commuter Lounge (located in the Student Center) any Tuesday at 11 a.m. and see what CSC is all about!

**CSC Officers:**

Jessica Brennan, Cheryl Variava, Cassie Novak, JB London

Contact us with questions or comments at [CommuterNHC@aol.com](mailto:CommuterNHC@aol.com) or check out [http://www.nhc.edu/student/studact/Commuter\\_Student\\_Council/index.htm](http://www.nhc.edu/student/studact/Commuter_Student_Council/index.htm).



Aloha! CSC Pool Party (Photo provided by JB London).

## New minor in International Business

By John K. Evans

The Business Administration Department is pleased to announce the introduction of a minor in International Business. This program will give students the opportunity to supplement their other programs with a broad variety of courses that provide valuable knowledge about the world of global business. (Available Fall 2000)

A student may declare a minor in the field of International Business by successfully completing the following five courses at New Hampshire College:

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| • INT 366/FIN 336 | Multinational Corporate Finance                               |
| • INT 443/MKT 443 | Multinational Marketing                                       |

For more information contact Dr. John K. Evans at 668-2211 or e-mail ([jevans@minerva.edu](mailto:jevans@minerva.edu))



## FYI

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**The buzz of Bendos**

By Melissa Cowdrey

On Tuesday, March 21, there was an informative marketing presentation in the Mara Lecture Hall of the NHC Graduate School. Kathleen Alonzo, the Director of Marketing for Kid Galaxy Inc. of Manchester, came to speak to students and faculty. Her topic was "Creating the 'Bendos Buzz' - The Building of a Brand."

Alonzo described the start of the company and gave many details about the Bendos themselves. Bendos are small plastic-and-wire bendable figures. The company created 45 characters to be used in traditional playgroups of three. The dolls were first made to be androgynous, neither male nor female. There was no formal testing on the toys except for letting the nursery school children that were in the same building play with them and observe which characters they liked the best.

Kid Galaxy Inc. decided to name all of the characters and give them personalities, birth dates, trading cards and retirement dates. Every time a catalog comes out, a few Bendos are retired. It gives them collectability.

Captain Bendo wears a cape like a superhero; he is the Bendos mascot. You can't buy him; you have to have proof of purchases for five Bendos and send them in to receive a Captain Bendo.

The original target market

has drastically changed since the creation of Bendos. It was originally a doll for boys ages three to seven. They are non-violent action figures that are also non-licensed.

Alonzo also explained how to market a product well. For example, the packaging needs to be easy to use and make the product look good. Colors are also important for packaging.

Price is another factor. Kid Galaxy Inc. decided to choose \$4.99 for Bendos and \$14.99 for Birthday Bendos sets. The company wants to evolve this product from an impulse item to a long-term product.

There are now miniature Bendos key chains. All of the Bendos have a B on their foot and their name. There is also a website that shows each Bendo and a locator map for stores that carry Bendos. Even customers can submit a design for a new Bendo character.

Kid Galaxy Inc. and Alonzo will never be done in redefining target markets, coming up with new characters and deciding on new Bendos-related products like a card game or storybooks.

The Bendos presentation helped marketing and business students realize how much effort there is in creating a new company and marketing a new product.

**Lunchtime**

By Meg Shibley

"Oh, Brian, hi." "Courtney, how are you?" "Hi, Meg, hi, Elise, good luck today!" That's Lena for you: always happy. Lena can be found in the cafeteria at New Hampshire College where she works as a cashier. Before you actually see her, you can sometimes hear her, greeting the students who go by her register. Once she comes into view, you will spot the permanent smile on Lena's face. Lena has been employed at NHC for eight years now. She seems to love her job and never appears in anything but the best of moods.

When I asked her about the job, the funny thing was that she said she used to not enjoy it at all. That was eight years ago when she first started, but you would never believe that today. Her attitude changed

when she met the students; she says they are the best thing about her job, followed by the faculty members. "They give me a natural high," claims Lena. She knows almost every student's name and is even known to introduce students to each other. When students are chatting at her register about being in the same classes or seeing each other around campus, she will say, "so and so meet so and so." She gets a kick out of this.

Along with Lena's life at NHC, she also has her family life. Lena is happily married and has two daughters and one son. With her family is where most of her weekend time is spent. Besides doing housework, she likes to spend "as much time as possible" with her family. She also enjoys playing golf, fishing, crocheting and watching sports. Lena can always be spotted in the crowd at NHC games, cheering on the students she greets every day.

I asked Lena if she plans on staying at NHC. She said, "of course." I was glad to hear this, and I'm sure other students would say the same. It wouldn't be the same without her; she puts us in a good mood. I guess you could say it makes a person feel good when someone takes the time to realize you're not just a student, you're a person, too. She makes us feel special, always wanting to know how our day is going. We don't have our parents here at school with us to do that. Lena is like family to many of us.

To this day, I haven't seen her without a smile on her face. When I asked her how she manages to always be happy, she replied, "I don't think it does any good to be down, at all!" If only we all thought the same way.



*A favorite lunch lady, Lena Rogler, has enjoyed working at NHC for the past eight years (Photo by David Snuffer).*

## Surf.the.Net

By Ben DeGennaro

Over the past few weeks, I asked my friends about their favorite web sites. Their preferences ranged from educational sites to multi-media sites. The overwhelming favorite was BlueMountain. (<http://www.bluemountain.com>). It provides web surfers with animated and musical greeting cards. BlueMountain and E-greetings (<http://www.egreetings.com>) are great to send cards to cheer up someone's day.

