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Kerrigan speaks to UNH students

By Ally Brehm
Staff Writer

Larry King Live from Durham, N.H. It sounds strange, but Wednesday night the popular CNN show featured a guest who talked to King from Theater II in the MUB.

That guest was Nancy Kerrigan, the two-time Olympic medal winner in women's figure skating. Earlier Wednesday night, Kerrigan was on campus to speak as a guest speaker in Kinesiology 798 Special Topics: Event Promotion and Management. Kerrigan gave students the athlete's perspective on what is important when planning important events such as the Olympics, said Heather Barber, associate professor and chair in the department of kinesiology.

According to Barber, a press conference where local media was invited was held as part of the class, and students got to ask questions of the athlete first. Then the tables were turned, and students asked the press questions on what is important in local coverage of sporting events.

Senior Garrett Bailey is in the class of about 30 people that discusses each week how to put a different event together from the ground up.

"It was cool to have her in class," Bailey said. "It was neat to learn, but I really don't get starstruck. It was weird with the press in here."

The class is taught by Jerry Solomon, Kerrigan's agent and husband, who is an adjunct professor in the UNH department of kinesiology.

He has taught the class here for the past three years. Solomon's book, "An Insider's Guide to Managing Sporting Events," is used as a text in the class.

According to a profile listed with his book on the Web site <http://www.humankinetics.com>, "Solomon is president and CEO of StarGames, a sport and entertainment company located outside of Boston, Mass." He is the former president of ProServ, Inc., and has represented such people as gymnast Shannon Miller.

At 9:20 p.m., Kerrigan was a guest on Larry King Live to talk about figure skating and the current controversy that is making major headlines involving the Canadian silver medalists Jamie Salé and David Pelletier.

Salé and Pelletier appeared on the show right before Kerrigan.

King asked Kerrigan questions about her own controversy in 1994 involving Tonya Harding. King questioned if Kerrigan was better known because of the controversy.

"I would rather be remembered for my hard work put into the sport. My life has moved on. That was in the past."

Kerrigan said she is still skating. She is part of the Champions on Ice winter tour, because it has a shorter season and allows her time to spend with her son.

In regards to the current controversy, Kerrigan told King, "I feel bad for both couples and for the sport. It is really hard."

Senior Beth Laughrey, who works at the Info Desk in the MUB, was able to meet Kerrigan, get her autograph for herself and her mother, and have her picture



Courtesy Photo

MUB Information Desk employee Beth Laughrey (right) with Nancy Kerrigan (left). Kerrigan was a guest speaker in Kinesiology 798 Special Topics: Event Promotion and Management Wednesday night in the Grafton Room of the MUB.

taken with her.

"It was really cool to meet her," Laughrey said. "The first time I saw her walking around, I called my mom and my friends around campus."

The appearance was kept very confidential, and she did not find out about it until she arrived for work at five, Laughrey

said.

Laughrey met Kerrigan after she appeared on CNN.

"I watched CNN on the TV near the Info Desk, and it was really cool to finish watching it and walk right in," she said. "She is a lot shorter than I expected her to be."

Warning: Open windows cause pipes to burst

Horton Hall pipes burst, cause water damage

By Katie Bressack
Staff Writer

Warning: Open windows cause pipes to burst.

Twice in one week windows left open have caused water damage to Horton Hall. Monday, Feb. 4 and Sunday, Feb. 10, heating lines froze causing pipes to burst. This is the fifth time in ten years that this has happened at Horton Hall.

According to Jim Dombrosk, energy manager of UNH, when a window is left open, the cold air will cause pipes to freeze. When the water freezes, it expands and when that is mixed with heat, the pipes burst causing water to leak from the pipes.

"The water doesn't have any chemicals in it. But it could be up to 180 degrees," Dombrosk said.

Over this past weekend, after a window was left open in lecture room 301 in Horton Hall, the pipes burst and caused damage in the first floor of Horton Hall's Communication Department. The water affected many offices, a computer, a classroom and a seminar room.

At 8:45 Monday morning, when the chair of the communication department, John Shotter, walked into his office he was surprised to see that water

was on his table, his carpet was soaked and his colleagues were moving items out of his office.

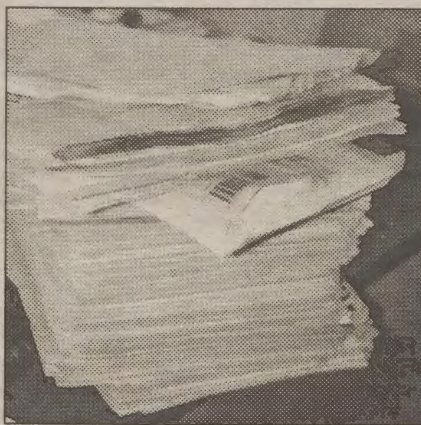
Shotter stood there and watched the water drip from the ceiling panels. "Just heavy drips enough to fill a half of a bucket in ten minutes," said Shotter.

The carpet in his office had to be vacuumed dried. Shotter said that fortunately none of his important files or books were ruined. Looking on the bright side, Shotter said, "Luckily I have my valuable books at home."

When Professor John Lannamann came home from the mountains Sunday night he had a call from the Durham fire department. They informed him of the water damage in his office.

"When I walked into my office Sunday night there was a ceiling tile on my desk and everything on my desk was wet," said Lannamann.

Lannamann's office in room 106 C in Horton Hall had a lot of water damage from the pipes bursting. Days after the initial water damage, students files are still on the windowsills drying. A piece of artwork drawn by a friend hangs on his office wall with watermarks on it,



Allie Gaines - Staff Photographer

Papers were just one of the items ruined by water damage when pipes burst at Horton Hall Feb. 4 and 10.

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Spanish professor hit by car on Main Street

By Elizabeth Kenny
Staff Writer

Spanish Professor Mary K. Belford was hit by a 1994 Volkswagen while crossing Main Street Wednesday. Deputy Chief Renee Kelley said that Brian Henry, an 18-year-old Durham resident, was unable to see the pedestrian through the morning sun until it was too late.

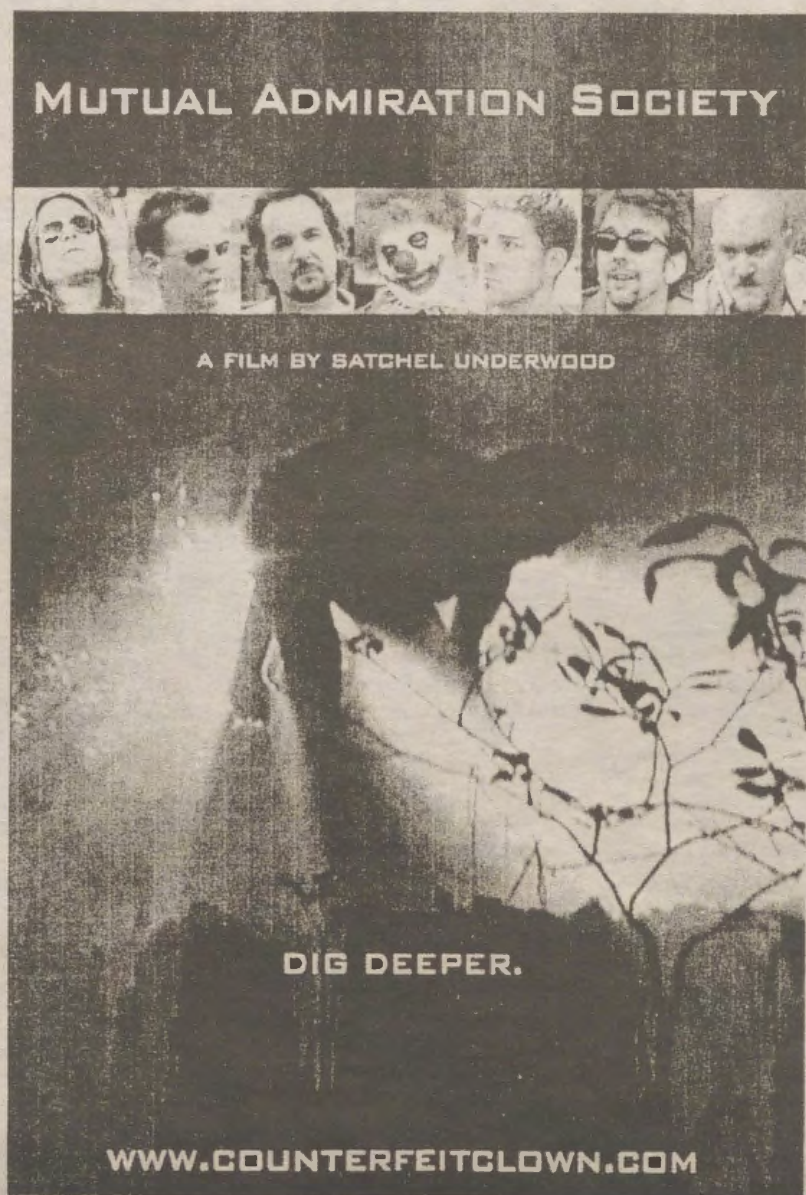
Belford was brought to Wentworth-Douglass Hospital by ambulance and was later released with no broken bones, but had major bruising on her legs and tailbone. The collision occurred at 7:29 a.m., according to Kelley, on the corner of Main Street and Edgewood Road.

Belford began crossing from Edgewood onto Main Street. One car, which was turning left onto Edgewood, stopped to allow Belford to cross. As she gave a slight wave to that car, Henry's VW struck her.

Jane Dufresne, an administrative assistant in the nursing program, was a witness to the accident. "It is an accident waiting to happen on that street," she said while talking about the blinding sun at that time of the morning. "The man who hit her was just as shocked as the rest of us."

As for that particular spot being a continuing hazard, according to Kelley the area is no more of a

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Amtrak's Downeaster chugs along with success

By Jesse Broehl
Staff Writer

Blasting down the rails, the Downeaster appears like a fleeting vision of the past, of a time when long-distance travel in the United States was only possible by train. Now, instead of the whistling locomotive of days gone by, the Downeaster glides quietly along the rails between Portland, Me. and Boston, Mass. It is perhaps ushering in a new era in railway travel in the United States, and certainly along the northeast corridor that has not seen passenger rail service in over 30 years.

"It's been very successful," said Patrica Douglas the director of marketing for the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA). "We're surprised that ridership is so high considering we started in a non-peak travel period."

In light of the many travel packages that are being offered with the Downeaster, next summer and fall would constitute peak travel periods. Although the Downeaster's success during the first few weeks may have been partially driven by nostalgia riders, the numbers have remained high and look to continue that trend.

NNEPRA, which contracts the Downeaster service from Amtrak, could not tell precisely what percentage of riders are commuters and what percentage are tourists, but Douglas emphasized that they have only scratched the surface of the tourist market.

Some plans that will soon be implemented are the addition of Saco, ME to the line and a myriad of package deals including Boston Bruins events with accommodation, kids clubs and travel packages throughout the seacoast area.

Travelers have found some of the many advantages to riding the Downeaster as opposed to other forms of travel. The trains are comfortable and spacious compared to cars and buses, and fully handicapped-accessible, while at the same time reducing highway congestion and eliminating the hassles and costs of

parking a car in Boston.

"It was a comfortable, easy, convenient and a no-hassle way to get to Boston and back," said Justin Gove, a junior at UNH and an engineering major who recently took the rails down to Boston. "My only complaint was that the train had been sold out."

On occasion the Downeaster has been fully booked by those who reserve tickets by phone or online. Tickets can be bought on the train upon boarding unless they have already been sold out.

"The Downeaster has added cars, and they're still getting overbooked," said Steve Pesci the special project manager at UNH who has been heavily involved in streamlining the Downeaster service with the UNH campus.

Pesci said that the University is slowly moving towards the possibility of seven-day Downeaster service by submitting an application for a \$940,000 transportation infrastructure improvement to the state. Currently, the infrastructure at UNH cannot accommodate seven-day Downeaster service because of a lack of parking around the Dairy Bar train stop. According to Pesci, 80 percent of the application demands would be federally subsidized.

Should UNH secure funding for this project, it would entail three distinct phases to improve the interface between the UNH campus and the Downeaster. The first stage would be the addition of a 200 foot, ADA accessible rail platform with a partial canopy. This would be next to a new bus transit loading and receiving area. At this time buses cannot regularly access the Dairy Bar.

The second component would be a restoration and remodeling of the Dairy Bar to accommodate passenger ticketing and waiting space.

Lastly, the transportation infrastructure around the Dairy Bar would be improved by adding an access point from either Mast Road or the planned campus Loop Road. Pedestrian access over Main



Courtesy Photo

The Downeaster is getting good business from the new UNH Amtrak stop.

Street would also be improved, and bicycle storage would be added nearby. Many of these plans however, hinge on the success of the Downeaster.

"They're doing a roaring business," said Gary Sears, director of security services at the University of New Hampshire. "It's probably only going to increase." According to Sears the Downeaster has added additional cars to accommodate unexpected ticket sales. Sears, who had his doubts about the success of the Downeaster, was in charge of revamping security along the train tracks in Durham. Over \$90,000 was spent by UNH to install imposing lengths of fencing and flashy warning signs every 100 feet along the sections of train track that were frequently broached by students seeking shortcuts around campus. There have been no incidents with the train so far but it is a possibility since the Downeaster runs faster and more quietly than the usual freight trains that frequent the rails.

In light of the Downeaster's success, the current rail service that only stops at UNH from Friday to Sunday, may soon expand to a full weekly sched-

ule. This would hinge on some improvements to the infrastructure around the current stop. From a safety standpoint, Sears said this would not only expand transportation options from campus during the week, but that it would also decrease the possibility of train related incidents since the train would be slowing down as it went through the campus on the way to the Dairy Bar train stop.

Not everyone's thrilled with the Downeaster, including the president of CJ Trailways, Jim Jalbert who runs bus service along the same corridor. "We're sure it has affected our business, how much we don't quite know," said Jalbert who explained it's hard to compete as a private enterprise against a federally subsidized company. On a national level Amtrak has drawn a lot of fire for getting large subsidies by the federal government yet rarely turning a profit.

NNEPRA has a three-year contract with Amtrak and the Downeaster will continue as planned for at least these three years according to Douglas. If legislation passes to restructure Amtrak, NNEPRA may have to adjust accordingly. If federal restructuring of Amtrak does occur however, Douglas was confident that the Downeaster would keep chugging along since the current corridor is in such high demand.

The Downeaster is split into three distinctive components. Portland based NNEPRA is effectively running the Downeaster by contracting the service out to Amtrak, which is running on the Exeter based, Guilford Co. rail lines. The Downeaster's recent success can be attributed to a higher than expected amount of commuters to Boston.

CJ Trailways offers comparable service to Boston and back, but some simply prefer to travel by train.

"This is cheaper and I like the train better," said Bobby Thompson, a Dover resident commuting to Boston for business.

The inside of Enron explained

By Marcus Weisgerber
TNH Reporter

What is Enron? Freshman Deborah Burdett said, "Isn't it a drug?"

Freshman Lindsay Edwards said, "A chemical?"

It turns out that they are both wrong. Enron is a Houston-based energy company that buys and sells power such as natural gas and electricity. It built itself into one of the nation's most innovative companies in the 1990s as its profits and stock skyrocketed. So what happened to send this once powerhouse of a company to one which has filed under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code?

John Blease, assistant professor of finance at the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics (WSBE) said, "A lot of people don't really know what happened. It seems that there was something questionable about their accounting practices."

Enron has misstated its profits over the past four years by disguising some of its debt through attributing its losses to partnerships' companies in the lumber and bandwidth industries.

These derivative companies were not as successful to Enron as its natural gas asset, which put Enron on the map and made it a successful company.

As a result, there was no sign of these losses on the company's annual balance sheets. Enron transferred this debt to its partnerships, making it appear as if there had only been minute losses, according to Blease.

