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Gen Ed Study Committee finalizes program proposal

By Jenna Sizemore
TNH Reporter

For many students, Gen. Eds. are something that need to get done early, something that they need to "get out of the way." Things might change for future students at the University of New Hampshire.

After a year and a half of researching and discussing the current General Education Program, the General Education Study Committee (GESC) has finalized their finds and is preparing to present the new program to the Faculty Senate on March 25.

The GESC hopes that the new program will take away the negative stigma that has come to be associated with general education requirements. The committee has even changed the title of the program to the UNH Discovery Program, to emphasize not only the discovery of new ideas and new ways of thinking, but the discovery that each student makes of him or herself through his or her first year at UNH.

"I think that [the UNH Discovery Program] has the potential to change the general education experience at UNH and has the potential to transform the faculty and students," said John Seavey, Ph.D., a professor of health management & policy and member of the General Education Study Committee.

In 1999, the Faculty Senate appointed a committee of 12 faculty members to look at the general education requirements currently in place at the University. The system has not been looked at since its inception in 1982. Over the past year, the committee has talked with various groups of students and held public forums to get the University's input

on what changes should be made.

In the executive summary that will be presented to the Faculty Senate later this month, the GESC highlights the changes to the program they recommend, including assessment tests for incoming freshmen in both mathematics and information technology. Seavey explains that the tests are not for placement. However, they are to be used as a tool for students to find where their strengths and weaknesses lie.

There are several new aspects of the UNH Discovery Program that differ from the current program. The committee proposal suggests implementing a University Dialogue/ Town Meeting one-credit course that would focus on a specific topic for the course of the year. Students would be assigned a book or a group of readings on the particular theme that would be the basis for discussions, lectures and forums throughout the year.

"This would emphasize the fact that we are a community and a community of ideas. Also, [it would show] that we are a group of people from different backgrounds and experiences coming together to discuss a common issue," Seavey said.

Another significant change that is being proposed in the executive summary is the introduction of an inquiry course that would be taken the opposite semester of English 401. This interdisciplinary course is designed to give students an introduction to inquiry and research.

Most of the core general requirements that are now in place will stay the same. Students will still need to take classes in quantitative reasoning, histori-

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Get out the flashlights!

Strong winds cause blackout in the Durham area

By Marcus Weisgerber
TNH Reporter

High winds caused power outages across a part of the Durham area on Sunday afternoon. Local residents were without power for approximately ten hours while power crews worked to repair service wires on Mill Road that were severed by a tree.

Students as well as local residents and merchants were among those without power from around 1:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Spokeswoman from Public Service of New Hampshire Nury Marquez said that service crews were immediately dispersed to the area affected. According to Marquez, the outages were sporadic and affected nine to ten towns, which PSNH supplies power to.

The Durham Marketplace was a local business that was affected by the outage. According to store manager Perry Shaw, the supermarket stayed open for six hours after the power went out. The major problem for the Marketplace is that its backup generator only powers the lights and cash registers.

Shaw said that employees monitored food temperatures and at 4 p.m. began re-



Katie Bressack - Staff Photographer

The power went out on Mill Road Sunday due to tree branches that fell on the wires.

moving perishable foods from the refrigerated cases and taping shut the doors on the freezers. He said they saved the deli meats and seafood but lost some ice cream.

Senior Michelle Paquin, who lives at a Mill Road apartment complex, was in the middle of taking a nursing board review exam on her computer when the power went out. Paquin said she was unable to save her exam and lost every-

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Catching some artificial rays

Students bronze before Spring Break burn

By Justin Norton
Staff Writer

The tanning booths of Durham are in high demand these days.

As a female student enters the lobby of Hair Excitement and tells representative Crystal Chaisson that she is there for her 11:15 tanning appointment, Chaisson nods and crosses her name off the appointment book.

Chaisson's next response, delivered with all the clarity of a professional travel agent, defies conventional Durham wisdom.

"I'm going to put you in Barbados today, okay?"

With spring break less than a week away, the tanning industry is booming in Durham. Businesses such as Hair Excitement, Hair Dimensions and Ultra Tanning are engaged in a war to lure

in potential customers looking to get an early start on their spring break tans with the best group package deals, the best indoor tanning lotions and the best tanning facilities.

