

## Gen-Eds under fire

By Kieran Finnigan-Allen  
TNH Reporter

The General Education Study Committee (GESC) held the first of four public forums last Thursday to discuss its Nov. 27 report to the Faculty Senate regarding the state of the current general education program and its recommendations.

The forum was led by professor John Seavey, chairman of the GESC, who fielded questions from about 50 people in attendance. Questions centered around the state of the current

system, established in 1982, and whether or not it was in need of alteration.

The report recommended the implementation of the UNH Discovery Program, an adaptation to the current Gen Ed program. The Discovery Program would focus primarily on the first-year experience of UNH students: evaluating mathematical/computer ability with greater emphasis, offering a common set of readings distributed during orientation for year long discussion and the de-

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## Downeaster pulls into Durham Friday

By Lara Skinner  
Staff Writer

On Friday, Dec. 14, at approximately 12:25 p.m., the original Thompson Hall bell will ring to let the town and campus know that the Downeaster is going to pull into the Durham train station by the Dairy Bar.

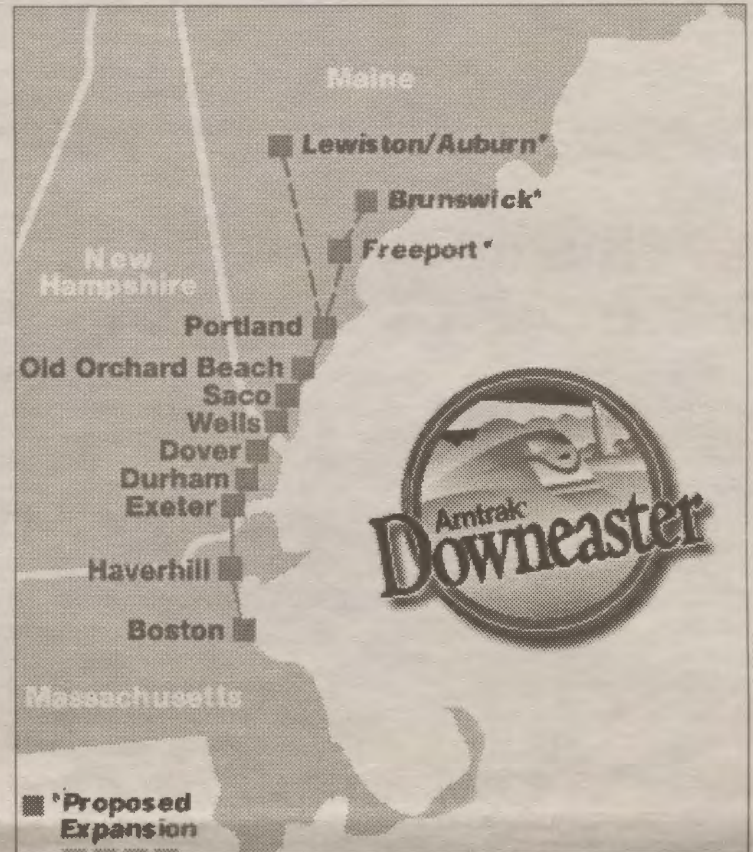
It's been 35 years since a passenger train has stopped in Durham, and kicking off the inauguration ceremony with the bell that used to signal the train's arrival seems like a good way to welcome the service back to the area.

“It's a very historic day for the University and the town,” said UNH Special Projects Manager Stephen Pesci. He has worked at the University for the past four months trying to prepare Durham for the train.

Pesci was the senior planner at the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, which focuses on improving transportation and development in Strafford County, for 10 years before he came to UNH.

Celebration festivities at the station begin at 12:15 p.m. Entertainment will be supplied by the UNH Marching Band and the Oyster River High School Jazz Band.

The Thompson School and Dairy Bar will supply refreshments of train shaped cookies, hot cocoa and hot cider. Souvenirs, such as T-shirts, inaugural



The train will roll into Durham on Dec. 14.

day pins and hats, will be for sale; the U.S. Postal Service has designed a commemorative postmark specifically for the inauguration day.

To get a postmark, just bring an envelope with a stamp on it to the celebration. Free giveaways and raffles for trip tickets are planned as well.

Spaces are reserved in A-Lot for Friday's event. There will also be parking available at the Durham Market Place, with a shuttle to bring people to and from the event.

Planning for Durham's celebration wasn't entirely up to officials. Student Senator Alexa

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## \$10m donated to the University

By Nicole Papageorge  
TNH Reporter

The University of New Hampshire received a \$10 million donation from Peter T. Paul yesterday. Paul, who graduated from UNH in 1967 with a bachelor of science in business administration, made his contribution to the study of Space Science and to the study of Developmental Psychology. This gift matched the largest donation ever given to UNH.

Paul chose these two specific areas of interest because he felt that they could use them the most at this point in time. Be-

cause the business school recently received a large donation, Paul felt that now was the “key time” to focus on these other two areas.

“The impact of this gift will be immediate and will benefit the University for generations to come,” said President Joan Leitzel at a press conference held at the Alumni Center yesterday.

This gift helped a University foundation called The Next Horizon. The Next Horizon is calling for \$100 million to be donated to the University, and it three quarters of the way

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## Libby's Bar & Grill — take two



Marcia Wood - Staff Photographer

Libby's Bar & Grill will be reopening next semester. Not only will it provide dining, but it will provide student housing on the two floors above the business.

By Ari Becker  
TNH Reporter

Since an electrical fire took Libby's Bar from the line of businesses on Main Street during the summer of 2000, there has been a visible emptiness present in the middle of Durham. But that will all change early in second semester when the new Libby's opens.

Such an emptiness on Main Street is currently being remedied by Mike Libby himself. Libby is rebuilding his new bar on the same place where his former bar stood previous to its destruction.

The new Libby's Bar & Grill will have two floors of living space above the main floor. The living space contains eight two-bedroom apartments, and two studio apartments. The two-bedroom sections cost \$1,600 a month, and the studio costs \$550 a month. The rent includes heat and hot water, not to mention that the residents will be living

in the only building on Durham's Main Street with an elevator, and that they will be living above a bar. The apartments are set to open to the residents on Jan. 19, just three days before the start of second semester.

Thinking about getting in? Get in line. Libby said, “We're all set for winter and have a long wait list for spring.” The bar should be opening soon after the apartments with Libby estimating an opening “between mid-January and mid-February.”

The bar will be subject to the most dramatic change with the new building. Libby plans to emphasize the restaurant section of the bar by adding an area that will be “dining room and dining room only.”

But don't fret, Libby said there will still be specials, and that there will be something to celebrate the opening of the

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# What to do

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## Tuesday, Dec. 11

**Bible Basics** — From 1 to 2 p.m. No previous bible experience necessary, and all are welcome! Held at the Waysmeet Center, 15 Mill Road, across from C-Lot. All are welcome!

## Wednesday, Dec. 12

**Soup Group Series** — Tonight's session focuses on renewing ourselves during stressful times, and taking care of ourselves! All are welcome! At the Waysmeet Center, 15 Mill Road, 862-1165.

## Thursday, Dec. 13

**Semester at Sea** — Information Session from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in room 334 of the MUB. Come find out how you can study for a semester aboard the SS Universe Explorer traveling around the world studying in ten different countries. Talk with an SAS representative and UNH students who have sailed and studied on previous Semesters at Sea. For more information on Semester at Sea call 1-800-854-0195.

**Holiday Tea** — University-Folk Club and the Women's Guild invite all women of the Durham-UNH Community to a Holiday Tea at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Durham Community Church on

Main Street. A program, "Women's Diaries," will be presented by Cinthia Gannett, UNH associate professor of English. For more information call Mrs. Peterson at 862-9692 or Robin Avery at 868-1113.

## Friday, Dec. 14

**Yoga** — Stretch your body, relax your mind. Every Friday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Babcock Main Lounge. Free yoga instruction by Ruth Abelmann. Call 862-2850 for more information.

**Musical Celebration** — A musical celebration of the Solstice with Rea'ga'nta, featuring Regina Delany and Claudia Altemus at 7 p.m. All are welcome to this concert of Celtic seasonal songs, stories, and dances. Coffee, tea, cider and cookies provided, and free and open to the public. Donations accepted to benefit the NH North Country Arts Alliance, to provide art and cultural programs to the North Country schools. Call 862-1165 for more information.

## Tuesday, Dec. 18

**UNH Bookstore** — Please join us at the UNH Bookstore from noon to 2 p.m. to welcome Mary Ann Esposito, host of the PBS show Ciao Italia. Mary Ann will be signing copies of her latest release, "Ciao Italia Bringing Italy Home." Please come meet the author and save 25 percent on all emblematic clothing and gifts.

## Notices:

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**Food Pantry** — The Cornucopia Food

Pantry is located in Christensen Hall, room G-1 on the ground floor and is open every Wednesday evening from 4 to 6 p.m. The food pantry serves the UNH community of students, staff, faculty and their families. Holiday food baskets are being prepared, and if you are in need of one, please call or write us. Donations of food and essential items are always welcome. Call the Food Pantry at 862-4820 or the Waysmeet Center at 862-1165 for more information or to drop off donations.

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# Wildcat Marching Band to play for royalty

Despite Sept. 11 anxiety, band to travel to Monaco, France and Italy

By Jenny Bressler  
TNH Reporter

The UNH Wildcat Marching Band will have an exclusive opportunity to play for Prince Rainier of Monaco over winter break this year. The 111 students who will be going on the trip will perform during the changing of the flags ceremony at the Palace in Monaco on New Year's Eve day.

This performance will take about 20 minutes, said Melissa Streeter, a third year alto sax player in the marching band. The group will then travel to Cannes, France, to play for over one hour in a parade.

Professor Thomas Keck, director of the marching band, said that, at changing of the flags ceremony, the marching band will give Prince Rainier the N.H. state flag in exchange for the Principality flag of Monaco.

During their travels to France and Italy the students will learn about European culture. According to Keck, the

performance in Cannes on New Year's Day is a special opportunity to experience the culture. New Year's Eve in Cannes is like Christmas Eve in the United States. Everyone is out shopping for gifts because, in Cannes, they exchange gifts on New Year's Day.

Keck said that one university marching band is chosen a year by the company Performing Arts Abroad to perform in Monaco for Prince Rainier. This year, UNH happened to be the lucky university.

The trip is costing each student approximately \$1,280. This includes air travel, hotel expenses and most meals, added Streeter. Although the members of the marching band have to finance their own trips, the University donated uniforms.

The marching band hopes to have their performances in Europe nationally broadcast from ABC in the evening.

Despite the enthusiasm the band has as the trip approaches, some band members



Photos Courtesy of Wildcat Marching Band

One hundred eleven Wildcat Marching Band members will be traveling to Europe Dec. 26.

and their families have some concern for safety as a result of the events of Sept. 11.

Joseph Pires, father of senior Jeff Pires who is a section leader of the drum line, is a

little bit nervous about his son's travels.

"As a parent, I am concerned, but Tom Keck has basically taken every precaution to ensure their safety," said Pires.

He also said that it makes you think twice when they are traveling on a Swiss Air Bus, a similar plane to that of flight 587 that crashed on Sept. 11.

On the other hand, Jason Raper, a third year trumpet player, feels as though there is very little need for concern about safety.

Raper said, "Keck recently traveled to Europe when the war wasn't going on and the security was unbelievable. Now it should just be even better."

There are a few added precautions the marching

band must take, said Jeff Pires. The main problem is the limit of things they are allowed to take on board. They are going to have a system to split things up, such as flags, instruments and personal bags, added Pires.

There are a few members not attending this trip, but Raper said he believes it is because of monetary reasons. Keck also said that two or three band members did cancel after Sept. 11. But out of the 120 band members, 111 students are going on the trip.

"A lot of us think this is a life time opportunity, and we're not going to let our spirits get down," said Streeter. "Not many people have the opportunity to say they've played at a palace."



Photos Courtesy of Wildcat Marching Band

The marching band spells out "Leitzel" after the last home football game as a thank you to President Leitzel for the new uniforms.

## Are we really making the grade?

Grade and Honors Inflation Deserves UNH Community

By Noah Perch-Ahern  
TNH Reporter

University of New Hampshire administrators and faculty recognized that the number of students graduating with honors has nearly doubled in the past decade. They encourage discussion and analysis by the UNH community to assess the seriousness of honors and/or grade inflation.

Students who have a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or higher graduate with University honors.

According to the Academic Policies section of the Student Rights Rules and Responsibilities, the Academic Senate recognized that grade inflation exists at UNH.

According to the registrar's office, in 1982, 21.1 percent of all seniors graduated with honors. In 1990, 24.5 percent of all seniors graduated with honors. In 2000, the number of seniors graduating with honors jumped to 42.7 percent, signifying grade and/or honors inflation.

A recent "Boston Globe" study of

Harvard's undergraduate college revealed that 91 percent of all its students graduate with honors. The study said that rampant grade inflation has made graduating with honors at Harvard virtually meaningless.

The Study said that many colleges limit the number of students that can graduate with honors. However, Harvard has no cap, and the amount of students that graduate with honors is unchecked.

UNH has no limit to the amount of students who can receive honors.

Harvard's situation has caused universities around the nation to think about their own grading systems, including UNH.

"Of course honors inflation at UNH is a problem," said Political Science Department Chairperson John Kayser. "It makes honors less significant. It makes it lose its dignity."

The Student Senate and the Faculty Senate, as well as University forums, are venues where this issue should be discussed, said Kayser. These venues should ask if UNH's education has become watered down, he said.