Doing this year after year made Enron appear to be a financially sound company, with its stock soaring at over eighty dollars a share, while in reality, its debt was growing larger and larger.

Only a small group of executives knew what was going on, while the rest of the world saw Enron as a champion in the markets.

When the public found out that Enron was possibly overstating its profits, the results were devastating. Shareholders panicked and feverishly rushed to sell their stock in Enron. This fear caused the stocks' price to free-fall.

The hardest hit by this slide in the stock market were the em-

ployees themselves. The reason for this is because the Enron employees' 401(k) retirement funds were highly invested in the Enron stock, said Blease.

With these severe losses Enron was left with no choice but to declare Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The declaration of bankruptcy in turn sparked the laying off of thousands of its employees whose life savings had been pulled out from under them.

In a statement obtained from Enron's headquarters in Houston, Enron said, "An unavoidable part of our restructuring is to improve our financial position by implementing a comprehensive cost savings program. Unfortunately this will entail a significant reduction in our work force primarily at the companies operations in Houston and our role in the community."

The investigation of the collapse of Enron is currently focusing on the group of individuals who knew about the company's financial problems and the reasons that this information was not released. This list includes the company's executives and

Arthur Andersen, the company that does the accounting for Enron.

It appears that top management at Enron knew what was going on with their debt situation and covered it up by not showing the losses on their balance sheet as previously stated. These balance sheets were sent to Arthur Andersen.

Dr. Stephen Ciccone, certified public accountant and assistant professor of finance in WSBE who is a former employee of Arthur Andersen said, "The role of the auditor is to provide a verification that these documents, which are prepared by management, are indeed correct."

Arthur Andersen did in fact note that there was a potential for failure at Enron. However, instead of reporting their findings, Arthur Andersen shredded the documents.

Russell Mokhiber, editor of Corporate Crime Reporter, a legal publication in Washington D.C., said, "If Arthur Andersen had not shredded documents, they probably would have very minor legal problems. If in fact they shredded documents after the FTC began its inquiry, they're in deep trouble. The

company faces criminal liability and the executives who engaged in the obstructions face criminal liability."

Currently, Enron is conducting business as usual.

In the statement that Enron released, "We will emerge from this process as a stronger company."

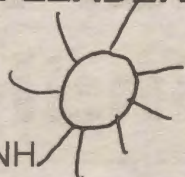
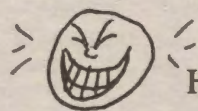
One step Enron has taken as an attempt to strengthen their company is the hiring of Stephen F. Cooper as interim CEO and chief reconstructing officer. Cooper has had more than 30 years of experience helping companies re-organize after financial downfalls. He is a managing partner of Zolfo Cooper, LLC, a recovery and crisis management firm.

What will come of Enron in the future is unclear. It is not only being investigated for fraud but also face a lawsuit from its former employees for losses in their 401(k) accounts. Only after time and investigations will it be seen if Enron can return to the pinnacle that it once was.

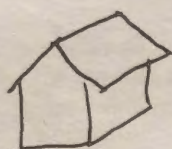
WSBE will be holding a symposium discussing the Enron situation. Time and place are yet to be determined.

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Globalization seminar looks to understand India's indigenous people

By Robert Tobin
TNH Reporter

About 50 students and faculty members gathered last Friday to discuss the plight of the indigenous people of India who have not shared in the economic growth with the rest of the country.

Karan Deo Singh, a visiting scholar at Harvard University's Center for International Development, lectured in a seminar, entitled "Globalization: An Opportunity or Threat to the Indigenous People of Andhra Pradesh (India)." He described the need of the indigenous people to "play catch-up" with the rest of India, which experienced rapid economic growth during the last decade.

Singh's lecture was followed by Professor Drew Conroy, associate professor at UNH's Thompson School of Applied Sciences, who compared the plight of India's indigenous population with that of the Maasai in eastern Africa.

Singh also emphasized that their necessary pursuit of economic growth need jeopardize neither tribal culture nor envi-

ronmental sustainability. He advocated investigating "alternative strategies for tribal development", such as harvesting medicinal plants from local forests.

Singh argued that programs created to help the indigenous people should focus on education. He argued further that education should focus particularly on restoring traditional knowledge of forest species, thereby restoring labor capital.

Conroy emphasized more the potential role of government policies in helping the Maasai. He said that government policies should create incentives that encourage sustainable development.

"In agriculture, they found short-term rewards and quick payback," Conroy said of the Maasai, "but quickly the fertility of the land diminished, and they don't have sustainable results."

While Conroy agreed with Singh that development need not entail the loss of core traditional values, he also proposed that some cultural values may impede sustainable development.

Conroy said that the Maasai "understand how crop-based agriculture is destroying the land

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—Swapnil Bhatia, graduate student

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they love, but at the very same time their deepest cultural tradition is raising as many cows as they can. . . So culture sometimes gets in the way of what maybe is the best thing to do. . . The more they adhere to that culture, the less likely they are to be educated."

Graduate student Swapnil Bhatia attended the seminar. He was born and raised in Bombay, India.

"Although the speaker was certainly not one of the greatest orators I have ever seen," said Bhatia, "I think he did a good job at clearly making a few important points."

Bhatia said he agrees with Singh that education is the major cause of stagnant development among India's tribes, but he argued that education should emphasize not only knowledge of forest species, but also literacy.

"India is the largest democ-

racy in the world," said Bhatia, "but an uneducated, illiterate population is ill-equipped to contribute in the democratic process."

Bhatia disagreed with Singh, however, that the indigenous people of India need not sacrifice cultural values for the sake of development.

"It is inevitable that new ideas will be assimilated into any culture," said Bhatia. "Change cannot be stopped."

Junior Anthropology major Jesse McEntee did not attend the lecture but he studied abroad in India last semester. He too noted the visible influence of the West on Indian culture.

"Pictures of Chris Tucker and Jackie Chan for *Rush Hour 2* are everywhere," said McEntee.

But he also described more fundamental shocks to Indian culture.

"The whole idea of what

happiness is," said McEntee. "It's like they want to borrow the whole ideals of America. . . You get a TV and you'll be happy."

McEntee also agreed that lack of education impedes sustainable development by the indigenous people of India. He said that many farmers even believe plastic is biodegradable.

"They take it and they treat it like it's compost or something," said McEntee. "They put it all over the fields."

Still, he wondered aloud how actively Westerners should counsel Indian farmers.

"Is it my place to be like, 'No, you're farming all wrong, let me show you the right way?'" asked McEntee.

Answering his own question, McEntee said that, despite their flaws, programs such as the Peace Corps are healthy because they produce positive interaction between different cultures.

He said that when Westerners travel abroad, foreigners "experience a Western person. . . They experience a real person, and they see what their real values are, as opposed to seeing, like, Baywatch on the Starz network."

Two UNH sororities help make a wish come true

By Jessica York
Staff Writer

Monday night, Chi Omega and Alpha Phi were awarded a plaque for raising over \$2,000 each for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. The plaque had a picture designed by a child mounted on a wooden base. The two UNH sororities also had their pictures taken for the foundation's N.H. newsletter *News and Views*. Through the month of November, Alpha Phi and Chi Omega sold Make-A-Wish holiday cards to family, friends, community and faculty.

Maria White, Director of Program Services at the Manchester branch of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, worked with UNH senior and Make-a-Wish intern Stacey Gulick to involve as many UNH Greek Chapters as were interested to be

involved. Chi Omega, which recently entered into a national relationship with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Alpha Phi became involved.

The two sororities raised a combined total of approximately \$4,460 by selling the card packs of 15 that were designed by Make-A-Wish children, with a short bio of the child who designed it and a holiday wish inside. This money was almost enough to grant a wish. Wish costs vary depending on the type and location of the wish, according to the Make-A-Wish Web site, www.wish.org.

The money raised, combined with some additional funding, was used to grant the wish of 3-year-old Jacob of Durham. His wish was to go to Disney to meet Buzz Lightyear.

Briefs

From Staff Reports

The Great Bay Coast Watch is looking for volunteers to help with the monitoring of water quality in local saltwater and estuarine systems to start in early March for the spring season.

GBCW is sponsored by UNH's Cooperative Extension, N.H. Sea Grant, N.H. Coastal Program, N.H. Estuaries Project, N.H. Department of Environmental Services and the Greater Piscataqua Community Foundation.

Volunteers sample water at 21 sites on the Seacoast and Great Bay from

March to October. Teams of volunteers do weekly monitors of phytoplankton populations at five coastal sites and one offshore site.

Volunteers also participate in outreach projects to the local organizations. They are involved in a variety of other projects as well, such as walking examinations of the shorelines to look for causes of erosion.

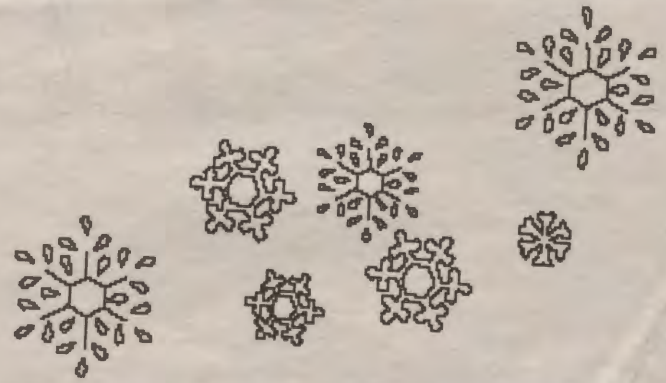
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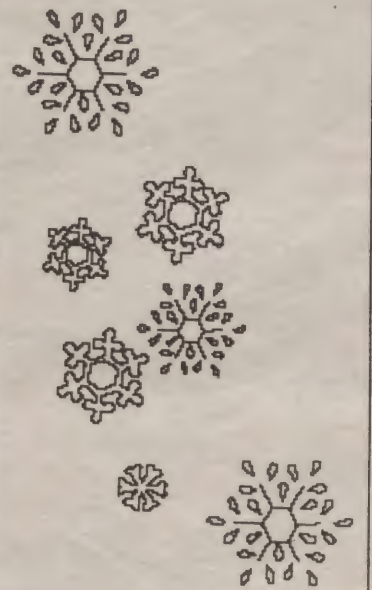
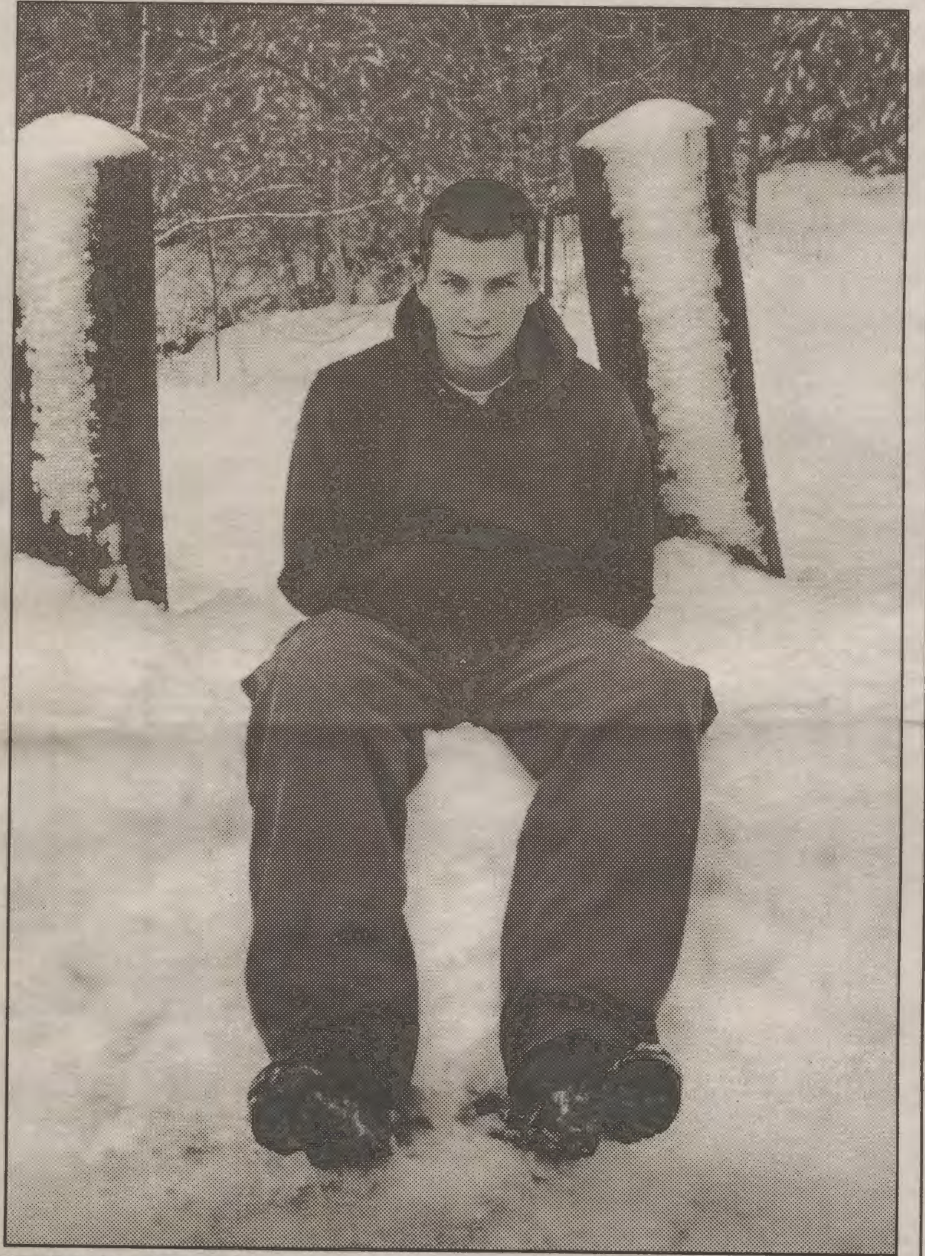
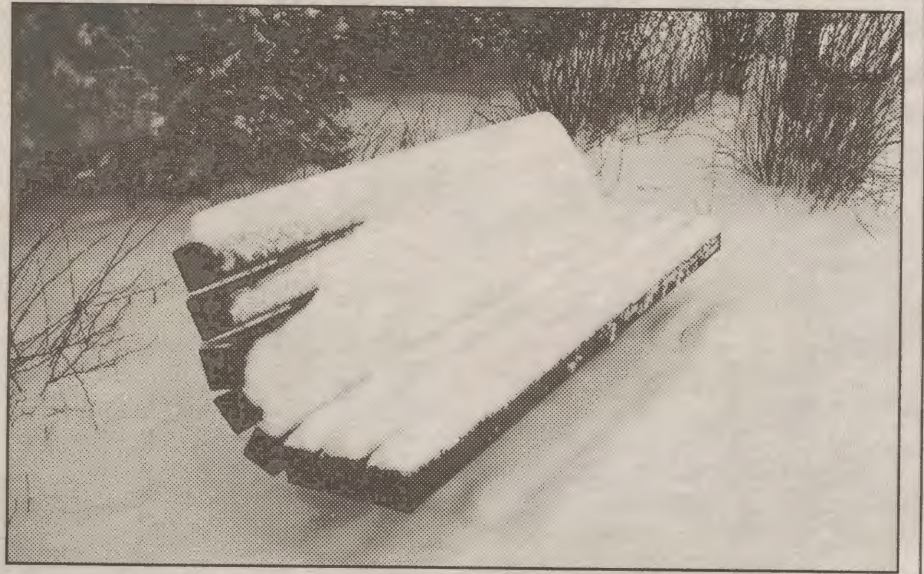
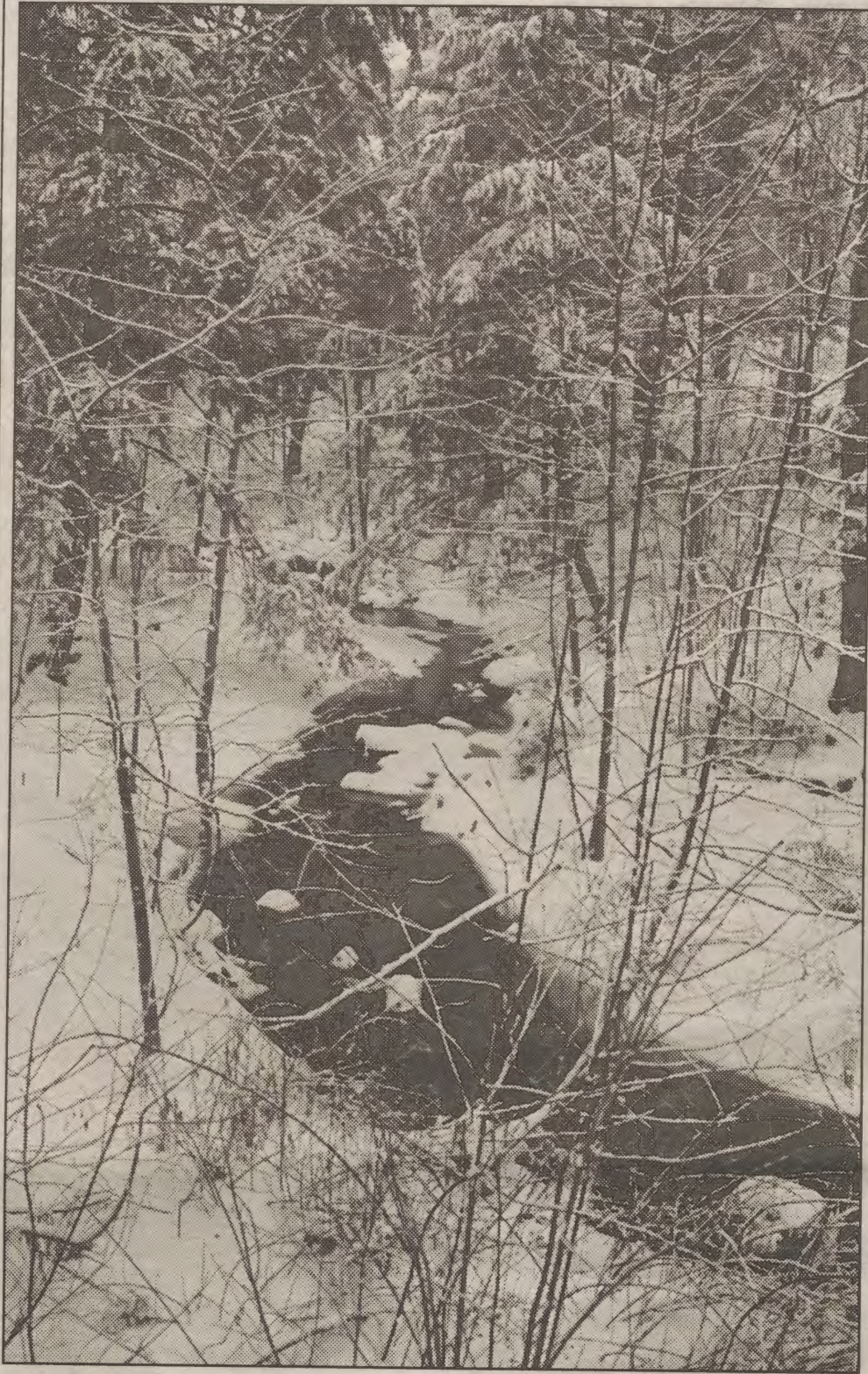
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a few of his books are left drying on a shelf and his guitar case has been ruined.