While the competition for spring break customers may seem frantic on the surface, the truth is there is plenty of business to go around. March is the most wonderful time of the year for the participants in the tanning industry, and that's not even counting the established customer base who have already spent all winter trying to escape the pasty-skin blues.

"[March] is great," says Ultra Tanning Salon owner Janet George. "I just wish I was bigger. There's never enough beds to go around."

George's salon, the only gig in town that actually specializes in tanning, is swimming in spring break appointments this month. She just recently added two beds to her Durham outfit and opened up a bigger tanning facility in

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UNH students ante up!



Chris DesPres - TNH Photographer

Casino Night was held Friday evening at The Tin Palace. The event was produced by Dr. Trowbridge's Casino Management class. Part of the academics of the course is to study casino operations and duplicate it for an evening. Members of the course also take a field trip to Las Vegas. The evening was a great success. See page 6 for more photos.

Wednesday, March 13

REELOUT Films — Ruthie and Connie: More Than A Love Story to be shown at 7 p.m. in the MUB Entertainment Center. For more information, contact Bob Coffey at 862-2050.

Unframing the Other: An Ethnic Film Series — The film "In Whose Honor?" will be shown from 2 to 4 p.m. in MUB Theatre II with discussion facilitated by English Professor Siobhan Senier. Please note time and theatre. For more information, please contact Professor Senier at 862-2455.

ArtBreak Series — Slide lecture, Jazz to Jitterbug, Harlem to Hollywood: Rediscovering an Era, given by art dealer, Jake Wien. Room A219.

The Balancing Act — Want to learn how to juggle life more efficiently? At noon, join the Non-Traditional Student Organization in MUB 330/332 to hear Kim from the Balancing Act show you it is possible to juggle work, school, family, friends, and yourself. Pizza and soda will be provided. There are only 30 spots available so be sure to pre-register by calling the NTSO at 862-3455 or e-mailing us at ntso_unh@yahoo.com.

Thursday, March 14

What Matters to Me...and Why: Character and Values (a continuing series) — A brown bag series to give students, faculty and staff a chance to interact outside the classroom/office; to generate discussion about person values and individual character and how both impact our lives. To be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in MUB 321. For more information, please contact Dave Wilmes at 862-1179 or Amy Whitney at 862-1189.

Friday, March 15

Contradance — Contra and square dancing are the traditional folk dancing of New England. Dances feature lively music with fiddles and other traditional instruments. It's lots of fun and the dancers are a great bunch. Everyone is welcome, and all dances are taught. Come with a partner or by yourself. Kingston N.H. Town Hall- Chrissy Fowler with Burt Feintuch, Timm Triplett. To be held from 8 p.m. to 11 a.m. Cost is \$6. For more information, call 603-770-7988.

Notices:

Writing Help — In a paper panic? Need help with your writing? The University Writing Center can help. Free consultations with trained writing consultants on all issues involving writing: subject choice, research, composing processes, genre, organization, style, grammar and conventions, punctuation and spelling. Call 862-3272 for an appointment or come by Hamilton Smith Room 7 to talk.

Peer-Led Support Groups — Are you aware that several peer-led support groups are offered on campus? Many students feel very alone with certain life experiences. There groups are a great way to connect with other students who have similar issues and to learn how others cope. Groups are confidential and led by students who have been through training to help them facilitate discussions and additional training about their subject. Groups meet on a weekly or biweekly basis. Interested students are encouraged to call the Office of Health Education and Promotion, 862-3823. The following peer-led support groups have opening for this semester:

Cancer Support Network — These groups are for students who have a personal history of cancer, have a family member or friend who has cancer or who have lost someone to cancer.

Crohn's and Colitis Support Group — This group is for students who have been personally affected by crohn's or ulcerative colitis or have a friend or family member who is coping with these illnesses.

Post-Abortion Support Group — This group is a safe, relaxed atmosphere for women to voice emotions and concerns with other post-abortion women from the UNH community. Generally,

small groups meet on a weekly basis with trained peer facilitators.

Seacoast Hospice — Seacoast Hospice is offering several grief support groups. For more information or to register, call 1-800-416-9207.

Portsmouth Women's Chorus April Concert — The Portsmouth Women's Chorus performs "Songs of the Spirit" on April 13 and April 14. Tickets in advance are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students at The Flower Kiosk (Portsmouth), Durham Marketplace, and Acoustic Outfitters Music Shop (Stratham). For more information, call 868-6724.

