



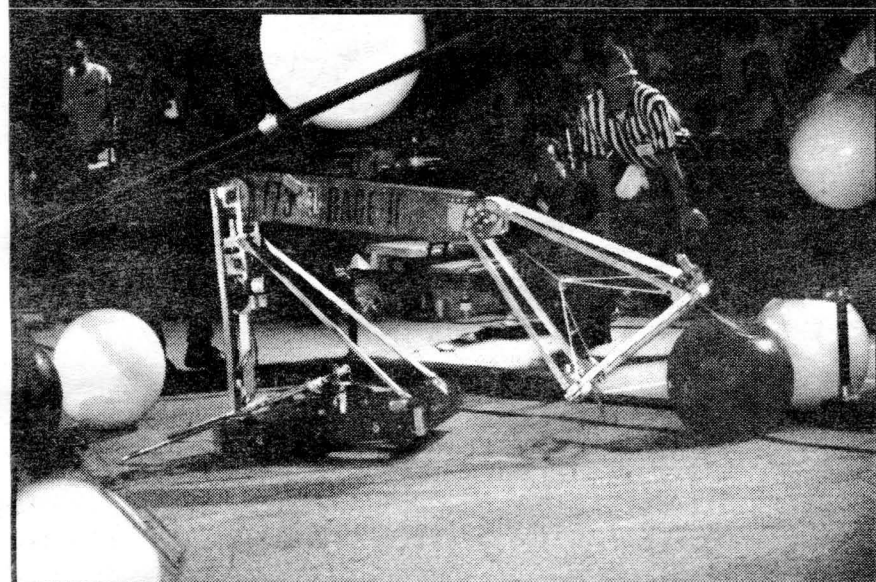
# The Observer



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FIRST Robots returned to NHC last week. (Photo by Rich Winefield.)

## FIRST Regional Competition Returns

By Adrian Mroczko

The New England Regional competition for FIRST was held in the NHC Fieldhouse this past week. This marks the third time that NHC has hosted the event. The FIRST Robotics Competition is a nationwide competition that matches student teams with volunteers from area technology-based businesses.

The goal is to then construct a robot out of a kit of parts that are allocated to each team. The robots are used to compete in a game where they are controlled

via radio control and the object is to place large balls into a metal chute. The interesting thing about the competition is that despite the teams each receiving identical part kits, each team's robots varied greatly in appearance and overall operation.

The 200 teams competing in this year's competition represent 29 U.S. states, 1 U.S. territory, and 1 Canadian province. Some of this year's high profile team sponsors include 3Com, Ford Motor Company, Lockheed-Martin, Penn State, NASA Head-

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## South Africa Trip

By Bly Coddington

Many people concede that college is much more than a mere institution to receive academic instruction and basic job training. For those so inclined, college is seen as an environment where their eyes can really be opened to what is taking place in the world around them. With this idea in mind, NHC Professor Eleanor Dunfey Freiburger, and students Cheryl Victor (senior) and Mary Parent (junior) set off for the city of Johannesburg in South Africa on February 23, 1998.

The expedition was organized by *The Global Citizens Roundtable*. This New England based establishment, which was

founded as *The New England Circle*, has been around since the 1800s. Those involved in the organization have always been strongly dedicated to bringing about constructive change in people's lives both in the U.S. and abroad. This group was responsible for selecting the American representatives who would travel to South Africa. Aside from teaching, Professor Freiburger serves as a chairperson for this committee. She has taught both Mary and Cheryl in numerous classes and was convinced that both would appreciate and benefit from traveling to Johannesburg with her. The trio was part of a larger group of 45 U.S. delegates who were selected to participate

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## NHC on the information superhighway

By Mark Williams

Dr. Lee Williams is the director of New Hampshire College's Distance Education program, an enterprise which enrolled over 320 students last term from all over the United States and seven foreign countries in classes over the Internet.

Distance Education is a web-site created and coordinated by Dr. Williams. This site posts the lecture notes for a given class, provides electronic-mail addresses where students can send their homework, and runs chat-rooms to allow communication with the teachers.

The Distance Education curriculum includes the NHC undergraduate common core, business core, liberal arts core, four graduate courses that are rotated to offer one per term, and a few other miscellaneous courses. Dr. Williams also hopes to offer a Master's in Business Administration in the fall of 1998.

The undergraduate courses are eight weeks long and begin on the same days as Continuing Education's six terms per year. There are four twelve-week terms in the graduate program. All of these courses, consistent with the NHC day-school program, are not open entrance/exit, which means the courses begin and end on a set date. Assignments and due dates are given by the instructors at a common pace for all students enrolled.

The DE program is an asynchronous learning network, which means it does not operate on real-time. This allows a student the flexibility to "go to class" at any hour of the day, which presents obvious advantages for working and foreign students.

Dr. Williams also supports many other college interests with Distance Education's computers and software: the Community Economic Development Program at NHC's graduate school, the Master of Science and Com-

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## New look for NHC coming soon

By Danny Luciano

Many of you have probably heard several rumors concerning changes at NHC. These rumors have mentioned university status, a new addition to the field house, renovations to the apartments and townhouses, and the construction of new buildings across the street. (After talking to President Gustafson I found out just how true these rumors are.)

In the state of New Hampshire a college can't become a university unless it has two doctorate programs. NHC recently approved two new doctorate programs in the fields of International Business and Community Development, which would make NHC eligible for university status. However, changing the school to a university would be a big risk.

A lot of changes would have to take place including changes in the school's name and reputation. As of now no committee has been appointed to further discuss this issue. There still lies the possibility that NHC may someday become a university, but no definite plans are in the near future.

Another rumor floating around campus is what is going to happen with all the land NHC owns across the street. There are no immediate plans right now. However, administration is looking at what land can be used, and for what. If the administration does decide to build across the street, it would have an effect on the road system. Changing the roads around the campus would take some time to plan. So if anything is to be done across the street, it will take some time.

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# To the Editor:

## Casey Martin: the right decision

Casey Martin, a 25-year-old man, has a rare circulatory disorder affecting the legs. Prolonged walking is very painful for him, and his doctors have advised him that it would be even dangerous because of the risk of losing his legs.

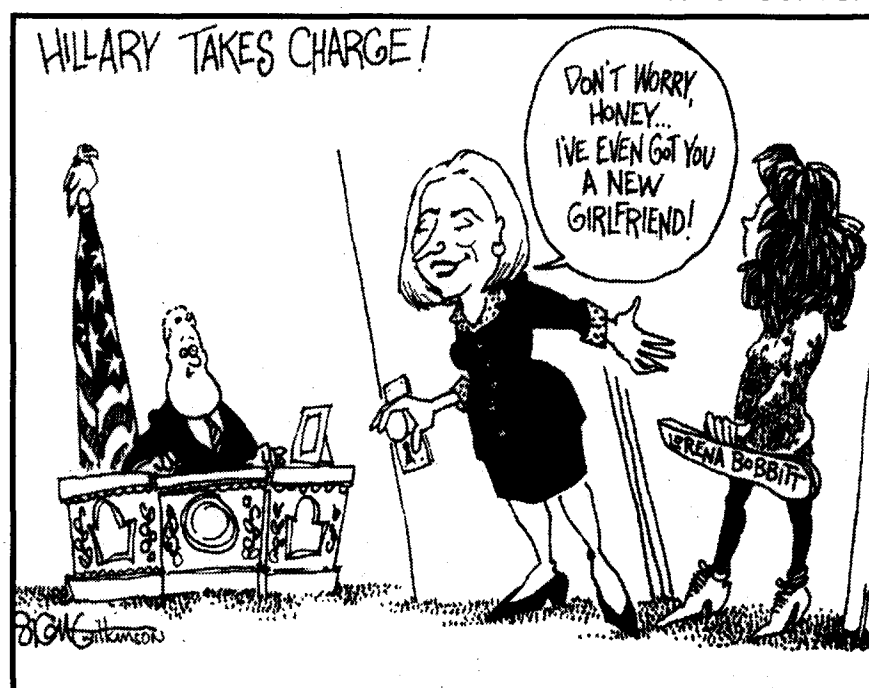
Martin, who is a professional golfer, requested the PGA (Professional Golfers Association) to allow him to use a cart to participate in the PGA tournaments due to his medical condition. However, the PGA refused to provide him with a cart, stating that it would provide him with an unfair advantage over competitors, who have to walk the entire 18-hole course.