Lannamann, like other communication professors, is annoyed at the situation. "How would you feel if your books and artwork were destroyed?" asked Lannamann.

After the classroom and seminar room were water damaged, communication professors had to relocate their classes to the library and to the MUB.

"I don't mean to point any fingers," said Lannamann. "I worked in security when I was in college and part of my job was to check windows when it is cold at night. I know that security is doing their best and that it is also part of professors' responsibility when they are the last person to teach in a classroom to close all the windows."

When security walks around buildings at night they look for open windows, primarily at ground level. "People are responsible for shutting their offices windows. We can't be going into every office to shut their windows," said Gary Sears, supervisor of security at UNH. "If we see a window open or feel a breeze from a window when we are walking in the building we will shut the window."

In the past there have been problems with other academic buildings here on campus, said Susanne Bennett, director of plant maintenance. "We are trying to educate people on campus not

to leave windows open," said Bennett.

"The damages over the weekend will probably cost around \$2,000 by the time we have finished (cleaning)," said Bennett.

Five to six maintenance workers have had to clean and vacuum carpets, clean floors and furniture that had water damage.

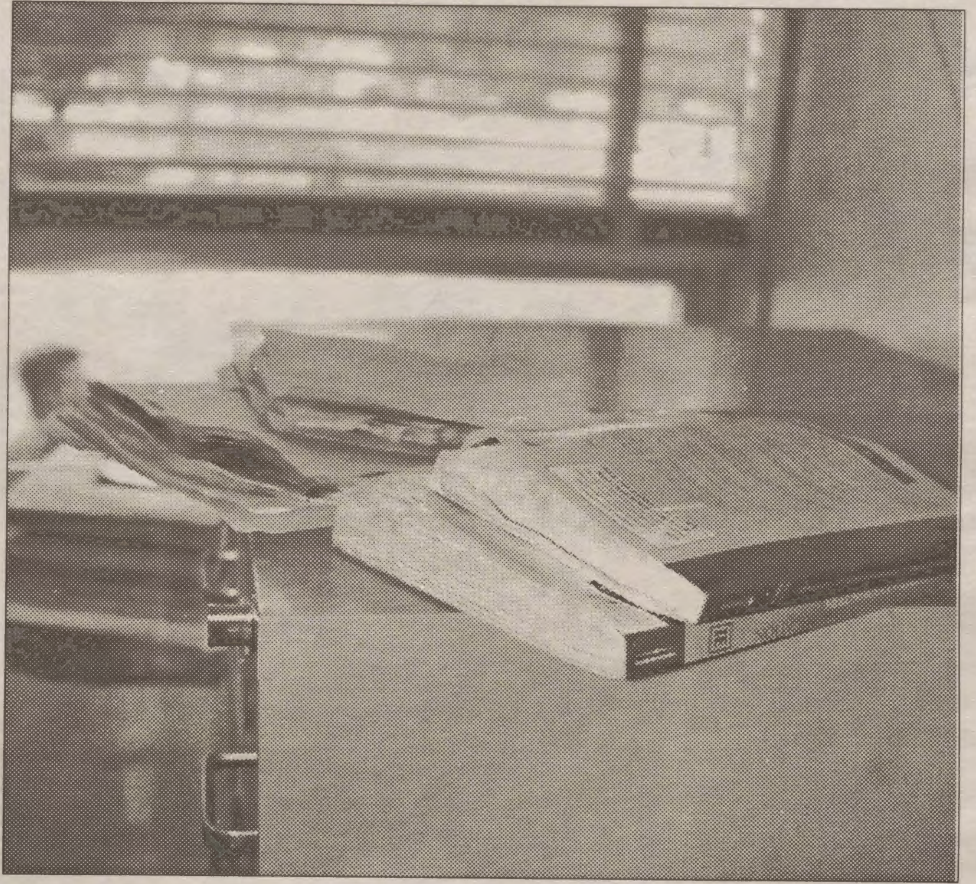
"Some ceiling tiles have been damaged and some floor tiles have curled up because of the water damage," said Bennett.

Dombrosk was called after the pipes burst. He wants both students and professors to know about this situation so that it can be prevented in the future.

"Please close windows; it saves millions of dollars and if the heating system isn't working in a building call maintenance so they can fix it," said Dombrosk.

There are now notices around Horton Hall reminding professors and students to close windows when they leave a classroom. Hopefully these reminders will eliminate the problem.

"Overheating has been a problem in Horton, so when windows get opened we know there may be repercussions," said Marilyn Hoskin, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "It is easy to ask people to close windows, but that doesn't mean people will remember to do so. I hope this incident will sensitize people in all capacities to be attentive to this issue."



Allie Gaines - Staff Photographer

Some books were soaked in the aftermath of burst pipes at Horton Hall. The pipes burst due to windows left open.

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threat than the rest of the crosswalks in the town of Durham. He did mention, however, that a few years ago another pedestrian was struck and seriously injured in the same spot.

Dufresne stayed until the ambulance and police arrived in order to give a statement. Many students joined around the accident to see if they could assist or call 911, but, according to Dufresne, it was Henry who made the call.

Two of Belford's intermediate classes were informed of the accident and taught by her colleagues. Her third class was cancelled. Marylou Turcotte, an administrative assistant in the Spanish department, was able to talk to Belford yesterday. "She had been hoping to come in on Friday to teach her three classes, but when she woke up today, she ached all over," said Turcotte.

According to Turcotte, although she had no broken bones, her legs were badly bruised as well as her tailbone.

The initial impact bruised her legs, causing her to fall and injure her tailbone. "She said that when she began to walk, she heard crackling noises in her legs," Turcotte said. "She told her doctor, and they are planning on running more tests to see if there is any damage to her tendons."

Although Kelley was unable to talk more about the accident because it is still under investigation, he did give some words of advice to drivers and pedestrians in Durham. "Slow down and watch out for each other," he said. "It's simple, but it's the best advice I can give."

It's a drought without a doubt Drought persists through winter season

By Sean Leslie
TNH Reporter

So far, the severe drought that has been plaguing New Hampshire since last April has had only minor effects on the state. But last Tuesday's announcement by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services urging citizens to conserve water indicates that if the drought continues, it has the potential to cause major problems in the future and is more serious than most citizens seem to believe.

"This drought isn't getting the attention it deserves," says UNH Professor and New Hampshire State Climatologist Barry Keim. "And the reason is because we're not currently in the growing season, when the effects of a water shortage are obvious."

Keim's concern is validated by the fact that, according to precipitation records, the current drought is the second worst in New Hampshire history. But what might the effects of a severe water shortage be?

One result of the drought, which will be more apparent when the weather starts to warm up, is that Lake Winnepesaukee is currently at its all-time lowest point. Also, with the level of ground water slowly decreasing, in some parts of the state, shallow wells are beginning to run dry.

As for the town of Durham, "Right now, we're not seeing any problems," says Guy Hodgdon, Water Superintendent for the Town. "But we'll have to see what future weather brings."

"It's nearly impossible to predict the future," agrees Richard Uncles, the Bureau of Markets supervisor of the

New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food. When asked if he thought the drought would affect the upcoming growing season, however, Uncles said he was "almost willing to bet that it won't."

The drought's influence is not being felt so harshly further north, where ski resorts seem to be receiving a fairly standard amount of snowfall. At Cannon Mountain, for example, there has already been 112 inches of snowfall this winter, which is above average for this time in the season.

But the reduced amount of snowfall further south is having an impact on the number of visitors that Cannon is receiving. "If it does not snow down south, skiers do not head north, regardless of how good conditions may be," says Nat Putnam of Cannon Mountain. Because of this factor, the number of visitors to Cannon this year is slightly fewer than last season. "But," Putnam points out, "last season was an all-time record."

With threats of a water shortage looming on the horizon if drought conditions persist, the important question becomes: how much longer will this last?

According to the National Climate Prediction Center (C.P.C.), the outlook for March, April and May is, "Normal conditions in regard to both temperature and precipitation." As far as the drought goes, the C.P.C. predicts that a slow improvement is likely, but water shortages are still possible.

And what is the cause of the drought?

According to Professor Keim, the source of the precipitation shortage is the fact that storm tracks simply haven't been traversing the area. And why not? "Well," says Keim with a shrug, "that's just dumb luck."

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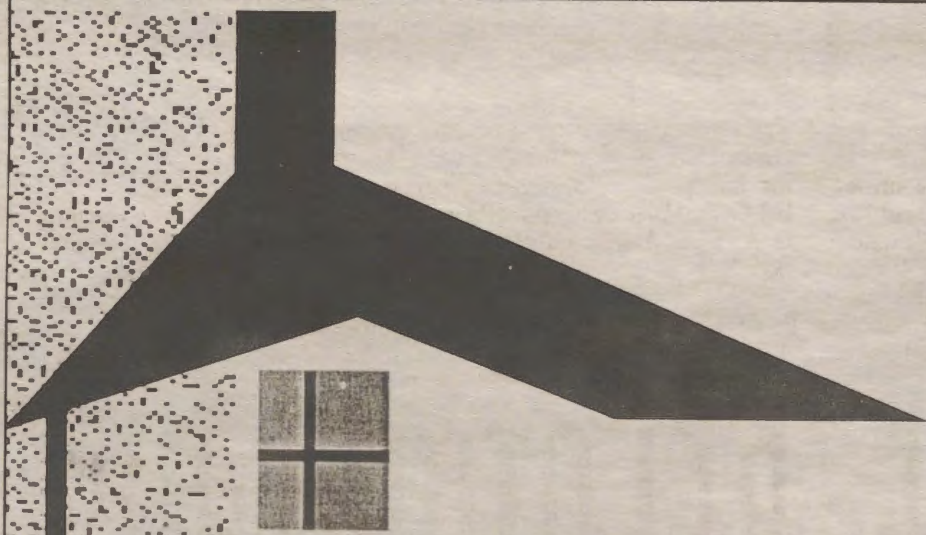
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Princess Superstar melts the ice

By Ian "The Music Man"
Heller
TNH Reporter

The Princess Superstar show that took place in the MUB Feb. 2nd went very well despite the terrible weather. Twenty to thirty people showed up to see the Princess along with the two opening acts, Northern State out of New York City and The Woodsmen from Durham, New Hampshire.

The show started off with the local sounds of the Durham based hip-hop group The Woodsmen. They were anything but out in the woods with their slow paced, yet rhythmic groove. The two emcees, Malignant and Chameleon, had strong flow together only to be emphasized by the beats of DJ Sephouri. Their lyrics came straight from the mind, body, and soul. Malignant and Chameleon performed about five songs together, followed by separate songs by each. Their solo work really showcased each of their individual styles and was cumulated by a really tight freestyle finishing out their set.

Next up was an act that really had the crowd bobbing their heads. Northern State comes straight out of Manhattan. Their New York flavor served up a great feast of mixed grooves and was interesting to watch because behind the microphones were three female emcees: DJ Sprout, Hesta Prynne, and Guinea Love. Jeremy Hand and Eli Schneider traded off on the bass guitar and Seth Johnson played the drums and congas keeping the driving rhythm strong. The live instruments made the music much



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The Cunning Linguist Tour hit UNH with music from "Princess Superstar IS."

more powerful. Northern State really stole the show and they had an "in your face" type of energy, jumping all around the stage. Their sound can be compared to the likes of The Beastie Boys. You can also visit www.northernstate.net for more info on this great band.

Princess Superstar and her crew had a late arrival, but she

came through with an excellent performance. She performed songs all off her new album, "Princess Superstar Is." Alongside the Princess were underground hip-hop emcee, Twizz a.k.a. Spaceman Spiff, Alexander Technique on the turntables, and Konga on the bass guitar. She entertained the small crowd like she was performing in an arena.

Princess had incredible theatrics, changing her outfits to suit the song she performed. One of the songs made a reference to Michael Jackson so she wore a sparkling glove, as does Michael Jackson. The crowd was really moving around and dancing to her music.

I had a chance to talk to Princess Superstar after the show. Due to the harsh weather conditions, her departure was quick, but she still found time to answer some of my questions.

I: "How do you think your performance went tonight despite the bad weather?"

P: "I love performing and enjoy being on stage, so any crowd is great."

I: "For those who've never heard your music, how would you describe it?"

P: "It's kind of like one foot in the golden age of hip-hop (88-93) with a healthy dose of hip-hop in 2003 and a dose of punk rock and electronica."

I: "When did you first start writing and performing?"

P: "I've been doing it all my life, but I started rhyming in 1993."