For those of you looking for a concert, check out Mix 98.5's website. (<http://www.mix985.com>). Mix 98.5's website also allows users to listen to its station from anywhere in the world. Check out WROR (<http://www.wror.com>), a Boston station, as it is one of my favorites. However, the best site is RadioNHC. (<http://www.nhc.edu/radionhc>). RadioNHC's Inaugural Launch was March 31, 2000, at noon. While you can't tune into the station on your stereo, check it out online. From the website, you can sign up to be a DJ, find out about advertising, take a virtual tour of the studio and e-mail RadioNHC staff.

The Observer has also joined the online world. We are available at (<http://www.nhcobserver.org>). Our site has information about advertising, deadlines and staff members. Feel free to drop us an e-mail and tell us how we are doing!

Other favorite sites include Walt Disney (<http://www.waltdisney.com>) and Disney World (<http://www.disney.com>).

Many people I asked about their favorite sites responded with their own sites. My favorite site is <http://degennaro.freesevers.com>. My friend Carol's favorite website is (<http://www.wilmington.k12.ma.us>). This address is the school system where we both work. Other favorite sites included <http://www.abc.com>, <http://www.hotmail.com>, and <http://www.nhc.edu>.

As usual, I urge you to visit my personal website (<http://degennaro.freesevers.com>). Feel free to e-mail me at [bendegennaro@hotmail.com](mailto:bendegennaro@hotmail.com), or call me at X3149 in The Observer office.

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## Introducing Ms. Heather Downs

By Darcy Tippie

Heather Downs, in my opinion, is an important staff member at New Hampshire College.

Heather grew up in Lynnfield, Massachusetts, with two sisters and her parents. She also attended high school in Lynnfield. Throughout childhood, she thought she wanted to become a teacher. Some of her hobbies include shopping, watching television and playing volleyball or softball. Heather furthered her education by attending the University of Massachusetts in Lowell, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management and Psychology in 1995. After completing college, Heather chose to come here to get a graduate degree. For three years, while working on her graduate degree, Heather was a Residence Director. In 1998, she received her Master of Business Education degree with a Training and Development Certificate.

Just this September, Heather decided to come back to work for New Hampshire College as the Assistant Director of Student Organizations and Leadership and the Student Center. Heather still resides in Lynnfield. This means that she commutes one hour and fifteen minutes to and from work every day. The components that make up Heather's job are serving as the supervisor of the Last Chapter Pub, advising the campus programming board (CAPE) and the Inter-Greek Council (IGC) and facilitating the Camp Synergy project.

Heather mentioned that a lot of faculty here misunderstood the purpose of her position. Up until 1998, the office was called Student Activities. Because of this, many people thought that their only responsibility was to do fun things, like blow up balloons. However, things have changed to offset this perception. The office is now called Student Organizations and Leadership. It currently has over forty organizations and clubs under its advisement. Other things that Student Organizations and Leadership is in charge of are orientation and leadership banquets. Heather strongly believes

that learning growth and development skills happens outside the classroom as well as in the classroom. Because of this belief, she feels that making sure that the students reach their leadership potential is very important.

When I asked Heather what a typical day was like for her, she replied, "There is no such thing as a typical day, each day is different." She explained that this is not a regular nine-to-five type of job. Sometimes she is required to work nights and weekends. However, usually most of Heather's days are spent meeting with student leaders, working with agents, negotiating contracts and basically trying to create or develop new leadership opportunities for the student body here. New leadership opportunities for the student body means anything from making students accountable for specific jobs or positions to just getting students involved in campus events.

*"There is no such thing as a typical day..."*

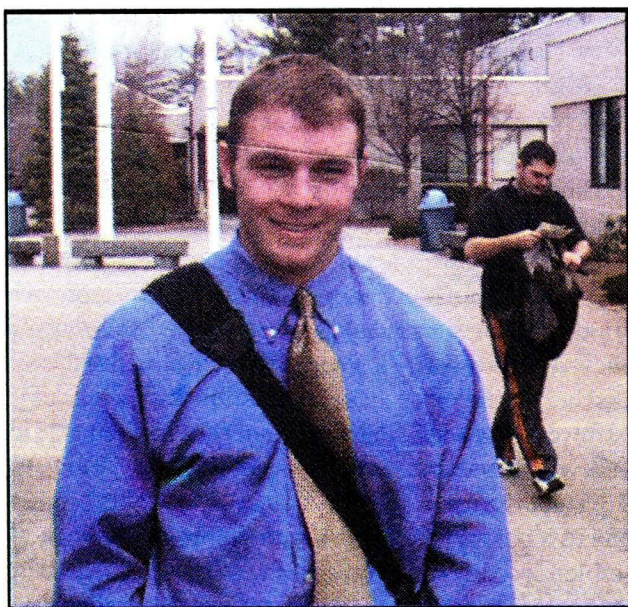
Heather Downs is a very friendly and outgoing person. For those of you who have not had the chance to meet her, her office is usually open for anyone to stop in and say hi. Not only is Heather an asset to the Student Center, but she is also a great person to be around. She always seems to be in an excellent mood. It is as if her positive energy wears off on a person. I hope everyone here on campus gets a chance to meet her someday because, in my opinion, if you don't, you are missing out on a very interesting person.



