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## Addition planned for NHC Athletic Complex

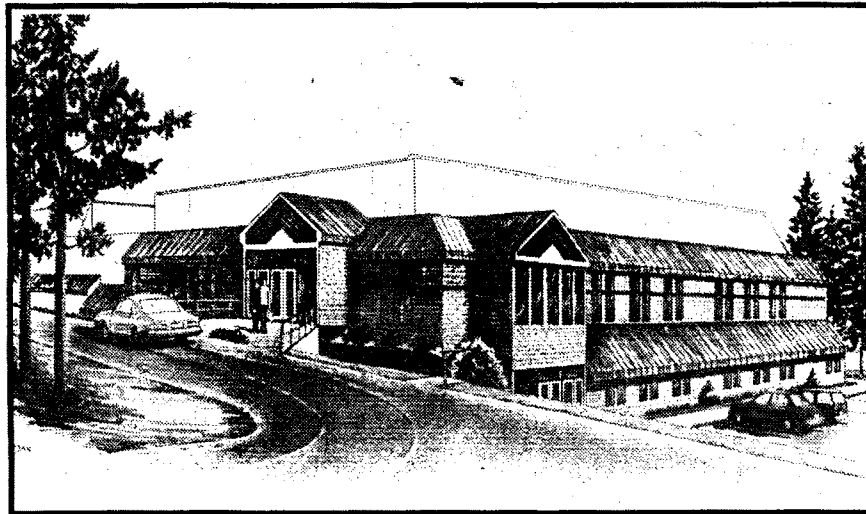
By Adrian Mroczko

The NHC Athletic Complex, after nearly 25 years of constant use, will finally be getting a much-needed renovation and some significant improvements. The changes are necessary as the Complex is not only the home to NHC athletic teams, but also to various community groups, events and other activities. It has been said that NHC is the one institution of higher learning in southern New Hampshire that gives full access to its students and to the community.

The most notable improvement to the Complex is the 20,000 sq. ft., two-story addition on the west end of the facility. Not only will this addition increase the size of the facility, it will also change the overall look of the building and surrounding area. The existing hockey rink will more than likely be sacrificed for the expansion.

The addition will house a

new 4500 sq. ft. state-of-the-art fitness center on the upper level, a permanent concession area and



An early look at the proposed addition to the Athletic Complex's west end. (Courtesy of the President's Office)

a 2000 sq. ft. Penmen Function Room, which will be complete with glass viewing into the Fieldhouse, four new locker rooms for men's and women's soccer and basketball teams, along with a new athletic training room/facility. The new addition will also provide new offices for the coaching staff, expanded

Fieldhouse lobby complete with a permanent concession area and

restroom facilities for men and women, and a new west entrance at street level which will enhance building access, along with a ticket sales area and an elevator.

The rest of the Complex will also be receiving some enhancements. The entire facility will be refurbished; this includes offices, locker rooms, the pool, the

equipment room, and all hallways. The main entrance on the east end will be reconstructed and expanded to include handicapped access and an elevator which will allow access to all levels and offices for staff. The small gym is slated to receive a new synthetic floor, ceiling panels, wall treatments and restrooms. Last but not least, the area that the Athletic Training Room currently occupies will be constructed into dressing rooms for visiting officials.

The project is still in the early stages and donations are being sought. The actual dates of construction beginning are still not clear at this time. Renovating and expanding the facility will cost approximately \$2,000,000. Given the success of NHC athletics and the overall level of service to the community that the Complex provides, the project will be well worth the time and the cost involved.

## NHC English Professor resigns following conviction

By Rich Winefield

NHC professor Dr. Nicholas Cameron, 34, resigned from NHC on October 22.

Cameron, who resides in Massachusetts, worked as the director of interns and apprentices at the Weathervane Theater during the summer. The Weathervane Theater presents plays produced by still-unknown actors during the summers in Whitefield, NH, which also served as his summer home.

"We charged him with three counts of felonious sexual assault" said Lancaster County Assistant District Attorney Robin Gordon. Felonious sexual assault is any sexual penetration that is not consented to. The state of New Hampshire has nothing on the law books using words such as "rape," "date rape" or "statutory rape." Felonious sexual assault is a class

B felony that carries 3 1/2 to 7 years in prison.

While working Cameron became involved with one of the Weathervane Theater's interns. The intern, a fourteen-year-old girl, was below the minimum age of consent in New Hampshire, which is sixteen. Cameron did not deny his relationship with the girl; however, he did plead not guilty during his arraignment.

How long the relationship lasted and how involved it was, is not clear. The victim's friend alerted her mother to what was going on. The victim's mother then contacted the Department of Youth Services. Following a lengthy investigation Gordon had enough evidence to charge Cameron.

The trial lasted one day, and less than four hours after closing arguments a jury of twelve peers returned a unanimous guilty verdict on the three counts.

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## Clinton pitches college presidents on reading tutors

By Colleen De Baise  
College Press Service

WASHINGTON - Nearly 800 universities have pledged to set aside work-study funds for students who want to teach school children how to read, President Clinton announced Oct. 21.

The president sat down with a 7-year-old girl to read "The Carrot Seed" to drum up support for his tutoring program, called America Reads, at a White House meeting with more than a dozen college presidents.

The tutoring program faces opposition in Congress, where Re-

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## Letter to the editor:

Many people who have never encountered Dr. Nicholas Cameron as a teacher may make assumptions and jokes concerning his conviction for felonious sexual assault on a minor. But, keep in mind there are multiple sides to one's personality. His personal life is not my concern because it is his own; and although some of his actions didn't comply with society, his passionate teaching did. I urge readers to be open minded toward this letter. I am not defending a criminal, rather I am honoring a unique teacher with a style that instilled fire into students' writing, which before Dr. Cameron didn't even have a spark.

The first class I had with Dr. Cameron, I mistakenly judged him to be a crazy tyrant because he silently glared around the room, mute with concentration. One student curiously asked, "Why are you not talking, isn't this English?" Dr. Cameron responded, "I need to know my students on a first name basis because communication and comprehending someone is the most important part of teaching; it enables me to get my point across." I had learned an instrumental lesson in English and life, which wouldn't be the last that he taught.

The classes were challenging and he was demanding, but it was for our benefit. In eight weeks Dr. Cameron glued our class together, like pieces of a puzzle. He would make everyone participate while having fun, and he strongly considered everyone's opinions. It made students persist and feel like they were a main piece in the advancement of the class. I believe Dr. Cameron was a burning forest fire, and his passion for teaching illuminated like a mirror on the dull chalk board that hung from the wall; his beam re-

flected off the classroom walls and made everyone around him burn their brightest shades. He was capable of bringing out the creativity in each student he taught, and it was his talent and intelligence that ignited students like a match. That is the Dr. Cameron I know and that is why I must try and keep his fire lit, so that in time it won't dwindle in the wind. I would rather it be preserved and spread across education for all to cherish.

When Dr. Cameron had to resign from NHC, I decided to see how my classmates felt about the situation we were faced with. I found that the same feelings that inspired me to write were blazing inside of them, brought on by the inspiration of Dr. Cameron. Tim Kyse, a fellow student in my English 101 class, said, "I wasn't interested by English in high school, but when I got into Dr. Cameron's class that changed. It was serious but laid back, everything was accepted. In high school I was treated like a kid, but in Dr. Cameron's class he would tell you when you were wrong, and put a smile on your face while doing it. He was the kind of teacher that made you succeed. I probably learned more in eight weeks in his class than I did in my last two years in high school. He taught me how to be a writer. He's the kind of guy who would proclaim himself a genius, and at first I thought he was an egocentric, but I learned that he was a genius. He said, 'writing is risk taking,' and I thought about it and concluded that not only is writing a risk, but so is life."

Tim found something in Dr. Cameron's class that I believe was commonly discovered by students who were taught by him. Another student, Kellie Graham, talked about his stylish teaching methods and the way it inspired her writing. "I'm going to miss a lot about Dr. Cameron's class. He made me think, he would answer

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## From the editor's desk

Welcome to the second issue of the Observer. I must say that I am very pleased with the amount of feedback we received in regards to our first issue. While most of it was very positive, it is the suggestions and ideas that we were most interested in. With this, we are better able to plan what should or should not be included in future issues of the Observer. This is great for both the NHC community and my staff: our jobs are made easier due to the fact that we can focus more of our time to developing and improving the paper. The campus benefits by getting exactly what it wants in each and every issue of the Observer! Most will agree with me that this is exactly the type of relationship the Observer needs to have with its readers in order to ensure a successful future.

So, if there is a certain area of the paper you don't particularly care for, or if there is something you would like to see added, please, don't hesitate to write or tell us. We are students just like everyone else and unfortunately we have not been blessed with the ability to read minds. Keep the feedback and articles coming in and enjoy the issue!

Adrian M. Mroczko  
Co-Editor in Chief

"Success is simply a matter of luck, ask any failure."

*-Author Unknown*

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## Letter to the editor:

I have a complaint about the Campus Video Network. Last night (November 4), I was watching two movies. At 9 o'clock, Donnie Brasco was on and at 11 o'clock The Fifth Element was supposed to be on. Both movies started out great and ran fine. The problem is neither of them finished. Both movies were cut short, and I missed the endings. At first when it happened to Donnie Brasco, I figured it was a fluke and thought, "Well, I'll catch it another time, the next movie is coming on." I watched The Fifth Element, and then at exactly 1 o'clock someone cut off the end of the movie and went to dead air. I was so upset; I stayed up until one in the morning to just have the end cut off. Just like for Donnie Brasco previously. I looked at the movie schedule and saw all the movies were running in exactly two-hour blocks. Why couldn't someone have just checked the length of the movies before creating the blocks? If it's about timing, I think students would rather see a movie come on a few minutes late, than miss the ending to another.

Michael Lascelles

## To the editor:

### Governor's Office Internships

Governor Shaheen's office is currently recruiting interns for next semester, and would like to offer students the opportunity to apply for a position in the Executive branch of New Hampshire government. Interested students must be in a position to commit to a minimum of 18 hours per week, or 2 full work days. Of course, the more time a student devotes to the intern program, the more valuable the experience for her/him. As a result, most interns who have worked in the Governor's office in the past have made themselves available throughout the work week.