"Harvard was a wake up call," said David Hiley, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "It caused many colleges and universities to look at themselves."

"We are part of a national trend," said Hiley. There appears to be rise in grades and a reduction in the time studying, he said.

"Is the increase in students graduating with honors at UNH a problem? Possibly," said Hiley. The issue needs more discussion and analysis, he said.

Hiley suggested that the Undergraduate Experience Task Force, which consists of professors and students, is a good organization to have the discussion.

"If grades reflected the fact that more students were working harder and meeting high standards, then we could be very happy about grade inflation," said Mary Rhiel, member of the Undergraduate Experience Task Force. "However, that seems not to be the case, which is why we are taking a look at undergraduate education at UNH." Drawing attention to issues like grade inflation can be the beginning of a constructive dialogue between students, faculty and staff, said Rhiel.

"I've heard rumblings among colleagues about grade inflation," said Ted Kirkpatrick, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. He said Harvard's situation has generated conversation, and grade inflation at UNH will probably get looked at.

"Grade and honors inflation are issues that are percolating on the back burner,"

said Kirkpatrick, "but they could move to the front burner quickly."

"There should be a University-wide discussion to see if something should be done," said Kirkpatrick.

UNH should take notice of grade inflation, said Honors Program director Robert Mennel. The appropriate bodies should discuss it, like the faculty and student senate. "That's the collegial idea," you get different points of view and out comes the solution, he said.

"It's something that could get looked at on a University-wide basis," said Barbara Larson, academic affairs council chairperson.

Larson said it's an issue that varies depending on which department and college you're talking about. Discussions could take place at both the department and college level.

"On this campus, I think it is a critical discussion that should take place," said Mark Rubinstein, vice provost for academic achievement. However, he said that his biggest aim is to make sure that students are prepared for graduate school and employment upon graduation.

"It all comes back to the issue of what honors means," said Rubinstein. Ninety-one percent at Harvard invites some issues for its graduates, he said.

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# Old school NES bounces back

## Original 8-bit Nintendo is giving newer systems a run for their money

By Darek Fanton  
TNH Reporter

A string of profanity and loud bangs resonates from Jennifer Egan's dorm room. As she struggles to make her Nintendo Entertainment System work, she is forced to use violence as a last resort. Striking the machine with a firm blow, Egan hopes to persuade it to display her Mario Bros. 3 game and let her play. Nintendo is back.

In 1980, Hiroshi Yamauchi and Masayuki Uemura, two businessmen from Japan, decided that they wanted to release an affordable and powerful video game console to rival any the world had ever seen. By 1999, Nintendo had sold 62 million consoles and over 500 million games to children across the United States who couldn't seem to get enough of Nintendo's magic box. The bright colors, catchy sound clips and the ability to control characters on the screen was too much to avoid. However, things change. As technology advanced, the original Nintendo Entertainment System (NES) fell by the wayside as Sony and Sega broke the market open with more powerful gaming systems.

Now it seems, at least among college students, Nintendo may be back in style. As Egan struggles with her machine, she is watched carefully by a room full of fellow game players, anxious to get their turn at the controls. Ranging from freshmen to juniors here at UNH, these students are part of a growing number of game players who fall far outside the younger age demographic that the NES was initially intended

to cater to.

The original NES is quickly becoming the hit among these college students, who were only about 11 or 12 years old when it first arrived on the scene.

In an age of Sony Playstation and Sega Dreamcast, systems with as much as 64 bits memory and far more realistic game play, how would the original eight-bit Nintendo find itself in the dorm rooms of so many UNH students?

"I don't see why people stopped playing," says freshman Stephanie Dupont. "In college your mind needs a break, with the other systems you have to think too much."

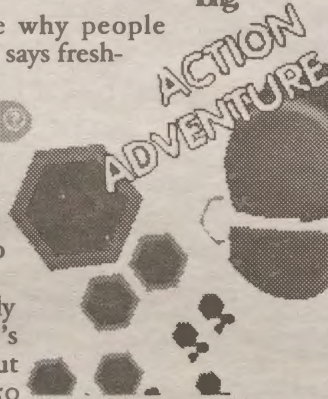
Others clearly share Dupont's sentiments about Nintendo. Of 50 people polled in the lower quad, 23 said they had played Nintendo in the last month. Of the 50 individuals polled, 13 said they brought their Nintendo to school. Of the 13 people who brought their Nintendo to school this semester, six were returning students from last year, and only one of them had their NES here last year.

So, by all indications, Nintendo is making a comeback. But why?

Companies like Sony and Sega, as well as Nintendo, have built on the groundwork laid down by the original NES to create games with amazing realism that, while very challenging, also involve a great deal of strategy. One wrong move can ruin a game that may be many hours old.

Original Nintendo games, though still challenging, offer fewer options and alternative routes and, in turn, fewer decisions, making game play less about concentration and more about relaxation.

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says freshman Jason Andrus. "It's nice to be able to sit down for an hour or two and beat a game."

A seasoned player can complete a game of Contra for the original NES in only 20 minutes or so.

In contrast, some games like Final Fantasy VIII for the Sony Playstation can take at least 70 hours to complete, even for the most advanced "gamer." With such a time commitment necessary, many players seem to shy away from the newer games.

As Andrus points out, "You get caught up in the new games and before you know it your whole day is gone and you've got homework piling up."

Andrus mentioned that another major reason he never gave in to the temptation to get a new

system was the cost. With the new Playstation 2 selling for nearly \$330, many college students simply can't justify the cost.

A year ago, Dupont lost her NES and found a new one at a yard sale for under \$20. Today a perspective NES owner would be hard pressed to find a system in a retail outlet. It seems the best bet for those interested in purchasing an NES may be yard sales and flea markets. Since there are no sales figures to give an accurate portrayal of Nintendo popularity in the past few years, the people playing the games are the next logical source for information.

Stephanie LaBlanc rooms with Dupont and has been playing Nintendo since she was little. She says that she turned back to Nintendo a couple of years ago when the second coming of video games came with the Playstation and the Dreamcast.

"I just couldn't afford it," says LaBlanc, "and these games are just as good."

But are the games just as good? Of the 23 people who played Nintendo in the last month, 18 said that the games for

the NES are just as good if not better than the newer games. Many cited the fact that it's not the graphics and long hours of game play that interest them, but the feeling of accomplishment they get from completing a game.

Back in Jennifer Egan's room the crowd still awaits the start of their game as Egan continues to struggle with the aged cartridge. The one thing everyone seems to agree on is that the new systems do tend to be easier to operate. It seems the NES has a few bugs which create problems in getting the game cartridges to work properly all of the time. A certain amount of finesse is required to load the game, and each owner seems to believe he or she holds the key to their particular system.

"It's my machine," Egan proclaims. "I'll get it to work."

With that she slaps the top of the machine, which produces a sharp clang, shoves the game back down into position and strikes the power button. To the applause of her audience the screen is clear and the familiar red curtain parts on the screen to reveal the introduction.

With a knowing smile and a bow, Egan carefully closes the console's cover, hoping not to disturb her system, and takes her seat. For half an hour Egan and a friend alternate beating levels filled with colorful Goombas and man-eating fish until an accidental tug on the controller cord causes the game to freeze and the picture to distort.

There is a moment of silence for the game lost, and Egan returns to her post at the machine. "Who's up for some Doctor Mario?"

# From flames to finals, students cope

By Justin Herman  
TNH Reporter

Standing on a Main Street sidewalk brandishing his textbook, which he had moments before set ablaze with a Zippo lighter, Political Science junior Nick Libby unknowingly embodied the tension that grips the campus in the closing weeks of each semester.

"I did it, and I'll do it again," claimed Libby in response to the outburst, which arose from a professor's disagreeable response to a term paper. "Students have papers due that are a large percentage of their grades, and if they aren't received well then their grade for the class is ruined. It's crazy."

Libby is not alone in his tension. Twice a year the student body is embroiled in the end of semester malay of exams, final projects and term papers. Students are not alone in their plight, however; the complications they face create equal obstacles for area businesses. Methods of dealing with this common anxiety can vary and do not always include the incineration of text.

The best method for coping with the pressure students are currently facing, according to the Office of Health Education and Promotion, is exercise, says Carol Bischoff, health educator and counselor.

"It's ironic that when people most need exercise, they feel like they don't have the time for it."

"Even a brisk jog or a walk can lift your spirit," says Bischoff. "When you wake up in the morning you should think about when you can fit exercise in."

Senior Jessica Ashapa, a Licker Store employee, knows of one method that stu-

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dents are utilizing during the closing weeks of the semester. She postulates a decrease in the socialization of the customers but not in the overall purchases of tea and coffee.

"Though students are hanging out less," she explained, "caffeine consumption is up. People are coming in late night to study and pound coffee."

The students looking for a powerful formula in order to stay alert may require a special fix, and Ashapa has the solution.

"We would recommend the Red Eye,"

she added, "a shot of espresso in a regular cup of coffee."

"For some people coffee is their thing, which is OK in moderation," says Bischoff. "If you consume it at night, though, you risk depriving yourself of the deep—relaxing, restorative REM sleep that your body craves."

A new avenue for end of semester pampering that is enjoyed by many is the use of extra block plans at Acorn's, a restaurant located at the New England Center. For roughly four meals, students can treat themselves to a satiating chop of steak in order to dull the hunger pains that may accompany extended studying sessions.

"There has been a dramatic increase from last month," boasts Desiree Leavitt, Acorn's Dining Room manager. "We've been serving 200 students a night for last two weeks. Students are getting away from studying for awhile to chill out with friends and eat a satisfying meal. We like the business."

The Acorns phenomena also can be indicative of healthy methods in stress release. "Treating yourself in moderation is fine," says Bischoff. "You're using your energy throughout the day, though, so it makes sense to refuel yourself throughout the day. If you don't usually eat breakfast, try to have something small."

Other locations fraught with unease at this time of year are the textbook stores. As Durham Book Exchange Manager Lorraine Mecham explains, the downtown establishment recognizes the pressure and is taking action to relieve it.

"At this time of year there are tons of people here, and we all have our own stress baggage," Mecham says. "The students are worrying about buyback prices and changing editions."

"My stress," she admits, "is that the professor's book orders are coming in." Concessions have been made in order to foster a cheerful environment. "We are handing out free slices of pizza from Durham House of Pizza and holding daily raffles for ski passes."

Perhaps the most overlooked means to a relaxed state of mind, Bischoff adds, is laughter. "Enjoy. Laugh. Find humor in everyday life. Smiling at everyday situations can make a serious burden lightened."

Methods will vary as to the ways students will ultimately decide on how to react to the seasonally burdensome workload. One woman's treat of a flame broiled tenderloin could be equal in effectiveness to one man's flame broiled textbook. The only commonality is that students are all feeling the grips of the vice that is the final weeks of class.

# Durham resident shares

By Chris Parker  
Staff Writer

*"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." —Marcel Proust*

Matt Raley sits upright in his wheelchair in the MUB next to Jim Rioux, an instructor in the UNH English Department, both patiently waiting for a scheduled listener.

Judy Beaudette, an acquaintance of Raley's, walks to the sunny corner of the MUB food court to listen to one of his stories and ask questions about ideas she does not understand in its context.

Raley lines up his infrared head-pointer to one of the 32 keyboard blocks on his computer device and begins telling his story through its computer-generated voice.

"Then van man store," Raley tells her through his computer device over the course of a few minutes. "Jim out in van I. Angry Jim man car. Angry Jim Talk. Stop. Van. Store man out. Angry Jim store Jim. Portsmouth, New Hampshire. In out Jim van."

Raley, a 27-year-old who lives in Durham with his father and graduated from Portsmouth High School, is telling Beaudette that he and Rioux were out traveling recently in Raley's van. They encountered a man who parked his car in the middle of a Portsmouth street right in front of the van so they couldn't get around it. This man stepped into a store he parked in front of and an angered Jim followed him in and yelled at him for illegally parking.

"Did [Rioux] make a scene?" asks Beaudette.

Raley gives a big croaking, groan-like chuckle of confirmation to Beaudette. He loves telling that story.

Raley was born with cerebral palsy, a disorder resulting from damage to the brain during fetal development that limits his body movements and speech functions. His condition is such that his arms, feet and waist are strapped onto his wheelchair to control involuntary muscle spasms.

He loves to tell stories and is looking for listeners.

Raley has been working with Rioux, one of his five helpers, to develop narrative strategies that allow him to tell coherent stories about life experiences. The two are looking for people unfamiliar with Raley or his technology to engage with him to refine his communicative techniques by asking questions about unclear elements in the stories he tells. Without the opportunities to converse with such people, Raley has a harder time trying to communicate ideas to those he knows well.

Raley communicates mainly through an electronic device called a Pathfinder, "Patty," as he calls it, consists of a computer screen and keyboard with a system of words and images he can use to speak through the use of an infrared head-pointer.

The device, an intermedia-



James Korpi - Staff Photographer

**Jim Rioux records what Matt is saying through an electronic device called a Pathfinder.**

tor between Raley and his listeners, is like a calculator and has images of the sun, a thumb pointing down and an "exit" sign, among others. When he points to one of the blocks on the keyboard by moving the beam with his head, a computer-generated voice reads the selection out loud. Without this technology, Raley can answer only "yes" and "no" questions by simple movements of his head and eyes.

Rioux, knows many of Raley's life experiences and is using this technology to challenge Raley to articulate his stories to those less familiar with the tales.