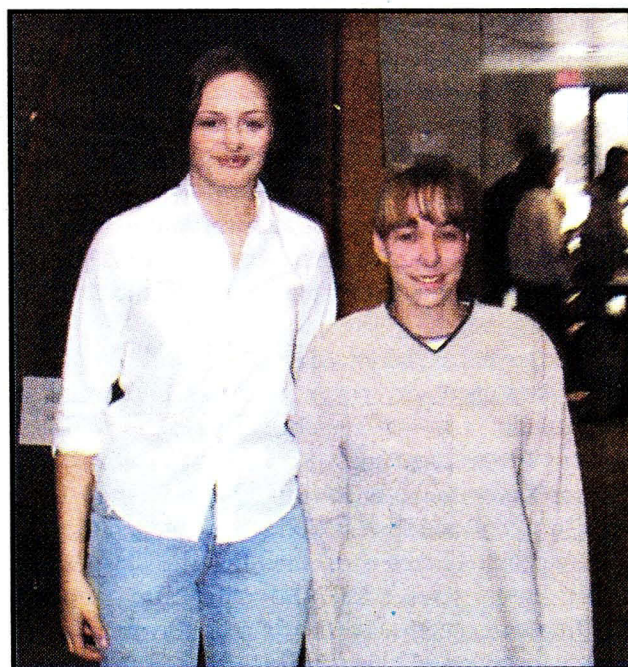
## VOICES AND FACES

### WHO DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR?

By David Snuffer



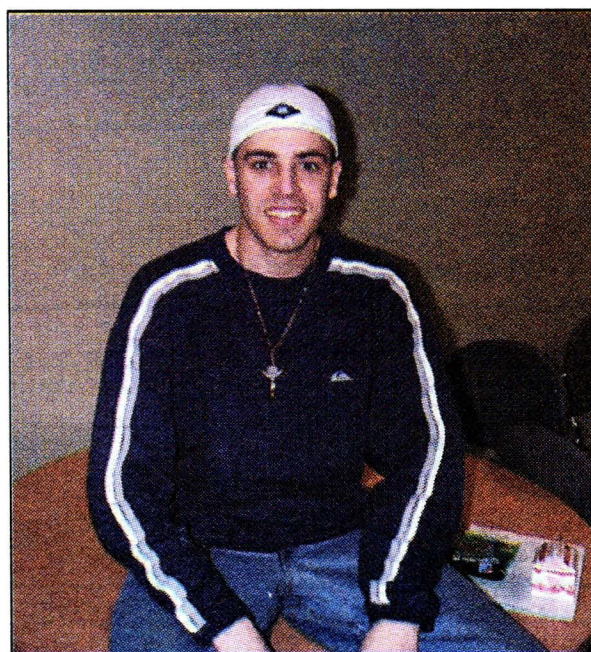
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*"Charles White."*



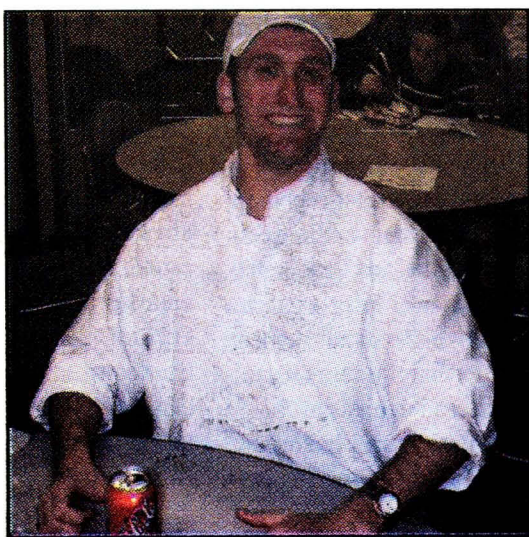
**Sarah Bajda**      **Kelly McMullen**  
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*"#1 Don Sieker."*



**Nina Nigro**      **Ally Oelerich**  
Freshman Market-      Undecided Major  
ing Major      *"Pam Cohen."*  
*"Pat Spirou."*



**Jeff Thompson**  
Sophomore  
*"Lori DeConinck, because I'm struggling in her class and maybe with this vote, I'll get a C-."*



**Lucas deSousa**  
Senior Hotel Management Major  
*"Dr. Hill Ziggler."*





**Chris Gosselin**  
Senior Business Administration Major  
*"Prof. Bradt."*



**Lori Connor**  
Freshman Undecided  
Major

**Sheba Cote**  
Junior Sport Management  
Major

*"Doug Blais."*



**Kara Sorenson**  
Freshman International Business Major

**Kristen Pierog**  
Sophomore Marketing  
Major

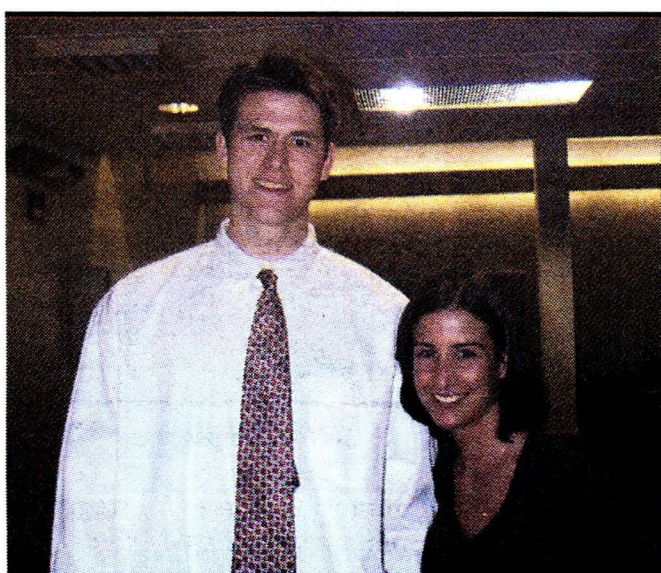
*"Ben Peirce."*



**Michael Keister**  
Freshman Restaurant  
Management Major

**Brandis Flash Jr.**  
Freshman Psychology  
Major

*"W. Zimmerman."*



**Jonathan Winton**  
Junior Business  
Administration Major

**Lyndsay Genzler**  
Undecided Major

*"Dr. Jack Evans."*



**Nicole Krohn**  
Freshman Marketing  
Major

**Michelle Lewis**  
Freshman Accounting  
Major

*"Dr. Bob Losik."*



## A great NHC worker

By Erica Hansen

New Hampshire College has many wonderful facility people, but one comes to mind when I think of a great worker. Mark Paradis is a purchasing coordinator in the Hospitality Building and also teaches cooking classes for the Culinary Institute.