The Music Hall — The Music Hall in Portsmouth has several events for the month of March. For more information, call 436-2400.

Tree stories — If you or a member of your family has a story about a tree in their life that has had an impact on them or one of their family members, could you please let me know about it? I am in an Environmental Ethics class in college and completing a class project for credit. I am compiling stories and/or adult that meant something to them as a tradition, dedication, a donation or gift. Please go to my Internet site and post the story and it will be added for visitors to view. The stories do not have to carry an e-mail or name and they will not be published for sale of any type. The stories need to be posted from now till May 9, 2002. The site will remain on-line until January 1, 2003. The internet web address is <http://www.angelfire.com/oh5/treestory2002>. Thank you. Tony Martin.

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Student Senate passes a plethora of budgets

By Rochelle Stewart
Staff Writer

The budgets for the Counseling Center, Health Services and housing will be increasing the amount students have to pay next year to provide better services. The Student Activity Fee budget will have no increase next year.

Student Senate passed these budgets at a meeting Sunday night.

The counseling fee, which provides students with access to the Counseling Center on campus, has an increase of 5.5 percent. The fee is \$86 during the academic year and \$10 during the summer. This is a \$5 increase since last year.

The increase in this fee will allow the Counseling Center to provide its interns with benefits that full-time staff has. According to David Cross, the director of the Counseling Center, these benefits will be health care benefits such as medical and dental, which they do not have now. The interns are graduate students who work 40 hours each week.

The University housing fee pays for the upkeep of the residence halls. The fee is increasing by about 5.9 percent. These fee increases are for a number of different reasons. Part of the increase is because of the new dorm being built in Area II, and secondly, the fees will be used to update many of residential halls.

Student Senators Johanna Levai and T.J. Paton presented the Senate with a list of repairs and renovations that will be made in each of the residential halls on campus.

According to the outline, Alexander Hall and McLaughlin Hall will have their fire alarm systems upgraded, and hand dryers will be installed in the bathrooms. The hot water tank will be replaced in Christensen Hall. Williamson Hall and Christensen Hall will have peepholes installed in residents' doors.

Other repairs will include Scott Hall's slate roof, which will be replaced, and

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—Pam Ogonowski, Student Senator

Smith Hall will have a backup hot water furnace installed. Sawyer, Gibbs, Hunter, Engelhardt, Jessie Doe, and Devine Halls will have heating controls installed in the rooms. The Gables Apartments will have carpets replaced and furniture replaced in target areas. Carpets will be replaced in the Woodside Apartments as well as replacement exterior doors on some of the buildings.

The Mini Dorms will undergo a variety of repairs, such as room lighting upgrades, fire alarm system upgrades, carpet repairs, and lounge furniture repairs.

"In regards to the upgrade of the Mini Dorms, \$850,000 is going towards that, which includes upgrading room lighting, fire alarm systems, replacing worn carpets in common areas, and replacing deck railing and sliders," Paton said. "The Minis are getting the most done out of the \$2,138,000 proposed for repairs and renovations."

Data ports are the source of another area of increase in the housing budget, meant to equalize the amount that students pay and the amount that the rest of the campus pays for the data ports in dorms. The increase is a 27.2 percent increase from last year. According to Levai, when the data ports were placed in the dorms, there was not enough money to cover it, so housing decided to use the money from their reserves to pay the bill.

"Residents were charged \$7.75 a year, instead of approximately \$10, which the rest of campus pays," Levai said. "Starting next year, residents and the rest of campus will be paying the same amount of money for utilization and maintenance

of the data ports."

According to Levai and Paton, although the increase is large, it is not affecting the housing budget greatly. They said that while the data port part of the budget increased, other aspects of the budget decreased, enabling the fee to remain close to what it has been in the past. Overall, the increase of the budget is 5.81 percent and 5.9 percent, depending on the room size.

The UNH Health Services budgets will increase \$21 per student, a 6 percent increase from last year, to provide better services for the student body. Health Services provides high quality clinical care and educational services for students.

According to Kathleen Grace-Bishop, associate director of Health Services, a program will be implemented to increase awareness in men's health programming. Health Services is also looking to produce a new contraceptive video that it hopes to show to more people on campus.

According to Student Senator Sarita Moore, they hope to keep Health Services open two days after spring semester ends to allow students an opportunity for health care at the end of the semester. The increase will also allow an increase in the hourly wage rate of the employees. Health Services feels that a wage increase will attract more potential employees to UNH Health Services.