Martin therefore filed a lawsuit against the PGA. His lawyers argued that providing a cart does not give him an unfair advantage, as the game of golf centers around upper body skills. The lawyers for the PGA argued that a cart would give Martin an advantage and remove the athleticism and walking stamina the game requires at its peak level.

The judge, however, did not agree that waiving the rule for Martin would fundamentally alter the competition. The fatigue level from his condition is easily greater than that of an able-bodied person walking the same course. He, therefore, ruled that Martin can ride a cart on the pro golf tour.

I agree with the judge's ruling that use of a cart by Martin does not give him undue advantage. The skills in golf are not dependent on the person's ability to walk, but on the swings and strokes, which reflect upper extremity strength and co-ordination. Providing a cart to play golf is not like providing a cart to a marathon runner. The judgement in my opinion is a great victory not only for persons with disabilities, but for the American justice system.

Kartik Padmanabhan



## From the Editor's desk

Welcome to the fifth edition of the "Observer." As I mentioned in the last issue, my time as the editor in chief of this publication is quickly coming to an end. With this in mind, the staff and I have recently selected a successor to lead the "Observer" starting in September. This person's name is Tara Cowdrey, our dedicated layout editor. Starting with this issue, she will be working alongside me, and learning the ropes as a co-editor in chief.

Now that a successor has been found, there is still one major concern that I have regarding the future of the "Observer." This concern is one that has plagued this organization even before I joined the staff a few years ago. It's our office. We are currently located in the Merrimack dormitory, right next door to Distance Learning. Many of the staff members have expressed concerns about this. Some don't feel comfortable walking down to this isolated location when it gets dark outside. We also lack Internet connections. I have spoken to a number of people who didn't even know that the "Observer" had its own office.

What is my point to all of this? Well, I feel that in order for the "Observer" to continue to improve its image and to become more efficient, we will need to obtain a more central location on campus. A location that staff members can feel safe walking to. One that has Internet access and is more visible to the college community and general public. I'm confident that there would be a greater level of involvement in the "Observer" if such a location could be found. The college would benefit from this because more involvement translates into more issues put out by the staff each semester. How does bi-weekly publishing of the "Observer" sound? With a centralized office, it could become a reality.

I have been hearing rumors about the possibility of a "media center" being constructed somewhere in the building that houses the library and A/V center. The preliminary plans call for allocating some space in the media center for a new "Observer" office. This sounds like a great location, but bear in mind that these are only preliminary plans. When or if this media center actually sees the light of day is anyone's guess.

Adrian M. Mroczko  
Co-Editor in Chief

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## To the Editor:

There is a time in everyone's life that they will always remember. Mine is January 31, 1998. This was the day that someone gave me a second chance. It was either that or what the doctors and the nurses said, "I am one lucky little girl."

It was Saturday and I was getting ready to drink and hang out with a few of my friends. I decided that night to start off with a few shots of rum and then a little later into the night I would drink beer. Since a lot of my friends were out, I decided that I was going to just hang out and wait until they got back to get drunk.

I made sure I went to dinner that night because I had not eaten anything all day. I knew that having something in my stomach was important if I was going to drink. That one meal was not enough though. I started to drink between seven-thirty and eight o'clock at night. I remember having 3 or 4 shots of rum and one rum and coke following that. I had not been drinking in a few weeks

so when I got up to go to the bathroom the alcohol hit me hard all at once. While I was in the bathroom I became wrecked. I was really drunk and had no control. From this point on all I know is what people have been telling me. When I got back from the bathroom, I took the bottle of rum right up to my mouth and started drinking it as if I was drinking water. I then made a few phone calls. When I called my roommate she told me to come upstairs because she knew how drunk I was. I went into my room and changed my jeans because I had vomited on the ones that I was wearing. Then I made a phone call, to whom I have no clue. I got into a fight with that person, so I hung up. I told my friend I had to throw up. She went into the bathroom with me and then went and got my tooth brush. My friends then decided that I needed help from the R.A.'s. The R.A.'s came to the conclusion that I was really drunk and they called for an ambulance.

I was told that I was going into convulsions and having a very hard time breathing. I was brought to the hospital where the nurses and doctors did many things to me. My friends were there, but they were not allowed to see me. My

friends called my god parents and my uncle came to the hospital, while my aunt called my parents.

I woke up in the ICU around five-thirty in the morning with tubes all over the place. I had them in places I never imagined possible. I felt an oxygen mask over my face that I needed to regulate my breathing. I opened my eyes a little more and saw my parents and my uncle standing right by my side. My parents drove five hours just to stand next to me when I woke up. I was really confused and had no idea what was going on or how I got there. I was also in extreme pain. I kept on waking up and then falling back asleep again. It was very hard for me to talk so the only thing that I could do was cry. The doctor finally came in and unhooked me from all the machines and IV's. He told me that I was a very lucky girl; that I almost did not make it, and that I was on the verge of death. The nurse told me that I am lucky not to me on the news this morning.

When I stopped breathing at the hospital, I could remember seeing a lot of peoples' faces that are very important to me. I also realized a lot of things. The most important thing that I realized was

that I was very lucky that I had so many people that cared about and took care of me. I know they were all scared because they did not know if I was going to live or die.

I never thought that alcohol would ever do anything like this to me. You always hear of the stories like mine, but you never think that it is going to be you. I take full responsibility for what happened to me that night. I know I should have stopped drinking, but I just thought a few more sips would not kill me. It almost did though. I was told that my blood alcohol count was .35 (.37 is dead).

I am not writing this article to try to persuade you to stop drinking because I know you will not. I am writing this to tell you that sometimes you never know what can happen to you and you should just be careful. I hope that you have close friends like I do that care about you and will help you in your times of need. I would just like to thank all the R.A.'s in my building, all my friends, and my family for being there when I needed them the most.

Sarah Arleo

## To the Editor:

I am writing this letter because I am unsure who to talk to about my problem. Some people may view my problem as a minor one, but because of what I want to do with my life and my future career, it is an important issue with me. When I came to NHC, I was told, and I have seen within the student handbook, that French and Spanish beginners courses are within the curriculum. However, during each of my two semesters here at NHC I have tried to find out whether I could be placed in a foreign language course and each time I was told that the course was not being offered.

I was wondering whether or not there would be any way in which foreign language courses would be offered here or are they supposed to be removed from the handbook and other registration forms. I am hoping that using this forum will get me some answers. I am pleading with you, the editor, to publish this letter so that people who have the same problem and are unsure what they should do can get the answers they are looking for.

Keith McLaren

## To the Editor:

In September 1996, the Learning Center began a new program, the Peer Mentor Program, which was designed to assist students who experience academic difficulty. The focus of this group is study and organizational skills and not "content tutoring" (which the Learning Center continues to offer in a variety of forms as well). Through role modeling, positive reinforcement, and open dialogue about strengths and weaknesses, the mentors strive to "teach" appropriate study skills and habits to their peers. Although the program has been successful, we find that many students, as well as many faculty members, are unaware of its existence.

Therefore, the purposes of this letter are to: inform the NHC community of the existence of the program and encourage faculty and students to learn more about it. If people would like to learn more about this program, please contact me at ext. 2015.

Lori Deconinck

### Celebrate . . . Women's Herstory Month

Students, faculty and staff are welcome to join the campus celebrate as we participate in a

#### Read In

on March 26th in the Student Center Lounge from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Please bring your favorite passage that is written by or about a woman...or sit back and be inspired!

Quotes, books, articles, poetry, plays, etc. are all welcome, but please attempt to limit your passage to five minutes!

Please direct any questions to the Office of Student Activities.

## Quote of the Issue

*"One is not born a woman,  
one becomes one."*

*- Simone de Beauvoir*



# To the Editor:

Americans love great competition. Watching one drive one's self to the edge is an ultimate thrill. Sports, like hockey and basketball, take center stage because people enjoy a great battle. However, there is one element of sport that makes it all the more fantastic: violence. Hey, if you don't believe me, wake up, get out of your dream-world, and talk to the average sports fan. The answer you get may surprise you.

Professional sports really glorify the violence. No one goes to a hockey game to see great skating and graceful moves. Fans want to see someone get checked into the boards and fall limply to the ice. People want to see blood on jerseys as their favorite forward gets punched in the mouth, time and time again. The penalty box glorifies the offender by let-

ting everyone see him. The brawlers are considered heroes. After the game, where do fans turn to see the highlights of the fights? News broadcasts show all the action. The main focus of shows like Sportscenter is to display these fights. You don't believe me? Watch ESPN for a half-hour and count how many fights they show. Once again, the fights are glorified because everyone loves the violence.

