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Foreign currency crisis and NHC

By Bly Coddington

Many college students regard the holiday season as a time to relax and spend time with their respective families whether the fireside is 30 miles away, or 3000, everyone seems to feel the need to be home in order to share the prosperity of the New Year with family and loved ones. This being the case, plenty of Asian students attending school in the US made the long trip overseas during semester break to enjoy a hard-earned and much-needed break from college life. But for some, there was a sour twist to this holiday season. For some, the short interim from classes turned into a permanent and unwanted vacation.

This prolonged hiatus is not due to the lack of a work ethic or motivation from the individuals. Instead, it is a direct outcome of the ongoing economic crisis at work in numerous countries throughout Asia. As a result, there are a significant number of students who will be unable to make the trip back to school this postholiday season. What were once economically prosperous times in Asia, now seem to be those of penny pinching and financial adiustment. In mid January it took 50 Thai *baht* to buy a US dollar compared with a mere 25 a year ago. It also took 1/671 South Korean won to buy a buck, which only set the payer back 844 won barely one year prior. The Thais, South Koreans and Malaysians, whose countries were hit the hardest, must now virtually pay double for the cost of an education. This has been a bill that is too heavy to float for many students. Colleges throughout the US are feeling the effects forced to drop out. This hope, of a diminished Asian population. many economists believe, seems Our very own new Hampshire to be coming true. The Asian mar-College is no exception.

Diane Dugan, the director of the American Language and Culture Center (ALCC, the English as was significant, the ALCC proa Second Language program), reports that 11 students have terminated their enrollment since the future for ALCC and its students break. The program serves a total is definitely optimistic.

of 54 students. This means that roughly twenty percent of the previous number enrolled are now gone. Mastering a language is difficult in and of itself. Some students simply drop out because of the tough times and frustration involved in the work. Furthermore, the size for many classes can be as small as six students. For individual attention, the program has both high and low levels in each of their classes. Now, this can leave only one student in a certain class level still requiring the full attention of a teacher. When this happens, the result can be cost inefficient.

Even though the school did take a hit in the Asian market, several outside circumstances as well as some new management techniques have helped to make the problem be less severe. Dugan pointed out that the shortage of Asian students was being offset by the acquisition of more Latin American clientele. Also, the INS has recently made it possible for students who have resided in the US for over 9 months to obtain offcampus jobs.

In addition, NHC seems to be taking a much more aggressive stance in the recruiting process. Already they are putting feelers out for grants that may provide more American ESL students with financial aid. They are also bolstering their recruiting efforts in the European market and looking for alternative ways to reach stu-

So far the college has been very patient about collecting tuition. The hope is that this crisis will work itself out before more students run out of money and are ket did survive and looks as though it is stabilizing. Even though the number of students lost gram appears to be coping with the problem well. As a result the

NHC students help those less fortunate

By Andrea Hill

Students from NHC take off to Christiansburg, VA for spring break to help families build for Habitat for Humanity. The students include Stephen David, Kelley Ann Wisnieski, Jamie Burniston, Kristy Coppolino, Krista Storrs, Edith Ortiz, Adrienne Gould, Andrea Hill and Deb Milton. Also accompanying them on the trip will be Student Activities Graduate Assistant, Melissa Bednarowski.

The students will be leaving NHC Saturday, February 28, and returning Sunday, March 8. They will contribute to this op-

eration by actually building the houses, along with other students, church groups and community members.

Although the students are doing volunteer work, there are still expenses for them, such as transportation and a general cost of \$90 a person. The \$90 includes food and shelter.

The students are looking for help from other students and faculty. They will be displaying donation cans in the café, the Last Chapter Pub, SAS and the Bookstore. They are doing a great thing for those less fortunate: it would be a great thing if the college community could help them on their

Last chapter of the Pub?

By Danny Luciano

NHC almost saw the "Last Chapter" of the Pub. The NHC administration thought the name "Pub" gave the wrong impression, as if the school were promoting drinking. The issue was brought to the SGA, who decided that it was too big of an issue for them to decide on their own. The SGA set up a vote amongst the student body to see if students agreed or disagreed that the name should be changed. The student body voted heavily in favor of leaving the name the same, ending the debate over the issue, for now.

Happy Valentine's from the Observer Staff





To the Editor:

As a student at New Hampshire College, I am surprised that a college with such a diverse academic community did not celebrate Civil Rights Day. For those who don't know what this day is all about, it is in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Whose birthday is January 15. The holiday is observed the Monday following January 15. Dr. King was an influential leader for civil rights in the 1960's.

As I went to classes on Monday, January 19, I expected to see or hear something about the seriousness of this holiday. To my amazement there was no mention of the importance of this day. As I attended my last class of the day, Moral Decision Making, I was sure we would spend a small amount of time discussing why this day is not celebrated at NHC. I was wrong—not even so much as a word about the prominence of this day. I walked through the cafeteria and buildings looking at the bulletin boards; I did not see one sign, nothing to indicate that this was and is an important holiday.

With such diversity in our student body, I feel that NHC is cheating our international friends. The international students come here not only to learn about their major and get a degree, but they also come here to learn about our culture and celebrations. NHC, in my opinion, is simply being insensitive to our international students.

Such insensitivity is appalling to me. If NHC is going to pride itself in having such diversity in its academic community, why then is such a prominent holiday not celebrated at NHC?

I have come up with only one reason why this holiday is not celebrated. The timing, the beginning of the semester, is possibly the cause of the flagrant injustice. If I am attending a college that does not celebrate a holiday of such prominence as Civil Rights Day, simply because it will interfere with one day in the academic year, then maybe I should contact the NAACP. Why can't the college extend the semester break until after Civil Rights Day? don't think any student would care if our vacation were extended by one day or week.

In my opinion, NHC should celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday if for only one reason: to remember a person who dedicated his life to help gain equality not only for African Americans by for everyone. Maybe some of the international students would take what they have learned about this holiday and apply it to their region of the world, helping us all end hatred and gain equality for all religions and views, helping the "world come to mind."

Aureus Humboldt

From the Editor's Desk

The staff and I are extremely proud to present the NHC community with this issue of the Observer. This issue, to my knowledge, is probably the largest produced in quite some time. To say that we've come a long way in such a short period of time is an understatement, as some of you may recall that exactly one year ago we were producing only 8-page monthly issues. Be prepared to see more refinements to the Observer in the coming months.

Being a senior, my days as the head of the Observer are quickly coming to an end. My main focus from here on out will be to make sure that the foundation is set for the upcoming fall semester.

I have all the reason to believe that the Observer will continue to be published in the years ahead, thanks to our remarkably talented and hard-working staff members. All of these busy individuals are full-time students. Some hold jobs, some are athletes, and some are involved in other clubs or organizations on campus. Why do they take time out of their busy schedules to write for the paper? Probably because they have the belief that every college should have its own newspaper, produced by the students with minimal censorship and so on.

They should all be commended for their tireless work and dedication. It's working with students like these that make attending NHC such a great experience.

Adrian M. Mroczko Co-Editor in Chief

QUOTE OF THE ISSUE

"Look to today. Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday." -Don Marquis

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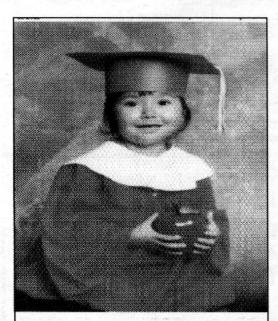
Editorial

By Tracey Fontaine

In light of the rape that occured on campus, I would like to express my disgust with such crimes and the way our society deals with them. As a woman in the 90's I like to think that we, as a society, have made great strides in coming together for support when one of us is hurting. Well, I received the biggest reality checks of my life. I was appalled with the reaction of some people. I actually heard someone say, "Well, what was she doing out at night alone?" Well, why the hell can't she be? That is such a Neanderthal approach to the situation. Why was that question asked? Why are people not asking why this "man" (and I use the term lightly) feels he had the right to take away the safety, security and dignity of another human being? What is wrong with him that he feels he can victimize people who may be weaker or unaware that they are being preyed upon?

Who the hell is this guy? That is the question posed to us now. There is a young woman who is going through the pain and humiliation of such a traumatic ordeal. What is he dealing with? Does someone like this even feel guilt? I don't know.

I just hope that this young woman, and others just like her, knows that there are people around to support her. And many other women know exactly what she is going through. There ae so many outlets for someone in this situation to use; talk to your family, friends, rape hotlines, the Wellness Center or anyone else you feel you can talk to. There are people to help you through this. If this has happened to you, you may feel more isolated now than you ever have before, thinking no one would understand, people would "think differently" of you. You are not alone. There are thousands of women who have overcome such a horrible experience and have learned to deal with the emotions and gone on to lead rewarding lives.



Nicole S. Rodriguez
Her whole life ahead of her.
But that's behind her now.
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July 11, 1993
Cutler, CA

If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will?

Do whatever it takes.

FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS DRIVE DRUNK

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.

12/30/97, 0020 hrs, Main Lot, Motor Vehicle Problem

During a snowstorm, all vehicles on campus were required to be moved to the Main Lot so that the lots could be plowed. A PSO (Public Safety Officer) was in the process of driving his truck to the Main Lot when he received a radio call from an officer in the Gatehouse. The officer in the Gatehouse observed flames billowing out from under the PSO's truck as he drove into the Main Lot. The PSO in the burning truck disregarded the radio call as a joke and continued to drive the flaming truck. When he finally parked, he realized that his truck was indeed on fire. The other officers grabbed fire extinguishers and attempted to put out the fire. Hooksett Fire Department arrived shortly thereafter to hose down the charred remains of the truck to ensure that the fire was out. The truck was rendered useless and was later towed off campus. The cause of the fire was a faulty fuel pump.

1/23/98, 1500 hrs, Maintenance, Apartments

A resident of one of the apartments called Public Safety to report that a bedroom window in his apartment had been broken. Earlier, he had heard a loud bang at the window. Later on in the day he noticed that it was broken, but only the exterior panel portion. A PSO came and inspected the area, finding the remnants of a tomato and an apple on the ground. Splattered remains of the two objects could also be seen hanging from the shattered window. There were no suspects at the time and maintenance was called in to repair the window.