Paradis was born in Attleboro, Mass., in 1963. As he grew into his teenage years, he began to have an interest in cooking and working in restaurants. At his first restaurant, Sandy's, he started as a dishwasher, prep and banquet cook. He then moved on to a more permanent job at a restaurant called Moran's and its catering company. While working here he went to Johnson and Wales to study in the Culinary Arts program.

After college Paradis married his high school sweetheart, Brenda. He started to work in country clubs. For example, he worked at Foxboro for two years,

mostly in the press box. He then got involved in ice carving and started to make 3 to 4 ice carvings a day. He got so good at it that he did ice carvings for Doug Flutie's wedding. He has worked in many restaurants and country clubs, such as the Rhode Island Country Club, Waff Tavern and the Red Blazer. He was the sous chef to start with but moved his way up to head chef in all of these establishments.

Paradis moved to New Hampshire in 1989. He started working in Food Service for NHC. He was the unit manager, menu planner, dishwasher, cashier and cook. He did it all. Then he got offered a job working for the Hospitality Building as the purchase coordinator and a teacher. All the food that the students and teachers need goes by him. I think Paradis is a great teacher and cook. Since he has all this experience from his teenage years, he teaches us many cooking and organizational skills. I enjoy being in his class.

## Rising to new heights

By Bill Rennie

Imagine yourself standing in a room for several hours. The average temperature is 95 degrees during the colder months (it's an oven in the summer). Orders are constantly being yelled at you. Creativity, skill and the meeting of constant deadlines go hand-in-hand while you're enhancing each order you receive. You are ... a chef.

which include Culinary Skills and Procedures, Food Production, Bakeshop I-IV, Contemporary Sauces, Classical Cuisine, Dining Room Management and many more. The average class, which consists of 20 students, may contain a lab and can last a grueling five hours while each student works over hot ovens, mixes sauces and cuts vegetables.

Chris considers himself an artist in the same sense as a sculptor and is truly passionate about his work. He said, "Culinary students must have a love for cooking in order to be successful after graduation."

A internship is required of all culinary majors and two are required for those pursuing a B.A. Chris has been working about 40 hours a week while taking five classes. He now has more time for schoolwork due to the bankruptcy and closing of the baker he along with co-workers were struggling to keep afloat. Despite this "turnover" of events, all of his internship requirements have been met, and he will soon be "rising" to new heights pursuing a career as a chef and manager or possibly owner of a restaurant.

**"Culinary students must have a love for cooking..."**

NHC Culinary Arts major Chris Mullett will graduate this year with a B.S. in Restaurant Management. He received his A.A. in Culinary Arts and decided to further his education in this field after becoming interested in baking.

Chris says NHC has an excellent variety of culinary classes,

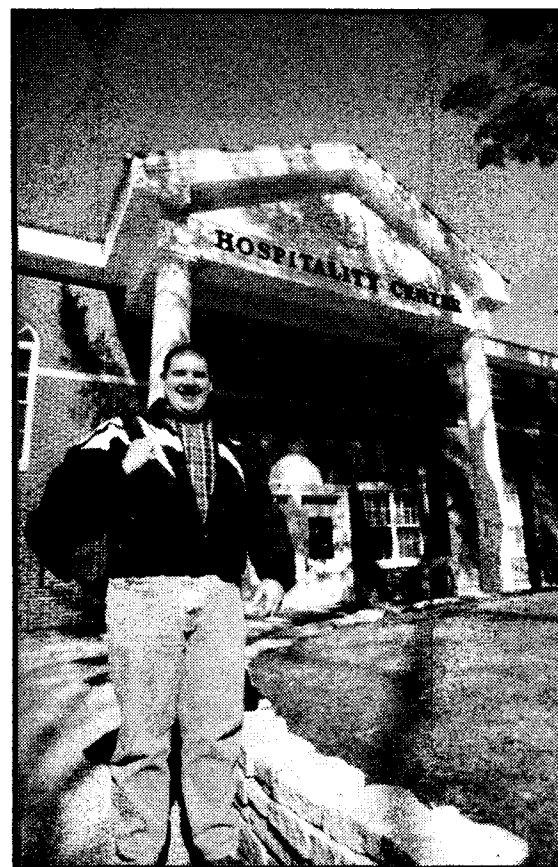
## Presentation on War and Sanctions

On Thursday April 6, at 7 p.m. in the AV Studio, Ramsey Kysia will give a presentation on War and Sanctions.

Iraq and the United States have been engaged in deadly conflict for more than nine years. Continuing Iraqi challenges to the U.S.-imposed "No-Fly-Zones" result in almost daily bombings that have left scores of civilians dead, with no end in sight. Continuing political conflicts over weapons inspection, "WMD," and Sanctions, seem intractable. According to the Congressional Resource Service, the United States has flown more than 100,000 missions over the skies of Iraq, at a cost of over \$1 billion a year, since the end of Desert Storm. This conflict has devastated the Iraqi people. In one of the richest countries in the world, with a population of 23 million, over 1,000,000 people have died due to starvation and sickness, and another 2 million have fled the country. According to the United Nation's own figures, a child dies in Iraq every ten minutes because of U.S./U.N. Sanctions.

Please join us for a discussion on the history of this conflict, and how we can work towards its peaceful resolution.

Ramsey Kysia works with the DC Coalition to Stop the War, and EPIC - the Education for Peace in Iraq Center. He traveled to Iraq with a Voices in the Wilderness delegation in August of 1999.