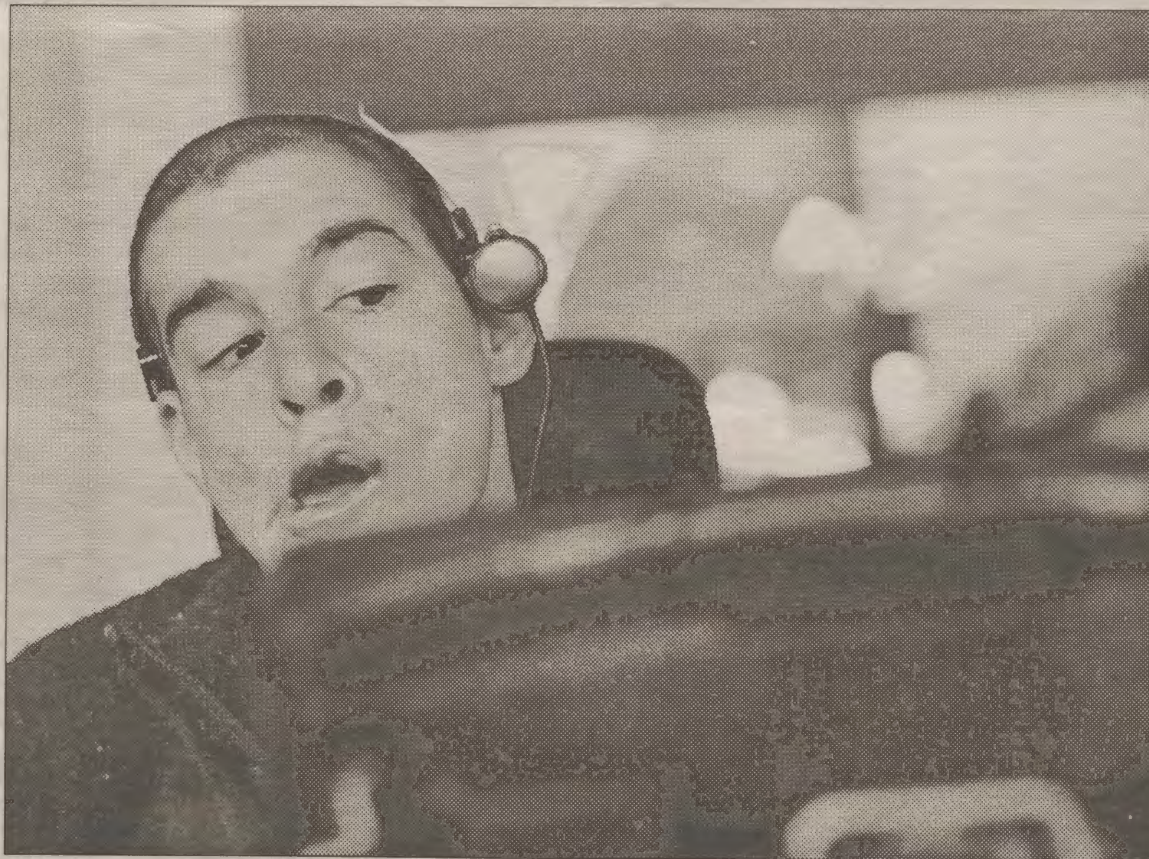
"Your lights are really on target quick," says Beaudette, who understood Raley's story for the most part.

Raley smiles, clears his board with an electronic eraser and sits quietly next to Rioux.

In terms of syntax, Raley's speech is often unconventional in that he's not able to make complete sentences given his limited vocabulary options. Thus he sometimes requires an extra push to get him to say what he's trying to communicate.

But he's getting better with time and his vocabulary has expanded a great deal over the past few years, incorporating more sophisticated terms like relieved, disappointed, frustrated and relaxed. Raley has learned about 400 words and 350 phrases over the past six years he's had the Pathfinder. He's still working on improving those numbers, since they are limited in scope, so he can tell more stories.

"This project is pretty new; finding people to listen and push



James Korpi - Staff Photographer

**Matt uses movements of his head to communicate through a computer system connected to an infrared head-pointer.**

Matt [Raley] to speak clearer," says Rioux. "It challenges Matt to communicate in ways he doesn't normally."

At 9:30 a.m. or so on his designated weekly time slots with him, Rioux picks up Raley for the day in his brown van with a lift, secures him in the midsection of the vehicle, and the two go on a journey, either to Portsmouth or to the Dimond Library to check Raley's e-mail.

Through these messages, along with word-of-mouth, Raley

finds individuals interested in learning more about him through the stories he has to share. Rioux and Raley have sent out e-mails to colleagues in the UNH faculty and staff regarding their project.

Rioux says they check Raley's e-mail account every time they visit UNH and Raley gets so excited when someone presents an interest.

"We just really started about two months ago, and we've had about four or five people present an interest and we're still trying

to line [more] up," says Rioux.

Rioux says that about four of those presenting an interest, Beaudette and three people from the English Department, have visited Raley in the MUB about his storytelling.

In the past, Raley has given a few question and answer speeches in classrooms on campus. The focus of this project was much the same, but it deals with a much smaller, much more personal interaction.

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# stories of hope, growth

## From previous page

Another way in which Raley has shared some stories with the Portsmouth community where he lived for 26 years is through written articles he submitted as part of a "Matt Talk" series for The Portsmouth Herald's Family Life section.

Throughout the series, composed with the help of his life skills assistant Matt Haggerty, Raley commented on accessibility issues in the city's local restaurants and made note of sidewalks that needed repairs.

"No sidewalk no work Matt," he said in the piece, referring to a sidewalk in Portsmouth that was not accessible to him.

He wrote about his experience holding down a job putting up concert posters, touched on his perspective of living independently and about how he used his last communication device, The Liberator, which is virtually identical to the Pathfinder, but lacks some of its features.

He also gave insight into what extracurricular activities he enjoys best, including sailing and white water rafting.

"Good. I Matthew happy active," Raley answered to a question posed by Haggerty in one such article concerning what kind of example he thinks that his being a thrill seeker sets for other people in one such article. "Love go. People go, take risk good. People trust energy. Excited people take risk."

Haggerty says that Raley's way of telling a point of view is refreshingly direct.

"I've learned from Matt that attitude is very important," he says. "Matt is a very open person if he's happy or upset. Whatever's on his mind comes out right away. I've grown to admire his openness, acceptance and love in [the Raley] household."

Bill Raley, Matt's father, says that he and his son have been on plenty of adventures Raley could talk about in his stories to others, including a ride in a tube attached to a speedboat.

"I get in the device and hold on to Matt for dear life," says Bill. "He's very strong. That's why it's a real challenge to hang onto him." Raley laughs at this.

"Using his communication



James Korpi - Staff Photographer

"Relaxed" is one of the more difficult feelings for Matt to get across on the Pathfinder.

devices is very important," says Bill. "It's very hard for him to do it. He's enjoyed it and it's been very well-received by the community."

But even with a community that embraces Raley, he and Rioux continue to struggle finding listeners. The duo has plenty of time to speak with those interested in hearing one of Raley's adventures or perspectives on life.

"We've sort of hit a wall with that," says Rioux. "We sent out a fairly broad e-mail [at the start of the semester]. For a lot of people it seems that they're busy trying to wrap up the semester. That's why we're not getting a lot of response."

However, through the lim-

ited feedback, the Robert J. Connors Writing Center is looking into providing a timeslot for Raley to speak with the staff next semester more on why he wants to reach out and tell his stories.

Pam Raley, Matt's mother, says that Raley prefers to be outside seeking adventures, rather than sitting in front of a computer or movie screen where overall silence with other people is more obvious.

"He's very much a people person, and he loves to communicate," she says. "Matt understands the importance of giving as much detail and being exact as he can be. Jim [Rioux] has been fantastic in facilitating [Matt's] communicative growth."

Despite his condition that

he must be strapped down, Raley doesn't see himself as struggling, says his mother, who works in the Family Support department of the Community Developmental Services Agency in Portsmouth. His wheelchair keeps him held up, not confined.

"He sees himself as a whole person, as someone to give something to others," says Pam. "People don't think of him in those ways, to be giving instead of being on the receiving end."

Pam adds the point that people may have preconceptions about Raley, but they should be aware that he is a person not only with strong disabilities, but one with strong abilities. Pam points out a time when Raley went

down a slide at Water Country in Portsmouth into the waiting arms of his family and the staff looked "aghast." She says he couldn't wait to get up and go again.

"By being out there in the public, he's doing a lot to make people aware of these disabilities and to make them aware they are people with disabilities," she says. "He's got a great trust of people, and that's what allows him to be open to a new experience."

She says he is developing his communication abilities with the people he meets every day.

"In some ways what he can do is very limited," she says, "[but] as long as people are interested in him, the world can only get bigger for him."

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## News Briefs

### Fire alarm interrupts Health Services

#### From Staff Reports

A fire alarm went off in the Health Services building just before 9 a.m. yesterday, said Assistant Chief of the Fire Department Michael Blake. Two fire trucks responded to the alarm.

According to Blake, the alarm was

caused by a faulty smoke detector on the second floor of the building, and there was no smoke in the building.

This smoke detector has mistakenly set the alarm off before, according to Health Services Director Kevin Charles. Charles said the Health Services employees followed the outlined policy for evacuation.

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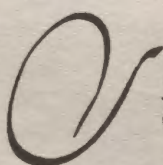
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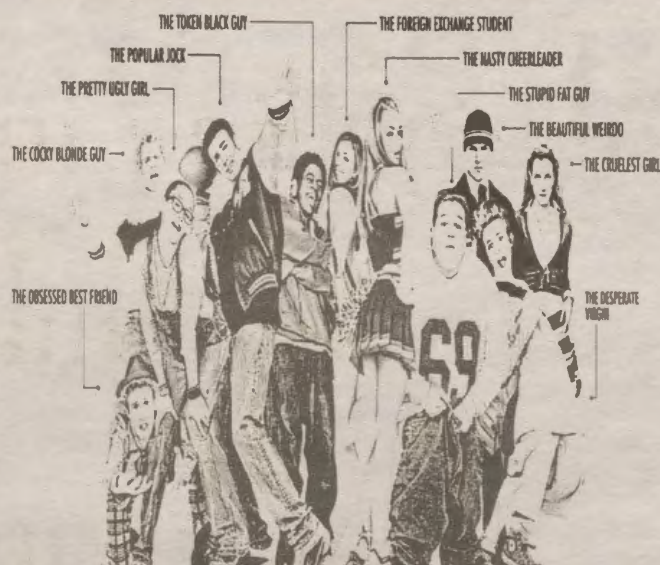
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## GEN-EDS, from front page

velopment a new, first-year, interdisciplinary 'Discovery' course designed to introduce new students to the processes of inquiry and research from the perspective of more than one discipline, according to the report.

"Students often feel that General Education is something to 'get over' in your first two years," said Seavey. "What we're saying is that the Gen Eds should relate to each other more for a better overall experience."

The report suggested the addition of two new interdisciplinary areas, including an environmental literacy requirement and a social identity and cultural awareness requirement.

"These new categories

would require more explicit attention to the issues of values and moral perspectives," according to the report.

Also emphasized was the greater integration of required general education classes with the major and with the student's research. According to the report, all majors would be asked to provide each student with a 'capstone experience,' a seminar, internship, performance or other activity that brings together the student's learning at the end of his/her four years.

The program came under attack when members of the mostly reserved audience asked what was wrong with the current General Education system. Seavey could

not directly answer.

"I don't see any evidence in the current [General Education] program that suggests that it is flawed," said Jim Farrell, professor of communications. "What is the current flaw of the program?"

"The current program doesn't have any coherency to it and often serves as a merely check-off list for first-year students," said Seavey. "In terms of first-year experience, we want to see more interdisciplinary programs."

Other voices of dissent included Frank Birch, professor of earth science, who said, "Granted, it's a work in progress, but I'm still not convinced that the current system is broken."

"Most of our program looks

like the last one that was established here in 1982 and is still in use today," said Seavey. "Our current program is still pretty good, and we are simply offering suggestions for continual growth and improvement."

Voices of support for the new program included David Watters, English professor. "This is an endeavor that is really catered to smaller colleges," he said. "I don't know if it will be successful, but I advocate the endeavor."

The interdisciplinary work at UNH has been some of its best," Watters said. "I believe that the report's proposed capstone experience will forge better bonds between faculty and

students in support of this work."

Seavey closed reiterating that the GESC's proposal was a work in progress. "This will take a period of four years time before going before the Faculty Senate for voting," he said. "That gives us a lot of time."

The Faculty Senate will review the finished report and then hold a series of its own meetings within the next year to decide what changes will be made to the current program. The GESC public forums will continue this Wednesday, Dec. 12, in McConnell room 314 from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and next Monday, Dec. 17, in McConnell room 208 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

## LIBBY'S, from front page

new Libby's Bar. "I'm sure we'll do something for it," he said.

The previous Libby's Bar held memories for its patrons. Senior Sam Barrett remembers the old Libby's Bar, "The downstairs was open with tables, and there were two bars down there making it really easy to get drinks."

Still, Barrett has anticipation for the new building that currently has a sheet of plastic for an exterior. "I'm definitely going to check it out, because I'm curious to see what it is going to look like inside."

The loss of Libby's Bar didn't just affect the bar hopping population of Durham; it also affected some other businesses in Durham as well.

However, Roger Hayden, owner of Hayden Sports and the Outback, wasn't concerned with the return of Libby's. Hayden said, "It really doesn't affect us. They're night; we're retail during the day."