What about the NBA? Sure, the rules make fighting a foolish thing to do; however, fights still occur. Who can forget the 1994 NBA Playoffs when the Miami Heat took on the Atlanta Hawks in the first round. Hawks' forward Duane Ferrell was flagrantly fouled by the Heat's forward Grant Long. Ferrell made the basket and pointed a finger right in Long's face. Long then choked Ferrell as both benches cleared. Most of the 24 players got into the brawl, as the crowd cheered wildly. During the scuffle, Miami forward Keith

Askins sucker punched Atlanta forward Doug Edwards (it was Vicious!) in the back of the head. Edwards then squared up Askins and hit Askins in the head with a solid right-hand. The players tried to break both of the players up as the crowd cheered, loving every minute of it. Once again, the basketball example proves my point. Sure, people love basketball. But, throw a punch or two, and you will be a fan for life.

Sure, sports like hockey and basketball have some great superstars who give it their all and don't use violent tactics. The violence, however, really makes the game. It is the same way in college sports. Seriously, what is more exciting, watching a guy like New Hampshire College basketball star Orlando "Bino" Ranson make a lay-up or watching former NHC forward Shawon Moncrief slap Southern Connecticut State University center John Blandin upside the head? The lay-up is exciting but there is a bigger rise from the crowd when the 6' 9"

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Blandin takes a slap on the head. Hey, our soccer players take shots at the opposing players all the time. If violence leads to an advantage or an eventual victory, then why not use force? There is nothing wrong with violence in college sports. Fans seem to appreciate great play. If violence is part of that play, all the better.

To say the least, violence and sports go hand-in-hand. People want to see hard hits, pain and blood. Violence makes sport all the more exciting. Without the violence, American sport would mean something totally different to everyone. Both fans and players alike would view sports in an entirely different light. The games, quite honestly, would be less fun.

Violence is a necessary element of sport. If you don't believe me, I'll punch you in the mouth!

Michael "L-Train" Letendre

# To the Editor:

I have to say, I am tired of all the misconceptions and bad publicity that sororities and fraternities get at New Hampshire College. Many students, especially freshmen, have misconceptions of Greek life on a college campus. They believe only what they see and/or hear. The view that the media portrays: Greek organizations are only about drinking, doing drugs, and "hooking up." That is a false statement. What about all the good things they do?

Until I came to New Hampshire College, I was one of those students who believed that sororities and fraternities were just a bunch of snobby people who did nothing but drink and made people do stupid things just to

have friends. I said I would never pledge a sorority. They haze (inflict unwanted harm onto an individual) and drink; this was something I definitely never wanted to be a part of.

During the second semester of my freshmen year, I saw sororities and fraternities in a different light. It's like the old saying goes, "You should never judge a book by its cover." The same thing goes for sororities and fraternities. Before making any judgment, get to know the people involved. Take the time to go to the Rush events and hang out with the sisters and brother of the organization at the functions they hold. They are really cool people who like to be involved and enjoy meeting new people.

Joining a sorority or fraternity is not a way for someone to buy friends. You pay dues, but that covers functions such as the Pledge Party and Mother's Week-

end. I have related pledging to practicing for an athletic team, belonging to a club, or any other group. In order to belong to any organization, a group of individuals with common goals and interest, a certain amount of information should be known to help the organization function and grow.

I am currently a member of Kappa Lambda, a local sorority on campus. As I mentioned above, I had the same misconceptions as many do when I first came to college. I, unlike many, took the time to get to know the individuals who make up the sorority and learned of some of the functions they hold and the tasks they complete during the year.

Pledging Kappa Lambda has helped me become more active on campus. I am more outspoken and eager to get involved in joining other committees. Community service is a major part of Kappa Lambda's organization.

The sisters and brothers are involved with the Kids Café, Birthday Visitors and Mt. Carmel Nursing Home, and Campus Clean Up, for example. The sorority sponsors "dry" functions on campus, such as the Rave, along with the other Greek organizations.

Many of the individuals in the sorority are also involved with other clubs and organizations, such as the Honors Program, orientation for freshmen, Residence Life, and volleyball.

It is important to understand something or someone before making a judgment. Ask questions, people enjoy talking about the activities that they are involved in. Before making your next assumption, make sure you find out something about the group or individual. It will definitely be to your benefit!

Rebecca Belanger

## I Drink Therefore I Am: Alcohol Identity On Campus

Wednesday, March 25, 1998  
Hospitality Ball Room 7:30 P.M.

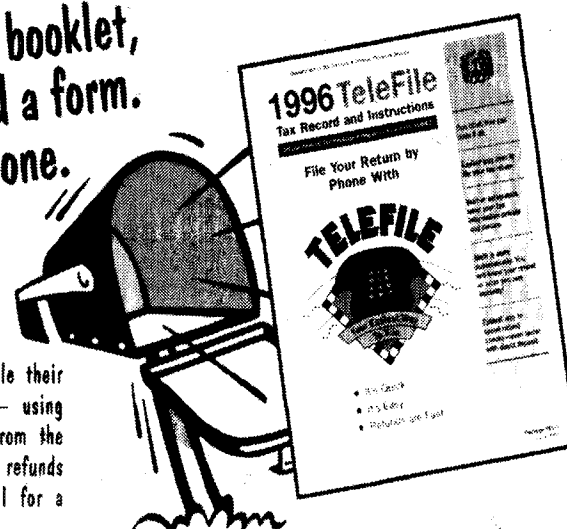
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# Campus Security Log

Compiled by Adrian Mroczko



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

## 2/18/98, 0100 hrs, Washington Hall Lot, Hit and Run, Motor Vehicle Accident

While on rounds, a PSO noticed that someone had slid into the rear end of a vehicle parked in the Washington Hall parking lot. Upon closer inspection, the PSO noticed that there were tire tracks in the snow leading away from the scene of the accident. The officer simply followed the tracks to find the vehicle that caused the damage. It was found parked in G-Lot and there was heavy damage to the front end. The PSO had the Gatehouse look up the owners of both vehicles via parking decal information. The owner of the car parked in Washington Hall Lot was notified by the PSO that her car had sustained light damage, and she chose to file a report with the Hooksett Police Department. HPD and the PSO then went to find the owner of the car parked in G-Lot and to find out why he had left the scene of the accident after striking the car. The subject said he thought he originally hit a rock, but then changed his story and said that he only thought he bumped the vehicle. He was read the riot act and also told that he could be arrested for his conduct after the accident. Both owners exchanged information and then everyone departed.

## 2/21/98, 0030 hrs, Winnisquam, Criminal Mischief

At the above date and time, two PSO's observed a student exiting Winnisquam in a rather unorthodox way; by diving through a window screen. He was immediately approached and ordered to show his I.D. He told the officers that his girlfriend lived in Winnisquam but was not currently there. He was documented and then the on-duty RA was called. The RA and the PSO's entered the residence with the damaged window screen and it was secured. They also noticed drawers opened and clothes thrown everywhere. The RA said she would check with the residents of the room at a later time to determine if anything had been taken. The PSO's secured the door to the room and left the scene.

## 2/27/98, 1520 hrs, Winnisquam, Fire

A PSO was dispatched to the above location to check out a call saying that there was smoke coming from a room. When the PSO arrived, smoke could be seen coming out from under a door. The door was unlocked and the PSO then saw a plastic trash barrel burning in the room. The fire was promptly extinguished. Residents of the dorm had called Public Safety as well as 911. Manchester Fire Department arrived and questioned some people to find out what happened. It was later determined that a student had thrown a stubbed-out cigarette into the trash can upon leaving the room. MFD determined this to be the cause of the fire and ruled it non-intentional. The extinguisher was replaced in its box and the scene was cleared.

## 2/28/98, 2355 hrs, Washington Hall, Vandalism/Criminal Mischief

While on patrol, some PSO's found Washington Hall locked. As they entered the building, they found that it had been vandalized. The PSO's called their supervisor who brought a camera so that pictures of the damage could be taken. It appeared that residents of Washington Hall had caused the damage prior to leaving for Spring Break.

## 3/8/98, 2345 hrs, Apartments, AOD Violation/Medical

While in the Gatehouse, PSO's heard on the police scanner that an ambulance and the fire department had been dispatched to one of the NHC apartments. The officers responded to the location to see what was going on. A student was found there having difficulty breathing. Her friend called 911 when she first began to have trouble breathing. The victim was using two inhalers, and that evening she had drank an excessive amount of beer and tequila, in addition to smoking some marijuana. When the EMT's arrived, they checked out the subject and she stated that she was fine and refused to go to the hospital. She said a friend would stay and watch after her. The scene was cleared after the subject was documented by the PSO's.