Chris Mullett, a senior Culinary Arts major, will graduate this year with a B.S. in Restaurant Management (Photo by Bill Rennie).

## CREATIVITY PAGE

*you*

By Jaime Libby

*The sweetest kiss  
was mine yesterday;  
our tender lips  
gently touched and tasted  
in the dimly lit room,  
as we stood in embrace.  
I felt the wish  
the emerging promises,  
his smile-curved lips  
and our kiss became  
sun rays of happiness.  
There existed only us.  
I took in all of it -  
the nectar from his lips  
sweetened my mouth  
and as my heart  
b-u-b-b-l-e-d up  
the purest of tears slipped  
down, down my cheek.  
I thought of long ago  
and far ahead.  
He feels...  
like home to me.  
The beauty of our secret  
is the tiny rosebud  
dreaming of blooming.  
His hands  
and arms  
held me securely.  
As our eyes searched  
each other out,  
the smiles shaped our mouths  
and we found ourselves,  
the dreamers, romantics  
each in love with the other.*

skewed eyes fall short

By Jaye Friday

in this time of sorrow  
under a black cloud of hate  
the rain falls upon me  
washing me away  
and drowning - my - cries  
they are silenced, in-the-dead of this violent storm  
I reach out for your hands  
My fingers slip as I drift away  
into the void  
too late to see, too late to hear, too late to feel  
as I am lost to this waste.

MY WORDS FALL  
ON DEAD EARS!  
MY WORDS FALL  
ON DEAD PROMISES!

As I sink beneath the surface  
the troubled waters fill my lungs  
constricting my breath  
as it is stolen from my mouth  
an angel - sings - above  
she is hanging - in - the - empty skies that cast me down  
visions fade away in the blackness  
my heart is pumping its last good bye  
dragged down deeper into the abyss  
weight of this sorrow hangs me on a limb  
the noose is tightened by my hanging soul.

where did the waves break our bond? (I TRIED TO MAKE IT LAST)  
could I have stopped any of this? (I TRIED TO KEEP IT ALIVE)  
I see you with another now. (MY HEART SCREAMS OUT YOUR NAME)  
silently I cry and fade away...



By Joe Walch

**Students, faculty and  
staff are encouraged  
to contribute short  
stories, poems and art  
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## OPINION

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

### Good News

#### Agape or Acquaintanceship?

By Mark Williams

The people we associate with on a daily basis have the greatest influence on our lives and attitudes, and the group of friends you affiliate yourself with can affect your approach to life's encounters. Companions who love and respect you will encourage you in your pursuits and responsibilities to do the best job you can and accept failures as a tool to help you achieve your goals. Acquaintances who are looking out for "number one" will use your energy to benefit themselves and slowly, imperceptibly destroy your self-esteem, your stability, reliability and your heart. "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night" (Psalms 1:1-2).

People with a negative outlook on life have been tricked by Satan into believing that the world can offer happiness to them. They are straining for possessions to make their existence comfortably complete. As Christians we must show our enemies the source of true contentment, the love of God. This does not, however, mean that we must ally ourselves with the people of this world, opening ourselves up to temptation, but that we attempt with our whole being to accompany them into the presence of God. Invite them to church or a Bible study, introduce them to your brothers- and sisters-in-Christ, and together acquaint them with the love and peace of Jesus!

If you do not have a connection with one of God's children, or are a Christian without a home for fellowship, I would like to suggest a weekly meeting, perhaps on a Sunday afternoon. I want to get together with anyone who is interested in personally meeting Christ to pray (communicate with God) and read the Bible (His words to us). Please e-mail me at: [margus@mychristianstart.com](mailto:margus@mychristianstart.com) if you have any questions. "Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25).

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## ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### A taste of home

By Katie Darling

One of the biggest highlights of college for most students is getting away from home. No parents, few rules, but unfortunately no home-cooked meals too.

The Ninety Nine Restaurant and Pub is just like your parents' cooking. The meals are well balanced, nutritious and taste great! One Friday I entered the restaurant with the idea I would have to wait because I had heard the place was popular. Although it was eight o'clock at night, a friendly hostess quickly seated us. The restaurant had dim lighting and a rustic atmosphere that was very relaxed. The noise level was minimal. There was no music playing, just the conversations of other customers.

The waitress came to our table quickly to take our drink orders. Soda, coffee and tea included free refills. The prices were reasonable, which is helpful for the average college student. Appetizers ranged from \$.59 for crackers and cheese to \$8.99 for chicken wings.

The menu had a good variety of foods. They were categorized into five groups: Steaks and Prime Ribs, Chicken, Big Nine Burgers, Sandwiches and Wraps, and Sensational Seafood. These prices went from \$10.99 for a Royal Sirloin down to \$5.69 for a Classic Burger. I had the Chicken Parmesan for \$8.99, and it was worth every penny. The Chicken Parmesan included ziti

with tomato sauce, parmesan cheese and three big pieces of chicken. My friend had the New England Roast Turkey Dinner and thought it was wonderful. The New England Roast Turkey Dinner included the turkey, vegetables, a biscuit, cranberry sauce, stuffing and potatoes. This meal screamed home cooking and reminded me a lot of Thanksgiving. Both meals came out in about fifteen minutes. The portions were so generous that most people went home with leftovers.

There were about five desserts to choose from. The list included ice cream, pie and chocolate cake, all costing \$3.49. The dessert I recommend is the Ragin' Reese's Brownie, a chocolate brownie surrounded by Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, hot fudge sauce, vanilla ice cream and whipped cream topped with Oreo cookie crumbs.