1/24/98, 0143 hrs, AOD Violation, Washington Hall

Public Safety received a call regarding strong odor of marijuana in Washington Hall. The responding officers met with the R.A. at the door of the suspected room. They knocked on the door several times but no one answered. The PSO, R.D. and R.A. knocked again and said they were keying in. Upon keying into the room, they found the room unoccupied. The R.D. quickly spotted a roach and roller on the bed and two homemade bongs. The PSO found ashes, stems, and rolling paper on a book on the bed. Two more roaches were found on the window sill. The R.D. stated that the residents would be documented when they returned to the room by Residence Life and Public Safety. All of the drug paraphenelia was confiscated by Public Safety.

1/27/98, 2315 hrs, Townhouses, Fire Alarm

A fire alarm sounded in Sunapee at the above date and time. PSO's responded and checked the building but found no apparent problems. While checking the interior of the building, they found 3 people in one of the suites sitting around watching T.V. They were quickly told to get out of the building due to the fact that this was considered an emergency situation. Hooksett and Manchester Fire Departments showed up and checked the premises as well. No obvious problems were found, so the alarm was silenced and the scene was cleared.

1/30/98, 0100 hrs, Townhouse Area, Indecent Exposure

A PSO on patrol noticed a student urinating behind a large pine tree south of Sunapee. He was approached and asked to show his I.D. card. After verifying his identity, the PSO informed the subject that he was going to be documented.

1/31/98, 2140 hrs, Washington Hall, AOD Violation/Medical Transport

At the above date and time, a PSO responded to Washington Hall. A female student was found going in and out of consciousness and having difficulty breathing. The R.D. arrived on the scene as well to assist. The subject was transported to a nearby hospital because of heavy alcohol overdose. When the subject arrived at the hospital, she was placed in intensive care for the night because she was still having trouble breathing. Her parents were notified about her situation.

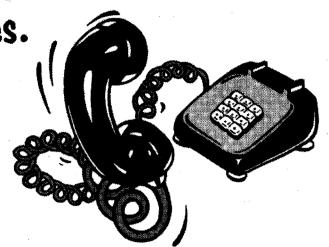
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Lovers not simpatico on how to spend "their" day

College Press Service

If you really want to make sure you enjoy Valentine's Day, celebrate with someone of the same sex, a recent study conducted by Blistex Inc. suggests.

The lip balm manufacturer surveyed 500 men and 500 women across the United States and found – surprise – that when it comes to love men and women speak different languages.

Forty-seven percent of men ranked kissing on the couch as their biggest Valentine's Day turn-on – above dancing to a favorite song (19 percent), relaxing with a foot massage (15 percent) and sharing a decadent dessert (12 percent).

Women, on the other hand,

said smooching on the sofa is their least favorite thing to do on Valentine's Day (18 percent). Instead, dancing with their honey ranked number one at 30 percent, followed by the foot massage (25 percent) and sweets (21 percent).

A candlelight dinner topped the best-gift list for both men and women at 52 percent and 39 percent respectively. Receiving a memorable kiss ranked last on the list for women (7 percent), but second on men's list (18 percent).

Both sexes did agree, however, that an extra 10 pounds is their biggest Valentine's Day turn-off. Bad cologne or perfume and razor stubble nearly tied for second.

If you don't like to see this kind of space in the Observer...why not write for us! Drop your articles off in the inter-campus mail slot addressed to Box 1084.

TV Opportunity

The WMUR-TV internship program is seeking students studying for a degree in Communication, or related fields, who are interested in working in a studio production environment.

The student will work hands-on with camera, TelePrompTer, and other production equipment during live newscasts, public affairs programs, and live sporting events.

WMUR-TV provides an excellent opportunity for students to obtain necessary experience in a state-of-the-art production studio.

Each semester, fall, spring and summer, we open a few positions for students training in the field. We ask that the candidate be in his/her junior or senior year of studies, and work approximately twenty-five hours a week. (Exceptions can be made under certain situations.)

If New Hampshire College has candidates for our program at WMUR-TV, please contact: Peter McKay at (603) 641-9046, or mail correspondence to WMUR-TV Production Department, Peter McKay, P.O. Box 9, 100 So. Commercial St., Manchester, NH, 03105, or e-mail at p_mckay@wmur.com.

From the Desk of the Wellness Center

Safer sex

As Valentine's Day approaches we think of gifts to give the ones we care for. Candy, flowers and cards come to mind. But would you give someone you care for a chronic disease like hepatitis, HIV, PID or the inability to have children? Millions of college men and women are "giving" these "gifts" of STDS to each other. We need to be aware of the facts and consequences of safer sex.

A new study of college women students, conducted by ASHA, indicates that 85 percent of women students are sexually active and that almost half of them use no protection against STDs. They key to safer sex is communication, partnered with the knowledge and usage of condoms. Two thirds of all new STD infections are found in people under the age of 25. Therefore the goal has to be to inform students of the need for condoms. They are the one and only protection against STDs except for abstinence.

Practicing safer sex doesn't mean eliminating sex from your life. What safer sex does mean is being smart and staying healthy. It means showing love, concern and respect for partners and for yourself. Safer sex means enjoying sex to the fullest without transmitting, or acquiring sexually related infections.

For more information o safer sex stop by the cafeteria on Feb. 13 from 11-2pm and become more informed. You can also sign up for a Valentine basket raffle filled with goodies and a surprise beanie baby! The Health Services in the Wellness Center also has a multitude of information (and condoms) just waiting for you to pick them up.

Dry skin and winter itch

Put water where it counts. The best way to get water into the skin is by soaking in it, says Hillard H. Pearlstein, MD, assistant clinical professor of dermatology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City. He recommends a 15-minute soak in lukewarm water, not hot water. And forget the notion that you should bathe every day. The rule of thumb for dry skin is: Bathe less and use cooler water.

Lubricate the skin. Follow each bath with a moisturizer. The tendency is for all the moisture that soaked into the skin to evaporate. If you bathe frequently, a moisturizer is double important. Moisturizers applied after the bath help keep water in the skin and therefore prevent drying.

<u>Dry yourself damp—then stop</u>. It's much more effective to apply moisturizer to damp skin immediately after bathing than to put it on totally dry skin. That's not to say you have to hop from the tub or shower soaking wet and immediately apply lotion. But a couple of pats with a towel will make you as dry as you want to be before you apply the lotion. You're trying to trap a little water in the skin, and that's the fundamental rule in fighting off dryness.

Use oatmeal to heal. Oatmeal can work in the bath as a soothing agent. Just pour 2 cups of colloidal oatmeal (available at pharmacies) into a tub of lukewarm water. The term colloidal simply means the oatmeal has been ground to fine powder that will remain suspended in water. You can also use oatmeal as a soap substitute. Tie some colloidal oatmeal in a handkerchief, dunk it in water, squeeze out the excess water, and use as you would a normal washcloth.

<u>Select superfatted soaps</u>. Most soaps have lye in them, and while lye is great for cleaning, it is very irritating to dry skin. People with dry skin should reach for superfatted soaps like Basis, Neutrogena, or Dove. Superfatted soaps have extra amount of fatty substances - cold cream, cocoa butter, coconut oil, or lanolin added during the manufacturing process.

<u>Don't soap as often.</u> Dermatologist see more problem from the overuse of soap than from the lack of it. If it's not dirty, don't wash it.

Let a humidifier help. Part of the problem with dry skin and itching is heat in the wintertime. Furnace heated air can reduce the humidity level inside your house or dorm room to 10 percent or less, whereas 30 to 40 percent is closer to ideal for keeping moisture in your skin. For that reason, humidifiers are recommended during dry winter months.

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NHC COM Club Presents

Communication Career Night February 24th at 7:30pm AV Studio

All interested students are invited to meet with professionals in the communication industry.

Representatives from New Hampshire Public Radio, Concord Monitor, WMUR, WNNH, and the corporate communication field will be on hand to share their stories and answer your questions.

An informal reception will follow.

Comments from a Fitness Director

By Lisa Richardson

Steven Crays has been the Fitness Director at the Boston Athletic Club since March of 1997. It's easy to see the benefits the club is gaining with his new perspective. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Boston with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology and started out a BAC as a parttime fitness instructor. After college he worked his way up to Assistant Fitness Director and eventually promoted to his current position

Please tell me a little bit about the club. We opened our doors in January of 1973 as the Boston Harbor Tennis Club. We were an eight court tennis cub with showers, sauna, locker rooms, a small exercise room and restaurant. Over the years we added a new fitness facility with a nautilus/weight room, newer cardiovascular equipment and aerobic studios. We also added racquetball and squash courts, a swimming pool, a roman bath, a salon, child care services and a basketball/volleyball court. Currently we have around 3500 members, 60% male, 40% female.

And your target market? The demographics seem to be both men and women 35-40 years

old. The majority are corporate and within the Sea Port District.

You said your members are mainly between the ages of 35 and 40. I know that lately senior fitness is a big trend in the industry. What, if anything, is your club doing to capitalize on the older population's fitness desire? You're right, the industry is seeing a major rise in the area of senior fitness. We plan to touch upon senior programming but would like to take it slow for now. We want to find what works and what doesn't so when the population of seniors reaches the peak (the baby boom generation) we'll be able to target them effectively.

What makes BAC able to compete with, or stand out from, the numerous other fitness facilities in the Boston area? What makes us stand out is definitely our quality of service. Our group-exercise instructors are among the best in the city. We take our classes very seriously, and we monitor our employees very closely to ensure they are properly instructing within the standards set. All our fitness instructors and personal trainers have degrees in exercise physiology and are very knowledgeable about the field. Lately it seems almost too easy for an individual to have the title "personal trainer." With the

various certification companies nearly anyone can become one without the proper education and experiences. We make sure that our facility doesn't make that mistake and that we provide top quality, professional instructors.