I: "Who are your musical influences and how do they relate to how you perform?"

P: "David Bowie affects my theatrics. Salt & Peppa influence my fun, party vibe. Notorious B.I.G. and Black Sheep really influence my lyrical content and flow."

I: "So how is your new album, 'Princess Superstar Is', different

from your 3 previous albums?"

P: "Well, there was a more focused effort. Over the years my rhyming skills have developed more. Also, there are many great artists on this record."

I: "You've been able to work with the likes of Kool Kieth, Bahamadia, and Prince Paul to name a few. What were those experiences like?"

P: "It was fantastic. It was like working with your heroes. Prince Paul is an amazing artist. Bahamadia and Kool Kieth rap really well."

I: "How has your tour been so far and how many shows have you played?"

P: "The tour has been wicked! We have played all clubs and they have been totally packed. So far we've played 20 shows."

I: "Would you consider yourself to be more of an underground or mainstream artist?"

P: "I'm definitely an underground artist."

I: "One last question. What do you think of UNH?"

P: "The crowd got into it, but the weather affected the turnout. I performed with everything I had for the people that did show up though."

Yes, Princess Superstar's performance was excellent. Northern State and The Woodsmen did a spectacular job as the opening acts. The people that did show up on this icy night, got what they paid for and what they paid to get into the show was a measly five dollars. Great job guys!

COLLEGE IN THE NUDE: RELATIONSHIPS

By Karin Dubreuil
Staff Writer

Standing just about 5 feet 5 inches tall with prominent ears and a ready smirk, Harlan Cohen delivered his message with humor and confession.

He opened the show with a rendition of his ballad, "Reject Anthem". His straight faced humor harmonized with his guitar strummings as he sang, "all that I want is to find me a friend-someone to be with me to the end...to hold me, and touch me, and yell out my name, when we make love five to ten times a day!"

The audience of 194 UNH students, the majority of which were fraternity and sorority members, there to fill their health education requirements, could easily relate to Cohen's tales of rejection and relationship woes. Already in the mindset of upcoming Valentines Day, the idea of relationships and the search for love was on everyone's mind and Cohen made them realize that not everything works out perfectly, but it's okay.

Cohen's candid story about his fourth grade crush who he described as, "45 pounds of pure red-haired magic," and how he was the only one who didn't receive a valentine from her-even though it was a requirement to hand them out to the whole class, evoked sympathetic "awwws" from the sisters of Kappa Delta who occupied the entire left section of the Stratford Room.

"Truth is: we are all rejects-if you can't admit that, then you are in reject denial," said Cohen. He explained to the audience that everyone is not going to want them,

that rejection is a normal thing. "It's about one person choosing one thing over another, it's about choice."

Cohen is a syndicated relationship columnist, his advice column, "Help Me, Harlan!" reaches approximately one million readers through its printing in various newspapers such as the "Oregonian" and the "Seattle Times." He has also been a contributor to the "Wall Street Journal Classroom Edition" and "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul" among others. He has just published a book entitled, "Campus Life Exposed" and started a multimedia effort called the "Rejection diary" to create the largest number of rejects in the world all sharing their stories.

The Memorial Union Student Organization thought Cohen's college tour, "College in the Nude" would be an interesting new flavor to bring to the UNH campus.

"Lectures are always hard to sell, but this had a good message while being funny," said Meghan Svenonius, MUSO president. "It was like an entertainment lesson."

Harlan encouraged students to use college as a training ground to become more comfortable with themselves by taking advantage of all the resources our campus has to offer. He said that once you get out in the real world it's a lot harder, you can't just join a club and meet people, or go get guidance with groups like SHARPP or Cool-Aid. He said the time is now to build yourself up.

Unlike many cliché motivational speakers, Harlan put his points across about being confident and taking risks in a unique way.

"Shyness is a universal problem," said Cohen. "I

thought, what's another way I can get this across? I play guitar-I should play it more. People like to laugh together because they are sharing the same experience. I want to create that experience and still have a serious message."

Cohen accomplished this through storytelling, guitar ballads in the tune of Adam Sandler and Jimmy Fallon, movie documentaries, and skits on stage that included audience members.

He brought Jen Fulford, UNH sophomore and Kappa Delta sister on stage and created a grocery store scene where he tried to pick her up in the vegetable section. He filled her arms with lettuce, apples and bananas (which she got to take as a souvenir) to set the mood and kept in his clutches the "Shy guys key to success with women" workbook. This is what he referred to as his guide evoking laughs from the audience as he consulted the book before he made every move.

"I think what he's saying is a good thing to think about," said Fulford. "A lot of people in the world would be happier if they thought his way. He used humor about a serious thing and I think it hit a lot more people because otherwise you lose interest."

Cohen pointed out that we can't be afraid of rejection and the way to do that is to become comfortable with yourself first in order to accept rejection.

"You need to stand in front of the mirror in a thong and learn to be comfortable rather than dwell on the

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CD Review:

Nickelback

"Silver Side Up"

By Ian "The Music Man" Heller
TNH Reporter

"Silver Side Up" is the title of Nickelback's follow-up album to their first major release, "The State." In the past year, Nickelback received much recognition for this album. One reason may perhaps be that the album doesn't sound like most music one would hear today.

Most albums put out by mainstream rock bands today are really dark, heavy, and the vocalist seems to always be screaming the words. This album really has a great flavor to it. It goes back to the roots of rock and roll. Track 10 called "Good Times Gone" has a slide guitar and a rocking country western feel, with a distorted rock guitar edge. This song really defines Nickelback's rock influence in their music. Track 2, "How You Remind Me" and track 4, "Too Bad" can often be heard on MTV, VH1 and all the rock radio airwaves.

"How You Remind Me" is the softest track on the album, displaying Nickelback's ability to play a slower, more melodic song. "Too Bad" is an angrier song, about the vocalist's father not being around for much of his childhood and how that effect on him can never be changed. The song ends with a short, but sweet guitar solo, which is something that most bands don't do in their songs any-



Nickelback returns to classic rock and roll.

Courtesy Photo

more. "Silver Side Up" contains ten tracks all together. Ten songs aren't much, but it is a really good album and is definitely worth being heard.

Nickelback hails from Canada, but before they hit the music scene in the states, Nickelback was already getting top ten hits on the Canadian charts, while there was only a buzz going around about them in the United States. "Silver Side Up" made that buzz an explosion and Nickelback was right in the middle of it.

One of the great things about this record is that the lyrics can be understood and they are being sung rather than shouted. The lyrics actually make sense and listeners can relate to the music they hear.

Nickelback was recently on MTV's "Diary," a television show that depicts a day in the life of a band or musician. One thing front man, Chad Kroeger said was, "We don't have any tattoos or piercings. We're just four guys who like to play rock and roll." Rock and roll is what "Silver Side Up" can be classified as.

In most record stores, "Silver Side Up" can be found number one on the top twenty albums shelf. If you think bands such as Alice in Chains, Nirvana, or Pearl Jam are rock, then pick this album up. You won't be unsatisfied.

Restaurant Review: Caffe Fresco

By Todd Perzynski
TNH Reporter

Lunch at Caffe Fresco, nestled in downtown Hampton, is an experience worth repeating. Certainly the mode of thought for others as well, this café is stormed with customers from 6 to 5pm. A meeting hall for indulging conscious eaters.

Coffee is served in 12 varieties along with teas and espresso drinks. To go with, choose among 10 flavored bagels and plenty of cream cheeses. Fresh croissants, scones and muffins are prepared daily to ensure freshness.

Lunch lends way to another crowd but the same caliber of food. Salad, soup and sandwich fills the little menu with delicious selections. Grilled chicken is served on rosemary focaccia bread with lettuce, tomato, red onion and mustard. The chicken is a pleasant rarity, both unprocessed and devoid of fake grill marks. The omnipresent ham and cheese is available in a Black Forest and Swiss version. Assuaging vegetarians is not impossible with the choice of Monterey Jack, lettuce, tomato

sprouts and red onion on focaccia spread with basil mayo. The roast beef is served with mild provolone, lettuce, tomato, red onion and a light rosemary mayonnaise on a rich baguette.

Common baguette is a bread available at virtually any chain food store and most bakeries. The majority of time it is a cheapened version of la baguette traditionnelle. Consumer grade baguette is high in preservatives and low grade flour. More yeast is added to hasten fermentation overwhelming the natural creamy wheat flavor. Great bread on average has a life span of three of so hours, after which, flavor and texture begin to deteriorate. The notion that Europeans make wonderful bread that lasts for days on the counter of their chateau's is untrue. The fact is, it takes about three hours to make great bread, and after three more it is fit for the truffle hunting sows.

Should you get a flat tire in downtown Hampton, you're lucky. Seek refuge in this "classy joint." Neither coffee shop, nor restaurant- it is a café. A place where you can go hungry and leave in high satiety. Owned by two chefs its no wonder. Caffe Fresco is a true ace.

Todd's Tastes:

Food: ****

Atmosphere: ***

Service: ***

Overall: *** 3/4

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BRAWL OF THE BUFFALO WINGS

By Josh Denton
TNH Reporter

Fond memories of the celebration after the Patriots triumph at the Super Bowl this year remain fresh in many of our minds. Fans gathered at Super Bowl parties and Sports Bars to watch their victory across New England. The amazing game was the reason behind all of the festivities that evening, but several other factors helped contribute to the atmosphere that night. One of those factors was undoubtedly the Buffalo Wings that were served at bars and many of the parties. Eating Buffalo Wings while watching sporting events at bars is an American tradition. But if the wings you eat really matter to you, how can you be sure that you are going to the right place to eat them?

This column is your answer. From now until the end of the semester in this weekly column I am going to compare Buffalo Wings at restaurants and bars in Durham and its surrounding areas. The only prerequisites to be considered for this column is that the bar or restaurant must have a bar at which to drink, a television screen to watch sporting events, and above all else, must serve Buffalo wings. The wings are going to be compared in multiple categories ranging from their taste and size to the celery and bleu cheese they are served with. The way this is going to be done is I am going to start with two restaurants the first week and chose a victor. Every following week a new competitor will challenge the previous week's winner for the title of "Best Buffalo Wing." I am going to start with local bars and restaurants in Durham and then in areas such as Dover and Portsmouth.

I feel it is more than appropriate to start the competition with Durham's two local bars located right here on Main Street, *The Tin Palace* and *The Hair of the Dog Saloon*. For starters the price of the wings at *The Hair of the Dog* is a dollar cheaper than those at *The Tin Palace*. There is no considerable difference between the sizes of the wings at either of the two bars. I got ten wings at *The Hair of the Dog* compared to the nine I got at *The Tin Palace*. I feel it is necessary to compare the ratio of the number of drumsticks to the number of wings itself. Many

How do they rank? *The Tin Palace vs. Hair of the Dog*

PRICE: Hair of the Dog

SIZE: Tie

QUANTITY: Hair of the Dog

WING RATIO: Hair of the Dog

TASTE: Hair of the Dog

CELERY: Hair of the Dog

BLEU CHEESE: Tin Palace

SELECTION: Tin Palace

people prefer drumsticks over wings because of the amount of ease required to eat a drumstick despite the fact that the wings normally have more tender chicken in them. In this comparison *The Hair of the Dog* wins with a ratio of nine drumsticks to one wing compared *The Tin Palace's* ratio of four drumsticks to five wings. Buffalo wings come either spicy, tangy, or

somewhere in between. The regular wings at *The Tin Palace* and at *The Hair of the Dog* both have a little tang and taste good, but neither were exceptional. *The Hair of the Dog* does, however offer the option of getting your wings regular or 'hot'. If you like your Buffalo wings spicy hot by all means go to *The Hair of the Dog*. To gauge how hot their 'hot' wings are for you, the

key ingredient in their sauce is Habenero Peppers. *The Hair of the Dog* wins in the taste category because of the spiciness of their 'hot' wings.

There was no completion in comparing the celery that came with the wings at *The Hair of the Dog* to those at *The Tin Palace*. *The Hair of the Dog* served their wings with two large pieces of celery and two large pieces of carrots compared to the four small celery sticks and four small carrot sticks served at *The Tin Palace*. The fact that the tips of the celery was curled at *The Tin Palace* did not help it at all. Curly celery is often a sign that it is not fresh. However, the Bleu Cheese at *The Tin Palace* had some chunks in it and was far superior to *The Hair of the Dog's* Bleu Cheese that was probably salad dressing. Not only was the Bleu Cheese better at *The Tin Palace* but it was also enough for all of your wings unlike at *The Hair of the Dog*.

The Tin Palace offers far more options in regards to food with Buffalo sauce than does *The Hair of the Dog*. Both offer Buffalo wings and Buffalo Chicken Tenders as an appetizer. *The Hair of the Dog* serves five large chicken fingers while the tenders at *The Tin Palace* are of various sizes. The only other Buffalo type meal *The Hair of the Dog* offers is called "Dances with Hot Sauce". I highly recommend this to any Buffalo fan. It is your choice of a burger or chicken breast covered in both Bleu Cheese and Buffalo sauce. In comparison *The Tin Palace* offers a Buffalo Chicken Roll-up that includes grilled chicken, lettuce, tomato, celery, Bleu Cheese, and a Buffalo Chicken Pizza sauce made with both pizza sauce and buffalo sauce topped with chicken chunks, and a Buffalo Chicken Tenders Platter. However, don't be misguided by the term "platter" in its name, it contains the same number of tenders as does the appetizer and you get a side of fries for the extra two dollars and fifty cents.

So overall how do the two bars compare? The wings at *The Hair of the Dog* are better priced, you get more for your money, out of those you get more drumsticks, they taste better, and they are served with better celery. *The Tin Palace* offers a greater selection of foods with Buffalo sauce and they have better Bleu Cheese. The winner this week hands down is *The Hair of the Dog*. Next week its wings will go on to challenge those of *Benjamins*.

Denzel Washington identifies with 'John Q'

By Mike Szymanski
Zap2it.com

The usually jovial always-smiling Denzel Washington looks a bit serious when he thinks about his children being in jeopardy. The Oscar-winning actor has four children, and when he's asked if he can identify with the character he plays in his latest movie "John Q" - who's trying to save his son who has a bad heart - he flashes back to a private moment a few years ago.

"I was in a car accident with my oldest son when he was a little guy," says Washington, in an interview with Zap2it for the New Line movie. "The adrenaline kicked in, because he got his legs jammed in between the door and the seat. I snatched the door open and got him out of there, and he's screaming, and I'm like, 'Oh, my God, it's going to be all right,' and he's like, 'No, Dad, put me down, I'm all right, put

me down.' I was flipping out. He was fine."

The 46-year-old actor laughs about his over-reaction and relaxes again. He is dressed casually in a baseball cap, T-shirt and jeans while seated at a Beverly Hills hotel, but he says there's nothing casual at all about the story of "John Q" and the realistic dilemma that his character finds himself in when trying to get his son some proper health care. A working class father, John Q finds that his son has a bad heart, and that his health insurance doesn't cover the needed transplant because of a loophole.

Anne Heche co-stars as the unhelpful hospital administrator, and James Woods is a heart surgeon whom John Q takes hostage to force the hospital to put his son on the heart donor list. Robert Duvall and Ray Liotta portray police officers who try to negotiate with John Q.

He knows he has it better than most fathers, Washington

admits: "I have the financial wherewithal, but one would do anything, I imagine, for one's child. I would."

He perhaps stops short at taking hostages, however, and he's concerned about the potential violence of the scene, and the fact that his character becomes a hero in the film. He doesn't advocate what his character does, and hopes it doesn't inspire desperate fathers to do the same thing.

"It might not be so easy (to take over an emergency room)," Washington says. "That'll be the last thing you see, the smoke coming out of some security guard's gun."

Washington's on-screen family is played by "Beloved" star Kimberly Elise and 10-year-old acting newcomer Daniel E. Smith.