But the loss did affect Steve Danna's business. Danna owns Campus Convenience, and he noticed a change in his section of Main Street with the loss of Libby's. "Sales have fallen 20 to

25 percent. It's sort of left a void on this end of the street. Libby's was always a good draw."

Danna has high hopes for Libby's. "I'm hoping it will restore business on this end of the street," he said.

Yet, the major effect of Libby's will be impacted upon Durham's other three bars, the Tin Palace, the Durham Taproom and Hair of the Dog Saloon.

Larry Scarlotto, owner of the Hair of the Dog Saloon, looks toward a bright future. Having someone next door is more of an asset because you help each other out, he said.

Scarlotto, while optimistic in the long term, said he feels sure of the draw that a new bar has over the bar goers of the community. "The first two months will be a drastic change; it'll be culture shock," he said. "But I would have loved three more years without Libby's."

In the end, it will all turn out for the best. "No one place in Durham will be dominant. No two people like the same place all the time," said Scarlotto.

The new Libby's Bar is expected to open with all of the appropriate fan fare early next semester.

## MONEY, from front page

to its goal.

UNH Foundation President Young P. Dawkins III said that this gift gives UNH an enormous amount of momentum at the press conference.

Paul said that this is not just for graduate students. Undergraduates will absolutely benefit from the donation by being able to participate with better equipment, more professors and more informed research.

"What is beginning today will continue to expand and evolve into the future," said Berrien Moore III, director of the Institute for the Study of Earth,

Oceans and Space. "It is much like the universe itself."

Paul set up the Developmental Psychology chair in the name of his father Samuel E. Paul to further the efforts in the field on behalf of future generations.

Paul negotiated a merger valued at \$475 million between his company Headlands Group, LLC., and GreenPoint Financial Corporation in December 1998. This merger was the largest business transaction in California history, earning him the position of president and chief executive.

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## TRAIN, from front page

Trolley, a junior, began working with the train inauguration committee after Student Body President Ken Kruger announced during a senate meeting that volunteers were needed. Trolley worked with Associate Vice President for University Relations Phyllis Bennett, who is the chair of the inauguration committee, and enjoyed learning about the dynamics of working in a planning group.

Planning for the train wasn't the only thing Trolley got excited about.

"I think the train is going to be a huge benefit to the community because it is going to be a great way to get down to Boston and up to Portland," she said.

Officials asked to speak by the committee at the inaugural ceremony are University President Joan Leitzel, Kruger, Director of Facilities Allan Braun and Chair of the Town Council Malcolm Sandberg.

Sandberg remembers taking the train to Boston with his mother to buy school clothes when he was younger, and it was always a special event for him. He feels that having the train available again to make the trip is something worth while for the town.

"It's been a long time coming," he said. "It's been a weak point in our transportation in the past."

After the train stops in

Durham at 12:52 p.m., President Leitzel will welcome Governor Jeanne Shaheen and executives from different railroad organizations to Durham. By 1:07 p.m., all of the passengers who have tickets to the gala inauguration event at the Portland Exposition Building will hopefully have boarded the train and be off to the next four stops before reaching their final destination at around 3:27 p.m.

Tickets to the gala are available at the MUB ticket office and the Durham town office until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, and cost \$25 each.

Once all of the first run festivities for the Downeaster are done, Pesci wants students to re-

member that rail traffic will increase starting on Dec. 15. New fences have gone up and old fences are being repaired or replaced around frequent crossing sites to discourage illegal track-crossings on the private property.

Each day the Downeaster has four scheduled round trip runs between Massachusetts and Maine.

"You're going to see a whole new New England by taking the train," said Pesci.

Friday is the first trip for Amtrak's Downeaster passenger train and it stops at seven New England seacoast towns along the way. Regular service for the train doesn't start until Saturday, Dec. 15, and Durham is sched-

uled as a weekend stop only.

That means that the train will stop at the Dairy Bar Station on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and some Monday holidays during the academic year.

For people who want to catch the train during the week, Wildcat transit stops at Chesnut Street and Third Street, which is where the Dover station is located.

Further train schedules and travel rates can be found at [www.thedowneaster.com](http://www.thedowneaster.com). Reservations must be made to secure a seat on the train and are available through a few avenues: the Web site, by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL or through a travel agent.

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## Federal agents break up smuggling network

By Cassio Furtado  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Federal investigators have cracked a network of smugglers who used late-night runs by a Los Angeles-based bus company to transport thousands of illegal immigrants each year from Mexico to U.S. cities, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Monday.

The alleged conspiracy, said to have carried between 50 and 300 illegal immigrants a day into the United States since 1996, "is the largest smuggling case involving a commercial enterprise, at least in the history of the INS," Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner James Ziglar told reporters at a news conference with Ashcroft.

Thirty-two people were indicted in connection with the alleged scheme, including top officers and several drivers of Golden State Transportation of Los Angeles, which operates throughout the Southwest.

The 39-count indictment alleges

that the company made much of its annual revenue by transporting undocumented illegal immigrants from the U.S.-Mexico border to cities such as Los Angeles, Denver and Yakima, Wash.

The illegal immigrants entered the United States through Texas and Arizona and were kept in motels or houses before being transported to the various cities, the indictment said.

Court papers say passengers often would be hidden close to Golden State terminals and loaded onto buses just before departure, using fake names or no names on passenger lists. Buses would arrive and depart after midnight to escape police detection and routes often changed to circumvent border-patrol checkpoints, officials said. The indictment also describes how Golden State allowed smugglers to purchase large blocks of tickets in advance.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the INS conducted the investigation, using as many as 300 agents over a two-year period.

Ziglar declined comment when



Chuck Kennedy - KRT

**Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that federal authorities have broken up an illegal immigrant smuggling ring.**

asked why tens of thousands of illegal immigrants were allowed to enter the country while the investigation was under way.

"This case reaffirms our commitment to disrupt migrant smuggling on all fronts, from the border to the boardroom," he said.

Said Ashcroft: "We will not tolerate violations of our borders. We will have even less patience for those who seek to violate the nation's immigration laws."

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Tucson, Ariz., obtained a restraining order freezing Golden State's assets, including buses and terminals. The order allows the company to operate while federal authorities investigate the smuggling allegations.

Golden State offers service to a number of Southwestern states and to Mexico.

It also operates bus terminals in Los Angeles; Denver; El Paso, Texas; Albuquerque, N.M.; Tucson; Phoenix; and Las Vegas. Its fare from Tucson to Los Angeles is \$80.

## U.S. bombs Tora Bora cave hideouts

By Jonathan S. Landay,  
Scott Canon and Martin  
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Newspapers

TORA BORA, Afghanistan - Signaling a possibly decisive turn in the hunt for Osama bin Laden, Afghan forces launched a ground offensive Monday on his suspected refuge after U.S. warplanes hammered the mountainous warren of caves and bunkers.

On the home front, the Bush administration prepared to release a videotape in which bin Laden reportedly admitted involvement in the Sept. 11 attack on America and said that some of the hijackers weren't aware it was a suicide mission. He also is said to express delight on the tape that the death toll exceeded his expectations.

Apparently made in November and found about 10 days ago in an abandoned apartment in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, the tape could counter bin Laden's previous public denials of responsibility.

"For those who see this tape, they'll realize that not only is he guilty of incredible murder, he has no conscience and no soul, that he represents the worst of civilization," President Bush told reporters following a White House ceremony honoring Hanukkah.

Many Americans on Tuesday will observe the three-month anniversary of the terrorist assault that killed more than 3,000 people, leveled the World Trade Center, damaged the Pentagon, destroyed four hijacked jetliners and thrust the United States into leading a global war against terrorism.

President Bush asked citizens of the United States and the entire world to honor the day; Americans and citizens of more than 70 other countries will play

their national anthems at 8:46 a.m. EST, the moment when the first of two airplanes struck the trade center on Sept. 11.

Solemn ceremonies will take place at the White House, the trade center, the Pentagon and in many schoolrooms and state capitals across the country.

U.S. military officials called Monday's fighting around Tora Bora "intense" as Afghan tanks shelled slopes and ridges, and groups of fighters moved to cut off escape routes from the hulking mountains where bin Laden's hard-core al-Qaida fighters were entrenched.

"Our troops are on the offensive," said Hafta Gul, a senior aide to Haji Zahir, one of three commanders directing the operation. "They are advancing."

By the end of the day, the Afghan forces reportedly overran the Malawa Valley at the foot of Tora Bora. They were said to have found the bodies of four al-Qaida fighters, but no sign of bin Laden - yet.

"This is a man on the run, a man with a big price on his head...," said Assistant Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz. "He doesn't have a lot of good options."

In the south, U.S. Marines grabbed a foothold closer to Kandahar, moving troops and armored vehicles within view of the city's outskirts. Their objective: to intercept fleeing foes and capture Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar.

Marines also entered Kabul for the first time since the city fell to anti-Taliban forces last month. The U.S. troops secured the American embassy, which has been closed since 1989 but could be reopened.

"We have publicly said we want to establish a diplomatic presence" in Afghanistan, said Mark Wentworth, a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in

Islamabad, Pakistan.

Southeast of Kabul, the battle raged for Tora Bora, where bin Laden and his top deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, are believed to be.

Among the weapons employed against bin Laden and his 700 to 2,000 Arab fighters: a 15,000-pound "daisy cutter" bomb, designed to deliver maximum damage - and a memorable experience for any survivors.

"There is a psychological effect of having a munition of 15,000 pounds of explosive capability that's brought into a very narrowly defined area," said Rear Admiral John Stufflebeem, a Pentagon spokesman.

He said the bomb was dropped on a cave "where some substantial al-Qaida forces would be, and possibly including senior leadership," though it was not known if that might have included bin Laden.

After a night of heavy bombing, U.S. B-52s suspended daylight strikes on Tora Bora as Afghan fighters launched their offensive Monday. The bombing runs were halted so the Afghans could advance without the threat of being hit by mistake, as occurred last week, Gul and other commanders said.

Several tanks positioned in foothills about two miles away fired sporadically in support of the attackers, their shells exploding in gray puffs of smoke and dust high up the knife-edged ridges of the hulking mountain.

Gul said Afghan forces would first try to block escape routes that the Arab defenders could use to cross the nearby border of Pakistan.

Once the redoubt was surrounded, he said, Afghan tribal fighters would launch an all-out assault on al-Qaida's last stronghold in Afghanistan.

The high-pitched thrum of aircraft was heard after nightfall

Monday, appearing to signal the resumption of the B-52 strikes that have lashed Tora Bora for days.

Still, it remained highly uncertain whether the Afghan fighters' uphill assault would succeed, and the battle seemed likely to be difficult and bloody.

"When the Russians were fighting at this spot, they did not capture it into years," said Mohammad Bahir, a 25-year-old tank gunner, of the Soviet Union's failed struggle to subdue Afghanistan. "They only reached it once, but were defeated."

Bahir and other Afghan soldiers believed that the Arabs were determined to set up their own to-the-death showdown with the United States by resisting long enough to compel the Bush administration to send in U.S. troops to finish the job.

In Washington, Wolfowitz offered no sign that such action was imminent, though he cautioned:

"The war in Afghanistan is not won. We may be hunting Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan months from now."

Tora Bora is a 90-minute, dust-choked drive from the eastern city of Jalalabad through rock-strewn plains, dead river beds and mud-walled villages. The 13,100-foot mountain is laced with inter-connected tunnels and bunkers built by bin Laden.

From its apex, the mountain's arms extend east and west, erupting from the plains in shadowy gullies and crevices, sun-splashed ridges, smaller peaks and undulating slopes. Behind it stand the snow-washed walls of the White Mountains.

The lower portions of Tora Bora appear bald from afar and seem to offer very little cover. Pine trees cover the upper slopes, giving the mountain the dark, somber hue that accounts for its

name: "tora" means black in the Pushto language; bora is a meaningless word that rhymes with tora.

U.S. and Afghan officials believe bin Laden retreated to the mountain when Afghanistan's former rulers, the puritanical Taliban militia, collapsed several weeks ago.

Monday's Afghan attack was marked by sporadic blasts of machinegun fire and thumps of mortars from the folds of the Malawa Valley. Gul said that between 600 and 700 Afghans were involved in the attack, with another 600 standing by.

U.S. officials have focused on bin Laden and Omar as the final primary targets of war in Afghanistan, and Monday's action by the Marines near Kandahar marked an enhancement of their ability to patrol the area that was believed to harbor Omar.

Stufflebeem, the Pentagon spokesman, said no evidence has surfaced suggesting that Omar had left Kandahar, the Taliban's spiritual home and last bastion, until it fell Friday.

Marines posted AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters, other helicopter gunships and anti-tank missiles along routes that Omar, his fighters or bin Laden's terrorists might use to flee to Pakistan or more remote regions of Afghanistan.

"We're still looking for al-Qaida," said Capt. Stewart Upton, a Marine spokesman. "And any Taliban who still have their weapons, unless they drop them immediately, they will die."