Student Senator Pam Ogonowski is happy with the Health Services budget.

"I think that with the new programs that they are adding, such as a marketing program, students will be more aware of

the services that Health Services provides," Ogonowski said.

Bishop also said that they would start new multicultural social justice training for the staff. They will be working with the Brown Center to increase knowledge in race, religion, and diversity.

According to Bridget Crompton, the chief financial officer for the Student Activity Fee, the goal throughout the process was to keep the fee at the same level as it was last year. The fee will remain at \$86.

In order to keep the fee the same, SAF reached into its reserves. According to Crompton, the University uses the reserve system as insurance.

"Most auxiliaries are told to keep their reserves at around 15 percent of their overall operating budget. According to this standard, we have too much money in our reserves," said Crompton. "Money gets put into the reserves when we do not spend all that we are budgeted for within a fiscal year. I budgeted for us to take money out of our reserves because I did not think it fair to ask for more money from students when the organizations haven't spent it all in the past."

Both Crompton and student senator Mitch Doty believe that the council did its job fairly in budgeting for the organizations.

One of the SAF organizations that will have increases is CAB, who budgeted a \$20,000 increase. Its increase in programming is because it plans to co-sponsor big programs with SCOPE.

The New Hampshire has increased its budget due to the creation of a business manager, which will be a full-time staff position, as well as the need for new equipment. The Granite has increased its budget because of a cost in publication printing and in equipment as they move towards digital publication. Safe Rides asked for increases in order to increase its number of staff drivers from three to eight.

Students bend and stretch for breath

Pilates course comes to the Rec Center

By Meade Harris
TNH Reporter

Looking for an alternative to mindless repetitions at the gym? Dizzy from spinning at Cycle Reebok? Grapevined through aerobics until you're practically fermented? Tired of cramming into kickboxing class? Then maybe Pilates is for you.

Pronounced Puh-LAH-tees, it is one of the new Mind and Body classes now being offered through Campus Recreation at the Whittemore Center. Since it started in October, Pilates has been gaining attention and participants.

Imagine entering a workout class to find the lights off, soft music and an incredibly fit instructor. Pati Kuziomko, the toned instructor, has been teaching Pilates for over 15 years and has her own studio as well. When Kuziomko was younger, she was a dancer and gymnast, so the importance of flexibility was not a new idea to her. She fell in love with Pilates simply because it was both "something familiar and felt good."

"It's all about lengthening

the body," she said, comparing the body to a rubber band. The longer one's body is, the more power one has.

"The key to the Pilates method is pelvic stabilization and abdominal control," Kuziomko emphasized. "By stabilizing the trunk, you allow the extremities to move freely from a stable spine, increasing flexibility and strength while preventing injury."

Student Carrie Fosterling took the class simply to get the benefits of increased flexibility. Her coach had told the crew team about the class and the benefits it promised, so Fosterling thought it sounded interesting.

"You need a lot of flexibility in crew, so I thought this sounded fun."

Fosterling has tried Yoga and thought it was boring, so this seemed like a good alternative.

"When something is popular and the students like and respond to it, we try to get a jump on it," says Campus Recreation Coordinator Linda Hayden.

Freshman Angela Borges said that, as a result of the class, her breathing is much more controlled because she actually thinks about it much more than she used to.

"It's made me a lot more aware of how I'm breathing, which will hopefully help me weight lift more efficiently," she

said.

Borges is just one of the many students who has noticed a change in breathing for the better. The focus of the class is on the body's core, which is the entire mid-section. This focus makes it impossible not to really think about all your movements, especially breathing.

The first promotional class, held in October, was not advertised very well, according to Hayden, and still over 75 people showed up. Of that 75, around 30 people signed up for the first class that was offered for nine weeks last semester.

The reason for such a decrease in interest is the fact that a six-week session costs \$30. It might seem a little extravagant for a college student strapped for cash, but in comparison to the "real world," it is an incredibly good deal. Normally, a six-week session with Kuziomko would be in the vicinity of \$240.

Hayden said that, while campus recreation is non-profit, the money for Kuziomko's salary has to come from somewhere.

This semester, Hayden said, they tried to get the word out a little better, and their work paid off. There are now 45 participants enrolled in the two classes.

"Right now there's enough interest in the program that we will definitely continue it next year. Basically, we'll make

changes when the interest dies," Hayden said.