I know that your club also has a great Spinning program (a new group exercise class in which the participants and instructor are using stationary bikes). Spinning is another trend in the industry which attracts a lot of potential members. How are you able to compete with other clubs when it comes to this program? Once again, I will have to credit our instructors. The Spinning instructors here are so motivational and uplifting that they are reason why the program works. In fact, one of our instructors, Ellen Abbot, has created another program similar to Spinning in which the participants are on treadmills called "Treadmill Explosion." We are the only club which has this program and it's creating a lot of excitement.

Actually, you already answered my next question. I had read about Ellen Abbot's Treadmill Explosion in Club Industry Magazine. What else can you tell me about that? The reason why Treadmill Explosion works is definitely because Ellen in the instructor. She has such a motivational

personality and is so full of life that people flock to her no matter what she's teaching. This program in particular attracts a variety of people from tri-athletes and marathon runners to the average fitness enthusiast. Every Wednesday and Friday Ellen brings a group of people through their workout actually pressing the buttons on the treadmill herself leading them through a workout with a variety of intensity levels. The program is so popular that the participants are taking up all the available treadmills, and we have had to purchase four new ones so nonparticipants can still use them.

What advice would you give to someone who was starting out in the field? First of all I would say it's important to know what goes on in all areas of the club. Ask questions within the club that you work at, but also visit other clubs to get a variety of different perspectives. Also, try to gain as much experience as possible. Work at a variety of clubs in a variety of settings.

Most importantly, keep your ambitions high. You will face many hurdles on the way, but if you love what you're doing, it will be easier to overcome them. That's what it all comes down to; you have to love what you're doing and love the industry. That's the only way to succeed.

Reporter accused of attacking newspaper advisor

College Press Service

Charges are pending against a Glenville State College student accused of attacking his student newspaper adviser.

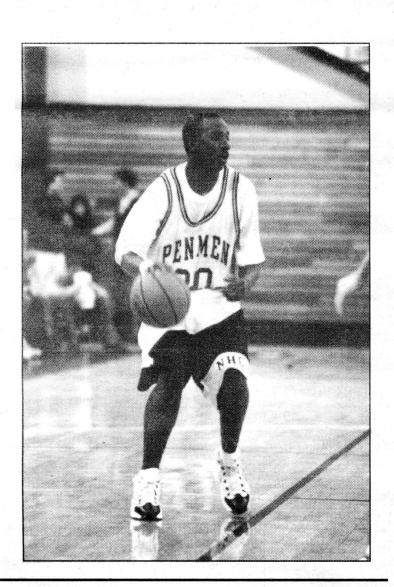
Kevin Lake, 24, is accused of beating his adviser after the adviser agreed to discuss his dismissal from the paper, said Charles Davis, chief of police in Glenville, W. Va. The adviser, 46-year-old John Rote, spent a week in the hospital with a broken leg, broken nose and perforated eardrum after the altercation.

Lake was dismissed from the newspaper's staff last month after writing a story for a competing paper, said Davis.

Lake told police he acted in self defense because Rote attacked him first.

The case is under investigation, Davis said.

HELP SUPPORT NHC STUDENTS GOING ON THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TRIP TO CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. DONATION CANS WILL BE SET UP IN THE CAFÉ, THE LAST CHAPTER PUB, SAS AND THE BOOKSTORE.



Orlando "Bino" Ranson has been a major factor in the Penmen's performance as of late. (Photo by Tom McDermott.)

Catch Bino and the rest of the Penmen team tonight in a key NECC matchup with Franklin Pierce College at the Fieldhouse at 7:30pm!

SGA Report The equipment and staff are ready

By Ben Sutch

New Hampshire College's Student Government has been busier than ever in these past few months. Donning the bright yellow of their new SGA hats, the organization has set out to reconstruct itself.

The Big News. The SGA budget guidelines, the rules by which clubs and organizations seek funding, have been revamped to accommodate a changing environment here on campus. Along with these guidelines, the SGA constitutional bylaws, the written constitution of SGA, are being reworked.

Side by side with these huge projects, SGA is currently working hard on their proposals to the Board of Trustees. Currently, three projects are being undertaken. The first is a renovation plan for the AV Studio, hoping to update the seating and furniture. A new lock and key system proposal is also being constructed to attempt to update New Hampshire College's lock system. The last proposal on the books is a plea to the Board of Trustees to speed up the process of building a new Student Center.

CAPE's NHC Tropical Twist will be coming up soon. The much-hyped Luau will be held in the Pool area and festivities will occur throughout the weekend. In all, the Luau should be one sure-fire way to entertainment and the dream of a soon-coming summer.

The Copies Plus center is also scheduled to be opened soon.

The equipment and staff are ready to go and the whole operation should be up and running soon.

The Little News. Washington Hall - SGA granted the Washington Hall Council \$287 to purchase a new microwave for general purpose use by residents. The microwave is to be placed in the laundry room.

Student vs. Faculty Softball Game - For the past ten years, the once traditional SGA vs. Faculty, now Student vs. Faculty, softball game has not been played. However, this year, the once-tradition will become tradition again, as the students once again challenge the faculty.

The Black Student Union became an official organization on January 20.

The Crew Club submitted its constitution for approval, but the club is still looking for interested people.

SGA has just recently had elections and three new freshmen and one junior have joined the team. Tom Presti, Candace Hanson and Keith Fuller have taken the freshmen representative seats and John Feudo has taken the junior seat.

The new VIP couch has been recently established at basketball games. A couch is set up in the stands and those lucky enough to win the chance to sit there are provided with a server so they never have to leave their seat. The couch is a joint venture between SGA and the Athletic Department.

The Golf Club is also making rumblings about coming back to NHC. All those interested should contact Greg Pilney.

Culinary Student Association Presents A Valentine's Dinner Perfect for Two

When: Valentine's Day Saturday, February 14, 1998

Seating Times: 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, and 7:30
Cost: \$25.00/Person
Where: The Culinary Dining Room at New
Hampshire College

Please Call (603) 644-3128 for Reservations

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The "Freak Show" at **NHC**

By Danny Luciano

On Saturday, January 24, physical comedian Todd Robinson brought his "freak show" routine to the Last Chapter Pub. Robinson, recently featured on Letterman and the Tonight Show, wasted no time getting the audience's attention as he opened his act by putting out a cigar on his tongue and swallowing fire. From there he went on to more dangerous and breath-taking

Robinson was determined to prove to the many students packed in the pub that everything they would witness was real. After passing around an everyday

light bulb so that everyone could see it was real, Robinson ate the light bulb. As the crowd watched in awe, he swallowed the light bulb and washed it down with a liquid solution made with alcohol. Next Robinson decided to walk on glass with his bare feet. Not only did he walk on the glass, but he jumped up and down so that the crowd could actually hear the glass breaking under his feet. He seemed to enjoy watching the stunned faces of his audience members who cringed at the sights they witnessed. He went on to do such acts as putting a balloon up his nose and pulling it out of his mouth and swallowing a sword. Despite how dangerous this performance was, Robinson seemed to be having a great time and it was obvious his audience was as well. You just had to see it to believe it.

R-Rated performance earns a four-star review

By Danny Luciano

Frank Santos, the R-rated hypnotist, made a second trip to NHC by popular demand. He appeared on January 27 in the small gym. He has been touring colleges and clubs recently and has even played Las Vegas.

Santos delivered an unbelievable and hilarious performance in front of amazed students. Choosing from many volunteers, Santos picked ten lucky, or rather unlucky, audience members to be hypnotized. Once the ten were put to sleep the real fun began. Santos has the hypnotized students doing outrageously funny acts such as pretending they were Power Rangers and other superheroes, being stuck to their chairs, being unable to mover their arms and having uncontrollable urges.

However, these acts were not "perverted" enough for the crowd, ans so the R-rated performance became a little more Xrated. Certain students believed they had to go to the bathroom, but

when they left the stage to go to the bathroom, they found they were either missing something or they had grown something. Also, Santos pulled out a voodoo doll and whatever he did to the doll the students felt. Let's just say they were having trouble sitting down for awhile, but the pain quickly became pleasurable. Another lucky student was rewarded for doing pushups by having sex with Pamela Anderson Lee, or so he thought.

Without a doubt Santos put on a great show; however, he wasn't the only one as two of the students did their best impersonations of Axel Rose and Madonna's little sister. I think everyone who was there can sat they've never laughed as hard in their life. Hopefully Santos will be back to NHC soon, and for those who missed this performance, make sure you attend the next one. For those students who got hypnotized, be careful because "It's a jungle out there!"

Movie Reviews

Titanic is phenomenal film making

By Michael Lascelles

Titanic is a beautiful epic that tells the tragic story of 2,200 people on a ship thought to be unsinkable. The film also incorporates the love story of a young woman trapped by her wealth and young man who saves her.

Kate Winslet stars as Rose DeWitt Bukater, a beautiful young woman from a family with "old money." Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Jack Dawson, a man with only the shirt of his back but all the happiness one could ask for. Jack sees Rose and you can see in his eyes that it is nothing less than love at first sight. Later that night he makes an introduction to her in a most unusual manner; it is then that their fate together is sealed.

For those of you who are wary of the three-hour length of the film, don't let that stop you. This film draws you into the plot and you feel like only moments have passed from beginning to end. This is a film that no one should miss; it will touch your heart and bring a tear to your eye,

As Good As It Gets

By Keith McLaren

As Good As It Gets has a star-studded cast of actors, including Jack Nicholson, Helen Hunt, Greg Kinnear and Cuba Gooding, Jr. The film follows the antics and problems associated with a person who has obsessive-compulsive disorder, a mental state in you will love As Good As It Gets. which people become very me- I greatly recommend this film for ticulous in the way they carry on comedy lovers and romantics their everyday lives.

To give a better understanding of the disorder, let me describe Melvin Udhall, the main character, played by Jack Nicholson. He wakes up every morning at a set time, positions himself on his bed, and puts on his slippers, which are in the same place every single day of his life.

He walks to the same restaurant each day, making certain not to touch any of the cracks in the sidewalk or anywhere for that matter. He then asks for the same meal, from the same waitress, at the same table...EVERY DAY! Can you imagine having your life be that predictable?