## 3/9/98, 1040 hrs, Gym Road, Stop Sign, Motor Vehicle Reckless Operation

An employee from the Athletic Complex called Public Safety to report that she had almost been hit by a car that failed to stop for the stop sign near the gym road. She reported that the car did not stop for the stop sign, but did slow down for the speed bump. She got the car's license plate as it slowed down for the speed bump. The number was checked the owner of the car was dealt with by Public Safety shortly thereafter.

## New Look...(from page 1)

The parts of the campus that probably need the most improvements are the apartments and townhouses. Now work plan has been received yet. However, Residence Life administrators will be walking through the dorms to see which are in the most need of renovation. Approximately \$100,000 will be spent improving the dorms over the summer. Some of the improvements will include painting, roof repairs, carpeting, new stoves and refrigerator, etc. Also being renovated over the summer are the classrooms; which will be carpeted, painted, and have new blackboards installed. The computer center will also see some improvements including the possibility of new computers.

The one major change that is definite as of now is the \$2.5 million addition to the field house. These changes include refurbishing and an expansion, which will cause the ice rink to be removed. A new roof and new entrance are also planned on being constructed. Presently, this is the top priority of the administration. President Gustafson is hopeful that in the future more changes can be made to better NHC. As for now, students must remain patient and hopeful.

## NHC Learning Center Logo Contest

What we are seeking is a creative way to signify our mission and our services. The mission statement of the Learning Center is below:

"The Learning Center is an academic support unit for the undergraduate school. Our mission is to help students develop the skills to become independent learners and to help them recognize the value of their education."

We have no specific requirements for the logo regarding size, color, etc.; however, if you have any questions regarding your design, please do not hesitate to contact Lori DeConinck, Associate Director at 668-2211 ext 2015.

Entries should be submitted to the front desk of the Learning Center.

**DEADLINE FOR  
ENTRIES: April 1,  
1998**

# Will the real athletes please stand up?

College Press Service

March Madness is here, bringing with it that widely held, seldom-challenged belief that the hardest working athletes on the basketball court are the ones handling the balls.

College mascots know better. And aside from all the bumps, bruises and unbelievable body odor they have to endure, many say their jobs are some of the best gigs around.

After all, they have licenses to ditch insecurities for a while and act completely goofy in front of thousands of people. They get chances to poke fun at all the folks who deserve it most: stuffy alumni, snooty sorority girls, sloppy drunks and spectators who take the game too seriously. They also capture the hearts of children, who often want a picture with them, not some star point guard or quarterback.

And the beauty of it all, many mascots say, is that they work in near-total anonymity.

"Outside of the costume, I would consider myself to be a pretty shy person," said Tara Mobray, a junior chemistry major who is a Baby Jay mascot for The University of Kansas. "But once inside the costume, I can really turn it on."

"Athletes? These people aren't athletes," you say. But then you've probably never run around

a basketball court or football field for hours on end wearing shoulder pads, fake fur overall and 40 pounds of fiberglass headgear like John Seelman, a senior English and public relations major better known as "Bucky Badger" at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

"High endurance is the key to being able to stay alive out there while you're in costume," he said. "I probably lose 10 pounds per game because we sweat so much. It's not a pretty picture."

Added Mobray: "To be lively in that costume for hours on end, you've got to be a fairly athletic person. It gets unbelievably hot in there."

And smelly.

"Wearing that head can be terrible, especially the first couple of times," said Scott Craig, Duke University's Blue Devil. "I try and rinse the head out with a vodka and water solution, but really, it's no use. I feel for anyone who has to get near me after the game."

Mascots dance, dive, tumble, jump up and down and play fight with mascots from opposing teams — anything to rev up a crowd. The trick to being loved is maintaining a frenzied spontaneity that doesn't stop until the buzzer sounds. And, of course, keeping their balance while wearing costumes that obliterate their peripheral vision.

"When interviewing potential mascots, I look for individuals who aren't afraid to be crazy," said Linda Bell, cheerleading coach at Syracuse University. "I want to find people who can put on that costume and really become the character."

That's right, mascots have tryouts just like any other athlete.

"The physical part of the tryouts could have been renamed 101 ways to make an ass out of yourself," Seelman said. "I had to dance around in a gym for two and a half hours without even wearing the costume. I might as well have been naked."

Before they're hired, mascots also have to prove they're fast thinkers.

"I had to do a lot of improvement," said Craig, a senior biomedical engineering major. "(The judges) wanted to see what I would do to pump up the crowd if the team was really cold. They also wanted to see how I would react if Duke had just scored the winning basket against UNC."

And, like any good athletes, mascots have to follow a few rules: They always lose play fights when they're working an away game; they don't talk while in costume (Some schools even require them not to reveal their identities to anyone); and they try not to go into the stands without security.

"It's just not smart to head over to the crowd without having someone else with you," Craig said. "People mess with you, and 12-year-old boys are the worst. They know you're not real, and they're usually trying to prove it

to the little kids who think you are. So they're always trying to rip my head off or mess with my costume."

Then there was that little crowd surfing incident.

"I went into the student section and some big guys picked me up," Craig said. "I ended up in the alumni section, where no one was into the whole crowd surfing thing, so I fell on a stack of chairs."

Ouch.

"That's OK," Craig said. "It's just a part of the job."

## FIRST Event (from page 1)

quarters, and Motorola.

The tournament champion (first place) went to Delphi-Pontiac Central High School from Michigan. Some area high schools made their mark at the competition by securing various awards ranging from second place to awards based on sportsmanship and overall team spirit. Second place was awarded to Osram-Sylvania-Manchester Central. PSNH-Manchester West received the Johnson & Johnson Sportsmanship Award, and the Spirit Award went to Bedford Community-McKelvie Middle School.

FIRST is a non-profit foundation started in 1989 by Dean Kamen, a local entrepreneur and inventor who has over 40 patents to his name. Kamen is also the president of DEKA Research and Development. His ultimate desire is for the FIRST Robotics Competition to one day become the "NCAA of Smarts."

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## Personal essay posted to Internet, student sues

College Press Service

A former University of Nebraska student is suing a professor who posted on the Internet a personal essay she had written in class several years ago.

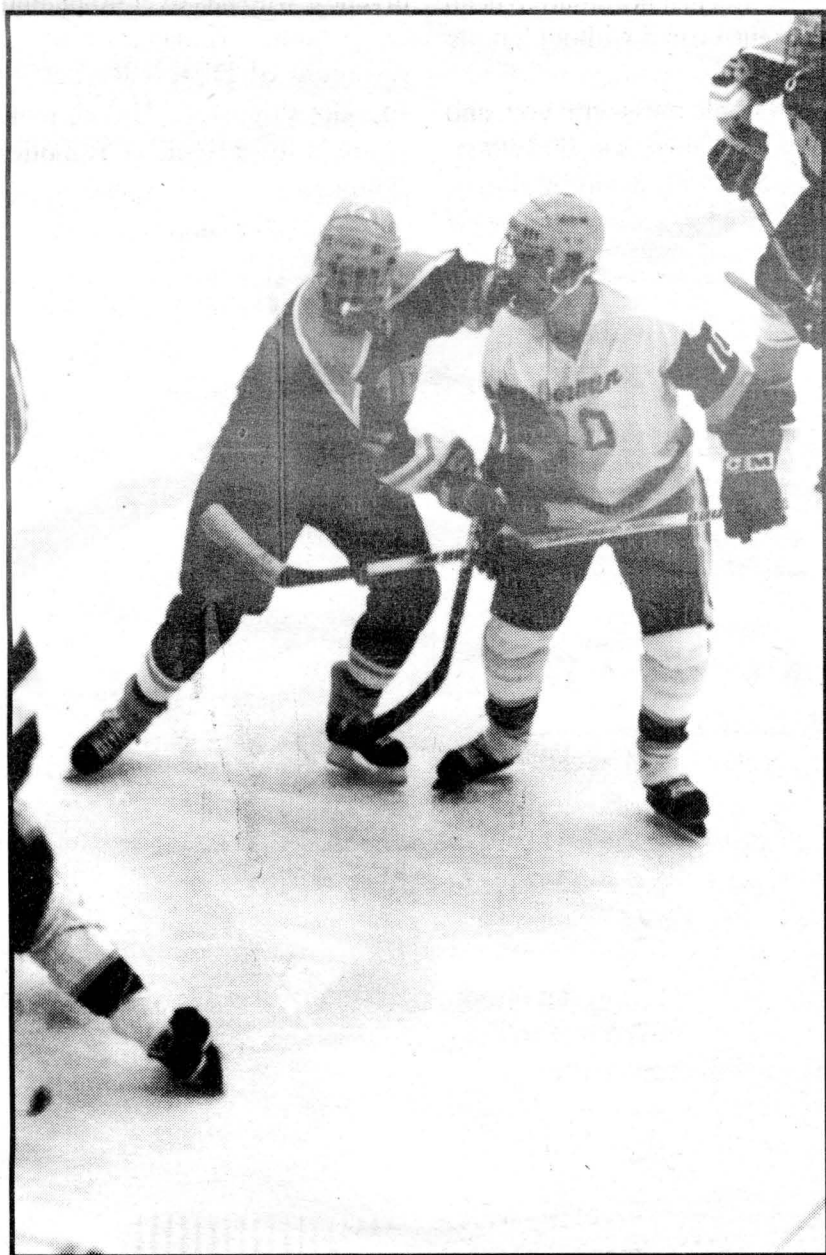
Rania K. Shlien claims English professor David Hibler violated her copyright and caused her great humiliation when he publicized her work without permission. Shlien's suit also faults the university for negligence because it let her writing appear online and allowed it to remain there several days after she complained about it.