Although skeptics may see Pilates as just the latest "get fit quick" fad, it has been around for decades. According to an article written by Kuziomko, German-born Joseph Pilates, a former boxer and circus performer, began developing his system of precise, controlled movements using special spring-driven apparatus while serving as a nurse in World War I.

He based his ideas on the

motto, "Fitness is the first requisite to happiness." In the 1920s, his philosophy made Pilates popular with dancers who discovered that the movements involved helped them to develop well-toned, elongated muscles without adding bulk.

Pilates opened a New York fitness studio that is still run today by some of his proteges, according to the article. Apparently his system has held true, since it is still being practiced

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Final four for prez

From Staff Reports

The final four candidates for the position of president were named yesterday and will be making campus visits between Monday, March 25, and Thursday, April 4.

The candidates are four professionals from three different universities and one from UNH.

The finalists are Ann Weaver Hart, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Claremont Graduate University; Margaret (Midge) Cozzens, vice chancellor for academic and student affairs and professor of mathematics at the University of Colorado at Denver; John Whitmore, provost and professor of theatre history at The University of Iowa; and David Hiley, provost and vice president for academic affairs and professor of philosophy at UNH.

Schedules detailing the candidates' visits are available as well as copies of candidates' materials from the President's Office and at the reference desk of the Dimond Library. They are also available at every dean's office, including UNH-Manchester and at the Durham town administrator's office.

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Debate urges discussion on Objectivism

By James J. Allen
Staff Writer

When Tim Carpenter and Matthew Ballin found that they had a difference of opinions, they decided to sit down and talk about them.

The ideas that generated over a cup of coffee two and a half months ago were the topic of a talk given by Carpenter last Thursday night in the MUB's Granite State Room.

It was an event put together mostly by Carpenter, sparked by students talking, debating and writing back and forth through editorials.

Carpenter, a graduate student of sociology and member of the Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship (ICF) gave his speech entitled "Christianity and Objectivism - Faith and Reason, Jesus speaks to Ayn Rand" to approximately 50 to 100 people.

After his speech, Carpenter answered questions and spoke to interested students who stayed to speak with him, members of ICF, and Ballin until nearly 11 p.m.

ICF member Stephanie Trombley introduced Carpenter as a student interested in race, ethnicity, crime and religion to a large and diverse crowd that she said ICF hadn't initially expected.

"We had planned on getting a smaller room upstairs [in the MUB]; this room just became available today," said Trombley who called the room's availability an "act of God."

Carpenter began by outlining objectivism according to its founder, Russian-born novelist, Ayn Rand. According to the Ayn Rand Institute, objectivism is the philosophy that "reality exists independent of man's consciousness, independent of any observers's knowledge, beliefs, feelings, desires or fears," and that "facts are facts" that can't be argued. Rand believed in reason alone, that reason "is man's only



Pam Ogonowski - TNH Photographer

Tim Carpenter speaks about Christianity and Objectivism Thursday night in the MUB.

means of acquiring knowledge."

Carpenter countered that Christianity is reasonable and calls for Christians to be philosophers by nature.

"The sacred text of Christianity, the Bible, demands we use our minds and reason," said Carpenter.

Objectivism also rejects any

acceptance of faith or feeling as a means of knowledge. Carpenter argued that to accept Plato's "Republic" as a basis of historical knowledge and not the Bible was unfair.

Carpenter talked of the agreement between Christianity and Objectivism. Both, he said, are a call to think as individuals,

a call to live in a way that matters and stresses the rational idea that there is truth and we can find it.

Carpenter centered around the differences between the two though, specifically, the moral inadequacies of objectivism.

"If a person is disabled, an objectivist might say that they

simply got the short end of the stick," says Carpenter. "Objectivism states that the ultimate moral goal involves self-interest, my question is what is good self-interest versus bad self-interest?"

Citing many quotations from the Bible, Carpenter attested to the many times that God asks us to use our complete being, our minds and our spirits. "Reason alone does not guide human life."

In his own life, Carpenter remembered being told of the sudden death of someone close to him. He said he noticed at that point, reason could do nothing to help him.

"Jesus addresses thinkers and their emotions," said Carpenter. He also said that Jesus was respected as a rational person, a great thinker who understood the heart of humanity.