Melvin is put to the ultimate test when a gay neighbor (played by Greg Kinnear), whom Melvin is very cruel to, ends up being beaten by a group of robbers. As a result, the man has to go through months of rehabilitation. Melvin is pressured by a friend of the gay man (played by Cuba Gooding, Jr.) to watch over his dog, Verdell. The dog initially puts Melvin through hell as he must adjust his life to let Verdell become a part of it.

As he becomes more liberated through the arrival of Verdell, Melvin becomes better able to allow new things to enter his repetitive daily routine. He begins to transform from the stubborn, racist man he was at the beginning of the story into a man willing to change. He begins to show his true feelings for the waitress (played by Helen Hunt) he has at his usual restaurant every day. He also shows sensitivity to the gay man, whom he has harassed and mentally abused, by taking him to his parents who have disowned him for his sexual preference.

By the end of the film, Melvin begins to show signs that he is on the verge of overcoming his disorder. Life for Melvin truly becomes "as good as it gets."

For those of you who like good story lines and great acting, alike. Although there are points at which you may ask yourself "why" or "how," the overall theme of the story makes these few parts negligible.

Ask Aladdin

Dear Aladdin,

I really don't like what my friend is doing with her "look." Should I lie and say I like it or should I be honest and tell her that I think she's going overboard?

-Truth or Not

Dear Truth or Not,

Try to look at it from her perspective, maybe she's just trying something for shock value. If so, it probably won't last and it isn't really worth hurting someone's feelings. Just let her experiment a little and unless she starts endangering her health, be supportive.

Dear Aladdin,

I have a friend who is female, we're good friends and get along well. Her new boyfriend is the jealous type and also one of my good friends. He hasn't been talking to me lately and it's because he's jealous about his girlfriend and me. What should I do?

-Caught in the Middle

Dear Caught in the Middle,

That all sounds like several issues of trust to me, first of all between the couple and then between you and the boyfriend. I don't recommend ending any of the relationships. What I do recommend is that the girl whom you are friends with should talk to her boyfriend and see what his problem is. He needs to solve it and grow up. Not talking to you won't solve anything.

Dear Aladdin,

I have a guy who's attracted to me, but I don't feel the same way. What do you suggest?

-Don't Want to be Mean

Dear Don't Want to be Mean,

It really depends on how well you know him. If you're really good friends, then tell him that's just how you want to keep the relationship right now. If you really aren't that well acquainted, then tell him that you really don't know him well enough to date.

CD Reviews

By Tim McGowan

Album: <u>Big Willie Style</u> Artist: Will Smith Label: Columbia

This album is great! This long awaited album is well worth the money, with the current top ten hit "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It" and his follow up hit "Yes, Yes Y' All." This rap star out of Philly turns rap into a pleasant dance sound. Almost every song has an upbeat and dance trance sound. This album is a must for those who want to return to the old school, the years before gangster rap. Go out, buy and you'll like it. And, yes, DJ Jazzy Jeff is on this album spinning a couple of tunes with Will.

Album: <u>Scream 2</u>
Artist: Soundtrack
Label: Capital/Dimension

Have you seen the movie? Now hear the music from the sequel to Scream, Scream 2. This soundtrack has a lot of surprises; the only song previously released from the album is Collective Soul's "She Said." This is one of the best songs on the album. For those in love with The Dave Matthews Band there's the song "Help Myself." A bit different from their other songs, but still one that you need to have. Other notables on this soundtrack are "Suburban Life" by Yottoworth Kings, "The Swing" by Everclear, and "I Think I Love You" by Less Than Jane (remix).

Horoscope

A Peek at What the Stars Hold for You

ARIES

Your best social plans involve accepting invitations now. Staying home won't offer you quite as much enjoyment as getting out and about. Well, the truth is, sticking around the house tonight will be a bore at best, and a disaster at worst. It's also a good day to fit in a long chat with someone you trust. Don't hesitate to initiate contact with a trusted advisor or friend today. You'll appreciate what you hear, Aries.

TAURUS

A parent or relative pays you tribute by coming to you for help. Sure, it means having to make some extra effort on your part, but that means little to you. The joy is in the recognition of your capabilities — a new compliment from someone you never realized held you in this kind of esteem. It just feels good, so enjoy it, Taurus. For some of you, this could come from a person not related, but much respected by you.

GEMINI

A smiling influence on partnerships helps you to succeed with an important discussion today. It looks like you'll have to take the initiative in bringing up the matter. Draw on your skills in communication to get past any initial sensitivity. The music's already playing, Gem — you just need the right words. This should lead to a wonderful sense of togetherness.

CANCER

Today is a very good day to seek treatment for a medical problem. Parents will find reasons to become involved in matters that affect their children today. The good news is that you'll find it easy to come up with some wise decisions and overcome any resistance from the peanut gallery. In fact, Moon child, why don't you just take the lid off your own initiative today and get going with all kinds of new solutions?

LEO

For married Leos or those in a committed relationship, today may be like falling in love all over again. Something triggers the memories of your first ardor, or the support received in this past week awakens new appreciation. Today's love story is about deepening affections, not discovering new ones. All your other Leo traits will liven up, too, but none are as wonderfully satisfying as the ability to grow in love.

VIRGO

A much better trend emerges now for getting along with loved ones. Romance should bloom. Yes. Water your plants, Virgo! And we're almost afraid to tell you this, but you could make one or two smart moves about your career today, too. Please don't spend the whole day on it. Just get in a few phone calls or a few hours of work and see what develops. Lordie, don't waste this promise for happy couple magic.

IIRRA

Yes, all right, today is good for projects around the house — if you're still home this weekend. We knew you wouldn't keep that urge to change the color scheme in check for too long. How many times a year do you do this sort of thing, anyway? Other kinds of creative projects are also favored today, especially if they're about putting on finishing touches. But remember to remain gracious during a long chat today, Libra.

SCORPIO

You're still having brilliant insights about money management, so keep it goin'. Energies today could make you the life of any party. Why not throw one of your own? No one can put it together as quickly as you. That's because you're so focused on the essential ingredients — nothing fancy or fussy, just good food and music matched to the tastes of your guests, and that sincere "make yourselves at home" style.

SAGITTARIUS

After you finish puttering around in your robe, Sag, plan to devote the rest of the day to your sweetie. Well, yeah, that's if you have a sweetie. It's a good day for simply enjoying togetherness. Let your hair down and try some playful activities. Fly a kite together or do one of those get-in-the-car-and-start-driving adventure trips. While you're at it, keep in mind that your instincts are right on today. Pay attention.

CAPRICORN

Okay, the weekend is one of the times when you should pull back on spending. At the same time, you're likely to dream up some great financial plans today. But leave yourself plenty of leisure time, too. It's a day for Capricorns to indulge in shared time with spouses or lovers. Single Caps shouldn't fare too badly on the social scene tonight, either. Romantic pleasure is certain for lovers, possible for the unattached.

AQUARIUS

You may not be ready to reveal just how serious your latest romance has become. If all your friends already know how involved you are, then you'll want to sweep them out the door in favor of some privacy today. After all, you're in the mood, and besides, it's an important day in the development of that relationship. Earlier in the day, take advantage of a hunch about contacting some helpful people.

PISCES

You may not have been in a mood to socialize yesterday, but that changes now. Spending time with friends pays off in laughter and enjoyment. The same kind of mood for silly fun affects you and your love. Look for ways to relax together and take a break from all the work you've been doing. Your partner may be the ideal advisor about your career concerns, too. Someone who loves you always wants what's best.

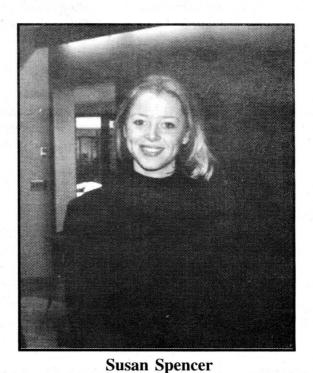
Voices and Faces

By Rich Winefield

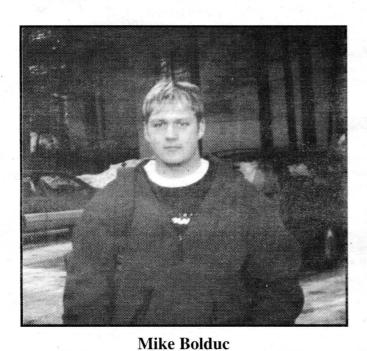
What was the most romantic thing you've done on Valentine's Day?



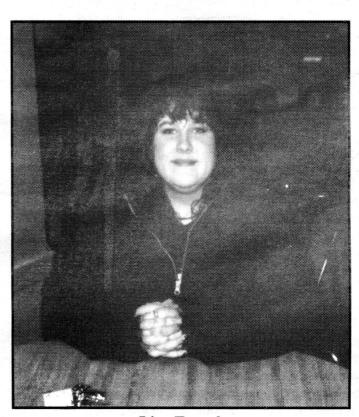
Casey Wickman
Sophomore Business Administration Major
"I flew my girlfriend from California home, I surprised her with the tickets."



Senior Communications Major "I went to a theater on Valentine's Day and I went outside on a balcony in England and it was the first snowfall of the year. It was so beautiful, the lights were on, the snow was coming down, we started kissing, it was beautiful."

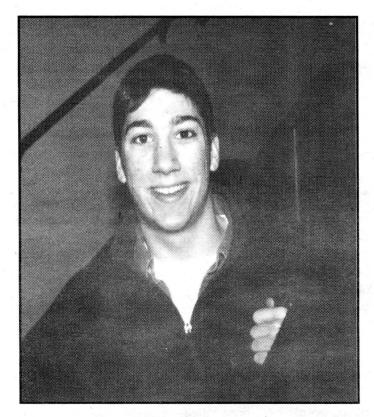


Freshman Undecided Major
"I took my girlfriend out to dinner and bought her a dozen roses and huge balloons that said I loved her, I brought them myself, when she answered the door she was really surprised and started crying."