"Denzel took us on a trip to Niagara Falls like we were a family so we could feel comfortable with each other," Elise laughs. "I

ended up holding his hand, and then I realized that we could be recognized."

Smith says he was excited about working with Washington, and saw him in both R-rated biopic movies "Hurricane" and "Malcolm X." Washington calls the young actor "my new child, my fifth, he's just alive. There's a light inside of him and (director) Nick (Cassavetes) recognized it."

Washington points out that his character is an "average Joe," and perhaps very close to like he is in real life.

"I'm a regular Joe. I relate to him on that level. You notice I got my John Q kind of clothes on today. This is what I wear unless I've got to put one of those suits on," he says.

Working on this film led him to find out plenty about his own health care, including knowledge of what is covered in his Screen Actors Guild health plan.

"Obviously there are holes in the system that we have. Just say-



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Oscar Winner Denzel Washington stars in "John Q".

ing, 'All right, starting Monday we have free health care for everybody' is the solution, that's an

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KRUNK — Will you please go out with me?

By Tom Silvestro
TNH Reporter

Dear Female Ladies,

My name is Tom and I think you should go out with me. Not to toot my own horn, but I am quite a guy. I'd even go so far as to say that I am an "A #1 Guy." Whoa, I know what you're thinking, "What makes Tom such a happenin' dude?" Well, I'm glad you asked because as this piece will attest, I am more than qualified to go on a date with you.

One of my most noticeable attributes is how smart I am. How smart? Well, you know those child prodigies? I'm kind of like a really dumb child prodigy, but way

smarter than a regular child. So, that means I'm kind of smart. (I don't know - you do the math.) Just look at the stats, ladies: By the age of 12, I could program a VCR and by the age of 16, I could record tapes from one VCR to another! I also know how to hook up a DVD player and I've seen every "Police Academy" movie. Aside from book smarts, I also have a wealth of street smarts. Like, if I'm walking on the streets and I see a gang of thugs or ne'er-do-wells, I'm smart enough to know it's not a good idea to throw trash at them. They could kick me in the behind (or the fanny) and steal my money! Or, say some guy comes up to me and says he's the "Money Inspector" and asks if he

can take my wallet. Folks, this is a "con," pure and simple. I've discovered that the best thing to do is just say, "No thank-you, kind sir" and walk away. No "book learnin'" is gonna teach you this stuff, people. You gotta learn it on the streets like I did.

Another impressive trait of mine is that I'm a fella that knows a thing or two about cleanliness. For instance, I shower and shave every day and as far as dental care is concerned, I'm tops. I use a toothpaste with baking soda in it (I hear that helps somehow, I think) and I even have one of those fancy toothbrushes with the weird bristles. I must get this out of the way up front: I do not floss. I'm sorry if this admission ruined my chances with some of you, but I have to be honest. However, I am willing to start flossing if the right woman comes along, but only every other day. What else? Umm...oh, when I do laundry I separate the whites and colors. Also, I use fabric softener - not one, but TWO sheets! I do not fold my laundry and that is something you'll have to cope with. (Sorry ladies, but you can't change me on that one!)

We're up to my best quality: being a nice young man. Not only will I get the door for you at various eating establishments and bowling alleys, but I will also treat you with the utmost respect and cordiality. You won't hear me calling you names like "broad" or "dame" or "sugar" or some other outdated 1940s slang. I will address you be either your name, "madam," or "Queen Pretty." I am even willing to ask your father for "courtship permission" if you so desire. Alas, if he challenges me to a duel, I must decline and forfeit my romantic pursuit.

And what awaits on our first enchanting date? Well, I will first greet you at your doorstep with flowers and a box of



Nick Dakoulas - TNH Photographer

As well as a pineapple.

the finest chocolates \$3.99 can buy. Then, I'll whisk you away to Manchester where we will dine at T.G.I. Fridays and I'll shower you with potato skins and bottomless Sprites. Afterwards, we will visit the nearest Dunkin' Donuts for a romantic dessert: one Dunkaccino, two straws.

So, this is my final offer: if you e-mail me (horsie@fataltourist.com) I will go on a date with you. I have listed my outstanding qualifications and the ball is now in your court. The choice is up to you, so...please go out with me.

Senior Tom Silvestro writes a weekly comedy piece for TNH, in affiliation with the "Please Go Out with Tom Silvestro Committee." Send e-mail to him at horsie@fataltourist.com.



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On our first date, I will shower you with flowers and chocolates...

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parts that you don't like," said Cohen. "Then train emotionally-it's like taking that thong off and wearing it on your head."

He compared rejection training to a boxing match. Boxers have to be mentally and physically prepared because they know that when they enter the ring they are going to get the crap beat out of them but then they go back to their corner and get encouraged and pumped up again. Just like boxers he said to make sure to keep people

in your corner so you have people to pull you back up when you do get knocked down.

Viewers left the talk with the premise, "to not be rejected is to not really live life," understanding that if you don't take risks, you're missing so many opportunities. He said there is nothing to be afraid of. If you are rejected then you don't need that person in your life and that is no reflection on you.

"If someone refuses your request for a date, it's ok-

it's just not meant to be-they may have just found out they have climitia, ghonnera, AND syphilis and YOU just asked them out on a date," joked Cohen.

His brutal honesty and willingness to put himself on the line was inspiring and comforting to audience members. It is always nice to be able to hear that you're not the only one being rejected, it's an inevitable part of life and it just needs to be accepted, not rejected.

Q, from page C

easy thing to say, but I'm not going to say it because I don't know enough about it," Washington says.

This is a personal story for Cassavetes, whose daughter has congenital heart disease. He has watched her go through four operations.

"Nick has been through the system and dealt with the problem with his own daughter, so he had his own opinions, but I don't in any way condone what John Q. does," says the actor, who's starred in "A Soldier's Story," "Courage Under Fire" and "Glory," for which he won his Best Supporting Actor honor in 1989. "I don't think he did the right thing. I wouldn't do what he did, because he's saying basically, 'My son's life is more important than anybody else in that emergency room.' But it's a movie!"

Cassavetes says Washington represents a typical American Everyman, and he was the director's first pick for the role.

"I wanted my favorite actor in the world," the director says. "I wanted to hire Denzel Washington. So we sent it to him and he read it. He was very gracious, and we both played a little ball in school, and we were both from New York, and we got on. He's a father and I'm a father."

Washington told him about the traumatic time his daughter broke her foot playing football with the boys. He can't imagine the traumatic times Cassavetes has gone

through with his daughter, now 14.

"The script made me cry, I liked the character," says Washington, although he feels the scroll of information about the health care system in the United States is a bit too much at the end of the film.

"It wasn't in the script. I personally don't think that should be in the movie, but it's his movie, he's got the right to do what he wants," Washington admits. "I think it's laying it on a little thick for my taste."

"John Q" was actually filmed before his bad-guy role "Training Day" but it comes to theaters after his award-nominated violent role. Washington is happy about that, because he feels if people hated him in "Training Day," then "John Q" is his apology.

"Being a bad guy is fun, you can do anything you want, say anything," the actor says. Right now, he's working on an idea for a comedy, to co-star his pal Eddie Murphy.

He's also directing and editing his own film.

But for now, Washington is living a life that's relatively normal - for a movie star father - and relating to the kind of good-natured family guy he plays in the film "John Q."

"He's not an action hero. He's a factory worker. He's scared to death. Now he's in the middle of it. Now what's he going to do?" Washington teases.

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Bush vows to cut pollution with more incentives, fewer regulations

By Seth Borenstein
Knight Ridder
Newspapers

WASHINGTON - President Bush vowed Thursday to slice by about 70 percent the levels of three of the four most important air pollutants that power plants emit, using strategies heavy on economic incentives and light on regulations.

He also proposed voluntary goals that could slightly slow the increase in carbon dioxide, the fourth major pollutant, and other "greenhouse gases," which lead to global warming.

"To clean the air, and to address climate change, we need to recognize that economic growth and environmental protection go hand in hand," Bush said. That, he continued, is because only affluent societies can afford "the most environmental protection."

Democrats and environ-

and acid rain, by 73 percent; and mercury, which taints fish, by 69 percent.

Bush would allow carbon dioxide emissions to grow, but at a rate 4.5 percent slower than now projected.

The power plant-pollution caps are looser and take effect later than a version the administration presented to the utility industry last fall.

The greenhouse gas goal for 2012, consisting mainly of carbon dioxide, is 40 percent higher than President Bill Clinton's 1997 goal and 30 percent higher than the goal Bush's father, President George Bush, set in 1992.

"It's really a rollback of the Clean Air Act masquerading as a step forward," said Frank O'Donnell, executive director of the Clean Air Trust, a Washington environmental group. "It's very much like what the industry has called for: eliminating



Courtesy Photo

see a reduction to 2 million tons by 2012.

The effects are similar for mercury and nitrogen oxides.

The EPA projections are unfair, because they are "based on significant uncertainty," said Jim Connaughton, chairman of the president's Council on Environmental Quality.

On global warming, Bush's plan is voluntary. It's based on tax credits of \$4.6 billion over five years, to reward use of solar energy, fuel cells, renewable energy and hybrid gas-electric cars.

In addition, companies could submit tallies of their greenhouse gas-pollution cuts, for which they'd be credited in the event of future regulation.

Environmental groups said voluntary programs aren't enough.

"You need mandatory caps like you have in the Kyoto Protocol to bring emissions down," said Jennifer Morgan, climate change program director for the World Wildlife Fund.

The Kyoto Protocol, which Bush rejected last year as unfair and economically stifling to the

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—President Bush

mental groups generally rejected Bush's "Clean Skies" initiative as a step backward that would delay cleanup measures already under way.

The president proposes mandatory national limits on three types of pollution from power plants, but would drop other regulations that now apply to the plants. The pollution reductions would take effect later than they would under current plans.

Reductions required by 2018 would cut nitrogen oxides, which cause smog, by 67 percent; sulfur dioxide, which produces soot

current requirements and replacing them with a less-restrictive system."

Bush, business and energy leaders praise the plan for freeing power plants - among the nation's biggest polluters - from intricate regulations. Instead, they'd get pollution limits for each plant. Those that failed to meet the limits would be able to buy pollution credits from plants that exceeded them.

"Instead of the government telling utilities where and how to cut pollution, we will tell them when and how much to cut,"

Bush said, speaking to the Silver Spring, Md., office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "We will give them a firm deadline and let them find the most innovative ways to meet it."

Congress still must approve Bush's plan.

"It's a very reasoned plan to get to a practical result," said Bill Kovacs, environment and energy vice president for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, a business lobby in Washington. "It gives you a lot of incentives (to clean up) faster."

Kovacs and Bush predicted an active market in pollution credits and noted that a similar "cap and trade" system, intro-

duced in 1990 to reduce acid rain, had proved to be successful and cheap.

"Cap and trade is a wonderful engine," said Joseph Goffman, senior attorney for Environmental Defense, a moderate New York environmental group. But he criticized Bush's cleanup goals as too modest. "What the president essentially offered is a Ferrari for cleaning up the air, but he's only willing to drive it at 15 mph."

Under Bush's plan, sulfur dioxide emissions - now 11 million tons nationally - would have to be cut to 3 million tons by 2018. The Environmental Protection Agency's projections of the effects of current laws fore-

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Clean Air Trust

United States, set pollution limits that signatories pledged to meet. The U.S. limit would have been 40 percent below Bush's current goal.

If this voluntary program doesn't work, said Connaughton, the administration will look at other voluntary programs.

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Horoscope time!

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Feb. 15). Use your successes to further your education, and you'll achieve new successes. This may be no more dramatic than you working your way through school, but that sure counts. Take on a challenge.

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 an 8 - You're ready for the competition, and you're in great shape. Your teammates have confidence in you, and well they should. You may not make it home for dinner tonight, but the family will understand. You're on your way to victory.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Has something been bugging you? Something you've wanted but could never have? It could be anything from a trinket to a college education. You may not be able to get it all now, but you can get a good start.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Follow through on some creative ideas you've had recently. A friend is eager to join you in making amazing things happen. A trip to exotic shores this weekend? Perfect!

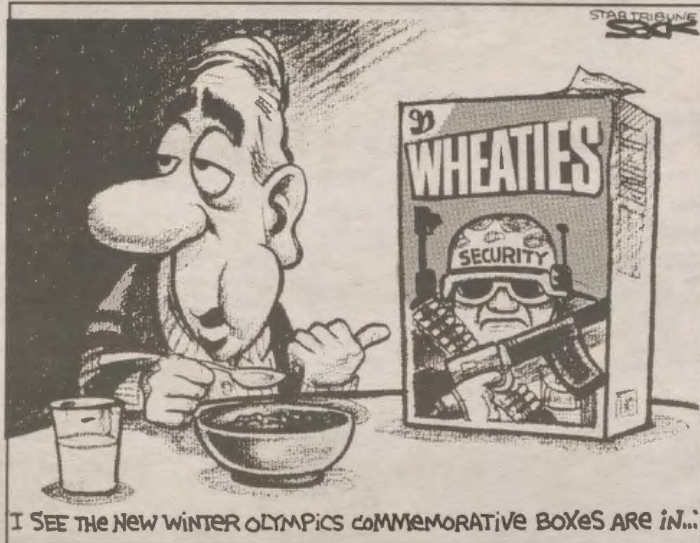
Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Another problem to solve? Sure! Another mess to clean up? You're ready, willing and able. That's how it looks to the others, anyway.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - If you can manage to pay off an old debt, you'll feel great. Put off travel or a new toy in order to do so. Maybe you can eventually have it all.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Discuss your impending purchase with your mate. You may have some very different ideas about what's required. You may have to buy something even better than what you had in mind.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 7 - Don't get defensive if you encounter a little criticism. Show you're tough enough to take it and smart enough to use it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Suddenly there's a rush of things that have to be done at the last moment. You like to be way ahead, not



scurrying to catch up. Don't blame yourself. This couldn't be avoided.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Don't spend all your money on a gala evening out. Save some for this weekend. You and your sweetheart may want to have your meals delivered by the pizza man or by room service.

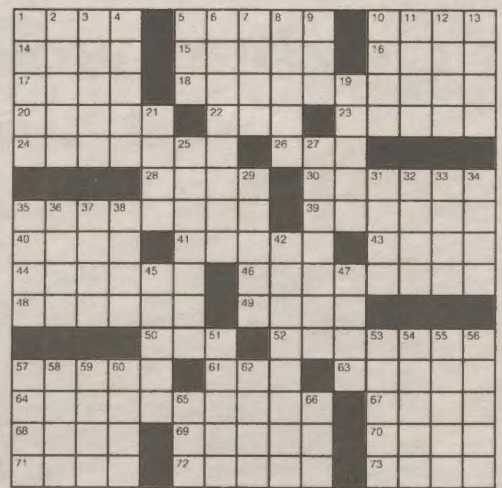
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - The sensation you're most likely to experience now is mild irritation. That's OK. Being slightly uncomfortable will spur you to take action.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Use a recent embarrassment as motivation. You didn't have the answer then, but if you really dig deep, by tomorrow you will.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - Find ways to increase your income without working any harder. It's possible, although it's not easy. It's easier to keep doing whatever you're doing. Be bold.