Carpenter closed his talk with a monologue addressed to Ayn Rand, detailing her life, her travels, her work, and her struggle to comprehend life. In an otherworldly voice, Carpenter appealed to Rand's emotion, her soul, to follow Jesus' Christian teachings, "my yoke is easy and my burden light," said Carpenter.

Many of the questions asked pertained to the meaning of objectivism. One man commented that objectivism were "too heavy on the head and too light on the heart." Another man thought that objectivism thought of reason too much like a technology and lacked enough feeling.

Some students quoted the Bible and questioned putting faith into Jesus. Carpenter asked the audience to look at the Bible as a text and not as a single or series of quotes. Another audience member asked why anyone should put faith in Jesus other than place them with themselves. Carpenter asked the audience again to look at the Bible.

"Test these things to see if they're true," he said. "I guarantee you'll be enlightened."

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today when the fitness fads are ever changing.

Although Pilates has been around almost since the turn of the century, it is also, paradoxically, hot right now among the professionally beautiful. Current-day devotees include Uma Thurman, Sharon Stone, Madonna, Julia Roberts and various models. Hayden believes Pilates and other wellness classes have had increased popularity because of the recent research on the medical benefits. In the past two years, Campus Recreation has tripled the number of classes that are considered Mind and Body classes, part of the Wellness Program.

According to Kuziomko, the east, New Hampshire in particular, is slow to catch on to new trends, especially fitness trends, but finally people here have caught the Pilates fad.

Before she moved here from Cali-

fornia 15 years ago, she was teaching Pilates in San Francisco. Kuziomko actually had a job similar to Hayden's at the University of California, where she liked to experiment with the various fitness fads. She began teaching at the school after she had taken a Pilates class, and thought the students would not only benefit from it, but also enjoy the class. When she moved here, she felt that "the northeast wasn't ready for wellness classes and that they wouldn't be accepted." Little did she know that 14 years later she would be teaching Pilates again at a university.

A new six-week session will begin after spring break. Anyone interested can go to the Hamel Recreation Center for details. Pati Kuziomko can be reached via e-mail at Sante@mediaone.net for information on private sessions as well.

TNH wishes everyone a fun and relaxing Spring Break!

TNH will be back March 29. See you then!

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Casino Night at The Tin Palace



Jazz players from the Berklee School of Music entertain the crowd at The Tin Palace.



Participants play the odds at the Roulette table.

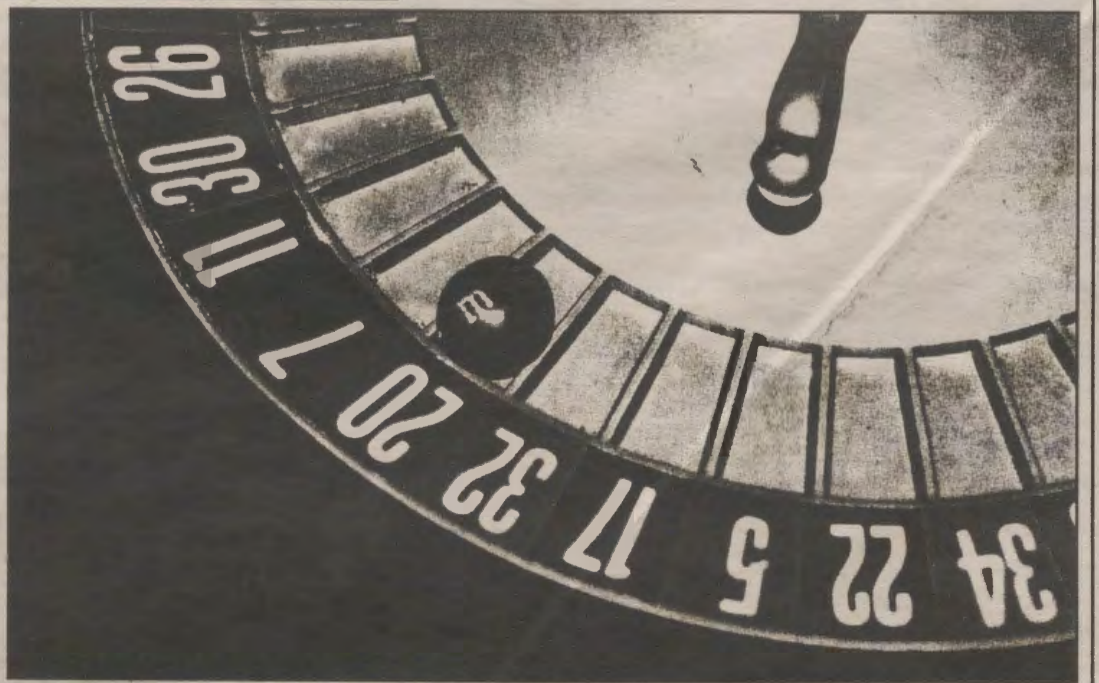


The Casino Management class, taught by Dr. Trowbridge (at right) produced Casino Night at The Tin Palace.