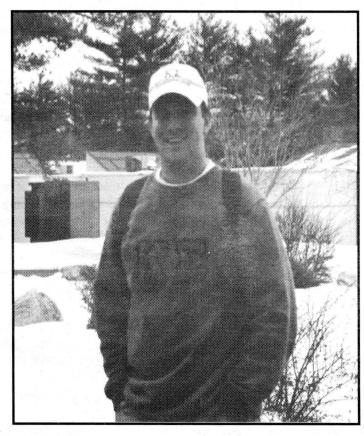


Lisa French
Senior Communications Major
"Well, I have a ritual where I take pictures of my
ex-boyfriend and burn them in the middle of the
floor and dance on them."

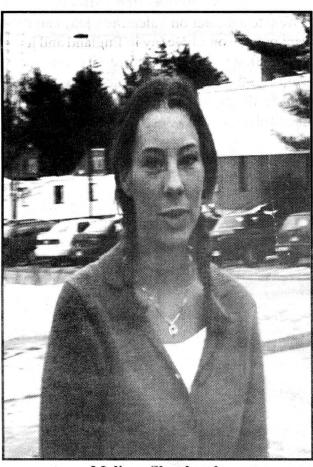
tic."



Thomas Presty
Freshman Sports Management Major
"Just a few years ago I got this little stuffed animal for a girl I liked and put a note around its neck and it was a kitten and I put it in her locker when she wasn't there, that was pretty roman-



John Mentry
Sophomore Business Administration Major
"Candlelight dinner, hung around all night and
watched a movie, that's about it."



Melissa Shepherd Freshman Business Administration Major

"I made my boyfriend dinner from scratch and it was candlelight."



Heather Stewart Freshman 3-Year Business Program

"We went away for the weekend at a nice hotel and had dinner there then...whatever."

Amanda Reno Freshman 3-Year Business Program

"Oh God...I went shopping with my boyfriend. I can't think of anything else, oh he bought me roses. You know he bought me stuff, Victoria's Secret stuff."

A new view of Public Safety

By Amanda Falt

As a commuter student I am unfamiliar with the problems on campus involving crimes or incidents involving alcohol. I had always considered the Public Safety officers to be a bunch of high school dropouts with nothing else to do but cruise around the campus carrying flashlights and annoying people. I asked two students their opinion of Public Safety at NHC. One replied, "I'm a commuter and have never had a run in with any of them. I see them cruising around the parking lot looking for cars to ticket. They don't seem to have anything better to do." The other student replied, "All they ever do is put tickets on our cars and break up our parties. You can't have more than two people hanging out drinking without one of them all over you. They must have had a real lame high school experience to be so up tight." Both students wished to have their names withheld for obvious reasons. I decided to find out for myself. What is Public Safety all about? What do they really do?

I opened the door with a transparent Public Safety sticker on the window and walked into a small white office expecting to see many men and women in uniform. Contrary to expectations, I saw only one man sitting in what appeared to be a very comfortable chair. He was wearing a rather festive sweater and reading a book. I explained the purpose of my visit and he asked "Would you like to speak to the boss?" with a kind smile. Being the polite and cordial person I am, I expressed gratitude and agreed to wait five minutes until George Miville, "the boss," could see me.

The waiting area was quite small and the room very stuffy. There was a hum coming from a large illuminating light that reminded me of those in my rundown high school. Over the hum I could hear the radio playing "The Thrill Is Gone," which seemed to be ironic at the time. It made me chuckle to myself. It was very quiet save for the radio and humming. I had expected to hear the muffled sound of something like a police scanner. There was a wall filled with walkie-talkies, but they remained silent.

After about five minutes, the man with the festive sweater told me I could go in. I entered a fairly large office, which I found to be much more comfortable. The air was not as stuffy as it had been in the outside office. I introduced

myself to Miville by shaking his hand. He has a nice firm hand-shake, which my father had taught me is a very admirable quality. I could hear the jingling of keys on a large key chain attached to his pants as he sat down.

The first thing Miville asked me was how I spelled my last name. He was jotting my name down on a yellow piece of notebook paper. Under any other circumstance this probably would have made me feel nervous, but his kind demeanor put me at ease. I imagine it is just procedure to document the names of all visitors. I browsed over my questions and began my interrogation.

Miville is the Director of Public Safety and has been for the past eleven years. He was formerly a lieutenant in the Manchester Police Department. After twenty-three years he retired from the force. The news that New Hampshire College was looking for a Director of Public Safety was passed to him through friends who knew him when he was with the MPD.

As the Director, Miville is responsible for the safety and security of students, staff, faculty, visitors and the property of NHC. To do so, he is responsible for fourteen officers eleven of which are male and three female. When I asked what the prerequisites for a job with NHC Public Safety would be, Miville replied, "I have one officer who is a part time Deerfield policeman. As far as the others, we usually start from scratch. You need a high school degree or higher. We offer tuition benefits and strongly urge them to use them. This usually is not a career, the average time spent is around seven years." Contrary to the belief or knowledge of most students, these officers do have "lives." Many of them are college graduates, men and women with families, people very similar to you and me. One of the officers is even a published poet. This is just a stop on their career path through life.

According to Miville, all of his officers are unarmed. I was then curious to know the crimes rate on campus if none of the officers carried weapons. The number one problem on campus, doubtless to no one's surprise, is the abuse of alcohol. Eighty percent of all undergraduate students at NHC are under the legal drinking age. Apparently the worst problems Miville and his officers had to face involved alcohol incidents. Years ago when kegs were still permitted on campus and the

drinking age had just changed from eighteen back to twenty-one, there were problems with students being disrespectful to staff. "We didn't have the programs and punishments then as we do now; one guy was written up twenty-six times for alcohol abuse problems. All he had to do was pay the fines. Now, you never have someone written up that many times. Alcohol abuse is not tolerated; there are fines, then awareness programs. That kid never got any help." I could tell this was a serious topic for Miville; he was making stop motions with his hands during the entire conversation, yet never raised his voice.

Miville firmly believes this is a very safe campus. In the eleven years he has been here eleven people have been killed. One might think that to be a rather high number; I certainly did. Then Miville pointed out that ten of them were off-campus accidents such as drunk driving, which is beyond the control of NHC Public Safety. The eleventh was a medical emergency that involved a student drowning in the pool not due to alcohol but to a seizure.

When asked about the crime rate on campus Miville replied, "the crime rate is lower on campus than it is in the surrounding community. The community surrounding NHC has a very low crime rate itself." Still, even with the low crime rate, students can never be too careful. Miville feels that more people should use the Public Safety walking escort system at night. Students do usually travel in groups at night, but perhaps they feel a little too safe.

Since NHC is obviously such a diverse campus with students of all different nationalities I had wondered how harmonious the student body was. "There are surprisingly few racial incidents. We may have students from two different foreign countries that would normally oppose each other, the Americans are just like 'huh,' but I've actually had an Arab and a Jew patrolling together, which would never happen in their country. Occasionally we will hear rumors of racial tension. We jump right on top of it and nothing ever comes of it because people know it will not be tolerated."

I had always thought one of the main problems on campus would be burglary, especially involving cars. Miville said, "Car radio theft comes in spasms. They know that if they go to K-Mart, they'll have to look in about forty cars before they find a stereo

worth stealing. On campus, after about four cars they'll find a nice radio. College kids have it. They may drive an \$85 car, but they have a \$1000 stereo system in it. It's much easier for thieves to steal on a campus too. They look just like another student. You may walk right past them; I may walk right past them." This year Miville and his officers have caught a few stereo thieves, but they were caught red handed.

Students may be under the impression that the parking spots down by the river are elite because they are for faculty only. According to Miville, the main reason students are not allowed to park down there is because it is harder to patrol. NHC doesn't own the land right by the river. It would be easier for a thief to come in that way than to go through the gates at the top of campus. It is for the better welfare of the student, or at least their cars.

Though it was embarrassing to ask, I felt comfortable enough with Miville to do so. I asked if he would deny allegations that he our one of his officers had ever deliberately set a car alarm off on a car that was illegally parked. He responded with an appalled look, "Setting off an alarm is juvenile. I would not fire them but reprimand them." To his knowledge it has never happened. He also explained that some alarms are so sensitive that when you lift up the windshield wiper to put the ticket on, some of them do just go off.

I found our meeting to be quite pleasant and George Miville a really nice guy. Perhaps my views have changed about Public Safety. Obviously these men and women have a lot more that they have to deal with than I would have given them credit for. I certainly will never refer to them as "Rent-a-Cops" again. They have gained my respect, and they deserve the respect of all visitors, faculty, and students on this campus.

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Chelsea believes in her dad

College Press Service

Chelsea Clinton is standing by her man.

In this case, her father, who faces allegations that he had an affair with a former White House intern only a few years older than she is.

Or so says the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who, at President Clinton's suggestion, recently spoke over the phone about the crisis with Chelsea.

"She's so sweet, strong and mature beyond her years," Jackson said of the 17-year-old freshman at Stanford University during a broadcast of CNN's "Larry King Live." "She is aware of what's happening and confronting it, and she wants to offer support for her father and mother.

"The very strong ties she has with (her mother) Hillary (Rodham Clinton) and the affection for her father are just very touching," Jackson continued, adding that he thinks Chelsea "totally believes" her father.

"(Chelsea) has grown up in a household of public struggle and confrontation. It's not the first time she's seen her father's name in the negative."

Student sues for the right to stink

College Press Service

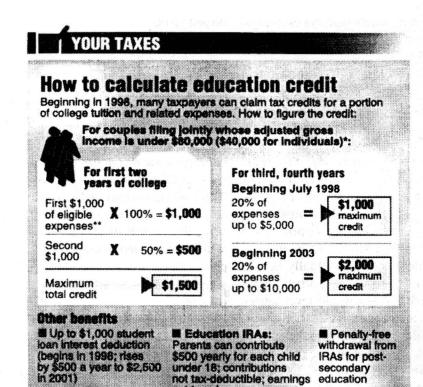
A man barred from the University of Oslo because of his bad body odor is taking his case to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France.