*(Landay reported from Tora Bora, Canon from Camp Rhino, Afghanistan, and Merzer from Washington. Knight Ridder Newspapers correspondents Lauren Markoe and Ron Hutcheson in Washington and Malcolm Garcia in Kabul, Afghanistan, contributed to this report.)*

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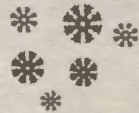


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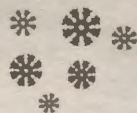


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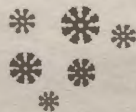
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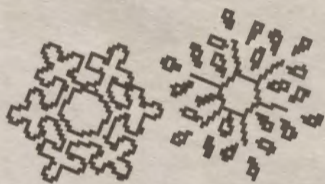
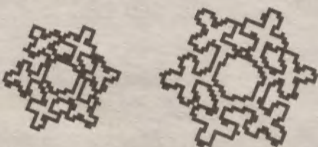
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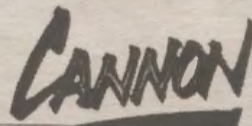
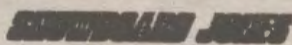
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**Today's Birthday (Dec. 11).** You're an independent cuss. Home and family may not have been your top priority. You're always interested in learning, though. You may find you didn't know as much as you thought you did. Old assumptions may prove to be false. Keep an open mind.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Today is a 7 - You're generally pretty outspoken, but you should keep quiet now. You don't have to lie, but you don't have to reveal everything. Warn a friend so that she doesn't, either.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Today is a 7 - When you give your word, you mean it. This is not something you do lightly. That's why you take your time and think things over first. Stick to that habit.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** - Today is a 7 - There's a lot more to be done, and it's harder than you expected. It should pay pretty well, though, so dig in! Postpone travel until later.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** - Today is a 7 - There are still a few things on your mind, but you're less worried now. You should be, anyway. It should be getting obvious that love will prevail. However, prepare for technical difficulties.

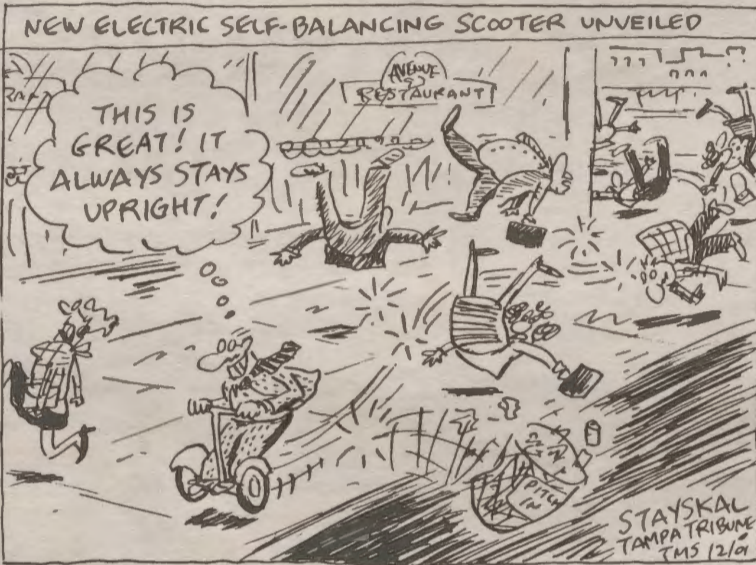
**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Today is a 6 - Slow down. Take a moment to think things over. Or an hour. Or a day. Think about the possible consequences of your actions. Leave as little as possible to somebody else's control.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Today is a 6 - There's something you don't know, and fig-

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uring it out would give you a distinct advantage. It might even help you get into a line of work you like better. Check it out.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22)** - Today is a 7 - This next part isn't easy, but you can do it if you try. The money is available, but not just for the asking. You'll have to work for it, and the job is a challenge. Creativity is required. You'll love that.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - Today is a 7 - You can get whatever you need from the same place where you got it before. With contacts you've already established, you'll be able to keep your costs low. Some things you may get for free, or in a trade. Call in favors that friends owe.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Today is a 6 - Your life has been a roller coaster lately. Again, hold back and wait. Review your plans. Think about consequences.

Work things out in your head or on paper before you have to do them in real life.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Today is a 7 - Knowing you're not alone brings you confidence. You've got a good team, and the emotional support is welcome. But that doesn't mean there won't be breakdowns.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Today is a 7 - Wipe that grin off your face. Look like you mean business. A person who can wield a lot of power - and who may be the person who signs your paycheck - is reviewing the troops. Stifle the urge to make a wisecrack. It would not get a laugh.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - Today is an 8 - There might be a million ways you could express your love, but you usually find the perfect way. You're great at caring for and fussing over people. A gentle person needs that from you now.

## Crossword

- ACROSS
- Criticize forcefully
  - Actress Peggy
  - Small songbirds
  - Flightless bird
  - Baldwin or Guinness
  - Lofty nest
  - Golf club
  - Sleuth Wolfe
  - Florida port
  - Highly seasoned sausage
  - Meteorological prediction
  - Coarse file
  - Separate
  - Put among
  - Worldwide
  - Blockhead
  - Fall garden?
  - Maine college town
  - Historical period
  - Swaggering behavior
  - Actress Lupino
  - Financier John Jacob
  - Luxurious auto
  - Secondhand
  - Planter
  - Bawdy state
  - Calendar span
  - Slight
  - Uranus spotter
  - Cut choppers
  - Flooded
  - Type of dancer
  - Cranry's companion?
  - River embankment
  - Declare as true
  - Roosevelt coin
  - Low cards
  - Uris or Trotsky
  - Luge
- DOWN
- Schusses
  - Italian currency unit
  - Mil. truant
  - Mosque tower
  - Gas-mask part
  - Pub choice
  - Feudal peon
  - Newspaper exclusive
  - London bridge
  - Fission site
  - Columnist
  - Bombard
  - Small drinks
  - Act as an usher
  - Deface
  - Tease
  - Foot-operated lever
  - Concepts
  - Scandinavians
  - List of candidates
  - Demon
  - Western state capital
  - Chilean range
  - Encumbrances
  - Appointments
  - Old-time trousers
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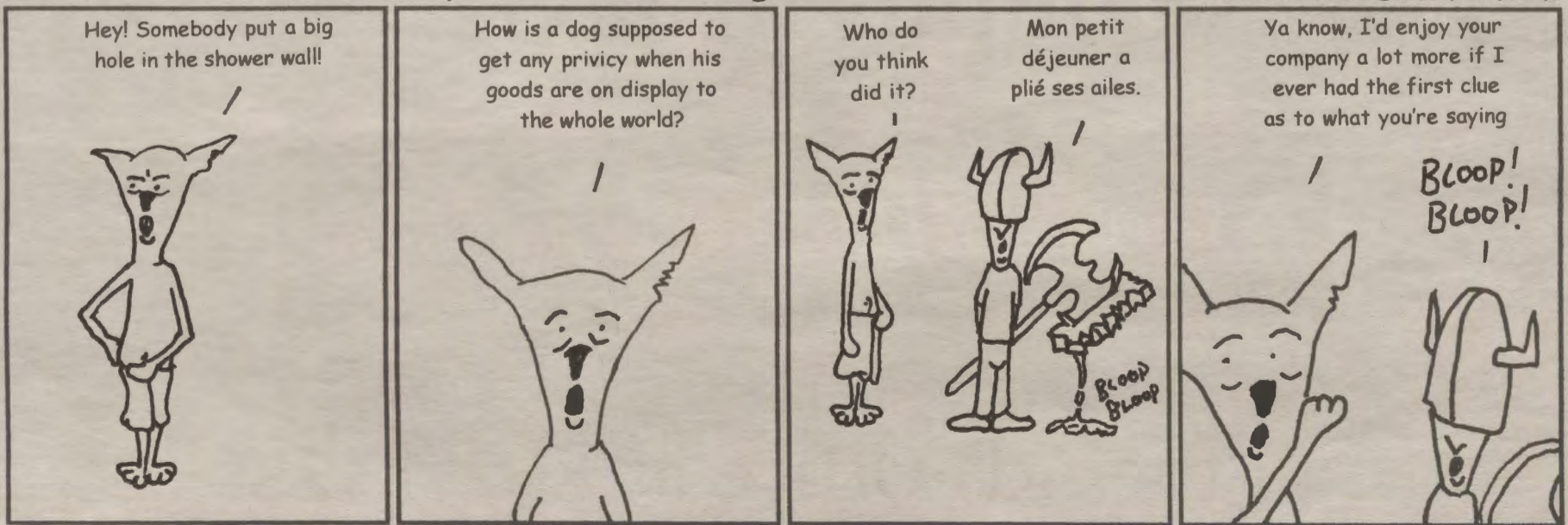
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- Fit for a king
- Sentry's command
- Wide-mouthed pitcher
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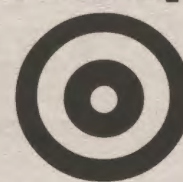
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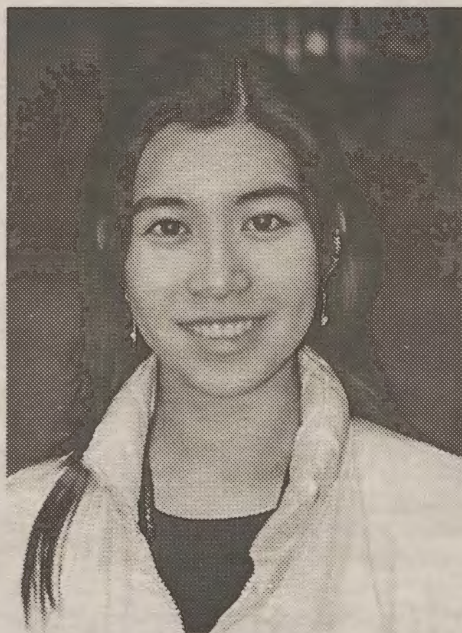
# How do you plan to de-stress after finals?

## On the Spot



With Allie Gaines

Bonnie Lai  
sophomore  
music  
education



"A lot of sleep."

Shay Duffy  
freshman  
undeclared  
liberal arts



"Shopping."

Zarina Kyle  
freshman  
biology



"A gallon of ice cream."

Steve Lewis  
senior  
mechanical  
engineering



"Drink."

Jeanne  
Weintraub  
freshman  
undeclared  
liberal arts



"Take a bubble bath."

Kimberly  
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psychology



"Gettin' some."

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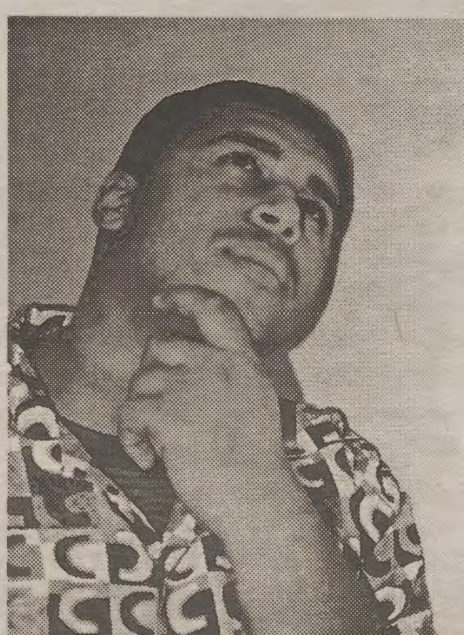
"Run around and play in the snow."

Ben  
Blaudschun  
sophomore  
business  
management



"Head to the mountains and go skiing."

Moses Fortes  
sophomore  
women's studies



"Play some Cape Verdean music."

## Editorial

### The Senate debate

In journalism, decisions are seldom as simple as black or white, right or wrong. There is a vast gray area where the answers to the questions of what to print and what not to print fall. This is an accepted part of the profession that is taught by the University's journalism program. It is recognized that there is no one golden rule that can be applied in every situation to ensure that it is handled in the best interests of both readers, writers and professional standards. How journalists deal with this is through an elaborate set of universal codes, specifically the Society of Professional Journalists' Code of Ethics, that are vague enough to be applied to any of the various questions that inevitably come up in the profession.

One of the four basic pillars of the SPJ Code of Ethics is "Act Independently." In order to maintain an integrity to printing unbiased truth, journalists can not have personal or financial ties to that which they are covering. This ethical code is an effort to ensure that journalists report the news fully, presenting objective facts from every angle involved. This way journalists do not have a personal agenda hiding behind and influencing their writing and reporting, the reader is presented all of the facts truthfully to make his or her own decision how to respond. It also ensures that journalists aren't put in a position where they have to shy away from a story for fear of direct punishment from the people or institution being covered.

*The New Hampshire* faces a huge breach of this ethical code. Twice a year the newspaper is required to go before the University's Student Senate as a Student Activity Fee Organization (SAFO). As a SAFO, *TNH* is allotted a yearly budget out of the Student Activity Fee fund. The catch; the decision of whether or not the paper sees a penny is in the hands of the Student Senate, an elected body about which *TNH* reports religiously. As the newspaper of the student body, *TNH* is committed to relaying truthful coverage of what happens in the Student Senate. *TNH* provides the Student Senators' constituencies the important information they require in order to decide whether or not they are being properly represented in the Senate's decision making process.

The problem comes when *TNH* presents its concept, which describes the newspaper's purpose and goals, in front of the Student Senate. How can *TNH* be expected to "act independently" by covering the Student Senate each week fairly even though it is the one that controls *TNH's* funding? What if senators who feel that they have been misrepresented by *TNH* bring this personal vendetta to the floor of the Senate and use that to influence others to vote against the newspaper's funding? What if it makes *TNH* think twice before reporting honestly on the Senate because it is afraid of losing its funding?

Of course *The New Hampshire* will continue to strive to represent the whole truth of each and every issue that it covers, including the Student Senate. However, in the case of UNH's student government, the one who grants the privilege to use student funds, can decide that *TNH* does not deserve this money. While we hope that Senators act independently and make the best decision for the students, the question of Senators and their personal gripes with *TNH's* coverage of this institution is completely real. Some Senators, certainly not all, would use this power to eliminate the only student-run media source that brings the Senate happenings directly to the students. Do you feel comfortable with Senate having this power?