Governor's office interns work alongside staff in the following areas. All positions require good writing and communication skills, as well as organizational skills and attention to details:

- \*Citizen Affairs
- \*Scheduling

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# Campus Security Log

Compiled by Adrian Mroczko



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

### 10/21/97, 1710 hrs, Hospitality Building, Power Outage

At the above date and time, the entire campus lost power, which rendered the elevator in the Hospitality Building useless. Public Safety received a call shortly after the power went out in regards to people being trapped in the stalled elevator. Some officers (PSO's) were sent to the scene, and they discovered that one person was stuck in the elevator. Public Safety did not have the key to the elevator to free the trapped individual, so Hooksett Fire Department was called in. The fire department eventually freed the individual through the third-floor opening.

### 10/24/97, 1325 hrs, Upper Suites, Medical Transport

An RA called Public Safety to report that a resident was being transported to the hospital due to the fact that she had slipped in the shower and twisted her knee in the process. The nurse had already attended to her, and she was being taken to the hospital by her sister. Public Safety was called in to lock the subject's door.

### 10/24/97, 1345 hrs, Hospitality Building, Stalking/Harassing Phone Calls

A student told Public Safety that she was being harassed and followed by an unknown person. She had her wallet stolen out of her car two days earlier when she was at the Manchester Public Library. Since that time, she began to receive harassing phone calls and also reported being approached by a strange man behind the Hospitality Building. She was advised to notify her local police department and also to report any further occurrences to Public Safety.

### 10/26/97, 1630 hrs, Gatehouse, Motor Vehicle Accident

A faculty member was entering the campus through the Gatehouse during a high-volume flow of traffic. The gate arm was still up from when the previous car had passed through, and the employee proceeded to drive through. The gate arm came down before it could be triggered open again and hit the subject's car. Some paint from the gate arm rubbed off onto the car. The damage was minor and Public Safety offered to use a spot remover on the damaged area of the car.

### 10/26/97, 2322 hrs, Washington Hall, Assault/AOD Violation

Public Safety received a call to meet with the on-duty RA in the lobby of Washington Hall. When the PSO arrived there, the RA stated that he had been punched in the face area over a confrontation with a student over an open container. The RA showed evidence of being struck in the face as he had a bruised left cheek, swollen lip, broken tooth, and a red left eye. The PSO questioned the student, who at first denied striking the RA, but eventually admitted to doing so. He also admitted to drinking six beers. The RA was fine after being checked out at the hospital. The student was documented for his actions.

### 11/1/97, 1500 hrs, Frost Hall, Indecent Exposure—"Auto Eroticist"

A man walked up to the Gatehouse at the above date and time and asked the officer on duty if he could go to the Continuing Education office in Frost Hall. The officer replied "yes" and dispatched another PSO to follow the subject because he was "acting odd with his speech and body movements." The PSO followed behind the individual at a short distance and saw him enter Frost Hall. The man saw the PSO following him, so he entered a nearby bathroom. The PSO waited outside the bathroom several minutes so he could question the individual after he would come out. After a long wait, the officer entered the bathroom so he could check to see if the individual was okay. This time, he caught the strange man masturbating in the stall. The officer told the man to get out and followed him to the Gatehouse for questioning. The man did as he was told. Upon arriving at the Gatehouse, they found an officer from Manchester Police Department, who had been called in to read the man the "riot act." The MPD officer told the man to leave the premises or he would be arrested. The man appeared to have some type of mental problem. He stated that he was looking for course information and also that he had been a student at NHC eight years ago. The man departed and there were no further problems.



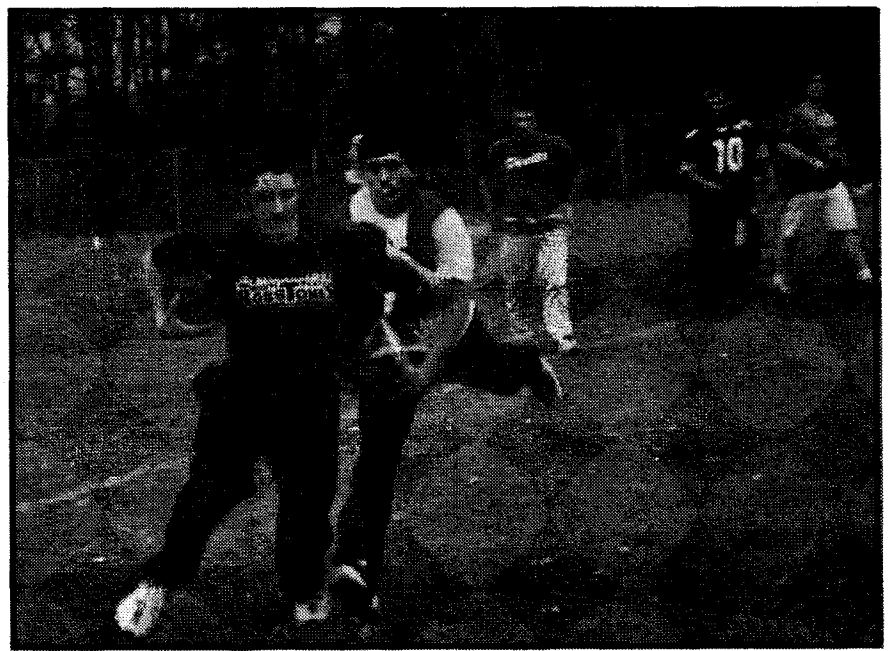
# Grab the flag!

By Danny Luciano

Sunday, October 19, "kicked off" the 1997 Intramural Flag Football season. The league consists of nine teams, divided up into two conferences. Each team must have at least five players to start and finish a game, and may not have more than fifteen. All the games are played on the baseball field. The field is measured forty yards wide and sixty yards long, with ten-yard end zones. There are two 18-minute periods of running time with a 2-minute half time. Each team is given two time outs.

The rules are relatively the same as college football, with a few minor exceptions. For example, instead of tackling your opponent, you're supposed to pull off the flag belt that every player wears. Once your flag is pulled off you are down.

The season extends up to November 16, followed by two rounds of playoffs for the teams who qualify. The semifinals are on November 22, and the championship game will take place on November 23. You may join a team at any time during the regular season, so if you're interested in playing you'd better hurry because the season is almost over. Good luck to all teams, and may the best one win!



Intramural flag football players enjoying a Sunday afternoon game played at the baseball field. (Photo by Rich Winefield)

To commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the publication of *The New Hampshire College Journal* and to celebrate the programs and majors offered by the Division of Liberal Arts—some of them launched within the last two years—New Hampshire College is sponsoring a writing contest and a photography contest. We hope to make this contest an annual event.

We invite students in all New Hampshire College divisions, undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education, to enter their short fiction, short non-fiction, and black and white photographs for a chance to win cash prizes and publication in our spring 1998 issue of *The New Hampshire College Journal*.

The winners of the first prize in each of our three categories will receive a cash prize of \$125.00, as well as publication in our journal. Categories are as follows:



- Short Fiction (1500-3500 words)
- Non-fiction Essays (1500-3500 words)
- Black and White Photography (Submit 5" x 7" print)



No previous publication and no simultaneous submission except by special arrangement with the editor. Writing submissions will not be returned. Photography will be returned only if submission is accompanied by appropriate packaging and sufficient postage.

All work should be word-processed by computer on one side of the paper only. Fiction and non-fiction should be double-spaced. Name and address should be printed on each page. Writers whose work is accepted for publication will be asked to submit their work on a PC-formatted diskette in either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect 6.0, as well as in hard copy.

**The deadline for submission to  
*The New Hampshire College Journal* contest  
is December 1, 1997.**

**Entry forms are enclosed and may be photocopied as needed.**

Please submit your short fiction, non-fiction, and black and white prints to:  
Professor Julia M. Di Stefano, Editor  
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## From the Desk of the Wellness Center

### Oh no, not the flu!

Submitted by Health Services

It's that time of year again! The feeling that you've been run over by a truck. The headache that won't quit, the body aches that you wish would quit and that feeling of nausea that is overwhelming! There is some hope out there for all. The flu shot is the first step in helping to combat the stubborn bug heading for us. If you don't get the shot, then you must deal with the consequences of the dreaded FLU!

There are different strains of influenza. They are A, B and C. A is by far the most virulent of the strains. Symptoms are sudden and nasty. They include headache, high fever, cough, congestion, muscle aches and fatigue. Type B is like a cold, and it is difficult to distinguish between the two. Type C rarely has major symptoms.

So! Now you've got the flu. What do you do? Rest, rest, and more rest. This is the key to improving. You must also drink lots of fluids. **THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE ALCOHOL!** You should take a non aspirin product every four hours. Then you should rest some more. There are no antibiotics for the flu. It is a virus, and viruses are not treated with antibiotics; however, if you have a cough and head or chest congestion you can take an over-the-counter decongestant or cough syrup. Now that you've been in bed for a week thinking that you may not see tomorrow, what do you do next year? You get a flu shot!

## Good food

By Art Hill

If you're looking for good food and a great time for good prices, the Super Outback on Route 3 in Hookset is a magnificent choice. The Super Outback boasts an excellent menu, as well as the best kabobs in the area. Reasonable prices and a superior wait staff further compliments the Outback experience. The atmosphere is a casual, yet elegant scene that provides a touch of class to customers in a relaxed environment. Upon arrival, it is not uncommon to be greeted by the

~~owner who takes pride in meeting~~ his customers face-to-face.

The American bistro cuisine consists mainly of beef and poultry; it is made to order on site by the Outback's highly qualified chefs. A wide array of daily specials is also available at exceptional prices.

It is for these reasons that I recommend the Super Outback to students and their families. This establishment's reputation for pride and excellence not only surpasses most eateries, it sets the precedent for them.

### Letter (from page 2)

- \*Press Relations/Media Communications
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- \*Policy
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Intern assignments are determined on the basis of staffing needs and intern interest, with priority given to those needs that are most pressing at the intern's matriculation into the program.

Students interested in these unique intern positions are encouraged to send a cover letter and resume to: Gina Grappone, Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs, State House, 107 North Main Street, Room 124, Concord, NH 03301. For further information, interested parties may call Gina at 1(800) 852-3456 (from New Hampshire) or (603) 271-2121.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Gina Grappone  
Deputy Director of Citizen Affairs  
Office of the Governor

## Dear editors,

First, let me comment on how fortunate for the Observer that there are two of you to address, and not just one, in this brief letter.