Shlien's mother discovered the essay while reading one of the university's web pages and found revealing personal information that, according to Shlien's attorney, "have caused damage in the family." He would not elaborate.

The lawsuit also contends the university should not be allowed to publish students' work without their permission.

Richard R. Wood, vice president and university counsel from the University of Nebraska system told the "Chronicle of Higher Education" that the school bears no responsibility for the incident because Hibler "was not authorized to publish anything on the Internet, or anywhere, in violation of anyone's copyright." Wood also told the "Chronicle" his office wouldn't be representing Hibler because the Web pages in question were outside his responsibilities as a faculty member.

According to the "Daily Nebraskan," this is the second online controversy involving Hibler in the last month. He sent several people — students and colleagues — e-mail containing what some said were racial slurs. Several school officials, including the university's chancellor, condemned the messages, but some recipients said they were more puzzled by them than angered.



Scott Proulx watches for the puck during a game versus St. Michael's College. (Photo by Tom McDermott.)

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By Stacey and Audra Shulman

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# Entertainment...

## Academy Awards preview

By Andrew Cummings

With March coming to a close, it could mean only one thing: Oscar time. With the race winding down and the ballots being cast, it appears that the odds makers and just about all of the rest of the country see "Titanic" following in the footsteps of such recent favorites as "Forrest Gump" and "Silence of the Lambs" in total Academy Award domination. Could this be the case? Let's run down some of the nominations and evaluate the favorites.

First, in the category of best supporting actor it seems Burt Reynolds will have the best shot at taking home the award for his portrayal of a washed up, porno movie director in Paul Thomas Anderson's "Boogie Nights." He is the probable selection because the Academy likes to turn this category into a lifetime achievement type of thing (Remember Jack Palance for "City Slickers" and Martin Landau for "Ed Wood"). If Reynolds is not the lucky winner, the award could go to either Robin Williams for "Good Will Hunting" or this year's sleeper candidate Robert Forster for Tarantino's latest, "Jackie Brown." Anthony Hopkins ("Amistad") and Greg Kinnear ("As Good as It Gets") also got nods, but should not be factors.

In the next category, best supporting actress, it really seems to be a two-woman race between Kim Basinger for Curtis Hanson's critics' favorite "L.A. Confidential" and "Titanic's" 100-year-old storyteller, Gloria Stuart. Basinger might have the edge here, as the Academy will probably want to credit "L.A. Confidential" with something and "Titanic" will have its chance in other categories. Other nominees here are Joan Cusack ("In and Out"), Minnie Driver ("Good Will Hunting") and Julianne Moore ("Boogie Nights").

The next could be the closest contest of all. In the best actor

department, Jack Nicholson should have a slight advantage. His role in James Brooks' "As Good as It Gets," seemed to win the heart of almost every critic in America and he also won the Golden Globe. Matt Damon ("Good Will Hunting") and Robert Duvall ("The Apostle") may have decent shots as they also wrote the scripts to the films they are nominated for, which might win some voters. The other two nominees are Dustin Hoffman for the political comedy "Wag the Dog" and Peter Fonda for the art-house film "Ulee's Gold," and these two can't be overlooked.

In the best actress list, it is almost a British invasion, as four of the nominees are British. It is quite possible that the domestic nominee, Helen Hunt, will overcome the Brit advantage to prevail as the winner. Also, in "As Good as it Gets" Helen Hunt turned many heads proving she could make the successful jump from Emmy-winning actress to queen of the big screen. Kate Winslet should also have a good chance, especially after her "Titanic" co-star Leonardo DiCaprio failed to receive a nomination. Other candidates include Judi Dench ("Mrs. Brown"), Helena Bonham Carter ("The Wings of the Dove") and Julie Christie ("Afterglow").

The best picture selection might be the easiest of the night. James Cameron's "Titanic" might be one of the most favored pre-show winners of all time. Out of the other four possibilities, the dark horse would have to be "L.A. Confidential." It won every major critics' award there was (the first film to do that since "Rain Man"), and sometimes the academy voters like to credit smaller, more thoughtful films rather than huge, Hollywood blockbusters. It appears that "Good Will Hunting," "The Full Monty" and "As Good as It Gets" will probably not take home this award, but should earn awards in smaller categories.

As usually follows, the best director nod should go to Cameron for pulling off the first-ever-billion-dollar-making movie, (and still climbing) "Titanic." But, if "Confidential" does pull off the upset in the best picture round, its director, Hanson, could take this home. Peter Cattaneo, the direc-

tor of maybe this year's biggest sleeper, "The Full Monty," might also have a small chance, but directors of comedies rarely get their due. Atom Egoyan and Gus Van Sant also got nominations for "The Sweet Hereafter" and "Good Will Hunting."

Overall, I feel the nominations this year were fairly close to what I thought they would be, with a few exceptions. First of all, I was surprised Spielberg's "Amistad" did not get the best picture nod over "The Full Monty." I was also a little thrown off by the almost complete overlooking of "Jackie Brown," and "Wag the Dog" in several categories.

As of now, the big winner will be "Titanic" (remember it will take all the music and cinematography stuff, too). And it looks like the big loser will be Gus Van Sant's, "Good Will Hunting" (it is too much like 1980's "Ordinary People," which did win Oscars).

It does seem like it is leading up to be an interesting night, so I guess we will just have to tune in on March 23, on ABC, to find out who will swim and who will sink.

## CD Review

### Don't bypass *Yield*

By Michael Lascelles

Pearl Jam's latest album is titled *Yield*, but by no means let it pass you by. The album is a must for all rock lovers whether you're a dedicated Pearl Jam fan or not. The band has stayed true to their roots and has put together a good 50 minutes of music. The laid back sounds from tracks like "Wishlist" and "Low Light" are there when you feel mellow, while the energizing sounds of "Do the Evolution" and "Brain of J" get your body moving and your lips singing. *Yield* is 13 tracks that you can listen to over and over and not get sick of.

## NHC's Tropical Weekend

By Andrea Hill

February 14-15 was an exciting weekend at NHC. The weekend started with a little robot named Gizmo; he was a blast. He roamed around the Student Center singing and dancing with students and staff. I even recall his marrying a couple in front of the bookstore. Of course, it was not legal, but it was still sweet. Gizmo was also quite a flirt with some of the food service women.

There was also an interesting game of "Let's Make a Deal" Bingo. You remember the game show "Let's Make a Deal"? You could choose to take the money or what's behind doors number one, two or three. Several people won \$50 and \$100 bingo games. Others won, well, cans of soup and paper towels. I was lucky enough to win toilet paper. Oh well, it's all fun and games.

After bingo we were off to the luau in the gym and pool areas. There was food and music. It was definitely a good time. There was quite a game of water polo going on, also water volleyball.

On Saturday there was ice skating; although not many people went it was still pretty fun. There was also a brunch on Sunday in the Pub.

Congratulations and thank you to those members of C.A.P.E who took the time to make this a great weekend.