## Letters

### Poinsettia project importance

#### To the Editor:

This past Thursday night, Dec. 6, I stood admiring all the hard work my friends and classmates put into creating the poinsettia tree that now stands in the lobby of the Whittemore Center. A guy passed by and arrogantly said to his friend, "I don't know why someone doesn't steal one of those." I replied, "Because it would be rude." They kept walking, not recognizing my statement, but I feel that I should let the rest of the University know exactly why it is not only rude to steal someone else's class project, but also malicious and unkind to your fellow student (not to mention human being). And granted, I am using this particular project as an example. But it is also the perfect example. The display is one of importance to my fellow plant biology student and

members of the plant biology department. It helps to light the option of majoring (or minoring) in horticulture at the University of New Hampshire. It also shows exactly what we are doing in those big glass buildings on the edge of campus. Yes, those greenhouses. Have any of you ever bothered to go take a look in there? You might be surprised by what kind of research and teaching goes on down there. I believe that it is worth the money to run heat, electricity and water to it. Between those buildings and the excellent opportunities given to me as an environmental horticulture student. I can go away from this University knowing that I have the ability to be an outstanding citizen and also a horticulturist.

**Cami Esmel  
Senior**

### Bus drivers face many obstacles

#### To the Editor:

I was very pleased with the "Shuttle Saga Continues" article in the Nov. 30 issue of *TNH*. It makes a concerted effort to clarify the obstacles we bus drivers face getting around campus. I just hope the population can now understand what we go through.

A couple of weeks ago, I was driving a bus in Portsmouth and found myself sitting in Harry Potter traffic for fifteen minutes near the mall. More recently, there were two accidents at the Sullivan Bridge, bringing traffic on the turnpike to a standstill—buses included. When I'm running late, I do everything I safely and legally can to make up the lost time. The bottom line is that buses have to face all the same road conditions as cars, and to coin a phrase, we're even less able

to "cut corners" because we're responsible for thirty-odd lives.

A bus driver's first duty is the safety of his passengers. What is second is their comfort and convenience. As such, he must sometimes sacrifice the latter to ensure the former. The traffic jams and accordingly late shuttles drive me crazy, too. But if people give up on the bus and start taking their cars, chances are they won't get there any earlier because they'll hit the same obstacles. Chances are also that the parking spaces will all be gone by the time they get there. I've been complimented by the residents of Dover and Portsmouth, and I tell them the same thing: "I do my humble best."

**Chris Lark  
Wildcat Transit Driver**

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## Op-Ed

## Eating should be guilt-free

Judea Franck  
Senior

A unique American tragedy came to my attention when flipping through the pages of the Tuesday, Dec. 6 issue of *The New Hampshire*. I stumbled across an article entitled "Holiday Eating 'tis the season of food, not a reason to fret." The piece included dietary tips to help ease the strain of eating during the holidays. "The secret," the article stated, "is moderation and balance." The article then proceeded to offer a series of tips on how to avoid dangerous eating during the holidays with the precision, forethought and efficiency resembling the tactics of a military plan. Those tips included, "Be realistic. Don't try to lose weight during the holidays... Instead strive to maintain your weight by balancing party eating with other meals... Take the edge off your hunger before a party. Eat a small snack... Try sparkling water with a lime twist instead of eggnog... Make just one trip to the party buffet. And be selective! Choose only your absolute favorite holiday foods and keep your portions small. Often just a taste satisfies a craving."

I could go on quoting, but I think I have pointed out enough of the insidious comments that came under the guise of health. The point being, the article (probably without meaning to) promoted the control of food consumption as a marker by which one could determine the quality of how she/he had behaved during the holiday season. How is it possible that in the land of the plenty eating has become a sin and self-deprivation the moral high ground on which we stand? This article is not the first of its kind but only represents a symptom of a problem in our society that continues to grow.

As a society, we seem to value the ability for a person to exhibit goodness through their ability to maintain a socially acceptable body size. Perhaps we falter so badly when dealing with the issues plaguing our nation because we have lost focus on what holds real moral consequence in the world.

The National Eating Disorders Association ([www.edap.com](http://www.edap.com)) statistics indicate that five to 10 million adolescent girls and women, as well as 1 million men and boys, struggle with eating disorders and borderline conditions. Half the women in America and one out of every four men are on a diet on any given day. Furthermore, research shows that "calorie restriction and other common dietary practices can lead to serious health consequences including eating disorders." America spends \$40 billion on diets and diet-related products each year. This holiday season, I challenge each and every person to give himself/herself an important gift: freedom from body judgements and permission to eat. "If to be fat be to be hated, than Pharaoh's lean kine be to be loved," Shakespeare's Henry IV Part One.

## Bring back the genius of Matt Doucet

Timothy Kinnicutt  
Bedford Native

Ladies and gentlemen, my name is Tim Kinnicutt. I grew up in Bedford, New Hampshire and have had many friends go through the University. I am going to tell you that I have only met Matt Doucet once and that was a handshake while passing by him on my way to my seat at Yankee Stadium. He is the same age as my younger brother and we share some mutual friends, but I do not have any personal ties to him. The point of my letter to you is that I have visited your paper's Web site the past Friday and Tuesday, expecting to see Mr. Doucet's column. I am extremely disappointed to find that it is not being posted any longer. I have come to look forward to his

work ever since I was introduced to it earlier this year. Your Web site is the first thing I look at on these mornings when your paper comes out. I read a lot of sports commentary on ESPN.com, the *Boston Globe*, *The Herald*, and other sports sites on the internet, but I don't hesitate to say that Matt's article is the most brilliant work that I read all week. I think he is witty, smart and very knowledgeable about his topics, and he speaks very well to college-aged sports fans, as well as recent graduates like myself. I have also told many of my friends and colleagues about his writing, and they also have enjoyed his savvy. Furthermore, his work draws me to your paper's other articles. I read many of them and have become a fan of the college newspaper in general. It has a lot of local stories and news that I am

interested in.

I would like to ask you to please reconsider your criticism of Mr. Doucet's column and please continue to post your most popular work every week. I have learned that you don't believe that his idea has focus, but I submit to you that his focus is to touch on all the issues in the sports world and beyond that his loyal readers have a significant interest in. And he comments on the issues in a manner that the rest of us only wish we could. Matt is entertaining and when I read his work, like many of my peers, it feels like the words are coming out of our mouth because he relates so well to the audience. His intelligence and wit are things that I only wish I possessed and I know I am not alone in this feeling. When I have the opportunity to speak with some

of his other readers, Matt's column dominates the conversation. I also know that he is well regarded by at least one sports commentator who writes professionally for ESPN.com. *TNH*, I contact you only because I feel you have erred in your decision to pull Mr. Doucet's work from your Web site. I do not pretend to know anything about running a newspaper, nor do I possess a mastery of writing. So I do not want to tell you how to run your newspaper or tell you that Matt Doucet is comparable to William Shakespeare in his prose. But I do ask you to give your audience what they want. Matt is the most talented young writer I have found, and it is shameful to take his brilliance away from his numerous fans around the country.

## 'No Holds Barred' provides fresh outlook

Raymond Demers  
Lehigh University

I have gone to your Web site the past few days hoping to see Matt Doucet's column "No Holds Barred" and unfortunately it has not been there. I know Doucet through a mutual friend and contacted him, asking why he hadn't been writing. He told me that the editors felt his columns "lacked focus." Now, I am neither a journalism major or an English major, but I feel his columns are the finest in your college newspaper. His lack of focus is the point of his ar-

ticles. They are random thoughts; a collection of the best of what runs through his head. Inevitably his mind is not always focused on sports, so elements of pop culture do appear in his articles. This is what makes him so interesting to read.

I don't know what the reasoning behind his censorship is. I just feel that his articles are exactly what a college newspaper needs: a guy with a fresh outlook, with the intelligence to know how to express his thoughts, on sports or on pop culture. I have an interest in UNH hockey since I grew up in New Hampshire but to

be honest, as I scroll down the web page in search of "No Holds Barred" I am rarely, if ever, compelled to stop and read another article. Not that the happenings of the UNH sports scene aren't important, but the abstracts given (and the articles as a whole) are typical and boring. That's the precise reason I am writing this e-mail. I hope Matt Doucet is not being censored because he is not typical, because he isn't the cookie-cutter college newspaper writer. Hopefully you consider running his columns again because, quite frankly, they are the best work in your paper, period.

## Doucet's column, opinions missed

Clark Dumont  
N.H. native

I was extremely disappointed in not being able to view the latest column, "No Holds Barred" by Matt Doucet. I anticipate his column, as he is insightful and entertaining in covering various aspects of the sporting world. As a student originally from Southern

New Hampshire and now attending college out-of-state, I enjoy checking up on the local sports scene. As a result, I found Mr. Doucet's column and have been an avid follower since. While I will admit that he sometimes may make the occasional outrageous statement, such as Jeter being comparable to Russell, he always produces top-notch pieces that I

find on Web sites like [espn.com](http://espn.com) (The Sports Guy). I have come to understand that you find his columns lacking continuity. I find that this is just what makes the

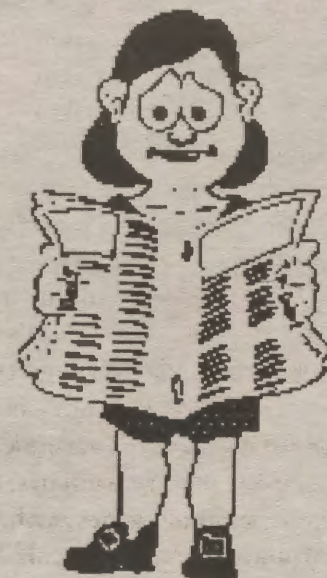
columns so enjoyable to read. I understand that your responsibilities as editor are numerous, yet all I ask is for you to reconsider withholding his column.

**\*Editor's Note:**

Editors of *The New Hampshire* have held the last two "No Holds Barred" columns because the writer was unavailable for consultation on a few minor changes. The column will continue to be featured in the sports section every Tuesday and Friday.

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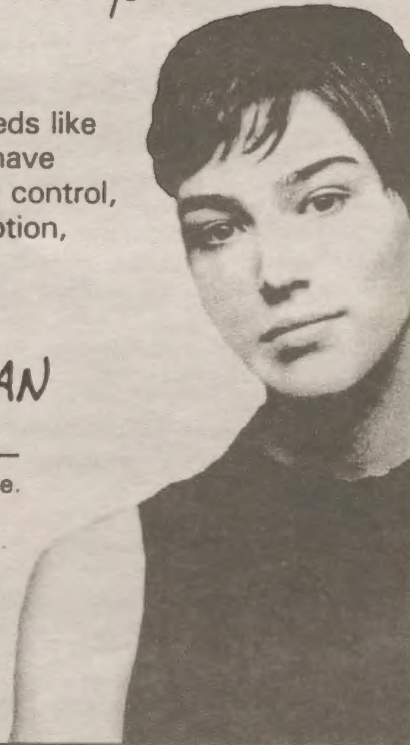
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## FRENCH, from back page

of daughters in Dover.

It was the start of a full career at UNH — one that has left French and the people around him, loaded with stories.

"He loves to tell stories," says Umile. "He and I have been talking stories for years."

Among Umile's favorites is French's reputation around buffet tables.

"Everywhere we go, they have these buffets set out," he says, "and there's nothing that guy won't eat."

"All I can say is that Coach Umile can't handle hot wings,"

chuckles French, thinking back eight years to a game at RPI. In the hotel that night, French, assistant coach Chris Serino (now head coach at Merrimack) and Umile all decided to order out for some wings. French got the "mild" kind, Serino took "hot," and Umile went for the "atomic."

"I looked over and his face was pure red," laughs French. "He started going, 'Coke! More Coke!' — it was unbelievable. We've had a lot of good times like that."

McDonnell also holds his share of French stories. Aside

from being the guy that would travel to every game with the team, French was the one who would go up and down the sidelines before kickoff smearing eye-black on every player, shouting in each face. Sometimes he even tried shouting in the referee's.

"I remember last year in Delaware we had this unbelievable comeback, then this Delaware receiver made this great catch but it looked as though he may have fumbled," says McDonnell. "We were all running down the sideline yelling,

then I look over and Jack is on the field — just about on the numbers — screaming at the official. I couldn't tell you exactly what he was saying, but it just shows you how badly he wanted us to do well."

And even after he retires, French says he'll always be pulling for the Wildcats. He may try some fishing, play some golf, spend some time at his place in Florida and travel a bit, but he'll also be in the stands as much as possible. He hasn't even ruled out working in the equipment room on a part-time basis.

"Who knows," he says, "I might not be one of those guys who can just sit down and read a book."

Besides, after all the time he's spent here and after all of the people he's met, French isn't so sure he'll be able to leave his job behind so easily.

"Wherever I go, I meet people that either played here or worked here or whatever, and it's the people that are the major thing," he says. "They're what you miss the most when you have to leave. I sure won't miss the washing as much."

## HOCKEY, from back page

Nicolette Franck into the upper right corner.

New Hampshire extended the lead to 2-0 on a Misikowetz tally at 8:15 of the middle stanza. Misikowetz drew the faceoff from the right circle to freshman Steph Jones who touched the puck back to Stefanilo at the point. Stefanilo's slap shot through traffic was stopped by Franck, but Misikowetz chipped the rebound into the net.