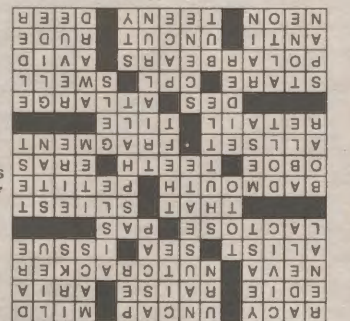
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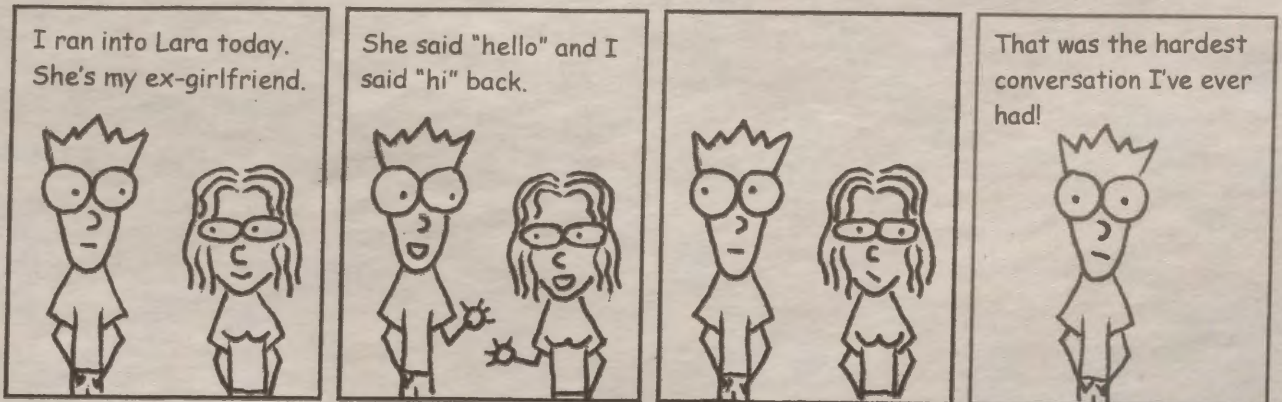
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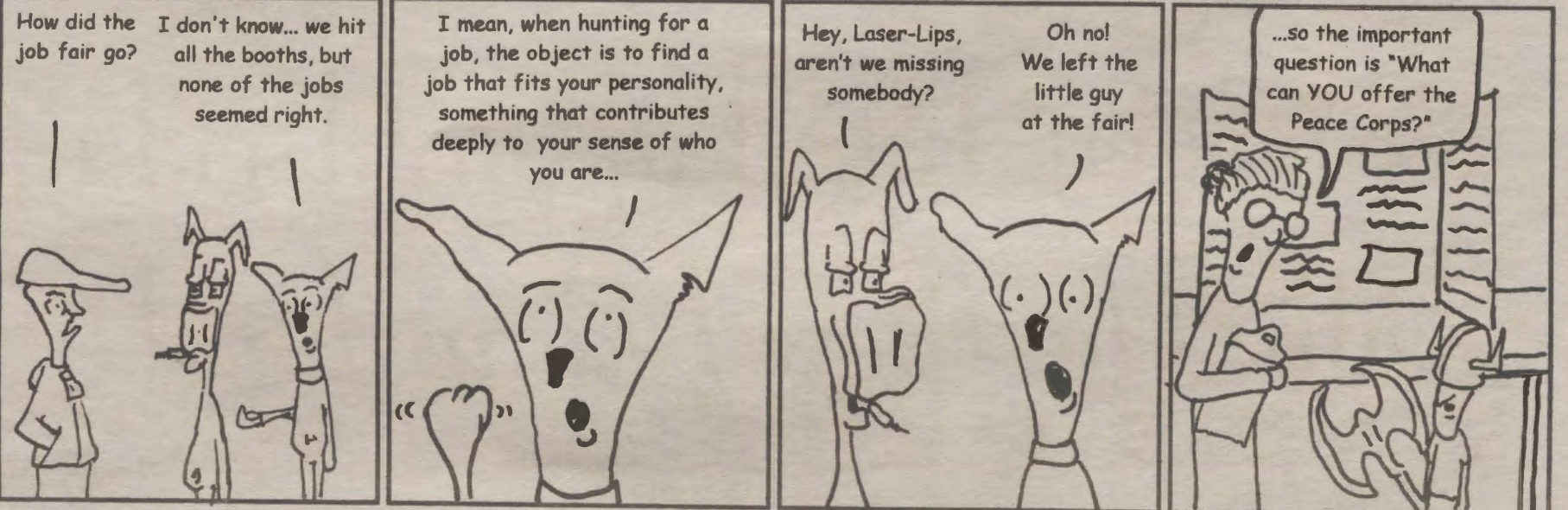
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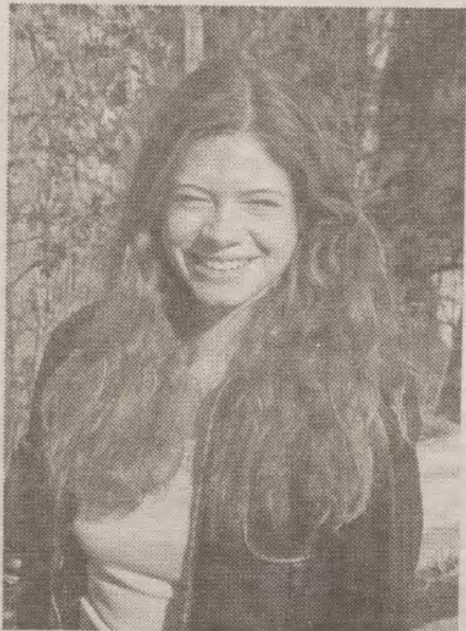
What would make you so happy you would burn your own couch?

On the Spot



With Allie Gaines

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"If they change the meal plan to include Joe's Pizza."

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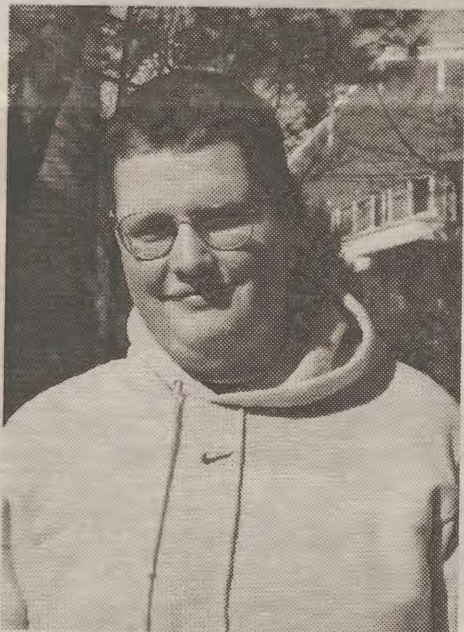
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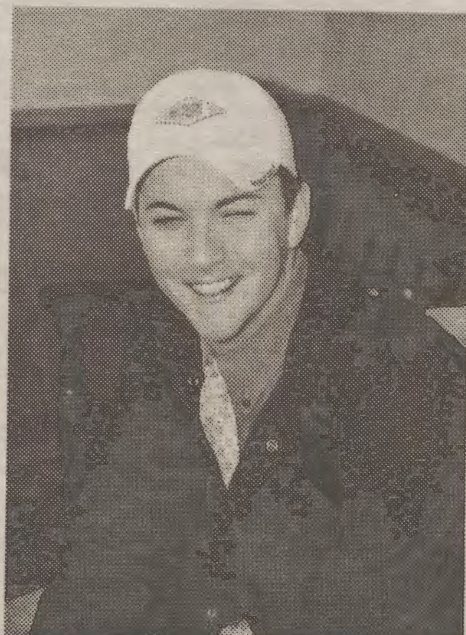
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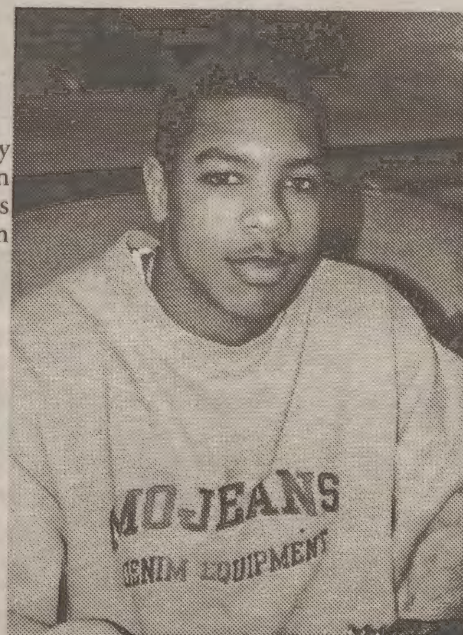
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"Winning the lottery."

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"The Pats losing the Super Bowl."

Editorial

Pro-choice or pro-life: Is a fetus a person?

The following submission of *The New Hampshire* is not meant to give an opinion one way or the other on the explosive issue of claiming embryos and fetuses as people for the purpose of health care. We have simply gathered a collection of facts and statements from current national media sources, including *The Boston Globe* and *The Portsmouth Herald*, covering both the pro-life and pro-choice viewpoints. Our intention is to shed some light on both sides and give the UNH community a basis to decipher breaking news on this subject as it continues to develop in the media.

The Bush Administration recently proposed to make embryos and developing fetuses eligible for the Children's Health Care Program, saying they would qualify from the moment of conception. Currently, eligibility does not begin until birth.

According to a Feb. 1 article by Laura Meckler in *The Portsmouth Herald*, headlined, "Bush gives abortion opponents a win," administration officials maintained that the decision has nothing to do with abortion or establishing the rights of a fetus. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson is quoted in the article saying, "All we're doing is providing care for poor mothers so their children are going to be born healthy. How anybody can now turn this into a pro-choice or pro-life argument, I can't understand that."

However, advocates on both sides of the abortion issue branded the decision a victory for the anti-abortion movement. Lou Sheldon, Chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition is quoted saying, "This will strengthen the right-to-life philosophy." On the other side of the coin, a NARAL Reproductive Freedom and Choice fact sheet claims that the Administration's long-term goal is to make abortion illegal. An interim step is to establish that embryos are persons under the law. The fact sheet states that this proposal does just that - it makes embryos persons under the law for purposes of eligibility for CHIPs.

Bush has made it clear that he opposes abortion rights since the beginning of his campaign for president. With this in mind and the fact that activists from both sides of the issue claim this would impact the anti-abortion campaign, is it reasonable for the administration to assume that the American people will believe this has no correlation to the abortion debate?

In the Feb. 7 issue of *The Boston Globe*, Ellen Goodman wrote an editorial titled *Inconceivable Cynicism*, claiming that passing this bill would make the fetus the patient instead of the pregnant mother because it's not the mother who would qualify for coverage, but the 'unborn child.' Goodman raises the same questions as many pro-choice activists; Would the government pay for a miscarriage, an ectopic pregnancy or a still birth? And furthermore, she asks, would every fertilized egg in every petri dish or fertility clinic freezer be entitled to healthcare?

Since the Roe vs. Wade Bill was passed in 1973, abortion has been legal in the U.S. However, there has been a long history of severe division over the issue. Pro-life activists believe that abortion should be illegal based on many ethical and humanitarian view points and pro-choice activists believe that abortion should be legal as a mother's right to choose. Before this bill was proposed, fetuses were not considered people. If the Bush Administration passes this bill claiming embryos and fetuses are persons, how will this effect the current legality of abortion? It will be interesting to see how debates over the bill unfold in the face of the Bush Administration, and pro-life and pro-choice activists.

We have only begun to break the surface of this issue, and until further developments are made in the specifics of the bill, it's hard to say what anyone's intentions really are. Regardless, it will be interesting to see what each side has to say about this issue and how the Bush Administration reacts.

Letters

Challenge for political diversity

To the Editor:

In the Feb. 8 edition of *TNH*, Lisa Arsenault and Cassie Cook printed an editorial praising the administration for promoting "diversity" at UNH. If Ms. Arsenault and Ms. Cook really cared about diversity at UNH, one would think that *TNH* would try a little harder to present the perspective of the political minority. However, it seems the every time I look in the "Opinion" section of *TNH* I see nothing more than a forum for liberal one-sidedness.

In that Feb. 8 edition we see a pro-affirmative action piece, which I'm sure many people, like myself, were disgusted by. We

also hear Donna Kirk screaming about the destruction of 'beautiful Afghanistan.' I fail to see any beauty in a land where oppression is the only way of life.

So here's the challenge *TNH*. Let's see you put your money where your mouth is! It would be great to see a different opinion, specifically a 'non-liberal' opinion, more than the usual once or twice a month. I'm sure you wouldn't have a problem finding a few truth seekers, like myself, who would like to get a chance to address the student body on a regular basis.

Chris Warner
Sophomore

Sports aren't everything

To the Editor:

Why is it that our country focuses so much on sports? Especially, why does our media try to promote more violence that comes out because of sports? Take a look at the riot that occurred on campus over the Super Bowl or also at an extreme, look at the hockey father that killed another father at a youth game. It is aggression like this that our media promotes through the focus that it has on sports.

The focus in other countries is not so dependent on sports as it is here in America. There is a lot of motivation in other countries, especially in the media to attend to the arts. This was brought to my attention here at the University about a year ago from a touring company, Ballet

Hispanica. During the forum after the show there were comments made about the lack of support that this country has for its arts. This company had been touring all over the U.S. and other countries as well; they found America to be the least supportive of the arts.

As I compare the amount of media coverage on sports to the amount of media coverage in the arts, I can see why we, as Americans, focus more on sports. At our own University, which puts forth a very expanded sports section, I can see how the focus on sports brings out some sort of aggression in society that would not be around if the media had a different focal point.

Jillian Barsalou
Junior

TNH honorable mention

The New Hampshire is proud to announce that one of its stories has been chosen to be published by *The New York Times*. "Professor's research subject of dispute" by staff writer Justin Herman, which ran in the Feb. 12 issue of *The New Hampshire*, was selected to appear on *The New York Times* Web site in the newspaper's online college section Feb. 14. Five stories were selected by *The New York Times* from U-WIRE, a national online newswire for colleges and universities. The other four college newspapers were Harvard University, Columbia University, University of Michigan and Fairfield University.

You can view the article at http://www.nytimes.com/uwire/uwire_VXQB021320023288451.html?ex=1091509200&en=bfe75ae2c1e84473&ei=5034.

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Op-Ed

Herold's point for point response to criticism

I wish to congratulate Justin Herman for his report on my research. I will respond [just once] to the criticisms leveled at me in a couple shorter pieces in *The New Hampshire* [Feb. 12, 2002]. These include:

- My use of 'incendiary' and 'inflammatory' language. I frankly don't understand how an opinionated research document with hundreds of footnotes citing reputable sources could be equated with "one who excites or willfully sets fire to a building or other property...who excites faction, or sedition; an agitator" [Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary 1959].

- "his invocation of the race factor, and other preposterous claims..." Please show that this claim is 'preposterous', but before doing so, at least read Sven Lindqvist's widely acclaimed recent book, *A History of Bombing* [The New Press, 2001] wherein he too makes the race argument. My analysis about the tradeoff between dead Afghan civilians today in order to prevent possible future U.S. casualties tomorrow, stands. Indeed I write that the Pentagon did not deliberately bomb civilian targets [most of the time.....but power stations, radio stations, fuel trucks, civilian vehicles, etc all chronicled in great detail in my data base are, in my mind, civilian].

- Mr. Samon's infantile argument—"you can distinguish morally between those who start and those who respond"—merits no response. He says all means are justified in a response and let's forget all international conventions about war. Let's 'just nuke 'em' since the 'started.' Incidentally, the U.S. has violated the practice of 'proportional response' in its war upon Afghanistan, but I'll leave that aside.

- Mr. Quinn writes "most media are ignoring the Professor's assertions." Wishful thinking by this graduate of '89. My study has gained worldwide visibility, amongst others making front page news

in leading daily newspapers from New Zealand to Egypt, Germany, England, Canada, Italy, Australia, etc. and being featured in major weeklies in Germany, India, Egypt, etc..

- Quinn makes the tired old criticism that I rely on "third-hand accounts." Anyone even vaguely familiar with news writing knows that most news stories are written by journalists who were not on the spot of the incident. They rely upon persons who were, upon conversations [even by phone, etc], etc.. How many journalists were in Bhopal [India] when the Union Carbide factory blew up? Yet, hundreds of news stories were written worldwide.