This fact will certainly provide some needed continuity in the paper, something lacking until now. So congratulations on taking care of this very important step, one which all healthy newspapers must take to remain healthy.


Second, more congratulations for publishing one of the best issues of the Observer I've seen in years. I thought the paper was well written and edited, interesting and as timely as possible given your publication schedule. I was also pleased to see the large number of contributors, a very promising sign for what we all hope will be more highly readable papers.

And finally, lest you are getting somewhat uncomfortable with all these good words, please let me convince you that no one put me up to any of this, that no promises were made to publish my neglected poems or chapter one of my misunderstood novels. I made this letter because I was impressed with your good works, something I felt needed to be publicly recognized. So one more time: Congratulations for a terrific issue of the Observer. Now if someone on the staff wants to invite me to Shorty's for lunch, this is something we can discuss quietly and out of earshot. I would hope, from any inquiring reporters.

Best regards and continued success with the Observer.





Don Sieker

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# Entertainment...

## The fall weekend highlight

By Danny Luciano

Sunday, October 26, had finally come. The highlight of this year's fall weekend, the Mighty Mighty Bosstones were here. Finally, after weeks of planning the stage was set for NHC to rock. However, those 2200 people who packed the large gym on Sunday, probably didn't know just how much planning had gone into setting up for the show.

I entered the field house at about 5:30. After receiving my backstage pass, I went on my way to wander around and observe what was going on. While browsing around the stage area, I saw plenty of students/staff making sure everything was set up perfectly. I then headed to the small gym where head of security, Kate Jiannetti, was giving out assignments to all the security staff. The staff consisted of members of ZBT, Phi-Delta Theta, and other students. Several Public Safety and Manchester Police Officers were on hand as well. The security staff was told to try and allow everyone to have a good time while keeping them safe at the same time. As Jiannetti finished up her briefing, I noticed Dicky Barrett, lead singer of the Bosstones, had walked in.

I approached Barrett and asked if he would mind answering a few questions for the school paper. He agreed to. I asked him how Saturday Night Live was, which the Bosstones performed the previous night. He responded, "It was a lot of fun. We had a great time." He also said that the Bosstones keep a pretty busy schedule. I asked him which he enjoys more, playing large stadium shows like this past summer's Warped Tour, or would he rather stick to smaller venues like NHC. He answered, "We enjoy both. We like to mix it up a little. Lately we've been playing mostly big clubs and colleges." I asked him if touring sometimes got to be a burden which wears you down. He replied, "Sometimes it gets a little tiring, but we love it. You have to love it to be doing it for

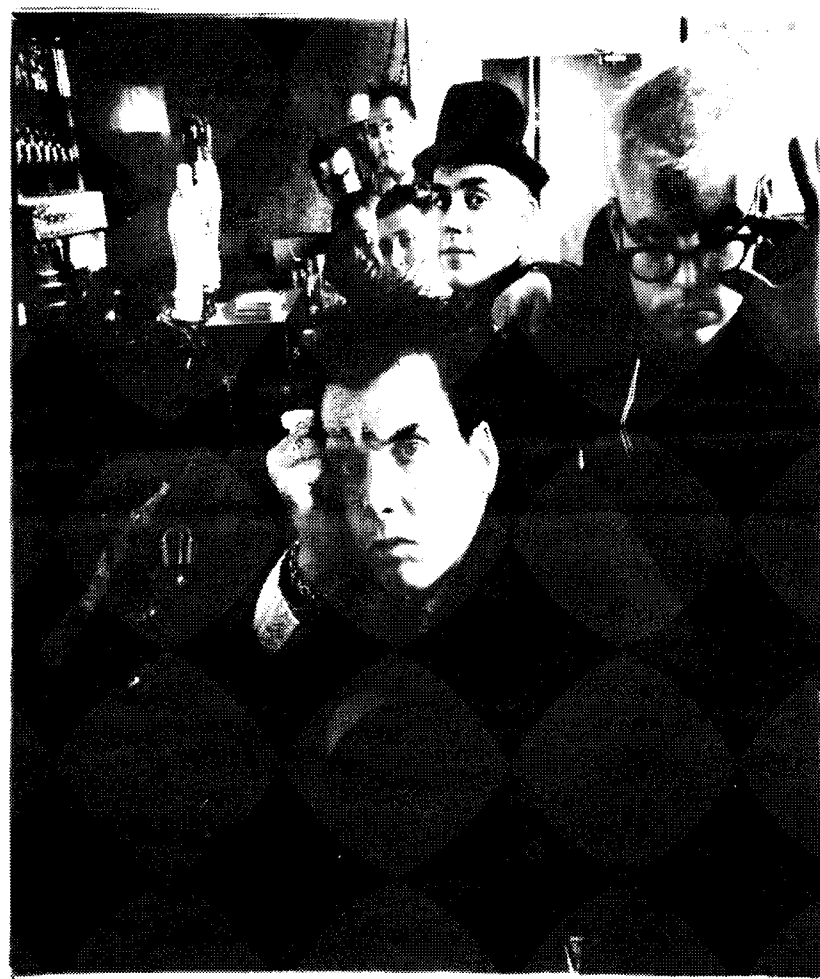
as long as we have (around eight years)." After answering a few more questions, Barrett headed for his dressing room to get ready, I headed to meet up with Nathalie Haddad.

Haddad is the head of hospitality. She had one of the most difficult jobs, making sure all the bands were happy. She was in charge of getting the dressing rooms prepared. She had to make sure all the food was prepared as well. On top of that, she had to make sure all of the bands' requests were met. This meant that any last minute requests also had to be taken care of. Luckily, she had plenty of helpers, also from hospitality, to give her a hand. In all, \$800 was spent on hospitality alone. I can't forget to mention all the students who helped in other areas including stage set-up, and worst of all, cleaning up afterwards. The one person who was in charge of all the planning for the concert was Gianni Urso, who stayed busy the whole day making sure everything went as planned. Without Urso and his hundreds of student volunteers, this concert would've never taken place. Finally after observing everything that went on behind the scenes, I decided to head to the large gym.

From 6 p.m. on, people had been lined up outside the field house hoping to get as close to the stage as possible. The doors opened at 7 p.m. by about 8 p.m., the gym was pretty well packed. By about 8:10, the Dropkick Murpheys, followed by the Amazing Royal Crowns and Bim Skala Bim hit the stage and warmed the crowd up. Finally at about 10:45, the Bosstones took the stage. The crowd picked up right where they left off from the opening acts, and resumed their moshing and crowd surfing. Throw in a little stage diving, and you had one wild show. The band sounded great. The sound was extremely loud, especially if you were one of the people standing directly in front of the speakers. The Bosstones played a full set, which lasted about an hour and half. They played most of the songs from their latest album, along with several old fan favorites, while keeping the crowd fired up the entire time. Looking around, I noticed everyone seemed to be having a great

time. From talking to several people afterwards, I seemed to get the same impression from everyone; "It was great!" there was however one downside to the near perfect night. Someone managed to steal the Mighty Mighty Bosstones' banner which hung from the back of the stage. Understandably so, the Bosstones were extremely upset, but unfortunately they decided to place the blame on the school. They even went so far as to "rip"

NHC on MTV. Although it's unfortunate this happened, I think the Bosstones should've found out for sure who was to blame before putting NHC down on national television. Rumor has it that someone from their own crew stole it as a prank. With all this aside this was a great show and an all around great weekend. It would've taken a lot more than just one foolish incident to ruin all the fun that was had.



FRONT TO BACK: DICKY BARRETT, NATE ALBERT, JOE SIROIS, JOE GITTELMAN, DENNIS BROCKENBOROUGH, BEN CARR, KEVIN LENEAR, TIM BURTON

## THE MIGHTY MIGHTY BOSSTONES

### Ask Aladdin

Dear Aladdin,

I normally wouldn't write to someone name Aladdin, but I'm desperate. Too many things are going on in my life right now and I don't know how much longer I can take it. My best friend is pregnant and desperately needs my support. I am very much against the actions she takes part in that got her into this mess in the first place, so I do not approve of her life-style and I'm worried she will not change when her baby is born. The father is nowhere to be found, and since she is my best friend, I want so much to help her. I've tried to talk to her and she doesn't want to listen. Our arguments are breaking us apart and she refuses outside help. I have nowhere else to turn.

Aside from this dilemma, I have been preparing to move out next semester after I graduate for a job offer I accepted. But every time this subject is brought up I have to see my mother cry. She doesn't want me to move out, and she is convinced that I hate her and my father. I've sat down with her several times and cried with her while trying to explain that moving out is just something I have to do - I'm

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# Horoscope

## A Peek At What the Stars Hold for You

### Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)

In order to get what you want you have to hold on and not let go. You don't have a lot of room in your life right now for too much emotion. Just concentrate on your goal. You have put a defensive mask for the world to see. You need to realize that it is time to take the mask off.

### Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

You are soon going to have a change in residence or job. In making this move you will meet a person that will spark a creative urge in you. This will be an opportunity for you to expand your goals. Your own original ideas will be a great asset to you. Be careful not to boast about your success because it can be just as easily taken away from you.

### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

A change in the direction of your life will give you a different insight on how you see things. A new world will open up for you if you let it. It will be a new beginning for you, helping you to overcome a difficult cycle in your life. Remember that if you can change your mind then you can change your world. Good Luck!

### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You have grown a lot in your life. From baby to child, child to young adult, young adult to old age...it is all meaningless if you don't learn anything from it. You need to take something from every aspect of your life and use it to grow further. You have been throwing it all away which is why it is hard for you to grow up right now. You have been through a lot in your life both good and bad. You are going to go through even more. Use your life knowledge to help you with your difficult time.

### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You have a lot of movement in your life. Now is the time to listen to all of the new ideas and new people in your life. These ideas will stimulate you to do this that you never expected. You may not like it but there are going to be some words exchanged between you and someone close to you. Remember that you can get your point across without yelling or being hurtful.

### Virgo (Aug 23-Sept. 22)

You are about to achieve the success that you have been waiting for. With it will come life long personal success and domestic happiness. Your reputation will be enhanced and you will be noticed by people that you have never known. Make sure that you

don't lose contact with your friends that have always been there but still enjoy your new found success. You deserve this!

### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

If you need material objects to make you feel good about yourself then you are a very empty person inside. You need to change the importance of things from physical to spiritual. You are becoming a very selfish person and you need to stop before it gets too out of hand. You have the power to change this you just haven't done it yet. The sooner the better.

### Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

It is now the darkest before the dawn. Just when you think things aren't going to get better they are. Even though it all seems very scary you need to move forward and just know that everything is going to be okay. Remember to save all of your worrying for the big challenges and not waste it on anxious worrying.

### Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec 21.)

You are going to receive some very interesting news by mail. It is really going to surprise you. You will be asked to use your ideas and apply them to the world. Make sure that you are prepared to do this or it may backfire. Your ability to think in such an abstract manner will really help you.

### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You need to understand that power and wealth have nothing to do with each other. One does not equal the other. Material things will not make you as secure in your life as you may think. You need to reflect on your own personal qualities and take them for what they are. You need to realize that you are a beautiful person even if you do not have beautiful things.

### Aquarius (Jan 21.-Feb. 18)

You have a lot of willpower. You just need to point it in the right direction. Once you do this you can move forward and get all it is that you visualize for yourself. You are about to be challenged and you need your willpower to get you through this.

### Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

There is a lot of chaos in your life right now. It would be a good time to seclude yourself from others for a while in order to get done what you need to accomplish. Get these things straightened out and then get yourself back in to the swing of things. You will be better off for it.

## Surf.The.Net.Now

By David Lee Tong

Hello, folks! I'm back again this issue to explore the exciting cyber world. As fall sets in, sports leagues are coming back. The start of the NBA, NFL, and other sports brings excitement, and fanaticism fill the atmosphere. If you're like me, up to date scores and insider news are important information, and there's no better way to acquire such information than surfing the web.

Note: If you have any site requests or opinions for future columns, e-mail me at [DavidV@mailcity.com](mailto:DavidV@mailcity.com)

### Basketball

**NBA** - Official league site of the National Basketball Association; here you'll see every statistic, latest news and updates of your favorite teams or players. Watch video clips and commentaries or interviews as well.

<http://www.nba.com>

**Alley Oop** - This very detailed basketball site analyzes all the teams' strengths and weaknesses from trades, acquisitions, and drafts. Heavily graphical!

<http://www.alleyoop.com>

**WNBA** - A fresh new league for women's basketball. Rolled off with a great start last season; from the folks that brought you NBA.COM, here's the women's version.

<http://www.wnba.com>

### Football

**NFL.com** - Like the NBA, the National Football League also has its official web site. Check out facts, rosters, statistics, and schedules for each team.

<http://www.nfl.com>

**Football Central** - have you ever wondered how many countries other than the United States play American football? You'll be surprised when you visit this site.

<http://www.wqd.com/fc>

**ESPN Sportzone: NFL** - The most comprehensive NFL coverage on the Internet yet! Get everything from latest statistics, insider news straight from the teams' locker rooms.

<http://espnet.sportzone.com/nfl>

### Hockey

**NHL.com** - This National Hockey League site is as flashy as ever. It is literally a multimedia frenzy site right off the bat!

<http://www.nhl.com>

**The Ultimate Hockey Fight Page** - Talk about a rough sport! This site is dedicated to nothing but hockey fights, hundreds of pictures for you to look at. Even has a leader board for players that have the most penalty minutes!

<http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/field/6526/goons.html>

### Martial Arts

**Martial Arts Resource Page** - Want to know more about the different arts and their practitioners; this site has a handful of interviews and articles that you can sink your teeth into. The links are just phenomenal!

<http://www.middlebury.edu/~jswan/martial.arts/ma.html>

**Assault Prevention Information Network** - I guess the title of the page says it all. This site is huge, so be careful not to get lost here.

<http://galaxy.einet.net/galaxy/community/safety/assaultprevention/apin/apinintro.html>

**Judo Information Site** - This Olympic sport is very popular among martial artists. If you are wondering whether this sport is for you or not, this site can make you a believer.

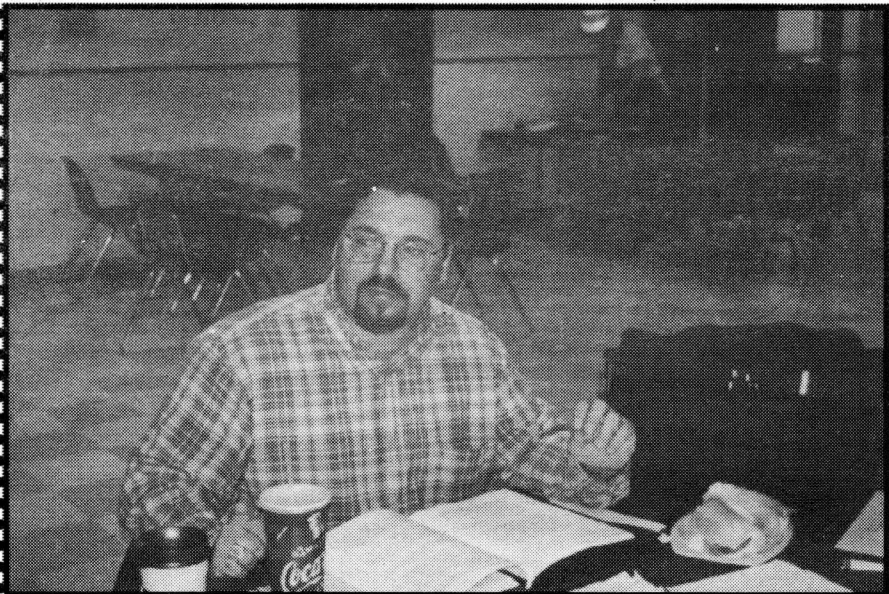
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# Voices and Faces

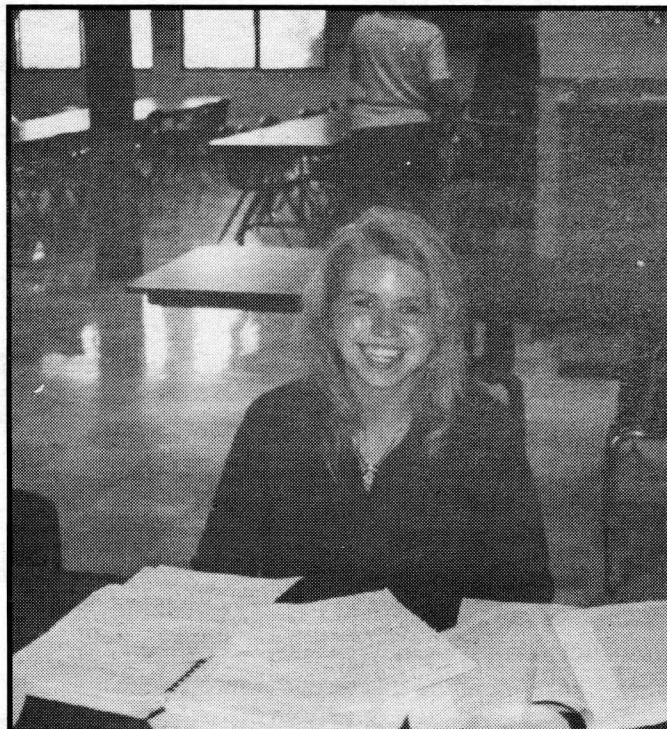
By Rich Winefield and Jake Cohen

How do you feel about Dr. Cameron's resignation?



**Eric Davis**  
Senior Marketing Major

*"I've never had him, so I don't know. Personally I think his life must have a lot to do with his career, or ability to do his job. If people know these things."*



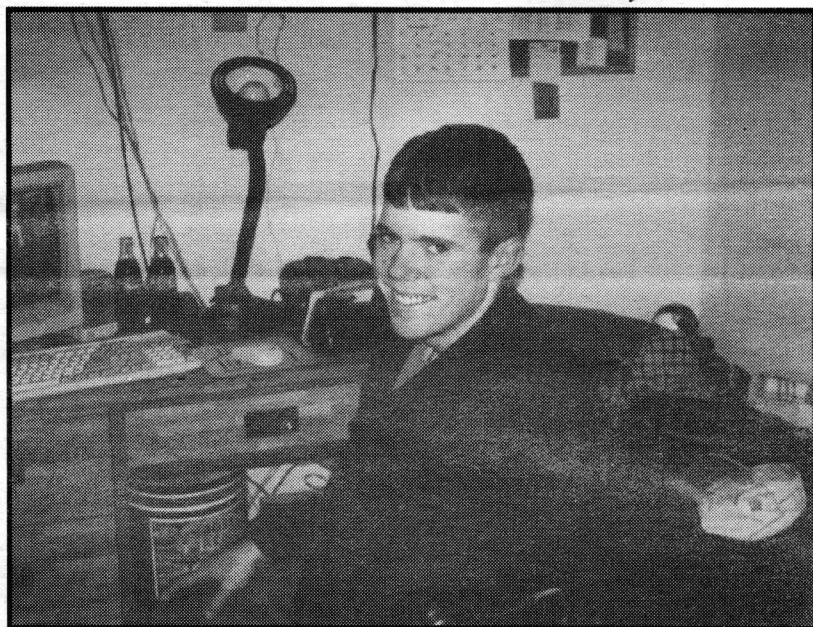
**Jen Hesser**  
Sophomore Marketing Major

*"I think it's too bad he had to resign, but I'd never be able to look at him the same way."*



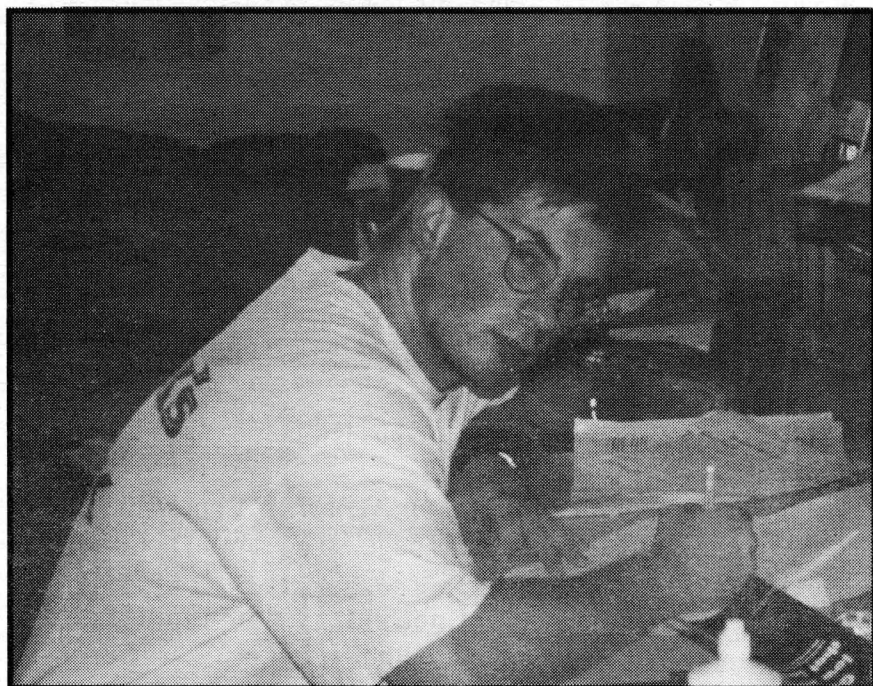
**Phil King**  
Sophomore CIS Major

*"I think it should happen, if it was true. He was an excellent teacher. I'll miss him."*