Yale, held without a shot over the first half of the second period, pulled within 2-1 on an Erin Duggan tall at 12:41 when Rory Neuner's centering pass from the left corner found Duggan alone in front.

UNH reestablished a two-goal advantage, 3-1, on Stefanilo's goal with four seconds remaining in the middle stanza. Sophomore forward Janine Goulet con-

trolled the face-off from the right circle back to Stefanilo and this time her slap shot from the point beat Franck.

Sophomore forward Allison Edgar netted her team-leading 12th goal of the season on the power play at 6:18 of the final frame to extend the lead to 4-1. Freshman Randi MacMaster and Misikowetz were credited with assists on the goal.

UNH's junior goaltender Jen Huggon made 18 saves. Franck stopped 41 shots. The Wildcats conclude the 2001 calendar year with a pair of home games at the Whittemore Center next weekend. The 'Cats play host to Harvard University on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast by WTSN-AM 1270. UNH plays St. Lawrence on Dec. 15 (7 p.m.). That game will be broadcast by the UNH Sports Network.



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The Wildcats skate past Yale as they split this weekends games, falling to Providence on Friday night.

## O'LEARY, from back page

the head coach of Notre Dame," O'Leary said.

What else did you expect him to say? It beats coaching at Purdue?

In fact, Notre Dame has become a rather ordinary football factory, which is why the Irish settled for a rather ordinary football coach.

This isn't to say O'Leary, who went 52-33 in seven-plus seasons at Tech, won't be wildly successful in South Bend. He may be. He's respected by his peers, although he's no Lou Holtz.

But then, Holtz was no Lou Holtz when he left Minnesota to rescue Notre Dame from the Gerry Faust fiasco in 1985. By the time Holtz left a decade later, had won a national title and transformed the Irish job into the most demanding in the nation. The demands overwhelmed Bob Davie, a nice guy who failed to light a fire under the faithful. By the end, Davie had become vilified by alums,

real and barstool, the same people will spend the next several months debating whether O'Leary is the best man for the job.

That's mostly irrelevant. O'Leary was the best man willing to take the job, and it wasn't as if the folks at Georgia Tech were lying down in front of his car when it pulled away Sunday. O'Leary's desire to go to South Bend had to come as a relief after a national search that was beginning to turn embarrassing. In the last week, athletic director Kevin White did everything but post the job on Monster.com.

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Jon Gruden, the Oakland Raiders' wonder boy, was a candidate only in the minds of die-hard Domers and delusional talk-show hosts. San Francisco 49ers coach Steve Mariucci and Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops also were fantasies.

Oregon's Mike Bellotti may have been a more realistic possibility, but he wasn't interested. No wonder. His 10-1 team just won the Pac-10 and may snag a share of the national title if things break right in the Bowl Championship Series.

White was running into the same problem encountered last year by his colleagues at Southern California and Alabama, a couple of other programs past their sell-by dates.

Fans and boosters believe it's great to be the head coach at those schools. But in the real world of 85-scholarship parity, the Oregon job is at least as good as the USC job. Ditto the Notre Dame job, because academic standards squeeze out players who often come back to beat the Irish on the field.

USC had to endure a humiliating se-

ries of "no-thank-yous," including one from Bellotti, before Pete Carroll accepted the position. Likewise, Alabama courted everyone but Bear Bryant's son before luring Dennis Franchione away from Texas Christian.

White on Sunday praised O'Leary's offense, his defense, his special teams. But he also noted O'Leary wanted the job, and wanted it bad.

"I believe we have found a man who is ideally suited to become a part of Notre Dame, to energize our football program and to lead us, as someone once said, onward to victory," White told a South Bend pep rally/news conference Sunday.

And they found someone who knows the words to the fight song, which has to count for something.

# No holds barred

Matt Doucet's sports column will return in Friday's issue.

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# 'Cats bitten by Tigers Mixed emotions

From Staff Reports

Gretchen Anderson scored an unassisted breakaway goal at 2:54 of overtime to lift the Princeton University women's ice hockey team to Saturday afternoon's

1-0

victory

against

No. 5

University

of New

Hampshire

at Hobey

Baker Rink.

UNH, with a 6-1-0 record in the ECAC East, is now 10-3-1 overall. Princeton, which is 3-2-0 in the ECAC North, improves to 6-3-2.

With the Wildcats caught in a line change, Anderson broke in behind the defense alone on UNH goaltender junior Jen Huggon. She shifted across the slot from the right circle and tucked the shot beneath Huggon to end the game with 2:06 to play in the extra session.

Princeton goalie Megan Van Beusekom finished with 25 saves, including two in overtime to record the shutout. Huggon stopped 18 shots.

Princeton held a 9-2 advantage in shots in a scoreless first period. One of UNH's most dangerous chances in the opening period occurred six minutes into the game when a low shot by sophomore forward Janine Goulet sailed just wide of the left post.

The Wildcats generated a 9-6 shot advantage in the second period in which the Tigers successfully killed consecutive bench minors for too many skaters on the ice at 14:21 and 16:57.

In the third period, the 'Cats out shot their hosts 12-3. One of



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**Freshman Randi MacMaster charges up the ice, but it was not enough as UNH falls to Princeton.**

the best opportunities in the game was produced by assistant captain junior forward Annie Fahlenbock who corralled a loose puck low in the right circle and fired a shot to the near post. Van Beusekom made a sprawling stick save to keep the game scoreless.

In the extra session, freshman forward Steph Jones almost ended the game, but she was denied by Van Beusekom at the right post. Thirty seconds later, Anderson netted the

game's lone goal.

New Hampshire concludes its weekend road trip Dec. 9 (2 p.m.) at Yale University. The Wildcats conclude the 2001 calendar year home at the Whittemore Center next weekend. The 'Cats play host to Harvard University on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast by WTSN-AM 1270. UNH plays St. Lawrence on Dec. 15 (7 p.m.). That game will be broadcast by the UNH Sports Network.

By Spencer LeFlem  
TNH Reporter

It was a mix of both good and bad this weekend for the University of New Hampshire

men's bas-

ketball

team as

the

squad

won its

first game

of the season

Thursday, only to get blown out

at Lehigh on Saturday.

Thursday night's game in the Fieldhouse pitted UNH (1-7) against an overpowered Division III New England College (2-5). It was all UNH the entire game as they jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, winning by a final score of 96-51.

NEC scored first as Joe Shaw buried a trifecta from the wing to give the visitors a 3-0 lead, but Senior Chris Brown answered with five straight points of his own, giving the 'Cats a lead they would not relinquish. UNH slowly continued to stretch their lead, taking a 51-34 half time lead. The second half was more of the same, as UNH continued to pound the ball into the out-matched NEC squad.

There was little resistance under the hoop for the 'Cats, as they had their way with the smaller NEC forwards, winning the rebounding battle 67-33. Senior Chris Brown led the fight with 10 boards and 20 points, both of which were team highs for the evening. Freshman Brady Catlett came off the bench to score 17 points on 9-15 shooting, while sophomores Kyle Peterson and Allen Gould added 12 points each. Overall, UNH shot well from the field (45 percent), capitalizing on poor shooting from NEC (27 percent) who came out hot in the first few minutes before UNH tightened the defense. Both teams suf-

fered from sloppy play though, committing over 20 turnovers each. It made no difference for New Hampshire since the game was well under control ten minutes in.

Although the game will not count on the overall record, since it was against a team from a lesser division, it was key for team to have any type of break after playing the tough schedule presented in the first five games.

"We needed a win at any level," said Brown. "It was good for us to get one finally."

It was another story on Saturday, however, as the Wildcat's suffered from a lack of offense, losing to Lehigh University (1-7) in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania by a final of 72-49.

The Mountain Hawks' in-your-face defense held the visitors in check the entire night, allowing a mere 17 points to be scored in the first half as they gained a 37-17 lead at the break. Lehigh's Matt Logie was the guiding hand for his team, scoring 14 first half points, and finishing with 18 for the game.

Although Lehigh did not score for the first nine minutes of the second half, the lead never dipped below 8 points the entire night. The leading scorer for the 'Cats, Senior Austin Ganly (13.7 ppg), was held to only two points on the day and fouled out with five minutes remaining. The leading scorer for UNH was Senior Assane Faye who scored 14 points, including 10 from behind the free throw line. Brown notched his second straight double-double, with 10 rebounds and 10 points on the night. Peterson also added 10 points. The turnover bug bit the Wildcat's again, as the team gave the ball away 18 times, as well as shot only 24.6 percent from the floor.

The next game will be held on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Field House against Harvard University.

## Wildcats fried by Providence

The UNH women's basketball team lose a heartbreaker in overtime against the Friars

From Staff Reports

Senior Colleen Mullen's off-balance three-pointer at the buzzer sent the University of New Hampshire women's basketball to overtime with Providence,

but the Friars

outscored the

'Cats 13-6 in

the extra ses-

session to post a

79-70 victory

Saturday after-

noon at Alumni

Hall.

Trailing 66-63 with 6.5 seconds remaining in regulation, Mullen took an inbounds pass in UNH's defensive end, dribbled the length of the court and heaved a shot as she was falling down. The shot banked off the backboard as the horn sounded to knot the game at 66-66.

But the Friars (6-3) got six points from Catrina Hawley-Stewart and five from Jenese Wilcox in the overtime to hang on for the win. UNH (3-5), which

had great success pounding the ball inside, received solid performances from sophomore Maren Matthias who hit for a career-high 22 points to go along with 12 rebounds, and senior Aubrey Danen who set a season-high with 21 points while pulling down seven boards.

The Wildcats led 29-25 halftime before the Friars opened the second half scoring six of the first eight points to knot the game at 31-31. UNH responded with a 7-0 spurt of its own to go up 38-31. The Friars battled back, however, and went on a 18-6 run to grab a 51-46 lead with 8:43 remaining in the second half.

The 'Cats regained the lead, 55-53 on a Mullen (11 points) long-distance three-pointer and took their largest lead of the night, 60-53 on Danen's three-pointer from the top of the key with 5:06 remaining. Providence used free throw shooting to get back in the game and retook the lead, 64-63 on Ryann Kilgore's jumper with only 33 seconds remaining. After a UNH miss and foul, Kristin Quinn hit two free throws to give the Friars a three-point edge, setting up Mullen's heroics.

Providence finished the game shooting close to 70 (23-33) percent from the free throw line, while UNH managed to hit on just seven of 16 from the charity stripe.

UNH plays the final game of a three-game road trip Thursday night at UMass. The 'Cats return home Dec. 29 to take on Sacred Heart at Lundholm Gymnasium at 3 p.m.



Josh Gibney - Staff Photographer

**Senior guard Kiki Proctor and the UNH Wildcats scrambled late to send the game into overtime but couldn't outlast the Friars.**

Women's  
Hockey

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Hoops

# 'Getting Stronger Together'

By Kevin Mealey  
Staff Writer

The University of New Hampshire gymnastics team strutted its stuff on Saturday at Lundholm Gymnasium in a "Meet the Team" intra-squad exhibition event. A crowd of over 350 people, which included parents, fans and children of all ages, filed through the doors to catch the action.

The crowd actually participated in helping determine the outcome of the event by influencing the judges' decisions through applause. The Wildcats were split into two teams: Blue and White. The split squads then competed in the vault, the uneven bars, the balance beam and the floor exercise. The score ended up in a 10-10 draw.

## Gymnastics

The Wildcat gymnasts wore T-shirts in between events that read; "Getting Stronger Together." According to senior co-captains Bethany Wagner and Katie Revis, this squad is all about team effort. "We're a really close team," said Wagner. Revis added, "everything you do is for the team."

Revis and Wagner are very excited about this year's team and thought that Saturday's performance was an indication of good things to come. Both stated that the team is young and has a lot of new faces, and they are excited to see the underclassman perform in front of a large crowd.

Freshman Jayne Propert was nervous about her first competition for UNH.

"I knew I'd be competing in front of so many people, but the way they did it made it a fun atmosphere," said Propert.

The meet was set to have each of the girls perform the events in a head-to-head competition. There was music that accompanied each routine and celebrity judges, such as Jon Oosterhuis from the UNH football team. Coach Gail Goodspeed, who is entering her 21st year as head coach, was very pleased with the performance.

"The team really gelled together," said Goodspeed. "This was a nice starting place."

The 'Cats have a little less than a month to prepare for the first real competition, which takes place on Jan. 10 at Rutgers University. The student athletes will finish exams, take an abbreviated break and return to campus on the Dec. 27, essentially giving the team two weeks to polish the routines.

The team will follow the lead of the senior co-captains. Juniors Jen Dickson, Michelle Harley and Erin Malinak round

out the upperclassmen. The team also has three sophomores and eight freshmen.

Revis and Wagner will be expected to carry the team in the vault and floor exercises. Harley and Dickson will most likely be the strongest contenders in the all-around competitions along with sophomore Crystal Beak. Sophomore Tara Phillips should excel in the vault and the uneven bars and freshmen Lindsey Berrios and Vanessa James should also contribute in the all-around. Propert is a walk on and shows great promise.

Even though this is a young team, coach Goodspeed likes what she sees.

"I always expect nationals," said Goodspeed. "Gymnastics is a sport that really is a combination of working hard, keeping everybody healthy and being ready to hit at regionals."

The team's first home meet is Saturday, Jan. 19 against the University of Rhode Island.