Altogether, the restaurant is very good. If I had one complaint, it would be the cigarette smell in the nonsmoking section; we were sitting next to the divider and smelled like smoke by the time we left. This is definitely tolerable if it means eating at the restaurant and enjoying the food. The staff were friendly and did everything they could to make sure we had a good time. It was a good reason to get off campus, and it was a nice taste of home here at school.

### Review of 'Final Destination'

By Melissa Cowdrey

Alex Browning, played by Devon Sawa, leads this movie that makes you jump out of your seat. It's a simple plot of a boy who saw his death in a plane crash before it happened, saved himself and a few friends, and therefore interrupted fate. The movie is filled with gory deaths and sudden surprises.

"Final Destination" portrays death as an almost living force that chooses its victims and how they will die. Death causes one of Alex's friends to die, but it looks like a suicide. Mostly everyone thinks that Alex is crazy when he claims that his friend would not commit suicide.

The theme of the movie is that death will eventually catch up to you, even if you avoided it the first time around, but if you figure out its plan you still might be able to avoid it.

"Final Destination" is a scream-worthy film, yet it's fun too.

Other faces in the film are from WB's shows "Roswell," "Popular" and "Dawson's Creek." Also, Tony Todd from "Candyman" makes a great cameo performance as a mortician.

You can try to guess what will happen next, but the movie surprises you. Enjoy!

### Horoscopes brought to you by Amy

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Alcohol may not be a good idea this month. It could lead to potential arguments. Be prepared for some good news.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): You're feeling rather aggressive this month. Think before you speak. Watch the body language. Sometimes silence is louder than words.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Your communication skills are wonderful this month. Rethink some of your thoughts, it may not be the right thing to do. Go ahead and pamper yourself.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Trust your instincts. They don't lie. Check out some new clubs and let your wild side out. Careful what you say or you may find yourself the talk of the town.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Try not to be so possessive this month. People need to breathe and you are suffocating them with your presence. Things may not go your way, but life goes on.

**Leo** (July 23-August 22): Take your friend's advice; it could be worth your while. That job you've had your eyes on is going to work out for you. Smile.

**Virgo** (August 23-September 22): Quit being so uptight—loosen up. Trouble is headed your way, so be on the lookout for some warning signs.

**Libra** (September 23-October 22): You may want to go see a doctor since your health isn't the greatest it's been. Try to save some cash this month for a rainy-day shopping spree.

**Scorpio** (October 23-November 22): Forgive and forget. Try to calm your anger; things will get better soon. You may need some extra energy this month, so stock up on the coffee.

**Sagittarius** (November 23-December 21): Those creative ideas you have are definitely worth trying. Tests this month are a sure good grade. You know that person you've had your eyes on, well, you should stick to just being friends.

**Capricorn** (December 22-January 19): Learn how to say no. You don't have to be that person everyone turns to with his or her problems. Your love life is being upscaled to bigger and better things.

**Aquarius** (January 20-February 18): Don't leave so many projects unfinished. This is the time to get out there and meet that special person. This is your month of understanding, people and school.



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## CAPE Update

### "Upcoming events"

April 5 – BINGO @ 7 p.m. in Pub

April 7 – Diva Den  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Haircuts in the Pub (by appointment only)  
9 p.m. Female Rock Group "Antigone Rising"

April 11 – Coffee House 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Pub

April 13 – Cover Band "Toy Box" 9 p.m. in Pub

April 19 – BINGO @ 7 p.m. in Pub

April 27 – 30 – WATCH FOR DETAILS

And let's not forget about the concert on April 30. There is much help needed. All who are interested, please contact Angie in the CAPE office @ 9716.

## Gonzo report

By Matt Theroux

*"And as things fell apart, nobody paid much attention."* — Talking Heads

I know it may sound redundant, but it's Gonzo Time once again (oooooh). Zip up your designer jeans, have your passport stamped and sanctify yourself because it's time to leave the mundane world behind and enter into the Sublime.

Lately, your old pal MT has been suffering from an unquenchable thirst for the picturesque—an unfettered desire for happiness, or good karma if you will, amidst the grim banality of a world that I continue to find absolutely baffling. Where did this sudden urge stem from, you ask? Honestly, I'm not quite sure but over the past few weeks "something so strong" has really put the zap on my head. Perhaps I'm merely being assaulted on all fronts by a nasty case of twenty-something angst or maybe I'm just paranoid or crazy or mildly retarded or... ah, who knows?

Anyway, I suppose the best thing for me to do would be to just sit back and wait (under heavy sedation, of course) and act terribly erudite until the time comes when all will be revealed. It's probably nothing for this terminally unstable '80s boy to worry about because, like Brian Eno said, "All mysteries are just more needles in the camel's eye."

Okay-okay, I sense I'm stalling here, so it's time to switch gears. As you are well aware, Spring Break has come and gone. I don't know about you, but I think it went by too fast. When you're

riding high, the good times shoot past like they were shot out of a cannon. But when you're on one of those uninterrupted downward trajectories into Total Bummer-ville—those days you feel so low you just want to lie down on the ground and have one of your roommates shovel dirt on ya—time has a crude habit of slowly crawling by on all fours and leaving a trail of slime in its wake. Oh boy, I feel another hideous tangent coming on and I'm not telling you anything you don't already know so I'd better digress before this article degenerates into an unprintable psychotic rant that is not even worthy to soak up spilled bodily fluids in one of those rank bathrooms in Washington Hall.

As I was saying before I so rudely interrupted myself, Spring Break was—for lack of a better word—good. The highlight of the week undeniably was the time I made a pilgrimage to Southie to visit my associate Neezo and see South Boston's famous St. Patrick's Day parade. It was a mind-bendingly good time, in more ways than one, and I recommend the experience to anyone who can't afford to spend the week stoned and sunburned and surrounded by hundreds of "fabulously cool and beautiful people" on a perfect beach somewhere in the Caribbean.