**David Pearson**  
Sophomore Business Administration Major

*"I think he should have resigned, I just can't believe he would do anything like that. He was the best English teacher I have ever had. I had him the entire English course last year."*



**Steve Hamilton**  
Freshman Culinary Major

*"I think the guy should grow up and find a real girl his own age, should have done it [resigned] a lot earlier. I think he is an \*\*\*\*\*."*



**Mike Buldoc**  
Freshman Undecided Major

*"I think I would have made the same decision so I think he was right. I wouldn't want to come back to a college campus with something like that on my college record."*





**Cathy Griswold**

**Junior Hotel Administration Major**

*"It was appropriate, because of what he did, and you don't want that to become an issue around here. I had him as a teacher, and I am really disappointed that someone of his caliber would do something like that."*



**Chris Kazak**

**Freshman Marketing Major**

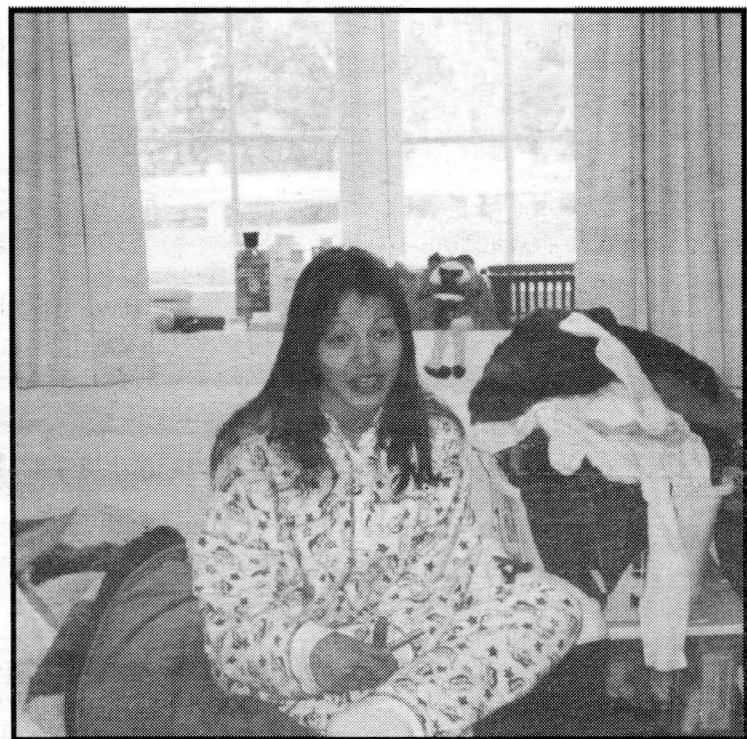
*"I think he did the right thing resigning, he has to do whatever is necessary to get his life straightened out."*



**Danielle McMahon**

**Freshman Hotel Management Major**

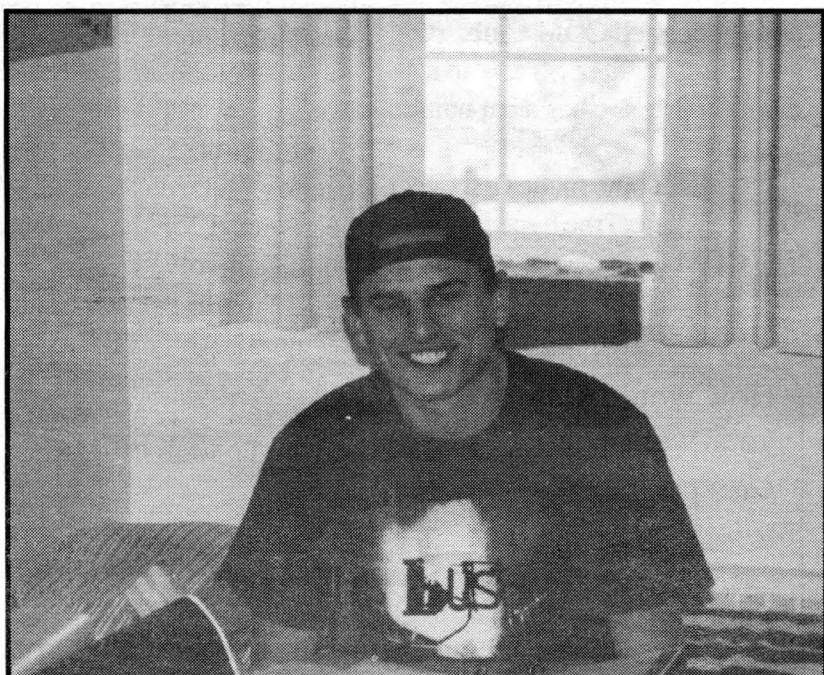
*"I think he should resign, because if he did that with a child he shouldn't be around kids."*



**Melissa Bueneele**

**Freshman Communication Major**

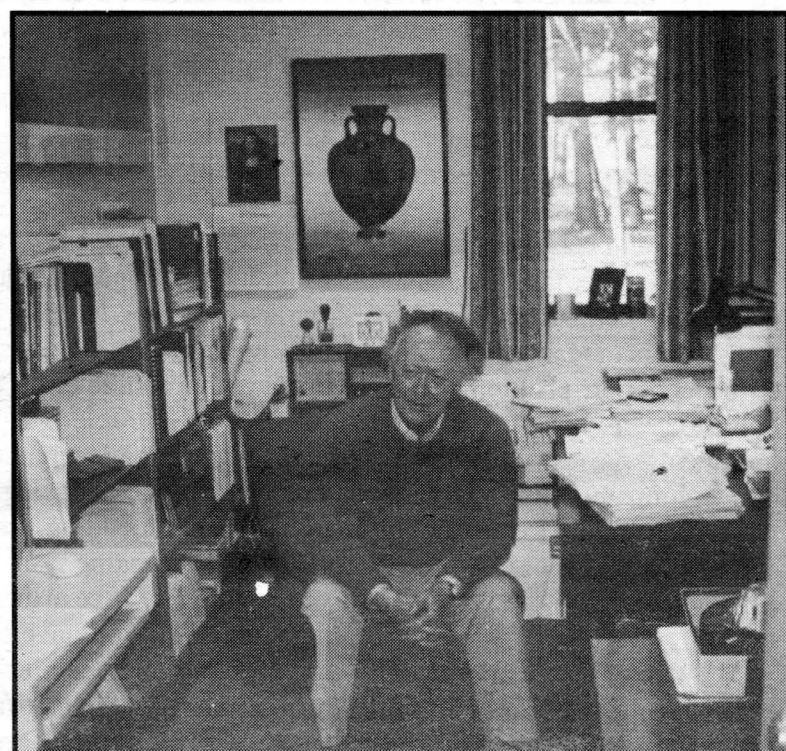
*"I think that's a real shame. He touched a lot of kids...as a teacher."*



**Danny Luciano**

**Freshman Sport Management Major**

*"I guess I am kind of disappointed in him, he is supposed to be like this respected guy and does something like that. Personally I just don't have any more respect for him."*



**Don Sieker**

**Liberal Arts professor for 16 years at NHC**

*"Personally and professionally I am very unhappy about it. It was a great shock. It's a big [loss] we lost a very young talented professor."*



## Campus Profile: The long-haired director

By Kelly Bowden

"Richard Colfer is one of the best teachers I have ever had. He is genuinely concerned with the well being and education of his students," a former student said. He tries to get to know his students on a one-to-one basis. He wants to maintain a good relationship and help them out whenever they need him. I see him as more than just a teacher, and so do many other students at NHC. He is an interesting guy with a lot of stories to tell.

Colfer has been at the college at two different times. Between 1980 and 1985 he was at with the School of Human Services. He worked with women who were receiving welfare but wanted to further their education and employment. He also worked with the county jails and their inmates who were about to be released.

When Colfer came back to NHC in 1988, he became the Associate Director of the Learning Center and an Academic Counselor for the college. Three years ago, he became the Director of the Learning Center. Before he became the Director, he worked closely with his students. His duties now limit his time to talk to his students and help them. "The only bad part about being in charge is the little amount of time I can spend with my students," he said. Colfer makes sure that the Learning Center provides support and services for students to be successful at NHC. He also hires, trains and coordinates the instructors for the FEX classes.

Colfer also teaches a FEX class and tries to get to know his students individually. He wants to have a good relationship with them and help them out whenever they need him.

Everyone I have met who knows Colfer only has good things to say about him. He was there for me when I was going through some tough times last year. I know that he has helped other students deal with personal problems and with academic problems. "He (Richard) was very supportive of me during the time that I have known him, and I know in future years I can still go to him for help and advice for any kind of problem," another one of his students said.

Colfer also works closely with Sarah Wilson from the Wellness Center. This center provides support services for students with disabilities also with other services for students. Colfer helps plan and set up different activities that the Wellness Center does. He has a lot of responsibilities at NHC. During the summer months

while we are working and having fun, he is here for part of it setting things up for incoming students. Despite all the time that he is required to be here, he still has time to do things that he enjoys doing.

One of Colfer's favorite things to do is travel. A couple of years ago, he took some students to the Southwest for a summer course. They went to study the ruins of the cliff-dwelling Indians. They went to different national parks and Indian Reservations to earn their credits. He is thinking of setting up another summer course for the students, this time to Mexico.