- Mr. Quinn has obviously not read the recent academic study which explores the truthfulness of Al-Jazeera, coming to the conclusion that the agency is both highly opinionated but also very accurate! Al Jazeera stands as a beacon of hard-hitting, independent journalism, in an area of the world where that is a scarce commodity. Similarly, Quinn has not the foggiest idea about the accuracy of the independent Afghan Islamic Press agency, whose reports on civilian casualties I have evaluated and found to be accurate. I specifically examined the cases of the Khost and Asmani Kilai bombings. Curiously too, since the implosion of the Taliban, 'western' news reports now regularly cite the A.I.P..

- Quinn doesn't like Justin Huggler's widely quoted article *written on the spot in Khanabad, wherein he estimated 150 Afghan civilians died in the carpet-bombing of the area.* A look at my data base, shows that I included the figure of 100 killed civilians for November 18.

- I have not used the Taliban as a major source of data, as any perusal of my sources indicates. Indeed, many reports are based upon newswire reports, NGOs, newspaper reports from per-

sons like Kathy Gannon [A.P], Bashir Khan, Sayed Salahuddin, Behroz Khan, Richard Lloyd Parry, Tariq Saeed, Robert Fisk, and countless others including some outstanding Australian reporters working with the Sydney Morning Herald. What Mr. Quinn and others like him, are really saying is that truth only comes through a American lens—to be 'independently verified', means verified by persons other than from the Third World. Aha, another burden to be carried by the White Man!

- Mr. Gardner exhumes another chimera: that civilians I report are disguised Al Qaeda soldiers. Let me quote from my essay, "An Answer to My Critics," *Claim: Reported civilians might be Taliban in civilian dress.* This argument, falsely extrapolates from the Vietnam and other guerrilla war experiences. The Taliban military was not a guerrilla army after 1996, but rather functioned as well defined militia and military units, living in facilities separate from the population. This is not the same as in Indochina thirty years ago. Certainly, the Taliban moved around in relatively small military units, but they did not live amongst the people. Moreover, the overwhelming number of documented civilian casualties [impact deaths] took place in living facilities in either closer or further proximity from perceived military units which were bombed by U.S. planes. Others took place in vehicles, hospitals, schools, mosques, market places, etc. upon which U.S. bombs fell. A somewhat related claim is that Taliban soldiers hid out in civilian homes. While undoubtedly, some terrified fleeing Taliban for example around Kunduz and Khanabad, sought temporary safety in civilian homes, simple 'logic' suggests that Taliban were precisely fleeing areas of heavy bombing.

- Lastly, I certainly did not "use UNH's reputation to gain access to the media."

The media came to me on the basis of the quality, timeliness and originality of my research. I consciously avoided press releases through the UNH News Bureau and first 'went public' Dec. 10 on the well-known NCY-based radio show "Democracy Now" hosted by Amy Goodman.

- As far as my colleague, Bruce Elmslie's view regarding the opportunity cost of putting pressure upon the Taliban, as that derivative of being non-precision bombing, I would make two comments: [1]. The original Bush goal was to apprehend the alleged perpetrators of the WTC-Pentagon tragedies—which has NOT been accomplished [Mullah Omar reportedly escaped all the high-tech wizardry of this first world nation once in a rickshaw and later on a motorcycle!—and this, I believe, could have been better carried through a patient, methodical international political and police action combined with domestic efforts to improve public safety [esp. at airports]; and [2]. 'precision-bombing' does not exist outside context and my study argues that both the munitions used and where they were dropped *necessarily caused high civilian casualties.* Technology must be understood in context, amen! Certainly, the civilian toll in the 1980s civil war dwarfed present deaths, but let us recall who our allies were in those 'bad ol' days of the Cold War: precisely the forefathers of the Taliban. Blowback!

My study contributes, in my view and in that expressed by thousands of messages and phone calls I have received, to a more informed public discussion of this, the Fourth, Afghan War, an air war best described as being one of low bombing intensity and high civilian casualty intensity.

Respectfully,
Marc W. Herold
 Economics and Women's Studies

Sunday bonfire a patriotic act

Since the Sept. 11 attacks our country has been all about Patriotism. I've seen cars everywhere displaying people's love for our country with flags in their windows and patriotic stickers on their bumpers. Most of these stickers and other propaganda I have seen has been, for the most part, displayed by the middle-aged population. Now when the younger population, and by this I mean college kids, start to demonstrate their patriotism and love of our country it is pegged not as patriotism but as a riot.

UNH students go to college in a state that has always stood up for its beliefs and is very firm in them. I was born here and I have lived here my entire life. A native New Hampshirean has a strong sense of patriotism and the need to express our freedom and to celebrate these freedoms courses through our blood and is very strong: "Live Free or Die" and all that jazz.

New Hampshire and other New England states, we must remember, were some of the very first colonies to secede from English rule. The gathering on Madbury Rd. is our way of showing this patriotism and UNH

officials should not be viewing video tapes made at the event to try and pinpoint an instigator. No one at the gathering was hurt, nothing serious was destroyed, and no laws were broken. Police and firefighters stood around and as anyone could see they were enjoying themselves. I mean come on, who around here is not a Patriot fan, and who was not excited that we finally won a Super Bowl? This along with the fact that we are kicking Bin Laden's butt adds fuel to our need to express our joys.

UNH officials should be proud that members of the school and community came together and showcased their love for our country and enthusiasm at the Patriots win. They should also be happy that it was peaceful in intent and its outcome; if it was really such a huge, serious riot wouldn't the police have arrested more than two people. UNH officials should take a deep breath, relax, and not make this such an issue. As far as I'm concerned they are trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill. I mean come on, the majority of the people did not break any laws, (someone did rip down a

sign and that is state property), but everybody else was only out to have fun and to come together to celebrate. The only object that was seriously hurt was the poor couch that was burned. Although, it was long past due for a trip to the dump after having been the center piece in a fraternity's living room.

In our society someone must be blamed for events such as the one on Madbury Rd. I know that UNH officials have parents and Durham residents are complaining and thus have higher powers breathing down their necks to find a culprit or two to blame. The thing that they must remember is this; it was all in fun, no one was hurt, and we all had a good time. Our professors teach us that college is about growing and expressing ourselves. UNH students did a very good job of expressing themselves and accomplishing it in a safe and fun way. UNH officials need to remember this and the other key points I listed when coming to a decision about this issue and what do to about Spring Fling.

Noelle DiLorenzo
 Freshman

Intentions are off base

I am writing these long overdue statements in response to the editorial recently published in *TNH*. This eagerness to excuse rape suspects and instead point a finger at the victim has finally gone too far. While I find Mr. Garman's opinions on defending male stereotypes interesting, I also find them, particularly in this instance, way off base.

Let us make one thing abundantly clear. Just because DNA tests are found to be inconclusive, or to exclude a suspect's DNA, DOES NOT MEAN that "it should be clear" these men are not guilty. These tests only prove that these rapists may have been smart enough to wear a condom. Or has the fact that condoms would prevent evidence from being present slipped everyone's mind? Inconclusive DNA testing exonerates no one. As for the absence of date rape drugs found in the victim's system, any competent expert will remind you that if urination has taken place before the test is taken, presence of the drug would not be detectable. Rundles seems all too eager to dismiss this case, and overlook the obvious. How hazy would your testimony be had you just undergone an extremely traumatic event, I wonder?

I do not condone the vandalism that took place at Sigma

Nu. I find it curious that Garman is so quick to denounce this crime as bashing all males at UNH. I also remember him starting up this "new group" last year. Did it ever occur to him that a male, disgusted with the actions of Sigma Nu, may have been the vandal? Furthermore, if an all black fraternity or a religious organization had several members of their community accused of gang raping a woman on their premises, I suspect the reaction to the vandalism would be no different. Just as he is frustrated by unfavorable stereotypes of men, I and many others are frustrated by society's suspicion and doubt of victims of sexual assault. Garman's haste to denounce this woman's accusation is just one example. Unless he was present at Sigma Nu that night, there is no way he can claim to know the truth. Only "Sarah" and the accused know the truth.

I agree that there should be fair treatment for all males and females on this campus. That includes freedom from harassment, fear, and intimidation for the victim who was brave enough to come forward.

Katelyn Dufour
 Senior

Op-Ed

Ringling in the Chinese New Year

By Joshua Chin
TNH Columnist

Valentine's Day, the day that Americans express their true love and romance to their significant other, is not the only holiday this week. Two days earlier, Chinese people in the United States, China and Hong Kong began celebrating Chinese New Year, a symbolic and joyous event lasting for 15 days.

According to the Chinese lunar calendar, 2002 is the Year of the Horse. Like American horoscope signs, the Chinese have 12 animal zodiac signs that each attribute prospects for individuals born in the specific year of a particular animal. The Chinese Lunar Calendar is extremely unique because it is based on the cycles of the moon. A complete cycle takes 60 years and consists of five cycles of 12 years each. As a result, the beginning of a new year for the Chinese can range anywhere between late January and the middle of February. The Chinese Lunar Calendar represents each of the twelve years after an animal. The 12 animals are as follows:

rat, ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and boar.

If you are born in the Year of the Horse, your horoscope states that you are hardworking, strong-willed, and very independent. Possible career choices include being a renowned scientist or a poet.

Chinese New Year is a special time for Chinese families to reunite, give thanks for their past year and to eat a grand dinner feast containing foods that will bring good fortune for the new year. It is important to note that everything in this symbolic holiday from decorations to rituals revolve around superstitions and luck. Chinese people always wish for longevity, happiness and prosperity for their families and friends.

Prior to New Year's Eve, Chinese families are busy making preparations for the much anticipated celebrations. The Chinese believe sweeping their house floors and dusting their furniture must be done before New Year's Day, so they can cast away all the evil that may haunt them in the upcoming year. In addition, their living rooms are adorned with blossom-

ing flowers, which symbolize wealth and new growth. Oranges and tangerines are scattered about the house because the Chinese believe these two fruits will bring them abundant happiness. Of course, the most vital thing is the massive cooking of various Chinese cuisine dishes for the grand feast. The foods that are devoured all symbolize prosperity, good health and lasting happiness for the family. For example, uncut noodles represent longevity, while a whole chicken symbolizes abundance and wealth.

My favorite part of Chinese New Year is visiting my relatives and receiving red pocket money (lai see or hong bow in Chinese). Red pocket money is traditionally given to children and unmarried friends. It is a symbolic token of good fortune for the recipient. Some Chinese children are fortunate to have grandparents like me who are incredibly generous when giving lai see.

Red is the preferred color for the Chinese, particularly during Chinese New Year because red is a vibrant color symbolizing joy, bright futures and good luck. Con-

versely, Chinese people avoid wearing any white clothing because white represents evil, bad luck and death. They are also cautious about using vulgar language that would provoke imminent misfortune in their lives. For example, no one would dare to say the number 4 (Ssu in Chinese) because it is the Chinese homonym for death.

I hope my personal insights on Asian pop culture will motivate and encourage UNH students to learn more about the cultural and racial diversity that exists on campus. We need to learn how to better appreciate and respect the diversity that contributes to the educational growth and the strong unity that is being upheld at UNH. As an American Born Chinese (ABC), I am proud and blessed to be an American who is entitled to freedom, independence and the joy of living in the most multi-diverse nation in the world. Let's bind together to advocate the promotion of cultural and racial diversity at this university.

As the Chinese say to each other on Chinese New Year, Gung Hay Fat Choy (Wishing you success and good fortune)!

No one wants to be a victim

Christina Thompson, Junior
Jennifer Johnson, Sophomore

All groups of people can be victims of violence, just as all people can perpetrate violence. Men rape women, men rape men, women rape women and women rape men. Yet, according to Jane Stapleton's *Degrees of Separation*, 95 percent of rapes involve a male perpetrator and a female victim.

Now people might be asking why does a case like the recent civil suit against Sigma Nu not make it to trial? The sad fact is that most sexual assault cases are not tried due to "lack of evidence." When clear signs of physical abuse are not present it becomes harder to prove that consent wasn't given. This makes county and district attorneys hesitant to take cases. According to the Senate Judiciary Report, 98 percent of all rape victims will never see their attacker caught, tried or imprisoned. When one realizes that one in three women will be assaulted at some point in their life these statistics become a harsh reality. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report there is an absolute minimum of one rape occurring every five minutes. What are women to do? We have already changed our lives in every way possible to avoid being assaulted. We don't walk alone at night, we have to make sure we have friends to go to parties with, we are careful not to wear clothing that is too provocative and at times we even don't take jobs that are late at night because we fear that we will be attacked on our own streets. Why must we change our lives to accommodate those of our rapists?

Contrary to a Letter to the Editor by Scott Garmand from the Feb. 12 issue of *TNH* entitled "Students want to change male stereotypes at UNH," sexual assault awareness activists do not hate men. We want to end rape and it is not us that needs to

change. We too would like to see the common stereotypes placed on men's masculinity eradicated. We must strive to end oppression on the whole.

We can no longer point the finger at women. When a woman is raped people are quick to point out what she was wearing, who she was with or the number one accusation, "Well she was drunk, what did she expect?" It is not our job to keep from being raped. It is the job of men to take responsibility for their actions and to help end sexual assault. It is not good enough to stand aside and say "well I am a man and I don't rape." When a woman is screaming or she seems like she may be intoxicated and not able to discern what is going on, it is the responsibility of any bystander to make sure she is safe. As for the vandalism, while we don't condone it, you can clearly see how the frustration of so many victims could have led to this. What do you do when the police, the university, the courts and even your own peers won't help you? What can a woman do but fester in silence with the shame of her worst nightmare come true and the hide her secret from a society that would rather blame her. No one wants to be a victim twice.

Throughout our time on campus we have heard countless stories about rapes that have occurred at UNH. We have seen women lose their will to live and we have seen women threatened by their rapists to stay silent. We find Scott's agenda to be misleading. You can stand up for men without denying the fact that they do commit the majority of crimes against women. Admitting reality is not the same as male bashing. If we want to make change then people need to start taking responsibility for their communities and instead of lashing out at the victims, find the root of the problem and work towards a solution.

Not America's games

Sarah Minnis
Senior

I consider myself an Olympic enthusiast, but the Opening Ceremony of this year's games left a sour taste in my mouth and a feeling of embarrassment for my country. We are lucky enough to host the games this winter and we have used this privilege to politicize.

The ceremony started off with a melancholy bang. A troop of U.S. athletes, N.Y. firefighters and police officers marched into the arena carrying the American flag recovered from Ground Zero. At the sight of the annihilated American symbol the crowd fell silent and the ceremony began. From that moment I knew what our country was about to do to the supposed "world" games.

A negative tone remained. Why NBC felt it necessary to show our president's reaction to Iran's entrance, I don't know. For the first time in his presidency, however, I felt embarrassed by George Bush, Jr. The look on his face was one of feigned apathy, hiding behind it, contempt. Commenting on the

look, NBC announcer Bob Costas mentioned the recent State of the Union Address in which Bush identified Iran as one of the "axis of evil." Regardless of our poor track record with the Middle East, this handful of athletes has not done anything to Bush or America. Perhaps these individuals do not agree with the manner in which their nation has dealt with past affairs. By showing bitterness to innocent people, President Bush set a disgraceful example for the three million viewers Friday night.

Politics continued to dominate the mood of the ceremony as the events of Sept. 11 were raised in several speeches, including the one given by IOC president, Jacques Rogge. In addition to our National Anthem, "God Bless America" was performed by a N.Y. police officer during the event. Everywhere you looked, traces of Sept. 11 and other U.S. political affairs could be found.

These events had no place at the Opening Ceremony. According to an article published by the Washington Post on Feb. 5, the IOC originally objected to the opening incident with the tat-

tered flag, claiming that all countries have their political issues but this was a world event and there was no place for the memorial at the games. The U.S. agreed to fly it above the stadium instead. In an update I read that the procedure had been changed because the high winds that arrived that night would have damaged the already fragile flag. How convenient for the world to set aside its principles for the weather.

Naturally, this ceremony received rave reviews and the highest television ratings for an opening ceremony. The choreography was beautiful, the visual effects were stunning, and everything went swimmingly.