According to news reports, the university prohibited the man from attending in 1981 after students and instructors complained about his strong smell and ragged clothing.

The man, who was studying astrophysics, has lived in a plastic-foam shack for the last 20 years. He claims that his home and his aversion to soap help him achieve a deeper understanding of the science, the Associated Press reported.

The would-be student also says he has a right to stink – an argument that so far hasn't been well received by Norwegian courts. He has lost every case he's filed, but his lawyer, John Christian Elden, said they're prepared to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

Elden said he'll argue that his client is entitled to a private life and an education no matter what he smells like.



Valentine's Day Messages

Stacey Picke, From the guys downstairs. Happy Valentine's Day. From: Greelly 22

Susanne, Hey, sweetie, I love you lots. I hope you have a special day. Love, your sister!

Melissa (Hun), I just want to tell you that these last four months have been great and I love you. From: Dave

Peanut. Happy Valentine's Day, my love. I love you with all of my heart. T.E.A.W.B. & F.A. From: Pookie

Jenn, Happy Valentine's Day, I love you with all my heart. From: Steve

> Emily, You keep me smiling and make my heart race. Happy Valentine's Day. I love you. Love always & then some, Ryan

David Pearson, You mean everything to me. My heart belongs to you and no one else. I love you very much.

From: Melissa J. Cowdrey

Colleen, Beth, Joanne, and Theresa, Happy Valentine's to all you four, you're special friends and a whole lot more.

Happy Valentine's Day to the

love of my life, Carlo A!

Babes, thanks for all your

support and faith in me! Love,

Melissa Buentello

laugh. You're the greatest friends I could ever have. From: Mike

You make me smile and

Ali Cau Kaya, I love you so much. You are the most important thing in my life. I love spending time with you. Don't leave me. Love, Secret admirer

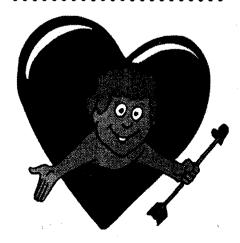
Honey butter, Happy one year and Happy Valentine's Day with many more to come. I love you always and forever! From: Goose

> Suzie-Q "Madonna" Spencer, You are the light of my life, my inspiration and my soul mate. Happy V-Day! I love you! © From: Lisa French

Robin, Happy Valentine's Day, sweetheart! I love you very much. From: *Keith*

Charles Robert Kilham, Hey, sweetie, just wanted you to know that you are loved. From: *One of your KX* girls

The three flings of my life, I wish we lived in Egypt because I would marry all of you. From: Corey P.



To my love, Busta, I watch you at the basketball games and dream of what it would be like to be in your arms. From your true love, RJ

To my roommies and best friends:
Some may ask, "What would I do w/o my friends?" I say, "I would do the same things, just not as well." Thanks for everything. I love you guys!

-Lynners

To Frenchie,
You are the best friend I ever had. Thank you for being you. Don't ever change.
Love,
Susan

Big Sis Tennille,
Happy Valentine's Day to
the person I will look up to
so much! I look forward to
spending more time with!
Love,
Rebecca

To the cross country team,
Run 'till you puke.
Nick Nugent

Happiest Valentine wishes go to my dearest friends Cindy, Becca, Alisha, Megan, Sam, and my loving sister Holly.

With love,

Susanne

Susan (my big sister),
I can't wait to get through
this, but, in the meantime I
couldn't be happier to have
you as a big sis!
Love,
Alisha

Happy Valentine's Day,
John. I love you more than
words could say.
Love,
Tatum XOXOXO

Becca,
Despite all you think, your image fills my dreams. I'll be waiting. Happy
Valentine's Day!
Love,
Your secret admirer

Duane,
Happy Valentine's Day to
the sweetest person in my
life. You've "run" away
with my heart.
Love,

Tara

Happy Valentine's Day, P. Plourde.
Here's to the many more that lie in our future. I love you now and forever. TIAWB A&f
From: P. Gorlough

Querido, As always, love. A.K. Tatum,
Thanks for being here for me during tough times. I love you so much and always will.

Love,

John

Thanks for everything and my great first semester. Alisha, Becca, Susanne, Holly, Meagan, Michelle, Jen, Jess, Jenny, Jinni, and all my sisters. Thanks.

Pumpkin,
I'll love you always and
forever. You are my dream
come true.
Baby forever,
S

Ausra (Dr. K.),
Happy Valentine's Day.
Thanks for all your help,
we appreciate it very
much!
Hugs and kisses,
The layout staff

P.T.,
Don't ever stop being a classic! Love you always, hun.
Love,
Susan

Asian students discuss alternate tuition funding

College Press Service

Jokes and laughter covered the worried expressions on the faces of University Korean students as they patiently brainstormed for ways to pay this quarter's tuition.

About 30 students, both graduates and undergraduates, attended the special Korean Student Association meeting Jan. 9 at Coffman Memorial Union.

The recent market crashes in Southeast Asia are causing international students from South Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines to seek different sources of money for tuition and living expenses. Many of these students receive funding from their government or parents while they complete their education in the United States. But as the exchange rates continue to fluctuate, the students find they get less money from home.

"The first thing I check is the exchange rates," said Jeong Hoon An, a political science undergraduate who recently got an on-campus job to make up the funding difference his parents can't send him anymore.

An is among three students chosen by the group to communicate with UM administrators about

addressing the financial crunch. Because the undergraduate and graduate students have different financial needs, the group chose students from both areas to represent their concerns.

As a starting point, the students drew up a list of suggestions. They include:

Applying resident tuition rates to students who do not receive financial support from their department such as graduate or teaching assistantships.

Making available longterm loans with low interest rates.

Alerting departments of the economic crisis and urging them to hire international students as teaching or research assistants.

Allowing international students to work off campus temporarily (which is currently illegal under Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations).

In addition, the Korean Student Association is planning "Korean Culture Night" for February. Originally intended as a showcase for Korean art and music, the celebration will now focus on raising money to help struggling students pay their tuition or living expenses. Brandon Cho, the association's president, said they will sell crafts and ask for donations from the Twin Cities' Ko-

rean community.

Meanwhile, UM has begun responding to the student' requests. The office of International Student and Scholar Services is holding informational sessions this week for all international students affected by the economic crisis.

"This affects many, many students who had normally not had financial difficulties probably any time in their life," said director Kay Thomas. She noted that between 50 and 60 students contacted her office last week with concerns and questions related to the market plight in Asia.

The UM will also be sending a memo to all faculty and staff members sometime this week to inform them of the problem. Bob Kvavik, associate vice president and executive officer, said the memo will ask colleges and departments to look to their resources for any way to help their own international students. The help could come in the form of scholarships, loans or job opportunities.

Kvavik said the memo is a way to reassure students that their concerns are heard.

One student, who asked that her name be withheld, said she found it frustrating when

she tried to explain to her advisor how the economic crisis was affecting her. When her department did not renew her assistantship for winter quarter, she panicked.

Eventually, after alerting them to the Asian market problems, a job was created for her so she could afford tuition.

"Even though they read newspapers everyday, they may not be connecting those things to their Korean students," she said. "We really want them to know about us."

While the UM alerts staff and faculty, administrators will continue to collect information and work with students on a case-by-case basis.

"We have no interest in driving students home," Kvavik said. "In one sense, they've made a decision to come here and, like any student, we've made an investment in them just as much as they've made an investment here."

He said the UM has faced this problem before with students from Iran and Nigeria. When the governments couldn't afford to send money, a delayed payment plan was set up, and the UM eventually received all the money.

Have you seen this man?

Monday January 26, 1998, at approximately 10:15pm, a young woman was raped on campus near the soccer field. She appeared to be walking home from the athletic center when she was attacked. The young woman reported the rape a couple days later.

This is a composite that was developed from the description given to police. Suspect is described as a white male, 6'-6'4" tall, with a stocky muscular build, possibly 18-21 years of age with brown shoulder length hair. Suspect has a light complexion with no facial hair and is described to have a thin face. Anyone with information regarding this incident, please contact the Manchester Police Department Domestic violence Unit 668-8711 ext. 366.

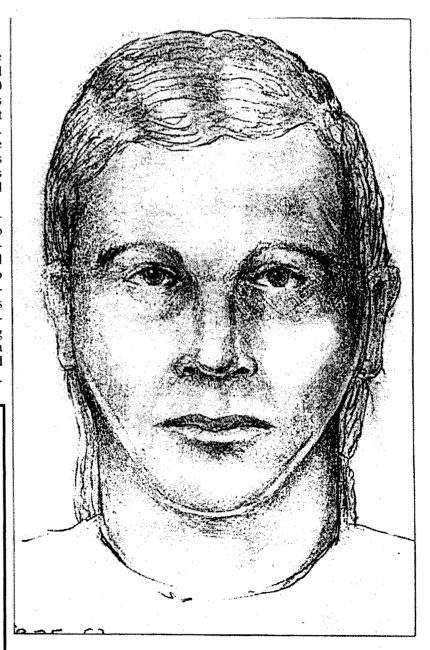
Public Safety says they

have doubled security since the incident. This is the first reported case of rape on this campus in 10 years. The Public Safety offers an escort for anyone who does not want to walk to another area alone. Reportedly, the Saturday after the attack occured the number of calls for a Public Safety escort was nine. This is way up from the usual one to three calls a month.

Despite the added security, Public Safety believes this to be an isolated incident, there appears to be no threat of a serial rapist. It is, however, essential to take precautions; don't walk anywhere alone, avoid dimly lit ares and always be aware of your surroundings and what is happening around you. There is currently a Rape Aggression class offered Friday's in the Gym from 2 to 4pm.

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Campus theft: Protecting yourself from those sticky fingers

College Press Service

With laundry spinning in the dryer and dinner in the oven upstairs, one student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill bounced between floors to make sure both chores got done.

Someone had taken her clothes – several weeks' worth given that she hadn't done the wash in a while – by the time she went to retrieve them. She wound up getting some of her belongings back when she spotted her jeans – perpetrator attached – walking around campus.