Colfer and one of his good friends travel to different countries whenever they can. He likes to travel to get away from work and to be able to relax. They have a side business selling incense to help pay for some of their trips. Last year they went to Ecuador, and this coming spring they are going to Bolivia for two and a half weeks. Colfer said, "I want to someday go on a six-week trip up the Amazon River."

"I have traveled to many places, but the most enjoyable trip for me was to the jungles of South America," Colfer said. He and his neighbor went on this trip a couple of years ago for two weeks. All they had with them as they hiked through the jungles was a backpack full of necessities. Colfer's wife wanted him to call her while he was away, but there are no pay phones in the middle of the jungle.

Colfer has been to Mexico many times too, with his family and neighbor. While in Mexico, he does a lot of snorkeling. He is amazed at the clear blue water. He can see down about thirty feet below the surface and watch all the sea creatures. At night, he has seen many sea turtles coming onto the shore to lay their eggs.

Colfer also loves music and listens to various artists. He has been lucky enough to meet Elton John and The Grateful Dead. He also recently learned how to play the drums and enjoys it. He plays with a couple of his friends in a drumming circle.

Some of his other hobbies include gardening, studying Mayan Indian ruins, spending time with his family, and eating sushi. When you go into his office in the Learning Center, all you have to do is look around and see all the pictures he has of Indian artifacts.

Colfer is also creative. One day every year, he takes his daughter out of school for a day and they go to Canobie Lake. He never tells her what day he is going to take her. Instead he makes it a surprise.

## What Com Jilted gunman shoots WVU student in dorm room

By Laura France Demers

Have you ever seen the Dark Side of the Rainbow? Well, you can now on its proposed date of November 13, at 7 p.m. in the Pub. Featuring the Pink Floyd album Dark Side of the Moon, played in sync to the Wizard of Oz, this is only the first of many exciting activities that the COM Club will be presenting. Other proposed activities include NHC cable radio and a possible television station. Faculty advisor, Dr. Patrice Oppliger, co-presidents Lisa French and Susan Spencer, and the other COM Club members are inviting new members from any major to join and be a part of these exciting student-run programs. More student ideas are needed!

As the COM Club attempts to gain recognition and official club status, Dr. Oppliger stresses that these events are run by the students and for the students, but she is very excited about starting a club that students can join to make up for unavailable media classes.

Dr. Oppliger's experience and knowledge is very extensive. She worked at the undergraduate radio station while attending the University of Nebraska at Kearney. After graduating, she taught one year of high school, and then went on to pursue her master's degree in Speech Communication at the University of Maine. She then worked as a research assistant at Harvard until she decided to study for her Ph. D. in Mass Communication at the University of Alabama. She taught at Emerson College for two years, and now teaches communication courses here at NHC. She is thrilled to be the advisor for the newly founded COM Club. (Oh, and Dr. Oppliger also wants to mention that she has a cat named Mario!)

So, come to the first event and see what all the hype is about. The COM Club needs you!

MORGANTOWN, WV -- A jilted boyfriend pumped three bullets into his former girlfriend's new beau in a West Virginia University dormitory Oct. 23 before turning the gun on himself.

The gunman, Andrew Willis, 20, died later in the hospital from self-inflicted wounds to the head. The victim, WVU student Nicholas Thompson, was shot in the chest, stomach and leg and was listed in fair condition. He is expected to survive, the university said.

The 18-year-old woman, also a WVU student, was unharmed. The university did not release her name.

According to reports, Willis drove for about two hours to the WVU campus and went searching for his ex-girlfriend, who was visiting Thompson in his dorm room. When Thompson opened the door, Willis immediately opened fire.

Several students who heard the shots said they thought it was a Halloween prank. Thompson told police he initially thought he had been shot with paint pellets rather than bullets, according to news reports.

Following the shooting, WVU president David Hardesty called for a review of WVU's security measures.

"When a tragedy like this occurs, it rocks our entire family of students, faculty, staff and friends," Hardesty said. "Our hearts ache for the students and families involved."

Willis was not a student at the university.

How would you like to see your work published in the *Observer*?

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## Upcoming Commuter Club Meetings

November 13 in the Pub at 12:30

December 4 in the Pub at 12:30

There are refreshments served at each meeting. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mary Clancey, Nathalie Guay, Brian Baily or Dr. Larkin. We may also be contacted through our box in the CAPE office.

### Ask Aladdin (from page 6)

older, I'm getting a job and I'm starting a new life; it's not because I hate them. I don't know what else to say to her.

All these problems are bearing down. I don't have my parents or best friend to turn to. I need your help.

Thanks for listening,

*A girl at the fork in the road of life...*

*Dear girl at the fork in the road of life...*

As for the situation with your friend, you definitely don't want to push her away. Since talking to her makes you guys argue, listen. Let her do the talking, she'll have to eventually. Try and let her know that you'll be there for her. After she has the child then you can go back to talking to her about changing her life-style. With a baby sitting in her lap, she might be more willing to see your point. Try to persuade her to get some professional help.

As for your parents, tell them you love them and remind them they did the same thing once. Parents hate to be proved wrong. That's why they probably aren't seeing your points about getting older. Just let them know they can come and visit. It's not like you're moving to the moon. If you don't agree with my advice maybe you could try to talk to a counselor or a trusted adult. I hope everything works out for you, please let me know how everything turns out.

Dear Aladdin,

Classes aren't going so well for me, my grades are terrible. I'm trying but I'm still not doing well. Ideas?

*-Doing Crummy*

Dear Doing Crummy,

My best advice is go to class. Showing up helps. Just listen to your professor even if it's babble; it might be important. Make sure you're getting enough sleep; your brain works best when it's rested. If you need help you can always get a tutor.

Dear Aladdin,

I have a friend who drinks too much. That's my opinion anyway. She isn't paying enough attention to school. How can I tell her nicely to shape up?

*-Concerned*

Dear Concerned,

Ask her how her grades are and how class is going. Then suggest to party after she has her work done. Offer to study with her for tests. Don't be pushy or bossy, be helpful and concerned.

*If you have any questions, Aladdin would be happy to help you out. Just drop off your questions in the campus mail addressed to Box 1084.*

If you would like to submit articles and become a contributing writer for the Observer, you can drop material off in box 1084. If you would like to join the staff, attend a meeting. They are held on Thursdays during free period in the S.G.A. conference room (across from the pub).

## Retail bakery counter opens in hospitality building

The Retail Bakery Counter is the newest addition to the Hospitality Building. Students and the general public can purchase yeast breads, muffins, cookies, scones, biscotti, cheesecake, tortes, and pastry all of which are prepared and served by students in the Retail Baking course.

In addition to baked goods, the Counter serves assorted cold beverages, fruit smoothies, and flavored gourmet coffees.

Students in the Retail Baking course are involved in all business decisions regarding the menu, pricing, and operation of the Counter. Help support their entrepreneurial adventure by patronizing the Counter. The Counter operates during these hours:

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**Conviction** (from page 1)

Cameron taught full time less than two years at NHC, and kept to himself most of the time, though many of his colleagues considered him a valuable asset to the faculty. "I don't think I can put a price on it or measure it, but it is a big loss to the school" said Professor Don Sieker. "He was a very young and talented professor."

Aside from teaching English, Cameron ran the Honors Program. Many of the students he leaves behind are shocked and disappointed that a teacher they respected so much is capable of the crimes he was found guilty of. Many of his former students did not want to talk about it, those that did had mixed feelings. Some wished the best for him. Other students said they could never look at him the same way after knowing what they know.

Cameron's resignation comes as a shock but not as a surprise. The school found out about the investigation last year through a small news clip in an obscure newspaper. The school approached Cameron and struck an agreement that stated he would no longer be employed by NHC if the outcome of the investigation was not acceptable to the school. President Gustafson said that the day of the court decision the school received Cameron's resignation, by delivery.

Dean Doucette immediately took the task of coordinating the process of covering Cameron's remaining classes for the fall semester. Cameron "left things in pretty good order," said Gustafson, "with respect to the classes. He left student folders and syllabi for the courses. It was just a matter of getting the new instructors into the program." Cameron's resignation has little impact on the spring semester, since spring registration is still in progress.

Cameron also left as the coordinator of the Honors Program. After a meeting between Dean Doucette and the Honors Committee they have yet to determine a replacement. It is not a priority since most of the coordinator's duties are performed in the spring and summer.

Cameron is facing 10 1/2 to 21 years in a state penitentiary for his convictions. He is in state custody awaiting his December 11 sentencing. It is unknown at this time whether Cameron is planning to appeal his conviction.

*Special thanks to Jake Cohen for his interview with President Gustafson, which was used in this article.*

## More Blacks aspire to college, study finds

By College Press Service

FAIRFAX, Va.—The number of black students who said they expected to eventually graduate from college has more than doubled.

But the proportion of black students enrolling in college has not kept pace, according to a new report released by the United Negro College Fund.

During the 1980's, the proportion of African-American high school sophomores expecting eventually to graduate from college doubled from 35 to 70 percent. Yet two years after their expected time of high school graduation, only one fourth of students were actually enrolled in college and working toward a bachelor's degree.

"High aspirations are desirable, or course," said Michael T. Nettles, executive director of the Frederick D. Patterson Research Institute, which compiled the report. "But aspirations alone are not enough. There has to be academic achievement."

The report, entitled "The Status of Education in Black America," also found black women were graduating from high school more than black men, and

more continue their education beyond high school.

By two years after their expected graduation, 87 percent of black women, compared to 79 percent of black men, have received high school diplomas. Among whites, 91 percent of women graduated high school, compared to 89 percent of men.

Overall, more black women than men enroll in an academic program after high school—66 percent versus 53 percent. These are according to 1992 figures, the latest available, said researchers.

When educational levels and test scores are similar among blacks and whites, so is the level of achievement, said the report's authors, and blacks were about as likely as whites to earn bachelor's

degrees. However, the proportion of blacks scoring in the higher achievement levels was relatively low, and so was the proportion overall that earned a college degree.

Black students who do earn a bachelor's degree earn about the same annually as their white counterparts, the report found. But among those with just a high school diploma, the average earnings of blacks are almost one-third less.

"The greater gap between high school and college graduates underscores the value of higher educational achievement for African-Americans," Nettles said. "It shows why it is important for blacks to continue their education."