Despite these fabulous reviews and warm response, let me remind everyone of one fact. The underlying messages of the Olympics are unity and peace. The rings of the Olympic flag represent the unity of the five continents. The white background represents peace. The doves, the music, and the flame are all symbols of these ideals. Friday, these ideals were lost as we showed the world America's self pity and political heart.

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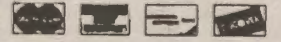
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A sports column for everyone

By Matt Doucet
Staff Writer

I've found that watching Bob Costas host the Olympics is a lot more bearable when you constantly picture him leaping up on his desk, ripping his shirt off and screaming, "I AM GOD! BOW DOWN BEFORE ME OR FOREVER FEEL THE WRATH OF B.C.!", because you just know that's what he's thinking.

Does anyone else have the feeling that the McKenzie brothers (Strange Brew) had something to do with the invention of curling? Just what is that thing they throw (curl) and where the hell would you buy one?

Just pray that the Celts keep this headband thing going for the rest of the road trip. There's just something about Vitaly wearing a green headband and looking around sheepishly to make sure Pierce and Antoine aren't making fun of him that you can't put a price on.

I must have missed the press release announcing that Georgia had passed Texas as the most insane state in the union. First off, how do you give Tyson license to do anything? What good can come from this? The man is just pathetic, not even a shell of what he used to be, just a raving, punch-drunk bully looking for a payday. And even more importantly, how do you even begin to consider approving anything that Texas passes on?

The way the Tampa Bay Buccaneers search for a head coach is going, it seems like only a matter of time before Pete

Carroll, George O'Leary, and Hayden Fox are mentioned as candidates.

I feel bad that I haven't given the UNH hoop team any credit yet, but the incredible year that they're having has been overshadowed by the success of the other New England sports. The truth is that these guys have been playing at a higher level than perhaps even they could have expected, and coach Phil Rowe has transformed this team into a hard working bunch that have some serious dark horse potential come AMERICA EAST tourney time. And don't think I'm not going if they go to the dance, if I can get a ticket to the last game at Foxboro, I'm sure I can wrangle one to this.

Mark my words, if the Sox get Rickey involved prominently this year, they are going to be a force to be reckoned with. Everyone always talks about how bad a guy Rickey is, and yet the guy always seems to end up on a winning team, which leads me to believe that he is worth much more than the trouble he'll cause. If he weren't, would he still be playing this game at the age of 43? Of course not. Sure he's not what he once was, but you'll be hard pressed to find a guy who does more little things to help his team win than Rickey Henderson, and I'll take a guy like that on my team any day.

Let me get this straight. The Patties are World Champs. Pedro reported early to camp. The Bruins are the top team in the East. The Celts are all but guaranteed a playoff spot. UNH hockey is number one. "Is, is this heaven?"

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trailing 30-29 going into the break. With the win, UNH moved into sole possession of third-place in the AMERICA EAST standings behind Vermont and Binghamton.

Senior guard Heidi Plencner continued to make a living behind the arc, hitting two treys to go along with her eight points. Freshman forward Geneva Livingston added seven points for UNH as they won their second straight over the Seawolves.

UNH is climbing the charts in the AMERICA EAST conference and are

preparing for their final four meetings, three of which are at home, all against AMERICA EAST opponents.

The 'Cats have won seven of their last ten games and have had spread the wealth throughout the team. In Saturday's win over BU, Heidi Plencner (11 ppg) carried the load with 19 points, and Maren Matthias (11.1 ppg) has posted two games with 23 points in her early career. Danen leads the Wildcats with 11.6 ppg.

UNH returns home Tuesday to face fourth place Maine at 7 p.m.

Vermont snowboarders shine in Salt Lake

Clark and Powers make sure the sun rises golden over Green Mountain State

By Kevin Fee
Knight Ridder
Newspapers

SALT LAKE CITY - Vermont ranks 49th in population in the United States. But no state had as large of a two-day run at the Winter Olympics ending Monday.

One day after seeing fellow Vermonter Kelly Clark soar to the gold medal in women's halfpipe snowboarding, Ross Powers won gold in the men's event Monday to lead a U.S. sweep of the top three spots on the picturesque Park City Mountain Resort slopes.

"This is the best day of my life," said Powers, who turned 23 Sunday. "This is the best birthday present I've ever had. What an amazing day. The weather was great. The crowd was great. It was amazing."

Powers' victory set off a red, white and blue celebration in the mountains. Not since the 1956 Games in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, had the United States won gold, silver and bronze in the same Winter Olympics event.

Powers, who won a bronze medal in halfpipe at Nagano in 1998, finished with 46.1 points. Danny Kass of Hamburg, N.J., won the silver (42.5 points) and Jarret Thomas of Golden, Colo., took the bronze (42.1 points).

The last time the United States swept an event, the

names were men's figure skaters Hayes Alan Jenkins, Ronald Robertson and David Jenkins.

The men's halfpipe was expected to be wide open. After it was over, the U.S. team had closed the door on the competition. Powers, of South Londonderry, Vt., says the United States is leading the way in the sport.

"I'm not dissing the other countries, because there are some amazing riders out there," Powers said. "But for the three of us to do this is huge."

After falling on his first qualifying run, Powers made it into the finals with a strong second qualifying run. He posted his winning score on the first run of the finals, with a high-flying, twisting and turning effort.

"After falling, I started thinking a lot," he said. "I wanted to get into the finals and put on a show."

Elsewhere, with a hat trick of gold medals already in his sled, Germany's Georg Hackl added to his silver collection.

Hackl, who refused to call himself the favorite, came up short of winning his fourth consecutive Olympic luge gold medal. Hackl finished second behind Italy's Armin Zoeggeler in men's singles. Winning the bronze was Austria's Markus Prock.

The 35-year-old Hackl, who likely will retire after the

Games, was gracious about being dethroned as the luge king.

"I'm getting a silver, that's great," he said. "Now two silver medals will frame three gold medals. The second place is where I belong. Armin is the right Olympic champion."

The 28-year-old Zoeggeler, a police officer from Voiana, Italy, never gave Hackl a chance to four-peat before 14,000 fans. On the third of four runs, Zoeggeler set a track record of 44.296 seconds and opened what proved to be an insurmountable lead that he protected with a clean final run.

"It was a long wait and a long way to this gold medal," Zoeggeler said. "It took a lot of power and energy, but now I'm really happy. It's really great to get the gold in front of such a crowd."

Zoeggeler turned it into a rout, finishing in 2:57.941 compared with Hackl's 2:58.270.

Third at Lillehammer in 1994 and second at Nagano, Zoeggeler completed his climb up the luge ladder.

Adam Heidt of Northport, N.Y., was fourth, the best American finish in history. "I just felt really good. I was glad to be a part of these Games. It was not easy for any one of us. It was a tight race, and we had a good time."

In other news Monday:

-At Snowbasin Ski Area,

high winds forced race officials to postpone the women's downhill. Fans must wait until Tuesday to see Picabo Street, the United States' gold-medal winner in the Super-G in 1998, and the high-flying Austrians compete in the event.

Street is trying to become the first U.S. alpine skier to win three Olympic medals.

"I'm disappointed," Street said. "It happens in skiing. We're used to it. (Tuesday) they're expecting a good day with half the wind. I just hope fans won't be too disappointed. I know how hard it is to get up here, and I hope they come back."

A crowd of 25,000 waited patiently in subfreezing temperatures, and skiers milled about until a decision was reached to postpone the event. Wind gusts of 15 to 20 mph were measured all morning at the top of the John Paul Traverse. The jury determined that it was an issue of safety and fairness for the athletes.

-At Soldier Hollow before about 8,500 fans, Germany's Andrea Henkel won the women's 15-kilometer biathlon individual race. Henkel finished in 47 minutes, 29.1 seconds, nearly eight seconds ahead of second-place finisher Liv Grete Poiree of Norway. Winning the bronze was Sweden's Magdalena Forsberg, the favorite.

The men's 20-kilometer

race was won by Norway's Ole Einar Bjoerndalen. Germany's Frank Luck won the silver and Russia's Victor Maigourov took the bronze.

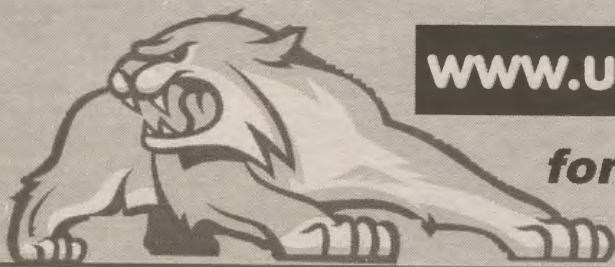
-At the Ice Sheet in Ogden, Tim Somerville of the United States upset Sweden 10-5 in the opening round of men's curling. Somerville, of Roseville, Minn., made the shot of the day, a triple promotion take-out to raise two stones, removing Sweden's shot stone. The seventh-end shot gave the United States four points and an 8-3 lead. "We knew we had a good read on it," Somerville said. "We had another opportunity for a shot, but I don't know if it was there. It was really the only shot we had."

-At Utah Olympic Oval, the Olympic men's 500 meters speedskating record fell four times, but the world record survived. Pre-race favorite Jeremy Wotherspoon of Canada didn't survive, however. Casey Fitzrandolph of the United States leads entering Tuesday's final. American Kip Carpenter is third.

"I'm happy today, but there's more time for happiness if I have another good race (Tuesday). It's all business right now," Fitzrandolph said.

"I was not happy to see Jeremy fall. He's one of my best friends, and it was very hard to watch."

Wotherspoon stumbled near the start and did not finish.



'Cats sink Seawolves

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Women's
Basketball

UNH: 63
Stony Brook: 60

By Joe Kennerson
Staff Writer

After a rocky start to the new month, the University of New Hampshire women's basketball team finished their three-game road trip with two come-from-behind victories.

The latest triumph came from a rallying effort over Stony Brook University, 63-60. Senior forward Aubrey Danen (career-high 25 points) took the Wildcats on her back and carried them to victory with her game-winning three point play with 21 seconds remaining to seal the deal. Danen hit a jumper through the lane, and got fouled in the act. Her made free-throw put the 'Cats on top for good.

Danen (11 for 18 from the field) scored 13 of her 25 points



Courtesy of Josh Gibney

Maren Matthias scores seven consecutive points to trigger the Wildcat comeback.

in the first half to go along with seven boards, three assists, and two steals.

Trailing 60-53 with four minutes to go, sophomore Maren Matthias scored seven consecutive points to tie the game at 60. Stony Brook committed two costly turnovers on their next two possessions, one on a five-

second count and the other on a backcourt violation, and the Wildcats took advantage. Matthias finished the game with 13 points (all in the second half) and eight rebounds.

The Wildcats (13-10, 7-5 in AMERICA EAST) stayed close through the first half,

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Collins in mix for top honors

Freshman forward Sean Collins is one of 12 finalists for the Walter Brown Award

From Staff Reports

Freshman forward Sean Collins of the University of New Hampshire men's hockey team has been named one of 12 finalists for the Walter Brown Award, which is presented annually to the top American-born college hockey player in New England.

Gridiron Club of Greater Boston president Richard T. Lawrence announced today that twelve players from NCAA Division I hockey programs in New England are finalists for the 50th Walter Brown Award. Last season, Boston College's Brian Gionta and UNH's Ty Conklin were named co-winners of the Walter Brown Award.

In 28 games in his freshman campaign, Collins has amassed 16-19-35 and is second in the nation with 11 power-play goals. Collins is also the leading rookie point scorer in HOCKEY EAST and in the nation.



Courtesy Photo

Collins continues to impress the right people.

The 2002 Walter Brown Award will be presented to the recipient at the New England Hockey Writers' Dinner on April 10 in Saugus, Mass.

N.H.'s new man of the mountain

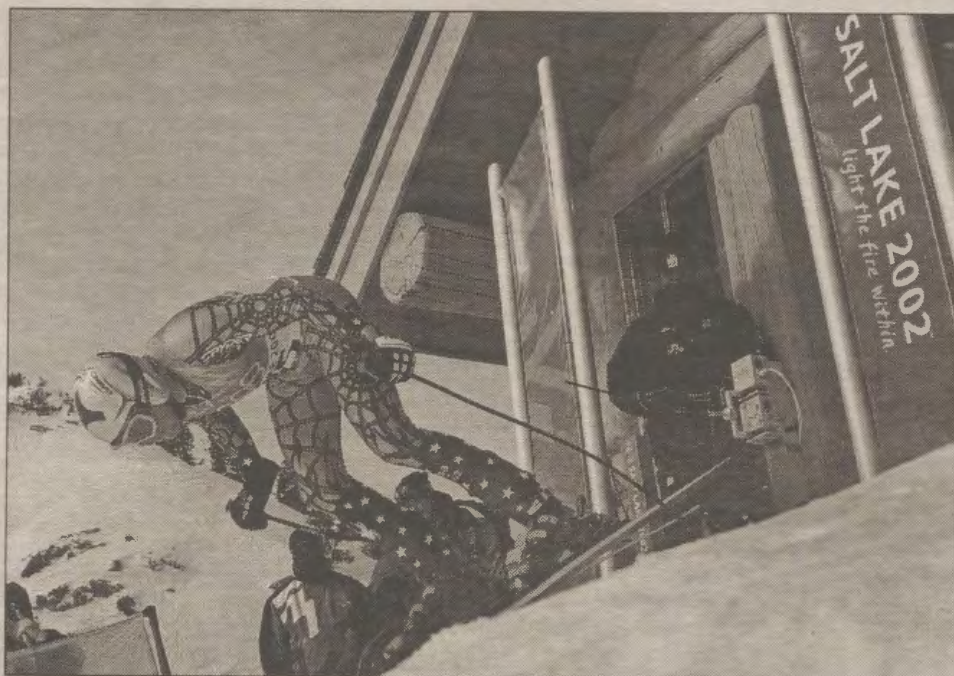
By Jerry Micco
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

SALT LAKE CITY - As comebacks go, what American skier Bode Miller did on Wednesday at Snowbasin in the Alpine men's combined was one for the books.

Miller took home a silver medal in the combined, rallying from finishing 15th in the downhill portion to win the slalom and claim second. Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt became the most decorated skier in Olympic history by winning the gold, finishing .28 seconds ahead of Miller's combined score. Benjamin Raich of Austria claimed the bronze.

"That was one of the things I knew coming into today is that if I made it down the downhill, no matter how slow I was, I would have a chance at the medal," Miller, from Franconia, N.H., said. "Because I have the speed and form right now to make up a lot of time."

Miller's combined slalom time was 1:36.61 and his time in the downhill was 1:41.23. Aamodt finished first in the downhill with a 1:38.79 and fourth in the sla-



KRT Photo - Ron Jenkins

Franconia, N.H. native Bode Miller comes back from an early spill to take home the silver medal in the Alpine men's combined.

lom. For Miller, it was a medal he knew he could get - if he could survive the downhill. Another factor in his favor was the pro-American crowd at Snowbasin.

"Being able to race that way in front of the home crowd meant everything to me," Miller said. "It showed the crowd I was out here to give everything."

Miller, who grew up in a cabin that had neither indoor plumbing nor electricity, showed his toughness by making up the time he lost on downhill in the slalom.

"I don't know that there are a lot of guys who can recover like Bode did," U.S. Ski and Snowboard president and CEO Bill Marolt said. "He is one of those special kids that comes along and he has it all ... great physical talents, great competitive nature and most of all, he has a passion for the sport."

Aamodt, who won a silver in this event at the 1994 Lillehammer Games, said he knew that even with a lead, Miller would be tough.

"I knew Bode would be dangerous," Aamodt said. "I was lucky he had so many mistakes (in the downhill)."

This Weekend's Home Events

Saturday:

Gymnastics vs. Alaska 1 p.m.
 Women's hockey vs. Niagra 1:30 p.m.
 Men's hockey vs. Northeastern 6 p.m.