Well, enough of this. If this article is all wrong then I don't want it right. This may sound like the pride before the fall but this rock star will never apologize or make excuses for his art. Besides, we're all friends here, right? Of course. Please excuse me for now because I have to go and "climb into space to the world where I live."




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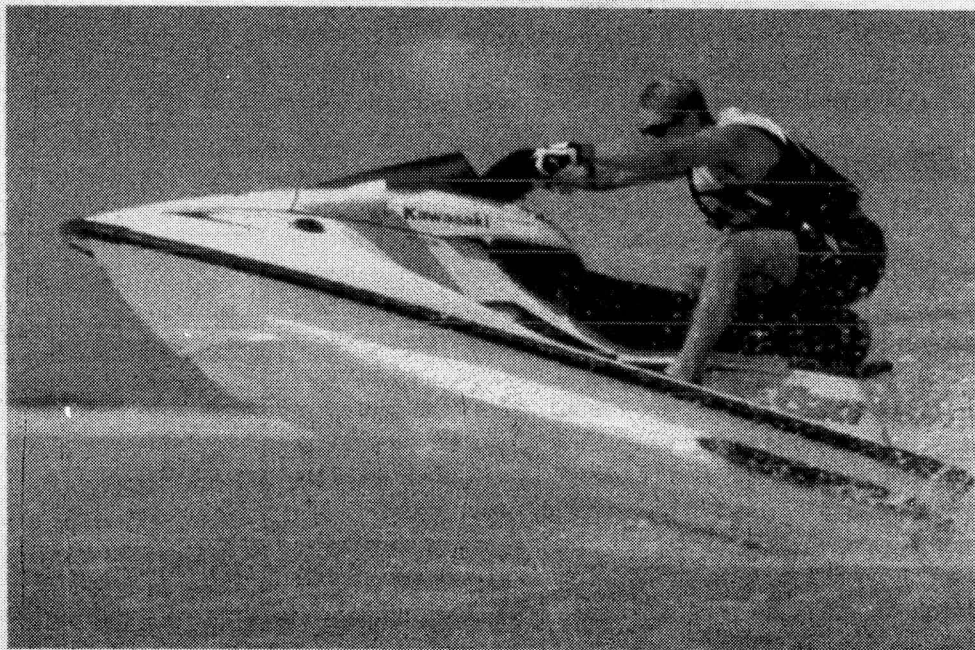


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## Women's softball off to a slow start

Source: Tom McDermott

In a doubleheader against the River Hawks of UMass Lowell, the Penwomen dropped both games 10-1, 9-1 on March 29.

Mandy Veilleux had the lone highlight for NHC in the first game as she hit her first home run of the season. NHC scored their lone run in the second game on a wild pitch.

Kate Unsworth picked up the loss for the Penwomen. On April 1, the NHC Penwomen lost a doubleheader to the Owls of Southern Connecticut State University. The Owls took the open, 3-2, and

completed the sweep with a 6-0 victory in game two. NHC dropped to 0-6 overall and 0-4 in the NECC with the losses.

Junior Veilleux had two hits and scored a run for NHC, while senior Kate Wentworth delivered a two-run double for the Penwomen. Freshman Unsworth took the loss for NHC.

You can catch the Penwomen in action as they host Plymouth State College on April 6 at 3 p.m.

## Intramurals recap

By Peter Tufts

### Intramural Basketball League

The F-Bombs defeated the Clippers to earn the championship of the Intramural Basketball League. There were 19 teams in this year's league. The three division winners were the Red Dots, the Clippers and the Master P's. Three teams competed for the wild-card spot. The F-Bombs defeated the Sweets and the Warriors, to earn that spot.

In the semi-finals, the Clippers defeated the Red Dots, and the F-Bombs defeated the Master P's. The final game was a rematch of an early divisional game that the Clippers had won. The final game had the F-Bombs gain an early lead that

evaporated in the second half. The game went into overtime and the F-Bombs prevailed.

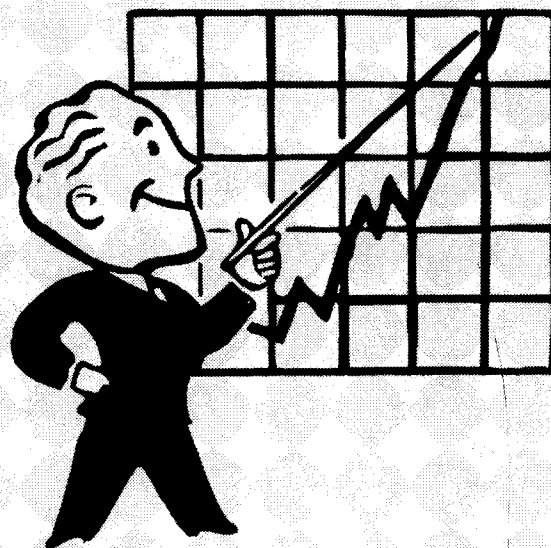
### Intramural Racquetball Tournament

There were 18 players who started the Racquetball Tournament in February. That number has been cut down to six players. Webster Moshuge is playing Dean Richard Erskine in the next round. Chad Faria is playing Eric Libardi, and Jay Carlage is playing Siddharth Verma. The tournament will finish in early April.



Yolanda Pond and Mandy Veilleux are patiently waiting to see where the ball will go next (Photo by Tom McDermott).

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Tuesday, April 25, 11 am:

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## Penman baseball pound St. A's

Source: Tom McDermott

In the March 29 doubleheader against University of Massachusetts Lowell River Hawks, the New Hampshire College Penmen did not fare so well. The River Hawks swept both games, 15-0, 7-0.