"She recognized a bleach stain and knew the pants were hers," said Lt. Angela Carmon, a university police officer. "it's really funny until it happens to you."

Theft is still the most common crime on campus. Police working for colleges nationwide logged 102,081 incidents of theft in 1996, according to Security On Campus, Inc., an organization that encourages students to guard against crime.

Most students complained about sticky fingers than alcohol and drug violations, car theft and sexual offenses. That's not to say everything should be bolted down to keep someone else from taking

it, Carmon said, it just means students should assume more personal responsibility for their belongings.

"People are too trusting," she said. "We're talking about a crime of opportunity. Don't give people the opportunity to take your things, and they won't – or at least they won't very easily."

Year after year, Carmon said she reviews reports from students who are missing appliances, bicycles, bookbags, clothes, jewelry and wallets. And year after year their stories are much the same: Left the door unlocked while running an errand. Propped open the door for pizza delivery. Left things on a table while looking for a library book. Parked the car and didn't check on it for at least a month.

"Some people think it can't happen to them," Carmon said. "And they're the ones who have to learn the hard way that it does."

There are many ways to guard against theft, experts say. Among them:

View everyone as a potential suspect – including classmates, fraternity brothers, instructors, sorority sisters and roommates. Sometimes the better a per-

son thinks they know you, the more entitled they feel to use – and not return – your belongings.

"It's sad, but it's true," said R.V. Stephens, director of campus safety for Prairie View A & M University in Texas. "When you left home, you left the security of home behind, too.

Discuss safety and the measures you're taking to protect yourself with those living with and around you.

"You don't want to go around insulting people, but at the same time you have to let everyone know you are taking steps to protect your things," he added. "Sometimes you can get your message across if you encourage other people to do the things you're doing. 'Let's both engrave our names on our appliances, or let's both make an effort to keep the door locked,' you might say."

If you don't need it or it is of great sentimental value, don't take it to school.

"You probably brought too much jewelry with you if you have things you rarely wear," Stephens said. "And the longer that stuff sits in your room, the longer someone has to devise an opportunity to take it from you."

Added Carmon: "Campus is not the place for you to bring family heirlooms. Leave them with your parents until you have a place of your own."

Put your name or an easily identifiable mark on your valuables – even if its your favorite sweater, compact disc or pair of jeans.

"People steal clothes and music all the time," Carmon said. "Get a laundry pen and write something on the (label) inside. Write your name in your books. Engrave your stereo, VCR and

computer."

Limit the number of people allowed in your room at one time.

"Your roommate might be as honest as the day is long, and he or she may care about you," Stephens said. "But not everyone who comes with them into your room will feel the same way about you. Those other people have no interest in your room or in your things."

Constant entertaining and allowing strangers into your room – even if they are friends of friends – also make it more difficult to pinpoint suspects when something is discovered missing, Stephens said.

Lock your door, lock your door and lock your door.

"Students say they didn't lock their doors because they had to run out for just a minute," Carmon said. "And that's all the time someone needed to take something from them."

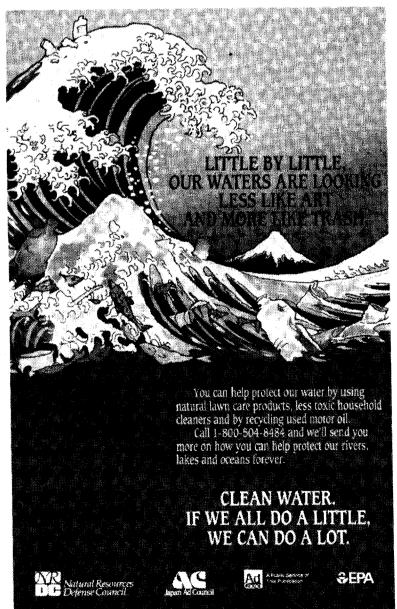
Keep a list of the serial numbers assigned to your appliances, and register your bicycle with the local police department.

Check on your car regu-

"Campus police officers do routine patrols, but they can't see everything," Carmon said. "Students have had their cars broken into, but they can't tell us when it might have happened because they haven't checked on their car for at least a month."

Pay attention to what's going on around you.

"I see people wandering around, reading newspapers and books all the time," Carmon said. "They don't know what's going on around them and they're easy target" for pickpockets and possible attackers.



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New NCAA guidelines offer saner approach to making the weight

College Press Service

Dan Everett remembers chewing gum so often that his jaws would hurt.

"I did it to generate saliva," said the former wrestler at Indiana State University. "It was chew, spit, chew, spit – anything I could do to get some spit out. If I could lose a few ounces in spit a day, I would feel so guilty about drinking some water now and then."

Everett's scenario was played out on college campuses and in high school gyms across the country as wrestlers struggled to make the weight.

The National Collegiate Athletic Administration hopes that will change. The governing body of collegiate athletics took action this fall after three deaths in the college wrestling community. Under the newly imposed rules, wrestlers are not allowed to use saunas for water loss and rubber suits and diuretics are banned altogether.

"We're taking away the absurd measure some athletes would use to qualify for a certain weight class," said Marty Benson, head of the NCAA Wrestling Rules Committee. "We're not going to allow someone to do permanent damage to himself for the sake of a wrestling match."

According to Benson, wrestlers now will be weighed no more than two hours before match time instead of the night before.

"You get a lot of kids doing whatever they can to make weight, then eating and drinking in massive quantities to regain strength for the match," Benson said. "We're going to take that away be eliminating most of the time between weigh-ins and the match itself. That means that the weight you weigh in at better be the weight you're at at full strength, otherwise you're going to be out of luck when it comes time to wrestle."

Benson says the new rules will strengthen the NCAA's current policies, which ban fluid restriction, laxatives, self-induced vomiting, hot boxes and steam rooms for dehydration. Although there is no way NCAA officials can check every locker room for infractions, Benson is hopeful that coaches and athletes will see the benefits of following the rules.

"This past year should put the fear of God in a lot of people,"

Benson said. "Three deaths should be enough to alter anyone's behavior."

Wrestling's tragic season began on Nov. 9, when Campbell University's Billy Saylor, 19, died while trying to drop six pounds to make his weight class. Less than two weeks later, Joseph LaRosa, a 22-year-old wrestler at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, died after wearing a rubber suit while riding an exercise bike. LaRosa was trying to lose four pounds. Finally, 21-year-old University of Michigan wrestler Jeff Reese died of kidney failure on Dec. 9. Like LaRosa, Reese was wearing a rubber suit and riding a stationary bike. He was trying to lose 12 pounds. All three deaths were blamed on dehydration.

Everett, now a wrestling coach at a high school outside of Chicago, says he would feel out of control when it came time to drop weight. "I would get obsessed by it," said Everett. "I would do whatever I had to do to drop a few pounds. I'd ride around in my car in a rubber suit with the heat on high. It was scary."

Like so many other wrestlers, Everett finally walked away from the sport he loved because of increased pressure – pressure he put on himself, he's quick to add – to lower his weight.

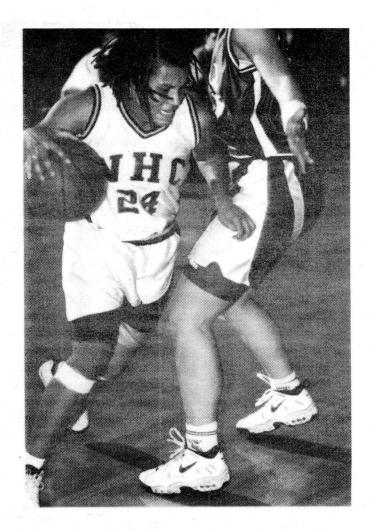
"It wasn't fun anymore," Everett said. "I needed to take some time away to figure out why I was doing it. It took a few years, to tell you the truth, then when I wanted to go back, I felt like coaching was the right way back in."

Dan Gable, who led University of Iowa wrestlers to 15 national championships in 21 years, said the changes were needed and overdue.

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This should help a lot of people," Gable said. "The sport had created an emergency situation for itself and I'm glad that the NCAA took time to make the necessary changes."





Janet Trzaska attempting to move around an opponent. (Photo by Tom McDermott.)

Watch the Penwomen basketball team duel it out with the Ravens of Franklin Pierce College tonight at 5:30pm, followed by the men's game!

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Hockey team edges out Sacred Heart

Source: NHC Press Release Provided by Andrea Hill

Senior Nick Therrien and freshman Chuck Croteau both recorded a goal and two assists to lead the New Hampshire College hockey team to a 4-3 victory over Sacred Heart University in nonleague action Saturday Feb. 7. NHC improved to 10-5-1.

NHC regained the lead just 45 seconds after SHU scored when freshman Tom Fielding poked a lose puck past the SHU goalie.

Therrien opened the scoring at 6:10 of the first period with his team-leading 17th goal of the year, and the Penmen doubled their lead with four minutes to play in the period off a powerplay goal by Croteau. The Penmen regained a 3-2 lead when senior Jason Rayher scored with 26 seconds left in the first period.

Graduate student Brian Cole went the distance in net for NHC and stopped 23 shots.

NHC loses to rival

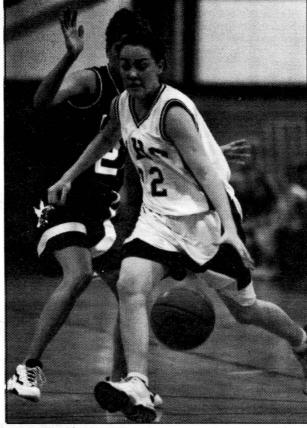
Source: NHC press release Provided by Andrea Hill

Junior Addie Stiles netted 22 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead the Saint Anselm College Women's basketball team to a 72-50 victory over New Hampshire College on Monday Feb. 2. NHC dropped to 2-19.

The Hawks only held a 28-26 lead at the half, and the teams traded baskets for the first six minutes of the second half before the Hawks took control with a 17-4 run. NHC came no closer than 15 points the rest of the way.