# Friends, confidants, leaders

By Jen Forrester

Who are those outgoing students who enthusiastically greeted us on the first day of school? They were our Resident Assistants (R.A.'s). They were the people who brought us all together and led us in activities to get to know each other. They told us the rules on campus and helped us adapt to living in residence halls.

When first approaching my Resident Assistant, I was a little nervous and didn't know what to expect. However, as soon as she smiled and introduced herself I felt completely comfortable. She was very relaxed and easygoing. She told my floor mates and me, "Anytime you need anything or just want to talk to me, I'll be there for you. If you have any questions I'll try my best to answer them and we'll figure something out." She also told us in a lively way, "We're going to have a lot of fun!" Her words were inspirational and gave me a positive outlook on my residence and my R.A. from the start.

Every student on campus needs a person who is there for the student in times of distress; a person who will do anything, from consulting about personal problems to giving out a vacuum cleaner. The people at New Hampshire College who specialize in these responsibilities are the R.A.'s. They are vital to the collegiate community.

It's the job of the R.A.'s to help residents obtain everything they need and to always be a friend to talk to when needed. One student got assistance from his R.A. for an unusual matter: "I was a little short on cash and needed to get

condoms. My friend told me that he had gone to our R.A. for them, so that's what I did. He didn't have them in his room ready for me, but he had a way to get them for me." This student was able to receive assistance from his R.A. on a very personal matter. Without his R.A. he may not have gone to anyone else.

The official duties that R.A.'s have are varied. First, they are employed by the Residence Life Department, and their supervisors are the Resident Directors. No R.A. is allowed to drink alcohol or do any illegal drugs while on duty. They are actually on duty only eight times per month, which is split up into two weekend nights and six week nights. On the weekends there are always two R.A.'s on duty. Having to work on the weekends is one drawback of being an R.A. Kate Stepno, an R.A. in Chocorua Hall, said: "It's hard when I have to work on the weekends because all of my friends are out having fun. I don't like not being able to party as much."

While on duty R.A.'s must stay within their directed area, whether it be in the upper suites, the town houses, or any of the apartment buildings. Often they make rounds throughout their directed area just to make sure all of the residents are alright and there are no problems. If problems do occur they fix them, unless they prove to be too serious. In that case a higher authority figure must be called to investigate. Stepno gave an example: "If we find students in possession of pot we can't take it. We're not even allowed to touch it. We'd have to call Public Safety and wait there until they come to take it away."

Residents are not the only people who benefit from the R.A. position. The R.A.'s themselves

benefit. They receive two thousand dollars in scholarship money, one thousand for each semester, which saves them money on tuition. They also get paid a flat rate of two to three hundred dollars every two weeks, regardless of how many times they were on duty during that time.

When I asked Stepno what the personal benefits are from her position, her first response was, "I get call waiting." This was quickly followed by a dip of her head between her knees and laughter. Then she said, "That's probably not the best response. There are actually a lot of benefits of being an R.A. I get paid and good amount of money for doing virtually nothing. I also get to live alone and I have fun doing my job."

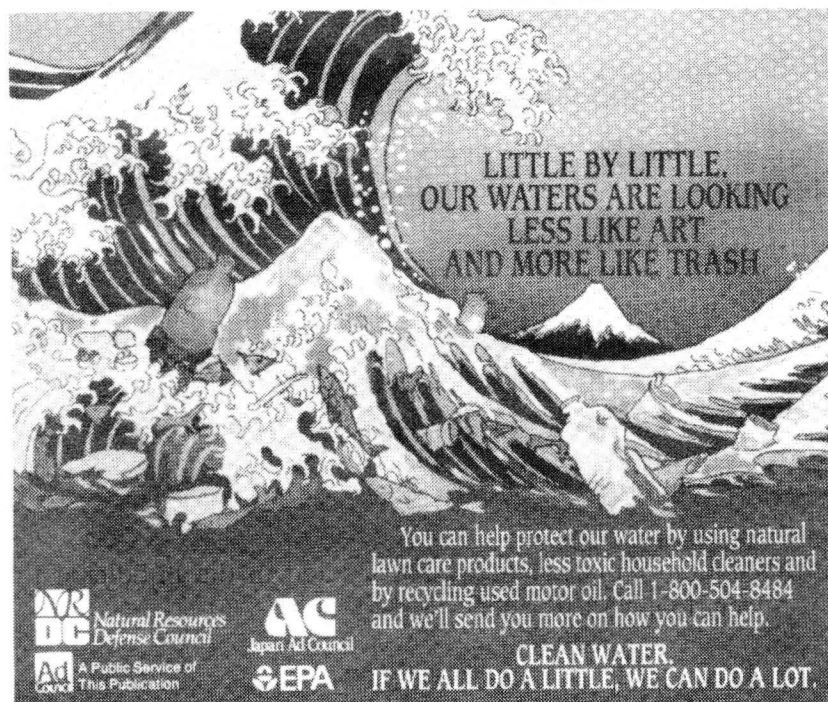
I also asked Jason Barnies, and Winnisquam R.A., about the benefits of being a Resident Assistant. His reply came quickly, almost as if he didn't have to give it any thought at all: "I meet a lot of people and most of them I never would have met. I also get respect. Even though I'm friends with everyone on the floor, they still listen to me and do what I say. And I have a chance to plan floor events. We do different things like go bowling, to the movies, the space center, and soon we're going to play bingo in the Pub. It's a good time. The best part is that I make a lot of money. I get a nice

check every two weeks and I get scholarship money." Barnies was first attracted to being an R.A. because of the money he would receive, but he continues for different reasons now. Watching the mutual respect between him and his residents, I can tell that he likes them and enjoys his job.

After talking to different students on campus I found that their relationships with their R.A.'s are really positive. Many have become friends with their R.A., while other have gotten much assistance from them. Tim Bennet, a resident in Chocorua Hall, said, "My R.A. is a big help to me. He lets me use his computer and edits papers for me. I hang out with him enough. He's pretty cool. I consider him a friend."

When I asked Craig Dinatali how his R.A. helped him, he replied, "My mom always did my laundry for me when I was home, so when I came here I had no clue how to use the machine. My R.A. was cool about it and showed me how to use it."

Resident Assistants are friends, confidants, and leaders. They guide resident students to have a better college experience. In the words of Stepno: "One of my best friends is my R.A. from last semester. We used to chill all the time. I don't know where I'd be without her."