Senior third baseman Jason Dubail led the Penmen as he batted 2 for 4 (singles).

In a highlight game for the Penmen against cross-town rivals Saint Anselm College, NHC beat St. A's, 18-9.

Dubail went four for five from the plate and knocked in three runs to become just the seventh player in NHC history to reach the 100 career hit plateau, leading a 22 hit barrage as the Penmen downed Saint Anselm on March 30.

The Penmen improved to 3-9 overall on the season with the win.

Three other NHC players notched three hit afternoons including Mike Prymak, Shawn O'Grady and Joel Grace. Ryan Paradis went two for five with two home runs and knocked in three.

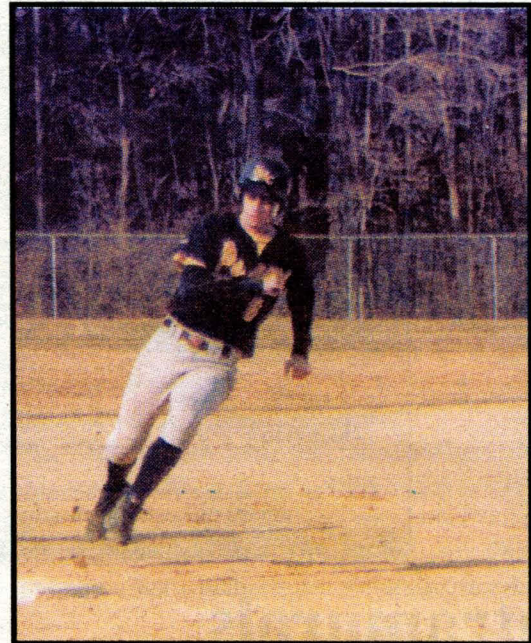
NHC jumped ahead early and often, scoring twice in the first, four times in the second and added another five in the third for a 11-1 lead. Saint Anselm answered with four in the bottom of the third, but the Penmen shut the door with four more in the fourth for a commanding 15-4 lead. Nick Nugent also homered for the Penmen.

In their most recent game, NHC lost a double-

header to Southern Connecticut State University. The Owls posted a 1-0 victory in game one and completed the sweep with a 5-3 win in the nightcap. The losses dropped NHC to 3-11 overall and 0-4 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

The Penmen stranded 11 base runners in game one. NHC left the bases loaded in the eighth and stranded two in the ninth. Junior O'Grady had three hits for NHC. Junior Scott Chapman was the hard luck loser for NHC.

NHC out-hit the Owls in game two as well, but the Penmen committed three costly errors in the second inning that allowed SCSU to open up a 4-1 lead. NHC cut the lead to

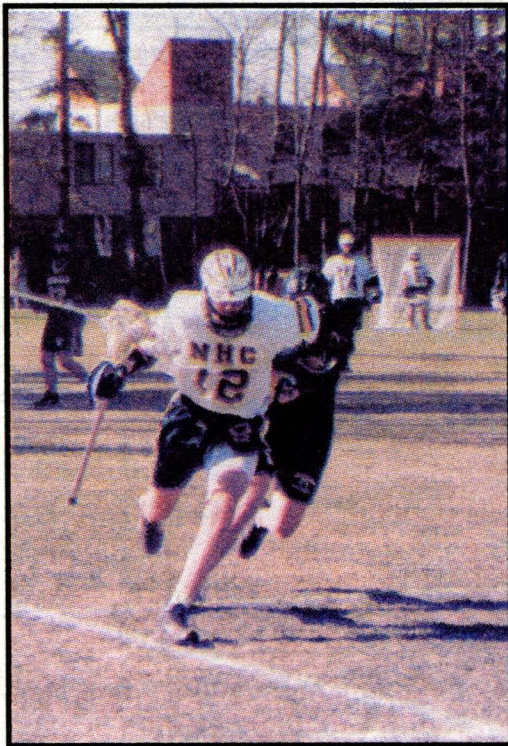


Senior Jason Dubail runs the bases after a hit (Photo by Tom McDermott).

4-3 with two runs in the top of the fifth, but the Owls answered with a run in the bottom of the fifth. NHC was held hitless and managed just one base runner over the final two innings. Sophomore Jon Breault went the distance on the mound for

NHC and allowed just five hits and two earned runs.

NHC returns to action today when it hosts Bentley College in a single nine-inning game at 3 p.m.



Jon Winton takes off with the ball, while a competitor tries to stop him (Photo by Tom McDermott).

## Cesere getting the goals for NHC

Source: Tom McDermott

New Hampshire College took a 14-5 loss against St. Anselm College on March 27. Saint Anselm took an early 2-0 lead, before the Penmen answered with an unassisted goal by sophomore Adam Gianunzio with 5:32 left in the first quarter. NHC evened the score at 2-2 during an extra-man situation when Junior Brian Davey scored off a feed from junior Jon Winton.

Sophomore Mike Cesere netted two goals for NHC. Gianunzio finished with a goal and an assist, while Winton recorded three assists.

Senior Chris Devoe made 16 saves for the Penmen.

In the March 30

game against Norwich University, the Penmen took another loss of 8-5.

NHC outshot the Cadets 15-5 in the fourth quarter but was unable to get one past the Norwich goalkeeper.

Winton led the Penmen with three goals and two assists, while Cesere added

two goals and two assists. Devoe made 20 saves for the Penmen.

In the most recent game played on April 1 against Saint Michael's College, the Penmen dropped to 0-4 with the 2-24 loss.

Cesere netted both goals for NHC. For the Penmen, Devoe made 29 saves.

You can catch the Penmen in action at home on April 6 at 7 p.m. against Bentley College.

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