Courtesy Photo

**Junior Jen Dickson should be one of the standout performers for the 2002 UNH Wildcats.**

# Tough weekend for the defense

By Jenna Sizemore  
Staff Writer

After a wild weekend in up state New York, the University of New Hampshire men's ice hockey team

is glad to be back in New Hampshire. The Wildcats

suffered their first loss in five games at the hands of ECAC foe, Clarkson University 8-5 on Friday night. UNH came back the next night, however, to defeat the Saints of St. Lawrence 5-4.

Friday night, the 'Cats headed to New York to take on the Golden Knights of Clarkson. Thirteen goals and two and a half hours later, UNH found themselves three goals short.

Clarkson's Matt Poapst and Trevor Edwards netted two goals a piece in the Golden Knights victory over UNH. Twenty-five seconds in the first period, Jean Desrochers scored to put Clarkson ahead. Fifteen seconds later sophomore forward Steve Saviano evened it up at 1-1.

Clarkson took a 2-1 lead, when Wildcat senior goalie Matt Carney mishandled a puck, dropping it just over the goal line. At 10:58, just 30 seconds later junior Colin Hemingway found the back of the net to tie the game once again at 2-2.

Two more goals were scored before the buzzer sounded to end the period tied at three. Freshman Sean Collins found the back of the net to put the 'Cats ahead and Clarkson's Edwards knotted the game at three a piece with his first goal of the evening.

In the second period, the scoring frenzy continued. Again

Clarkson scored off of the face-off to give the Golden Knights a one-goal edge. Senior Darren Haydar netted a short-handed goal for his 11th goal of the year, at 5:06. Saviano and junior Kevin Truelson were credited with the helpers.

Clarkson kept the momentum in its favor as the team capitalized twice on the man-advan-

tage. The Golden Knights took a two-goal lead and never looked back.

UNH scored once more in the final seconds of the period to cut Clarkson's lead by one, but the Wildcats couldn't come back.

Clarkson put the game away registering the only two goals of the third stanza.

Matt Carney suffered his first loss of the season, as the 'Cats five game losing streak came to end.

Saturday night, the Wildcats were back in action just down the road at St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. UNH came back from the 8-5 loss to Clarkson to defeat to Saints 5-4.

The first period was plagued with penalties, as UNH was sent to the sin bin six times. SLU capitalized on one of the Saints man-advantage, as Stace Page registered his first goal of the season.

A minute later, the Wildcats evened it up when senior Darren Haydar notched his 12th goal of the season; a power-play goal. Haydar poked in the rebounding shot from junior defenseman Garrett Stafford from the point. Freshmen forward Sean Collins was credited with the second assist.

UNH would jump out to a two-goal lead late in the third period as two freshmen scored their first career goals as Wildcats. Preston Callander found

the back of the net at 12:51 in to the period. Sophomore defenseman Mike Lubesnick and junior forward Jim Abbott were awarded the assists.

Seconds later, Freshmen Justin Aikens lit the lamp when he redirected Stafford's shot from the point.

Early in the second period, the Saints netted two goals, Page and Russ Bartlett each scored to tie up the game at three a piece. Collins scored his first goal of the evening at 14:05 to give the Wildcats the lead.

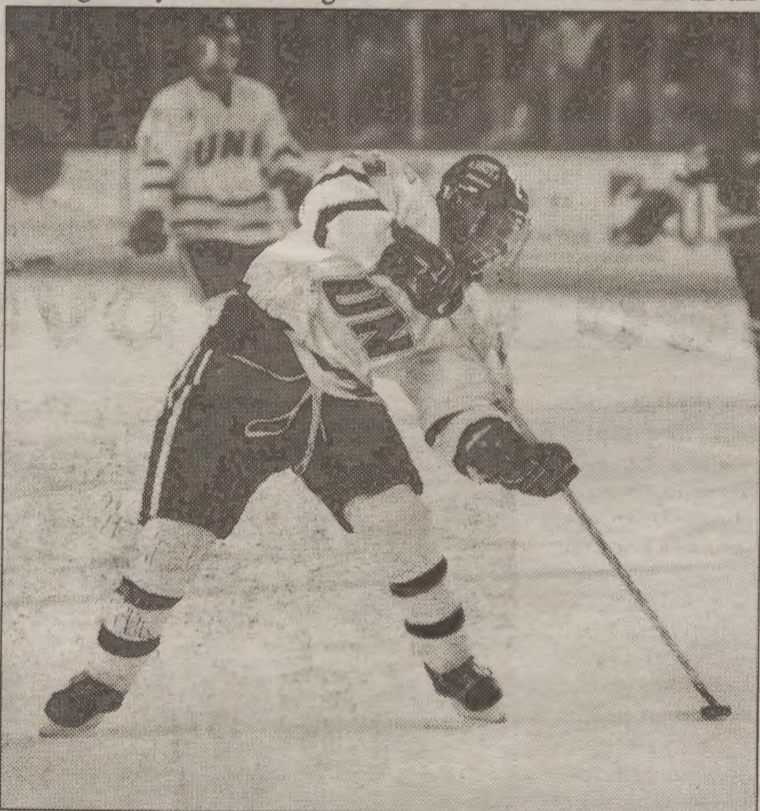
In the opening seconds of the third stanza, Haydar notched his second goal of the night to give UNH a two-goal lead. Collins was credited with the only assists.

SLU's Robin Carruthers tugged the puck between sophomore goalie Mike Ayers pads to cut the lead by one, but that was as close as the Saints could get.

Ayers made 14 of his 28 saves in the third period to earn his fourth career win.

Haydar remained unstoppable as he recorded his fourth consecutive three-point game, a feat that earned him his second straight HOCKEY EAST Player of the Week honor.

The 'Cats travel to the new Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester in play in front of a sold out crowd of 10,000 plus people as they take on the interstate rivals Dartmouth College. The puck drops at 7 p.m.



Josh Gibney - Staff Photographer

**Freshmen Preston Callander and Justin Aikens both scored their first UNH career goals over the weekend.**

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# TNH Sports

Tuesday, December 11, 2001

## On-Campus Events

Wednesday:

Men's hoops vs. Harvard

7 p.m.

Thursday:

Men's hockey vs. Dartmouth

7 p.m.

## Celebrating 33 years of service UNH's beloved equipment manager retires this month

By Josh Odell  
TNH Reporter

In his first season as a Wildcat back in 1975, current UNH football coach Sean McDonnell was told to take a break from practice and head up to the Field House to pick up some new spikes from Jack French, the longtime equipment manager. French told him he didn't need them and basically told him to get lost.

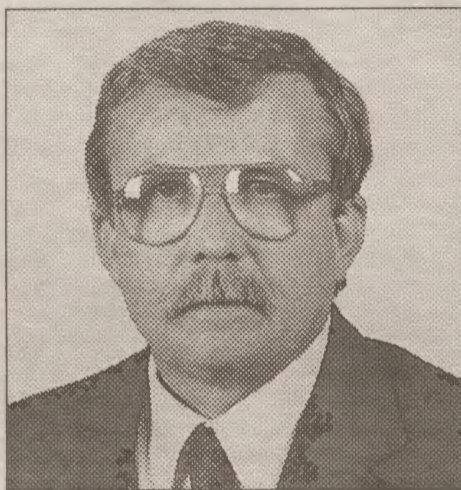
As a freshman hockey player in 1968, current men's hockey coach Dick Umile took a trip to the UNH equipment room to pick up his uniform.

French roughly tossed the bundle at him and turned away, later joking that if he had to do it over again, he'd have thrown it harder.

Decades later, upon hearing the news that French would be retiring this December, it was finally time for some light-hearted payback.

Prior to the start of the UNH/Maine hockey game on Dec. 1, Umile told French that senior captain Darren Haydar was getting an award and that he should be on the bench to watch the presentation. Once the national anthem was over, an award was handed out, but it wasn't for Haydar.

Amidst the cheers of over 6,500 fans,



Courtesy Photo

**French has been a vital part of UNH Athletics during his three decades spent at the University.**

French was handed a framed, personalized UNH hockey jersey, the number one stitched to the back.

"Yeah, I was surprised," recalls French with a grin. "It was huge — I put it in my van and it almost touched both doors. It's definitely going up on my wall."

So after years of taking care of blue and white Wildcat jerseys, why was French

elaborately presented with one of his own?

"It was in appreciation for all the things he's done," says Umile, a week after the surprise. "He's a strong supporter, and he works real hard, and he's given an awful lot to the program."

Now in his fifth decade working at UNH, French has established himself as one of the University's hardest workers, strongest personalities and biggest fans. As for all his early rookie-hazing, both McDonnell and Umile agree — that's just Jack.

"By your junior or senior year, you see what a great guy he is," says McDonnell. "You can't put into words what kind of heart this guy has and what he means to the kids and to the University."

To start, he's the one in charge of the ordering, the receiving, the packing, the inventory and the maintenance of UNH's athletic equipment. He has a full-time crew of four, offices in the Field House and the Whittemore Center, and he's been known to put in 20-hour workdays, not to mention travel with teams for away games.

"It's been a good job," says French. "It's just one of those things, you know? I love doing it, but there's just a time

when you've worked for so long that you get tired, and right now I just want some time off."

You can't say he hasn't earned it. From the looks of things, French has been busy for some time now.

By the time he was 23, French had graduated from Dover High School, spent a few years in the Navy, married his sweetheart Carol and worked several odd jobs in the seacoast area. Still not completely satisfied with what he was doing, he decided to look into opportunities at UNH's athletic department.

"I heard there was an opening, so I came over to check on it," says French. "The A.D. at the time was a bit reluctant to hire me since I was the same age as the seniors, but I convinced him."

French became an assistant to equipment manager Clarence "Shelly" Sheldon, but when Sheldon passed away a year and a half later, the job became solely his. Soon after, Carol began working across campus as an educational assistant in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences, and the two of them ended up raising a pair

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## O'Leary is the chosen one

Former Wildcat is selected as the Fighting Irish's new head coach

By Andrew Bagnaeary  
Chicago Tribune

Begorrah!

"If Notre Dame really wanted a Fighting Irishman, they got one," said Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen, who served as O'Leary's offensive coordinator at Georgia Tech.

Named on Sunday to replace Bob Davie as coach of the Fighting Irish, O'Leary seems a perfect fit in the plaid, plaid world of Golden Dome football. And not only because he's Irish-American, Catholic and knows his way around the New York subway system, home to all those wannabe alums.

No, O'Leary fits because he's used to working at a history-laden school whose glory days are over. Namely, Georgia Tech.

Every time O'Leary went to his office on Bobby Dodd Way, he passed a statue of John Heisman, of Heisman Trophy fame, who coached at Tech from 1904 to 1919. The Yellow Jackets claim four national titles but only one since 1952.

Notre Dame has more statues and more national titles. But the challenge is similar to the one O'Leary assumed in 1995 when he became head coach of a team that had gone 1-10 in '94.

Revive us. Rebuild us. Put us up where we belong.

Where Notre Dame belongs is probably somewhere be-



Courtesy Photo

**George O'Leary prepares to replace Bobby Davie next season.**

tween last year's performance (nine wins and a Bowl Championship Series berth) and this year's performance (5-6 and plenty of quality time with family over the holidays).

Of course, there are also differences between Tech and ND. While Techsters have almost become resigned to a second-class citizenship in their own town—the University of Georgia is the top dawg around here—

### George O'Leary at a glance

**Full Name:** George Joseph O'Leary  
**Birthdate:** August 17, 1946  
**Hometown:** Central Islip, N.Y.  
**Education:** B.S. in Physical Education, New Hampshire, 1968  
 M.S. in Education, New York University, 1972  
**Family:** Married to the former Sharon Littlefield. Daughters Chris and Trish, sons Tim and Marty  
**Playing Experience:** 3 letters as offensive lineman & full back  
**Coaching Experience:**  
 1968-1976 Central Islip (N.Y.) High School,  
 1977-1979 Liverpool (N.Y.) High School, Head Coach  
 1980-1986 Syracuse University, Defensive Line,  
 1980-84 Assistant Head Coach / Defensive Line,  
 1987-91 Georgia Tech, Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line  
 1992-93 San Diego Chargers, Defensive Line  
 1994-present Georgia Tech, Defensive Coordinator / Defensive Line, 1994: Head Coach,

**Honors:**  
 2000 Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year Award  
 2000 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year  
 1998 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year  
 1998 Region I Coach of the Year (AFCA)  
 1998 Finalist for Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Award (FWAA)

Courtesy of UNH Sports Information

Notre Dame followers still ardently believe their program is special. O'Leary seems willing to indulge them, at least until he becomes more familiar with his depth chart.

"I would say the pinnacle of any college coaching is

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## Wildcats

### win 4-1

### Women's hockey upends Yale

From Staff Reports

Senior forward Kira Misikowetz and junior defenseman Nicole Stefanilo both recorded a goal and an assist to lead the number five University of New Hampshire women's hockey team to Sunday afternoon's 4-1 non-conference

victory against Yale University at Ingalls Rink.

## Women's Hockey

UNH, which is 6-1-0 in the ECAC East, improved to 11-3-1 overall and has won all 15 lifetime meetings against Yale. The Bulldogs (1-2-0 ECAC North) are now 4-6-1 on the season.

The Wildcats took a 1-0 lead on a shorthanded goal by sophomore forward Carolyn Gordon at 14:57 of the first period. Sophomore forward Debbie Bernhard initiated the scoring sequence with a pass from UNH's defensive zone to Gordon. Gordon eluded one skater in the neutral zone and, with Bernhard trailing, created a two-on-goalie breakaway. Gordon carried her puck down low and lifted her shot past Yale goaltender

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