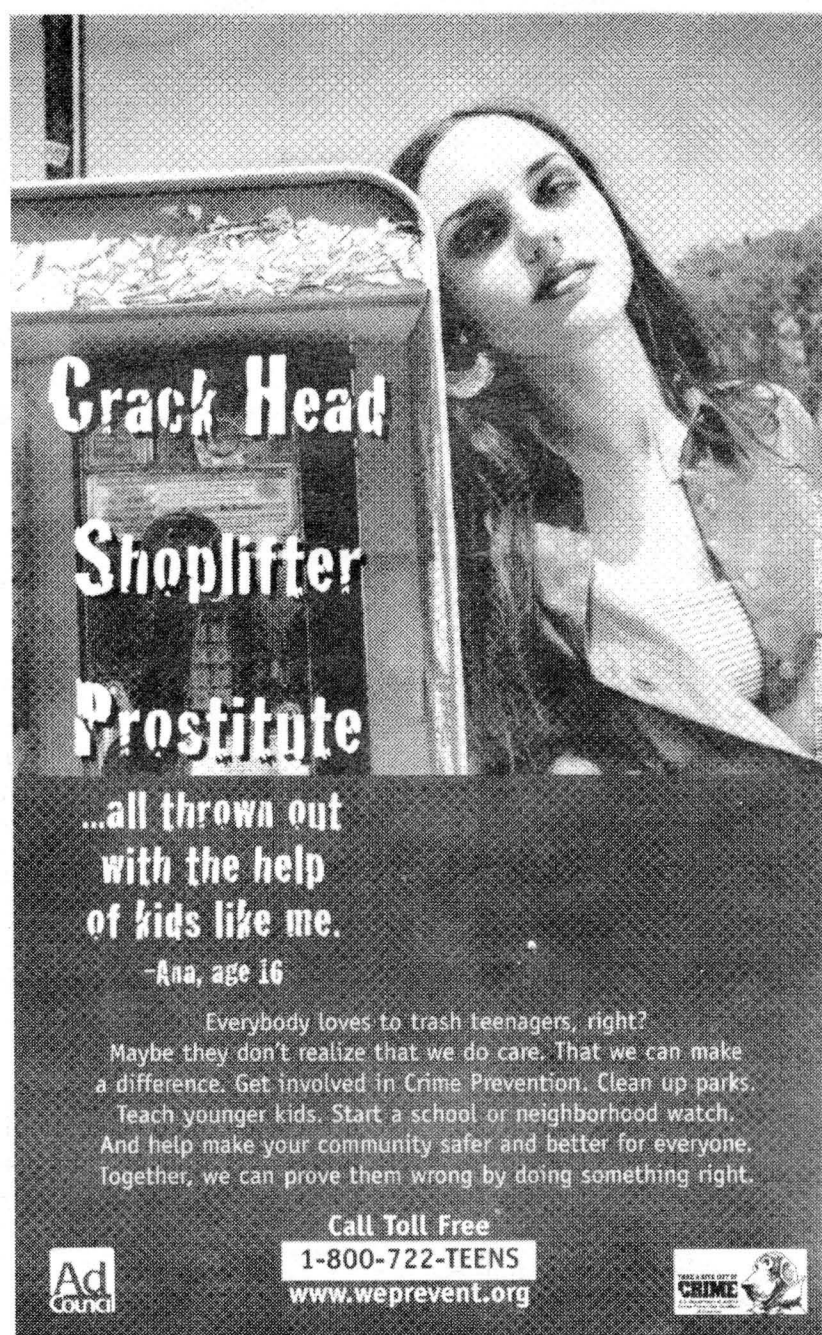


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# Students demand the Students renaming of balk at college suiting up dormitory with Nike

College Press Service

Much to the dismay of several students, Claudius Lee's name won't be stripped from the halls of a Virginia Tech dormitory.

Several students are eager for the building to be rid of Lee's name because they suspect the former professor – who was also an alumnus of the school – was tied to the Ku Klux Klan.

Students working on a history assignment stumbled across an 1896 yearbook that lists what appears to have been the membership roster of a campus chapter of the Klan. Lee, the yearbook's editor, was described as "Father of Terror" and the group's leader. In 1968, the school named the dormitory after Lee, who had worked there as an engineering professor for 50 years.

Virginia Tech President Paul Torgerson appointed a committee to investigate Lee's background. The group concluded that it is unlikely that the yearbook listing represented genuine Klan activity. It also noted that the Klan had been dormant in Virginia 25 years before and 10 years after the yearbook was published.

"Our dilemma today is how to weigh the reprehensible judgment of an undergraduate over 100 years ago against the long and meritorious professional life that followed those years," Torgerson said in a statement. "I do not believe that institutions can reconcile regrettable aspects of our histories by trying to change the record left to us in the past."

College Press Service

Many students and faculty at the University of Arizona question whether the school's team uniforms and sporting equipment should carry Nike's familiar swoosh logo.

They've asked university officials to block a deal that would save the school \$2 million a year on the purchase of athletic clothes, equipment and shoes. The school's senate has agreed to discuss the proposal, as well as how advertisements, announcements and other forms of commercialism should be a part of student athletics.

Accepting goods from Nike amounts to little more than endorsing its products and saying "that we will do anything for money," physics Professor J.D. Garcia told Scripps-McClatchy Western Service. "The fact that other universities do silly things doesn't mean that we should."

Students who are challenging the proposed deal – which university Athletic Director Jim Livengood said is within a few months of completion – are focusing on allegations that Nike runs sweatshops overseas.

Under the proposed deal, the shoe and clothing manufacturer would give the university's 18 athletic teams shoes, workout clothes, uniforms and sporting equipment. In return, athletes would be expected to wear and use Nike products during games and practices.

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## SGA News

### "SGA Knocks One Home With BOT Proposals"

By Ben Sutch

The big news in SGA this month is the stunning success of the Board of Trustees proposals. At the top of the order was the proposal of an AV Studio renovation. With SGA pledging to cover half the projected \$4,550.50 cost, the Board pledged to cover the difference. The second proposal of a keyless entry system, which makes use of key cards, also gained support from the Board. In this instance the Board stated that the idea is already on their minds and measures are to be taken at some time in the future. Lastly, but not least, was the Student Center proposal. While the Board did not make any motions to pledge money, the idea is already set in the minds of the Board and the greater master plan, which calls for a major change at NHC.

With the BOT proposals clearing the books for SGA, elections are the next item on the agenda. Applications are currently being accepted for Executive Board positions. Applications for parliamentary positions will be available in the coming weeks.

SGA has just recently revamped its entire budget guidelines and they will be in effect for the upcoming budget hearings. In addition to the budget guidelines, the constitutional bylaws, the rules which govern SGA, are also being looked at and revised.

Last week, President Gustafson spoke of the proposed name change for the Last Chapter Pub. President Gustafson assured us that the name change was in no way a setup for a later change in the rules regarding alcohol in the pub or the abolition thereof. However, as it stands, no change is to be implemented.

Despite immense delay in the purchase of a new microwave for Washington Hall, measures are underway to make sure the microwave is installed before the end of the year.

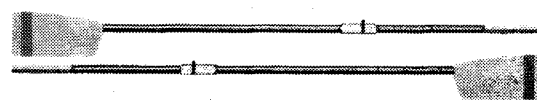
Dean Doucette spoke to SGA about the schedule change for classes next year. Changes will affect the schools scheduling of classes.

Finally on this month's issue of the SGA Brief was the disappointing news that no concert will be coming to NHC this spring. Despite the extreme hard work of Gianni Urso and CAPE it will just not be possible to bring a major concert to the school this spring.

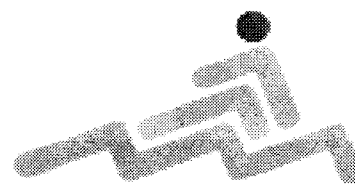
However, the year is not yet over and there is much yet to happen in the world of SGA. Feel free to voice your opinions and concerns to any member of SGA or drop your comments off at the SGA office. "Achieving New Heights"

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# Life as a page is no joking matter

College Press Service

Jenni Cole-Opitz has learned an important lesson: Cracking jokes about Wisconsin politicians could get you fired.

The 19-year-old University of Wisconsin-Madison sophomore, a page for the State Assembly for 13 months, was fired on Feb. 18 for comments she made to the university's student newspaper, The Badger Herald. Cole-Opitz had joked about working as a "go-fer" for state leaders.

Her depiction of life as a page not only has left her jobless. It also has prompted government officials to remove the newspaper from racks at the Capitol and has sparked several questions about First Amendment rights.

"I'm very upset about this," said Cole-Opitz. "I've learned more about politics in the last day than I did in the past year."

In a front-page article headlined "Raise the Roof: A Look Inside the Capitol and How UW Students Help Make It Work," Cole-Opitz about the occasional absurdity of pandering to legislators.

She talked about the time Assembly Speaker Scott Jensen wanted a Coke when only Pepsi was left in the Capitol. Cole-Opitz told The Herald she was sent to Walgreen's for the speaker's preferred drink, adding the comment: "I was just standing there in awe. He's the speaker of the house, not Jesus Christ."

"It didn't mean anything," Cole-Opitz said after her dismissal. "I told the story because I thought it was funny."

She has hired attorney Tim Provis to contest her firing. He says Cole-Opitz's savior may actually be Jensen himself, who was vacationing in Arizona when the controversy erupted. Provis compared the speaker to Marshal Dillon, on television's "Gunsmoke."

"On the show, the marshal would leave town and all this crazy stuff would happen," Provis said. "Let's hope when the speaker gets back to town cooler head will prevail."

Meanwhile, state Sergeant-at-Arms Denise Soile insists her decision to fire Cole-Opitz was justified.

"Employees have work rules they are expected to follow and there are consequences when

they are not followed," said Solie, who refused to cite the exact rule Cole-Opitz broke.

In a letter Cole-Opitz read to The Herald - her lawyer asked that it not be released - Solie stated she was firing Cole-Opitz because of the comments that appeared in the newspaper. Cole-Opitz said the letter also states her remarks were disrespectful and violated the pages' code of conduct.

Solie has close ties to Jensen. On Jan. 1, the speaker directly appointed her to be the Capitol's first woman sergeant-at-arms. But that relationship had no impact on the decision to fire Cole-Opitz, said Steve Baas, Jensen's press secretary.

"Denise told me that it didn't matter if it was the speaker

or a freshman member of the minority party," Bass said. "It's unfortunate when pages with access to members abuse their privilege."