## For the record...

The following staff member was not credited in the "Voices and Faces" section of Issue # 1 which he helped to produce:

Jake Cohen

## Letter to the editor:

I thank Randy Newman, contributing writer to The Observer, for his Oct. 22 review of John O'Brien's "The Frozen Sea," the Spectrum event at NHC on Sept. 26. I especially liked the title of the piece -- "NHC welcomes award-winning playwright."

In addition, I offer the following: first, a correction -- the reviewer noted that he "saw about twenty chairs in a semicircle..." Actually sixty chairs were set up, and over forty people attended the performance that evening.

Second, a suggestion -- a reviewer should not disclose the ending of a new play or a new movie. Such revelation diminishes or spoils the fun of his/her readers who later see the show for themselves for the first time.

Thanks again for covering Spectrum.

Charles Wilbert  
Professor of English  
A director of Spectrum

Jake Cohen

**Tutors (from page 1)**

publican leaders have drafted an alternative plan emphasizing better training for teachers, called the Reading Excellence Act.

Rep. William Goodling, R-Pa., who chairs the House Education and Workforce Committee, said he would like to work with the president on his education agenda "but we aren't here to rubber stamp poor ideas." Lawmakers so far have declined to allocate funds for the program under the Education Department's fiscal-1998 budget.

Under Clinton's proposal, universities are offered a financial incentive to set up student tutor programs. The government would waive the requirement that colleges pay 25 percent of work-study wages and pick up the full tab for work-study students who work as reading tutors.

The president's five-year, \$2.75 billion proposal also would pay 25,000 reading specialists to train student tutors.

Clinton first called for an "army of tutors" last year, pointing to national statistics that indicate 40 percent of American children read below the basic level in the fourth grade.

The president said "it would be a shame" if the program went unfunded because the demand for the work-study positions has been high. At Yale University, 300 students applied for 60 work-study slots; at the University of Michigan, 400 students applied for 84 slots, he said.

Today's college students, he said, are "among the most idealistic and community service-oriented young people we have ever had...and a rebuke to the superficial and downright wrong characterizations of Generation X as not caring about the future of this country."

He called for bi-partisan support for the tutoring program. "It gives children a good education, and it gives young people the chance to serve," he said. "We have to have a bi-partisan commitment to education that transcends politics."

At the meeting were educators from Yale, Southeastern, Gallaudet, Salisbury State, George Washington, Pennsylvania State and Morgan State universities; Vermont State, Trinity, St. Mary's and Washington colleges; Piedmont Virginia Community College and the Community College of Denver; and the universities of Michigan and Washington.

## **IU students protest fraternity scavenger hunt**

*By College Press Service*

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.-- Nearly 400 Indiana University students and faculty members protested in front of a fraternity house, saying a scavenger hunt conducted by members was racist, sexist and homophobic.

The protestors called for the expulsion of Zeta Beta Tau fra-

ternity, a predominantly white fraternity, after details of the scavenger hunt for pledges became public. Written instructions told pledges, "You are all Black Men" and ordered them to seek out such items as "Pictures of chicks making out and a picture of 'any funny-lookin' Mexican.'"

News of the scavenger hunt was made public after a group of pledges were arrested for stealing a sign.

Jason Nierman, the chapter's president, has apologized for the hunt, calling it a misunderstanding.

Meanwhile, IU and the national fraternity temporarily suspended the chapter pending an investigation by the dean of students.

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Co-presidents of COM club:

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Susan Spencer

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# Creative Writing Section

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By Jake Cohen

### Chapter 1 - Stale Smoke

Russ sat on his bunk and pressed a cigarette to his lips. Pulling a drag, he followed the smoke as it rippled around the steel bars and stopped, lingering at the window unable to escape. He stared through the cell bars at the oak tree's multi-colored leaves dangling from the branches and the few leaves that seesawed in the brisk wind. A bird darted freely through the sky, and a Lynrdskynard song raced through his mind. "If I leave here tomorrow would you still remember me? For I'm a speed traveling on now, because there is still too many places I have got to see. If I stay here with you girl things just couldn't be the same because I'm as free as a bird now and this bird you cannot change." Whispering the words to himself, he thought about what he did on that day that changed his whole life, stopping him from being "as free as a bird."

Russ valued freedom because he could glide through the air on his Harley Davidson, letting the wind run through his hair and have it slap against his cheeks as he rode faster and faster to nowhere. He kept those visions and hoped one day he could ride again, because behind bars isn't where he belonged; he was a rebel, and that's why he ended up in jail. That is also why he couldn't stay.

Looking around the room at the bare walls, he felt like a lone star: helpless in space. The toilet carried a smell of sewage into his nostrils, making it stressful to breathe. A rush of silence caved into the cell, and Russ felt trapped, like the smoke at the window. Being here for only three months already felt like years.

Exhausted from anxiety, Russ lay down on his bed. The springs stabbed him in the back, making sleep impossible. He leaped up, pulling his hair and stomping his feet like a two-year-old. A loud grumble rose from his stomach, screaming for food. Glancing at the clock and seeing it was five, he knew that in ten minutes their cells would open and they would file into line. Those five minutes seemed like an eternity. He paced back and forth on the concrete floor, almost wearing out his Chuck T's in the process. Starvation began to chew at him, like a pack of wolves devouring their prey. Unannounced, the guard appeared at the door,

dressed like a phantom.

"Step out of your cell, boy," said the guard. He wore all black, and his boots shone, gleaming off the mirror's reflection.

In a state of delusion, Russ continued to pace, walking faster and grunting like a mad man who is combusting with rage.

The guard stepped into the cell with outstretched arms, pulling Russ' eyes toward him. Their eyes connected and Russ wanted to break the guard's grip, then his neck. The guard motioned him with his billy club, which blazed brighter than his boots, to form in line for dinner. Russ shook his head, as if a bug was buzzing in it, and the insanity parachuted to the floor like dandruff. Calming down, he formed into line, hungrier to escape more than ever.

The system wanted prisoners like Russ to blend into the brick walls. First taking their freedom then their individuality, making them think and feel no more than a brick. Everyone wore the same pants and shirts, and they walked down to all three meals at ten past the hour. There was no variety in their lives, so they thought no more than psychotics with a lobotomy.

Filing down to the "slop hall," as the prisoners called it, like a chain gang bound for the same rocky road, Russ tried to hurry things up, wanting nothing more than to muzzle his hunger with whatever they gave him.

"Hurry this parade up here, boys, we got a starving man in line."

Some prisoners laughed, others told him to shut his trap because they didn't want to go to isolation. He kept quiet, not wanting any trouble.

A pile of lard and brownish-green mashed potatoes landed on his tray with such force specks rocketed into his eyes, temporarily blinding him. The cook had a patch over his left eye and his face was masked in a beard, which let crumbs rest there until he would cough. Then the crumbs would plummet into the hot trays, which contained the prisoners' unidentified form of solid. Russ imagined the cook surprising his obese wife and kids with infinite quantities of slop and mashed potatoes every night for supper.

Staring through the chef's array of unappetizing colors he called his special creation, Russ recalled being six years old, on his first plane ride to visit his grandma. He passed on dinner because it didn't look edible. Ten minutes later starvation kicked in

and he began tugging on his mom's sweater, waking her from a disturbing dream; disgruntled, she jokingly gave him a dirty kleenex. Hunger knocked out reason, and he devoured the kleenex, savoring the moist tissue and licking his lips with satisfaction. Hence, he learned that anything goes when you're desperate and out of options.

Slop dripped down his chin and onto the table. He swiped his juice-infested chin with a napkin and noticed one hundred and twenty eyes, including the cook's with his collection of different colored teeth, their expressions astounded by his hunger. The majority of their faces consisted of bone and skin, but contained little muscle. He noticed no one but him bothered to eat; trays of slop lay in front of them, untouched. Pushing the tray away in embarrassment he got up to take a piss, but was detoured by a giant Native American, whose arms were the size of tree trunks.

"What's your name?" demanded the giant. Jeraco eyed Russ like he was London broil.

Tilting his head so he could look into his eyes, he replied, "My name is Russell, but my friends call me Russ."

The giant smiled and jokingly asked, "Like the food much? I bet you're new around here. I haven't seen you around. I usually don't miss a soul." He looked Russ up and down, and Russ wondered if he was a tailor on the outside because he kept sizing him up.

Bewildered at the giant's friendliness, Russ replied, "You don't even know how hungry I was. I stick out around her, but usually I lay low, so I guess that's why we haven't been properly introduced. Listen, it was real talking to you, but I have to run. See ya!" Russ handed his twig over to Jeraco's trunk. Jeraco shook Russ' hand firmly but with such a gentle stroke it made Russ cringe with uneasiness.

"Call me Little Man, but my real name is Jeraco."

"Well, Little Man, I guess you and I are friends. I'd like to stay and chat, but I got to take a piss, so I'll see you around sometime." Russ couldn't help but feel a sense of awkwardness about the large man's behavior; it was too nice. He decided to shrug it off and relieve himself in the bathroom.

Russ stormed into the first open stall, locking it as he entered. He threw down his pants just in time and they rested at his ankles. The sound of the fans in eternal

motion blocked out the entrance of an unexpected visitor. Urine protruded into the toilet's hazy water, and Jeraco thrashed the door open, breaking the lock. He smiled eerily and placed both his tree trunks on Russ' neck, squeezing the life out of him like cancer. Russ lost breath, and spots of purple bubbled before his eyes; trying not to erupt in panic he bound his fists together, creating a hammer, and thrust it into the giant's neck. Alarmed, Jeraco released his grip and attempted to regain his breath. Russ pushed his elbows against the stall walls and pressed his knees together, flinging them into the air and landing them on Jeraco's nose. A loud crack drowned out his panting and overflowed the bathroom with blood. Russ stepped over Jeraco and returned to his table, remaining still until they marched back into line. He felt indifferent about the experience, but he was lucky to escape with only hand prints on his neck.

Russ went into his cell wishing that this would all end. He hoped that it was just a bad dream, the ones you wake up from in cold sweats just before you're about to die. Hope was beginning to lose its meaning, and he sat on his bed, springs curving into his ass, and wondered how he could rejuvenate his hope.

*More of this story will be published in the next issue of the Observer.*

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# Keep the pub alive

By Alisha Frykenberg

New Hampshire College is one of the few colleges and universities that have on-campus bars or pubs. The Last Chapter Pub, located in the Student Center, offers a variety of events and activities to all NHC students.