St. Anselm held a 21-15 lead with seven minutes to play in the first half, but the Penwomen outscored the hosts, 9-2, over the three minutes and took a 24-23 lead following a basket by senior Steph Meyer with 4:31 left before intermission.

Junior Miki Hall led NHC with 11 points and nine rebounds, while Meyer finished with nine points and six boards. Sophomore Kristy Woodill added eight points and six rebounds.



Freshman Cara McMahon dribbles past a defender during a recent game. (Photo by Tom McDermott.)

NHC women's b-ball wins

Source: NHC press release Provided by Andrea Hill

Sophomore Kristy Woodill netted 21 points to lead the New Hampshire College Women's basketball team to a 71-70 victory over the University at Albany at the Fieldhouse Jan. 27. NHC snapped a six-game losing streak and improved to 2-17 overall and 2-8 in the New England Collegiate Conference.

NHC trailed by eight, 59-51, with under eight to play when the Penwomen put together an 11-4 run and cut the lead to a point, 63-62, following a layup by junior Miki Hall with 3:04 to play. Woodill then gave NHC its first lead of the second half when she stole the inbounds pass, scored and was fouled. She converted the three point play giving the hosts a 65-63 lead. The game was tied, 69-69, when Hall put back a missed NHC shot with 48 seconds left.

Hall finished with 10 points, and Jen Robinson had 13 points and seven rebounds for NHC.

NHC Destroys University of New Haven

Source: NHC Press Release provided by Andrea Hill

Sophomore Bobby Miller paced a balanced offense with 15 points as the Penmen came away with an impressive 80-54 victory over the Chargers of New Haven on February 4 at the NHC Fieldhouse. NHC improved to 13-9 overall and 8-4 in the NECC.

The game was close at the half as the Penmen held a close 33-31 lead. The rally began in the second half as NHC opened up with an 11-2 run. The Chargers answered back with a few points of their own, but NHC eventually opened a 23-point lead following a 3-pointer by senior Ray Blackwell.

Other key contributors were sophomore Mitch Filson, who finished with 13 points in just 17 minutes of action. Freshman Ryan Chartrand and junior Orlando "Bino" Ranson both netted 11 points of their own. NHC coach Stan Spirou stated "We bounced back in the second half and got a win...not a good win but at least a win."

NHC edges by Stony Brook

Source: NHC Press Release provided by Andrea Hill

Sophomore Bobby Miller was the top player for the Penmen on February 7 as he netted 18 points, including 2 clutch free throws with 20 seconds left to play, to give NHC the win over the University of Stony Brook. The win gave NHC a 14-9 overall record.

The Seawolves began the game by hitting the first 10 points. But the Penmen refused to die and came back with a 12-2 run of their own, eventually tying the game at 12-12 following a layup by freshman Robert Foster with 9:30 to play in the first half.

The Penmen held a 24-21 lead at the half and opened up their largest lead of the game, 40-31, following a 3-pointer by sophomore Mitch Filson with 13:59 left to play.

The Seawolves took a short-lived 51-48 lead, but the Penmen quickly responded back with six unanswered points, thanks in part to the excellent play of senior Ray Blackwell and junior Orlando Ranson.

Foster finished the game with 13 points and 8 boards, while Filson added to the cause with 10 points off the bench. The Penmen return to action on February 11 when they host Franklin Pierce in a key NECC battle at 7:30pm in the Fieldhouse.

Penmen Crushed by St. A's

Source: NHC Press Release provided by Andrea Hill

The NHC Penmen were dealt a tough loss at St. Anselm's Stoutenburgh Gym on Februrary 2. The Hawks outplayed NHC and prevailed with a final score of 73-55. This was the Hawk's sixth consecutive win and their record improved to 13-7 while NHC dropped to 12-9.

Sophomore Mitch Filson, who started in the place of the injured Tarik Sheppard, scored a career-high 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. NHC converted only one 3-pointer out of 11 attempts.

February 11, 1998 **Sportsview: Super Bowl** XXXII

By Andrew Cummings

The 1997-98 season was one of unexpecteds in the National Football League. We had the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the New York Giants make the playoffs, while the Dallas Cowboys could only stay at home and watch. We had Barry Sander's rushing for over 2,000 yards, while Emmit Smith could only muster four touchdowns. We also had two San Francisco receivers catch for over 1,000 yards and one of them was not named Jerry Rice.

Maybe the most unpredicted of possibilities was the AFC, for the first time in over twenty years, won the Pro Bowl (pro football's all-star game) and the Super Bowl.

Since this is more of a commentary than a sport news article, let's talk about this year's Super Bowl for a few moments. This had to be the most entertaining games in recent history, right?

Any football fan from New England should back me up when I say we were just ready for the game to end so we could stop arriving at the fact that our beloved Pats were the last team to lose the Super Bowl.

After the Patriots were knocked off this year in the most painful of 7-6 losses in New England history, I was ready to call it quits on watching the playoffs. I thought it might be too hard to watch Pittsburgh play Denver for the AFC crown. But, I figured that if I rooted for Denver, maybe I would get lucky and get to watch the Steelers eat it... They did. (I don't really hate Pittsburgh, but the scar from the previous week was still too deep.)

tion the Green Bay easily walked away with the NFC title on the same day.

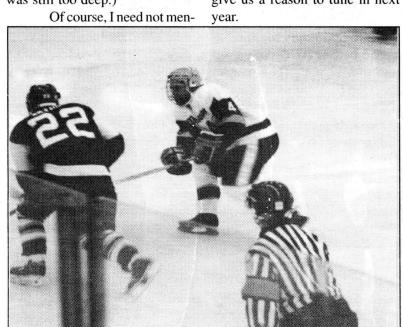
Going into "Super Sunday," two weeks later, I decided I was going to be a Denver fan. Green Bay is a good choice for this era's "American Team," but my football-watching philosophy is cheer for the Patriots and then the underdog. And with Vegas having the Packers as favorites by as much as twelve points, it was not that hard a choice.

Going into the game I never really gave the Broncos a very good chance. They do have the AFC's leading rusher (Terrell Davis) and the infamous John Elway, but it just did not seem as potent as the Green Bay attack. The Packers came in with every facet of the game covered: on offense, the game's best quarterback in Brett Favre; one of this year's NFC Pro-Bowl starting running backs in Dorcey Levens; a receiving core of Mark Chumura, Antonio Freeman and Robert Brooks. On defense, a line with 370+ pound Gilbert Brown and a secondary with the always pesky Eugene Robinson. I don't think many people really gave Denver a chance.

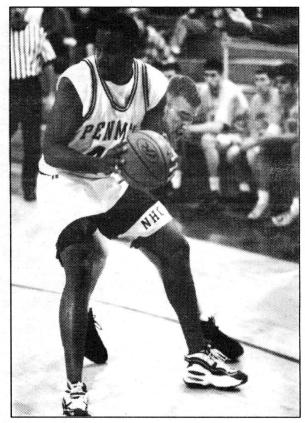
I'm not going to summarize the game because I'm sure everyone reading this saw or at least read about the bowl. All I can say is that the running of Davis (three touchdowns) and the will of such veterans as Bill Romanowski and Elway made the victory possible.

I still think it was somewhat of a fluke. Green Bay certainly, al least on paper, out-man's Denver. I guess that's why they play the game, though.

Next year we get Martin, Coates, McGinest and Meggett 100% healthy, and we may be able to bring the Super Bowl trophy to Foxborough. At least it will give us a reason to tune in next



Sophomore Rob Miller battles an opponent for the puck. (Photo by Tom McDermott.)



Robert Foster continues to play solid basketball for the Penmen. (Photo by Tom McDermott.)

Penmen win in overtime thriller

By Michael Lascelles

The stands were packed. The air was charged with excitement. Fans had poured in for an intense match-up between two rivals, and they didn't leave disappointed.

The entire 40-minute ball game was fast paced with players racing up and down the court. The So. Conn. Owls were plagued with fouls in the first half, which led to a halftime score of 42-35. At the half, Orlando "Bino" Ranson had 22 points including 6

The second half was less friendly to the Penmen as So. Conn. crawled to a score of 53-51 with 13 minutes left. The Owls stayed consistent and with 8 minutes left they took the lead with a score of 64-61. The pressure was

on the Penmen, the crowd leaned on the edge of their seats, and it happened. The two teams battled to tie with 25.3 seconds left. NHC's Bobby Miller had the ball and pulled all the stops with a beautiful spin move along the baseline. The Penmen were up by two, but as the clock wound down T.J. Trimboli of the Owls sent it into overtime.

Overtime had many lead changes as the two teams were playing their hearts out. Fouls became crucial down the stretch, and those extra points kept each team alive at one time or another. The Owls had the ball with .8 seconds on the clock and down by one. But the inbound pass to Trimboli was deflected by NHC and that was the ball game. Ranson lead all scorers with 32 points and the Penmen record improved to 12-8 overall.

NHC icemen knocks off **Fairfield**

Source: NHC Press Release provided by Andrea Hill

Freshman Chuck Croteau nockey team to a 5-2 victory over Fairfield University in non-league action on Sunday Feb. 8. NHC, which has won five-straight and eight of its last nine games, improved to 11-5-1. The five-game winning streak is the longest for the Penmen since the 1989-90 season.

NHC held a 3-2 lead late in the third period when freshman Shawn Sleeper intercepted a pass at center ice, broke in alone on the Fairfield net and hit their goalie high to the glove side with 4:01 to play in the game. It was the first career goal for the Spaulding High School product. NHC secured the win with an empty net goal by senior Jason Rayher.

NHC's Jason Gosselin netted the lone goal of the first period, netted two goals and assisted on and Croteau doubled NHC's lead another to lead the New Hampshire just 59 seconds into the second period. Croteau closed out the sec ond period scoring with his 12th goal of the year at 11:53.

Rayher totaled a goal and two assists for NHC, while senior Nick Therrien and freshman Rob Miller both chipped two assists.

Graduate student Brian Cole went the distance in net for NHC and stopped 24 shots.

NHC's next match-up will be Tuesday (2/10) in an ECAC-Central game against Saint Michael's College at 7:45.