UW Prof. Robert Drechsel, an expert on First Amendment issues, said public employers are allowed to fire their employees for comments they make to the press.

"It is possible for public employees to be fired for the things they say," Drechsel said. "The (U.S.) Supreme Court itself has made that clear."

But in this case, many state officials say Solie's decision to fire Cole-Opitz is too harsh a punishment.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the Assembly would be hiring

her back so that they don't look so pretty," said state Sen. Chuck Chvala. "I certainly hope they would."

In addition to firing Cole-Opitz, several pages, speaking under the condition of anonymity, said Solie asked a page to remove all copies of The Herald from the Capitol. Pages estimated that between 30 and 50 Heralds were collected and taken to the sergeant-at-arms' office, a claim supported by Mike Verveer, a legislative assistant to a state representative.

Solie denied ordering that the papers be removed, but Verveer said he had to get a copy "by asking the sergeant-at-arms' office."

Badger Herald Staff Writer Jessica Erickson contributed to this report.

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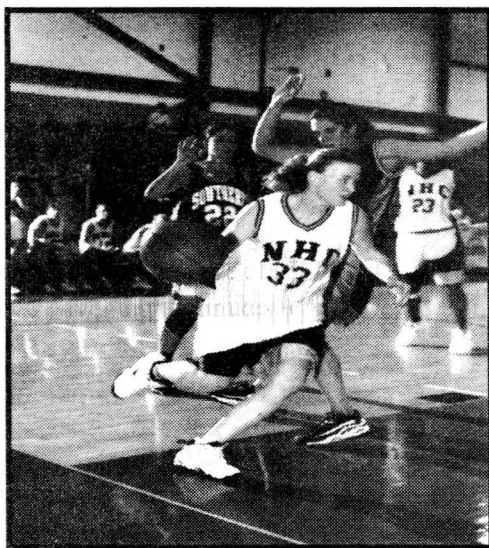
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## Baseball season gets underway

Source: NHC Press Release

The NHC baseball broke even with its eight Division II opponents and posted an overall record of 4-6 during their one-week stay in Fort Meyers, Fla. The Penmen defeated Mansfield University, split a doubleheader with Mercyhurst College, both nationally-ranked teams. The Penmen also took out Winona State University and Salem-Teikyo University.

Scott Bilodeau had a fantastic week, having at least one hit in all 10 games and closing the week with a .412 batting average. Jason Dubail batted .370 during the week in addition to scoring the game-winning run in the 3-2 win over Salem-Teikyo. Nick Xintaras

and Jason Longo each had two homeruns, while Kevin Pinard batted .333 and turned in a solid week of work behind the plate.

All-American Mark Perec extended his spring season unbeaten streak to 13 games with his three victories during the week. Perec struck out nine batters in a 6-5 win over Winona State, and allowed only seven hits in the 13-6 win over Mansfield. Mike Warden led NHC to its 3-2 win over Salem-Teikyo, allowing only one run and two hits over the first five innings.

The Penmen are scheduled to open their northern schedule on Sunday, March 22 at Stonehill College. The home opener is set for Wednesday, March 25 against Bentley College.

## Ranson named to NABC All-District team

Source: NHC Press Release

Orlando "Bino" Ranson, a junior point guard on the Penmen's basketball team, is one of 10 players named to the 1997-98 National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division II All-Northeast District team by vote of the region's 32 head coaches.

Ranson was a second-team selection for the second-straight year and is now one of 80 players eligible for NABC Division II All-American honors. He was also recently named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II-North all-star team for the second-straight year.

NHC earned an automatic bid to the NAAs after claiming its fifth New England Collegiate Conference (NECC)

tournament title of the decade.

Ranson led the Penmen in scoring (15.1 ppg) and assists (3.7 apg) for the third-straight year. He was named to the NECC All-Tournament team after averaging 15.5 points and 4.0 assists during wins over Southern Connecticut University and top-seeded Franklin Pierce College. A three-time All-NECC selection, he has played in all 89 games (88 as a starter) over the past three seasons and will enter his senior year ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in career points (1,421) and seventh in career in assists (490) among NHC's all-time leaders. He has led the Penmen to a combined 65-24 record and three-straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

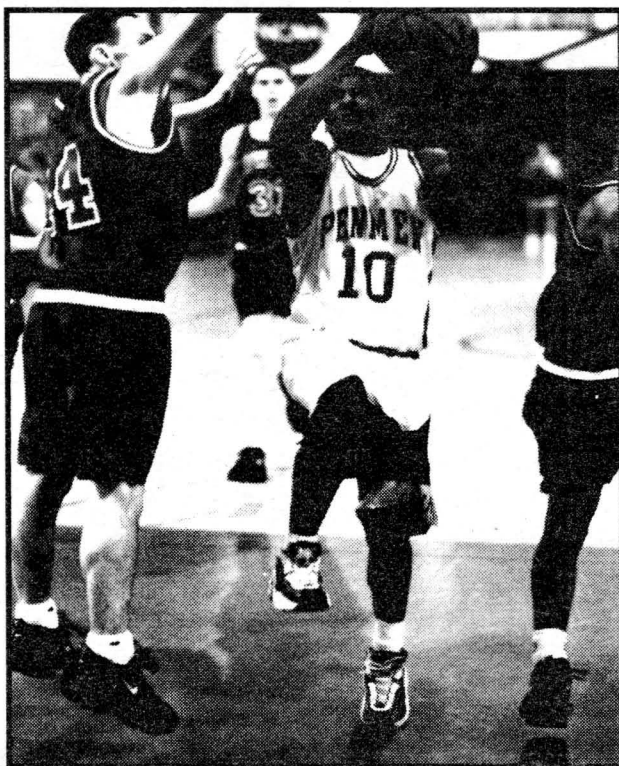
## Penwomen knocked out of NECC semi-finals

Source: NHC Press Release

The NHC women's basketball team was eliminated from the NECC tournament by the UMASS-Lowell River Hawks by a score of 80-54. The game was played at Franklin Pierce College on February 27.

The River Hawks led with a score of 21-19 just over eight minutes to play in the first half, but closed out the half with a 19-7 run. UMASS-Lowell started the second half with a 17-2 run over the first 5:41, which put the game out of reach for the Penwomen.

Kristy Woodill was the leading scorer for NHC with 18 points. The Penwomen closed out their season with a 3-25 record. Congratulations go out to the young Penwomen team for doing their best during their rebuilding season and for making it to the playoffs.



Bobby Miller made an impact in his first season for NHC.  
(Photo by Bruce Taylor.)

## Icemen make first post-season appearance since 1990

Source: NHC Press Release

The Penmen hockey team took part in the ECAC playoffs for the first time in nearly eight years on March 4 by playing the Wentworth Institute of Technology. The game was played at Matthews Arena in Boston. NHC was seeded sixth while Wentworth was seeded third in the quarterfinal round action of the playoffs.

NHC opened the scoring 3:45 into the first period when Jason Rayher netted a powerplay goal. Nick Therrien and Jason Gosselin both assisted on the goal. Wentworth tied the game two minutes later. The Leopards then took a 2-1 lead with 4:06 left to play in the first period.

The Penmen scored again about 1:30 into the second period when Scott Proulx banged in a rebound past the Wentworth goalie. John Dunn had the assist. The game remained tied at 2-2 until the 15:15 mark of the third period

when Wentworth poked home a loose puck in front of the NHC net. Wentworth netted an empty net goal with 10 seconds left to play to secure the win.

NHC goalie, Brian Cole finished the game with 15 saves. The Penmen ended their season with a record of 14-9-1. Congratulations go out to the team and coach Tufts for a remarkable and exciting season.



Tom Fielding had a good freshman year for the NHC hockey team. (Photo by Tom McDermott.)

## Men's basketball lose in overtime

Source: NHC Press Release

In the Northeast Regional Semifinal game on March 7, NHC Penmen lost against Stonehill College 67-78.

NHC, which was making its seventh-straight NCAA Tournament appearance, closes out the year at 19-11.

With 6:32 in the second half, Stonehill erased a five-point deficit with a 15-2 run. NHC responded with eight unanswered points and tied the game at 53 following a three-point play by sophomore Bobby Miller with 4:07 remaining. Stonehill took a two-point lead four times over the final 3:22, but NHC sent the game into overtime when senior Ray Blackwell tied the game at 61 with 20 seconds remaining.

Junior Robert Foster led NHC with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while classmate Tarik Sheppard added 15 points and four steals. Miller finished with 11 points and seven rebounds for NHC.