Usually, the pub serves alcohol two nights out of five, keeping dry nights to the other three. The Committee for Activities and Programming Events (C.A.P.E.) is responsible for funding pub entertainment and has a line of November events for students. Catunes on Nov. 14 and Two Ton Shoe on Nov. 21 are just some of the activities planned.

The pub, which had previously been open five nights a

week, is now down to two. The pub had been continuously providing students with Monday Night Football, Tuesday Night Coffeehouse, Wednesday Night Bingo, Thursdays were left open, and T.G.I.F. For the month of November, however, both Monday and Tuesday night events have been canceled. The reason for the cancellation? Lack of participation. People just don't take advantage of what's offered. When asked why, one student said, "It's just that we don't hear about what's happening. If we do know, though, it's because the event is nothing we're in to."

The possibility of losing the pub adds an uncertainty to what else can be done to draw people in. One member of the student pub committee said, "Let us know what would make you guys come, we'll do it. Or, we'll lose the opportunity to do anything at all."

## Upcoming Pub Events

*November 5 - December 10*

*(Wednesdays)*

Bingo @ 7 p.m. \$100 in prizes

*November 13 -*

"Dark Side of the Rainbow" and  
Wizard of Oz @ 7 p.m.

*November 14 -*

TGIF from 5 - 7 p.m., 21 and older  
Catunes @ 9 p.m.

*November 21 -*

Two Ton Shoes @ 9 p.m., wet/dry

*December 5 -*

Tropical Party @ 9 p.m.

*December 11 -*

Holiday party

*December 12 -*

The Mighty Charge @ 9 p.m.

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# Men's soccer beats C.W.

## Post

Source: NHC Press Release, provided by Andrea Hill

Freshman Richard Walker's goal with 14:37 to play in the second half lifted the NHC men's soccer team to a 1-0 victory over C.W. Post in a battle of nationally-ranked teams at Penman Field. The Penmen improved to 16-1-1 and ran their unbeaten streak to 12 games.

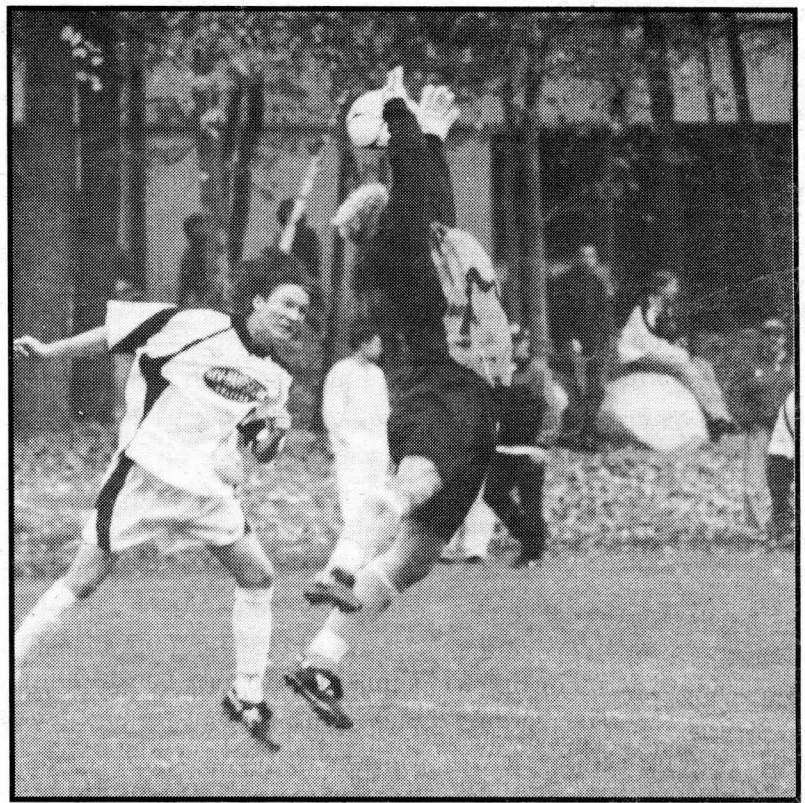
Junior Mark O'Connor created the scoring opportunity for NHC when he sent a crossing pass to the front of the C.W. Post net where Walker headed the ball past Pioneer keeper Oliver Travieso from 15 yards out. It marked the eighth game-winning

goal of the year for Walker, who has totaled a team-high 13 goals and 33 points.

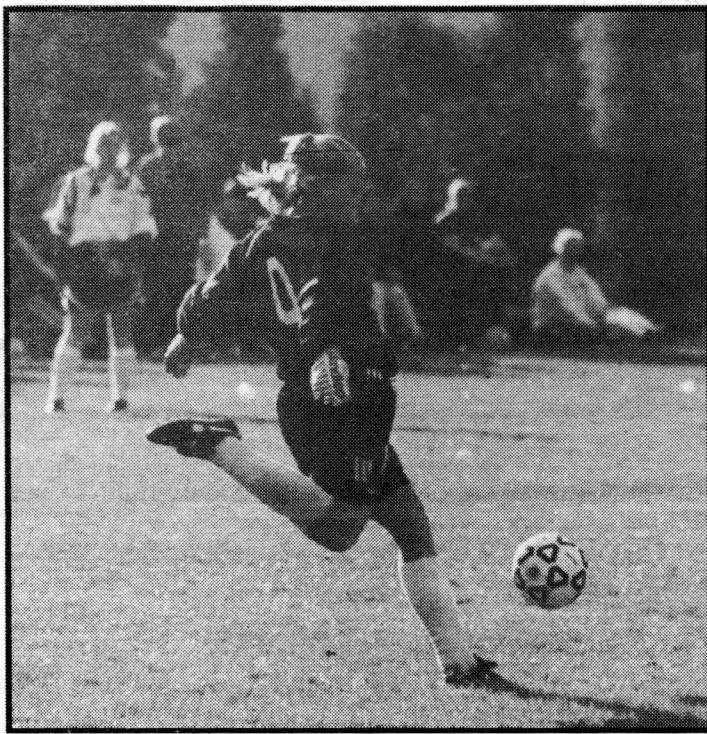
NHC, which entered the game ranked fourth nationally in team defense, has now shutout 14 out its 18 opponents and has allowed just six goals all season. The Penmen tied the school record for most shutouts in a season set in 1988 and 1989.

Senior goalkeeper Ante Cop broke the individual school record for shutouts in a season, as he made two saves enroute to his 11th shutout of the year. The old record of 10 was set by Trevor Holbrook in 1988.

Currently the Penmen are tied for third in the NCAA Division II national rankings.



Richard Walker attempts to head the ball past Southampton's goalie. (Photo by Tom McDermott)



NHC goalkeeper Sussi Johansson at her best. (Photo by Tom McDermott)

## Women's soccer team loses to Adelphi University

Source: NHC Press Release, provided by Andrea Hill

Heather Klorer and Lotta Thunberg scored one goal each in a losing effort against Adelphi University, on November 1, at home. Klorer headed in a crossing pass from sophomore Sophia Odre from 10 yards out. NHC's Thunberg capped the scoring with her 12th goal of the year with just 3:28 to play. The Adelphi University Panthers finished with a 16-9 advantage in shots. NHC goalkeeper Sussi Johansson went the distance in goal for NHC and made seven saves.

Adelphi, which entered the game ranked third among Division II schools, remained unbeaten at 16-0-0. The seventh ranked Penwomen saw their nine-game winning streak come to an end and closed out the regular season with a 15-3 record. NHC will now await a possible bid to the NCAA Tournament. The Penwomen are looking to make their first-ever appearance in the national tournament.

## Volleyball team wins

Source: NHC Press Release, provided by Andrea Hill

New Hampshire College posted a 3-1 victory over the University of Bridgeport in women's volleyball action at the NHC Fieldhouse. Bridgeport opened the contest with a 16-14 win in game one, before NHC took the next three games by scores of 15-4, 15-12 and 15-8 to complete the best-of-five match. NHC improved to 6-14 on the year, while the Purple Knights dropped to 4-9. Freshman Jennifer Basiliere

had 36 assists, three aces and five digs for NHC, while sophomore Deb Milton delivered 13 kills, 10 digs and eight blocks. Freshman Kristina Kintzer added 12 kills and a team-high 12 digs, while Tammy Lambrou totaled 10 kills.

The team will end their season by competing in the NECC Tournament November 14-15.

Jen Basiliere (5) sets Deb Milton (13) up for a spike. (Photo by Tom McDermott)



## X-Country teams wrap-up their seasons

Source: NHC Press Release

On October 25, the men's and women's x-country teams finished their season in the NECC championship held at the University of Albany.

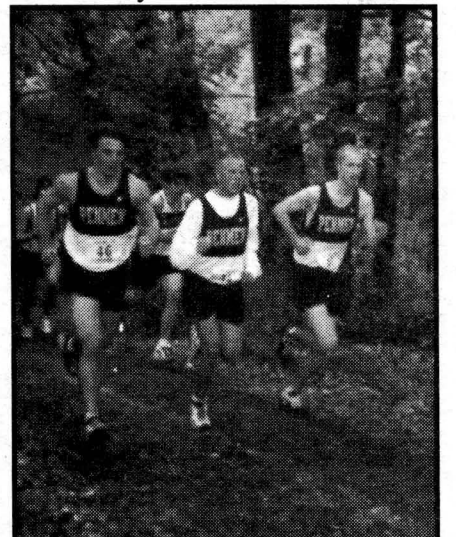
In the men's race, Duane Hinds placed 40th overall with a time of 30:26 on the 5-mile course. Josh Matthews was close behind in 43rd place with a time of 31:13. Also competing for NHC were David Seiler in 45th, Chris Laperle in 46th, Kevin Gahre in 48th and Adrian Mroczko in 52nd place. The team finished their inaugural season by placing 7th out of 8 teams.

The women harriers finished their season placing sixth among seven teams.

First finisher for NHC was Melody Jones in 32nd place with a time of 21:14. Jean Tuson was the next finisher with a time of 21:48 in 36th place. Other NHC runners were Tara

Cowdrey in 39th, Barbie Lapiere in 41st and Lynn Beal in 44th place. Meghan Cotton did not run due to an injury, but was on hand to support her team.

University of Albany claimed the men's NECC title, while Southern Connecticut State University claimed the women's.



Laperle, Gahre and Matthews work together at the NECC championship race. (Photo courtesy of Adrian Mroczko)