Courtesy Photo

General Manager Chris DesPres and Assistant General Manager Sarah Minnis pose proudly during the night that they created.



Right: An M&M bounces around the wheel to replace a missing Roulette ball.

Photos by Chris DesPres

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cal perspectives, foreign culture, fine and performing arts, social sciences and humanities. The changes in the new program will be in the sciences. Students will now be required to take a course in both biological and physical backgrounds.

Also, two new requirements are being suggested. If the proposal is passed, students would be required to take classes that would fit under the category of Social Identity and the Individual, which would require students to study how race, color, religion, gender, ethnicity, age and sexual orientation shape social identity and individuality. Students would also

have to take a class dealing with technology, environment and society that would discuss the impact technology and the environment have on the society in which we live.

As outlined in the Discovery Program's executive summary, students would be required to take at least seven courses to fulfill the ten required areas plus the English 401 and the inquiry course. In the new program, one course can fulfill two areas, whereas this is not permitted in the current program. So a student could satisfy the general education requirements taking nine courses.

In the new UNH Discovery Program, the GESC diminished the gap between major and general requirements. A way of accomplishing this is the proposed creation of the Capstone Experience course within each major that would allow students to bring together the entire learning experience. The course could be in form of a seminar, a research project, a colloquium, an internship or a performance.

"The program is exciting in terms of the types of courses that will be developed as a result of the changes," Seavey said. "For some faculty, these changes might be something they wanted to do, but it didn't

quite fit into the current curriculum."

If approved by the Faculty Senate, the UNH Discovery Program would not affect the incoming freshman class. The University has an obligation to honor the current general education requirements for accepted students. The GESC projects that it will take about three or four years to be phased in and for the current program to be phased out.

The GESC is holding two more open forums to discuss the UNH Discovery programs on Tuesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 14. Both forums are from 12:40 to 2:00 p.m. in McConnell 211.

TAN, from front page

Derry. She's averaging 100 customers a day, and she credits the increase to guys that once thought tanning was an indulgence for the ladies. Now, they make up 25 percent of her customer base.

"The guys that were too embarrassed to come in last year damaged their skin on break and are definitely here this year."

In the basement of Hair Excitement, you're not in New Hampshire anymore. There are no such things as numbered tanning rooms. The gold letters on the closed doors whisk you away to popular spring break destinations such as Jamaica, Cancun, the Bahamas and Cozumel, complete with the photographed replica of a beach. The walls are painted bright, tropical colors, and for the convenience of the customer, their feet can splash down on a coral rug filled with tropical fish as they disembark from their spring break destination.

This tropical utopia is not an atypical feature. Simulated vacations are an industry standard.

"It's a cute theme," said George, who adds her own flavor to her tanning salon with festive Christmas lights and the islands of St. Maarten and Aruba. "The kids like it."

Because of recent trends in the beauty industry toward providing customers with the total beauty experience, salons that used to provide simply a decent haircut are now inundated with displays of beauty products such as hair gels, revitalizing conditioners, fancy shampoos and indoor tanning lotions.

In a decade where the culture places a high premium on looking good and feeling good, the tanning industry has made great leaps and bounds.

"Most people tan because number one, it makes you feel good," Chaisson explained.

Chaisson, a new mom who continued to make use of the tanning booths to boost her self-esteem after her pregnancy, believes that the reason why everyone is tanning these days is that the industry has proven that tanning is a safe and in some cases medically beneficial way to look healthy year-round.

"The safest type of tanning is indoor tanning, and the reason for this is that you're not sitting around at ten in the morning, the most dangerous times of exposure, burning your skin," said Chaisson.

Some, like Chaisson, tan simply to feel better about themselves, but others tan as treatment for skin conditions such as

eczema and acne. In March, the industry relies heavily on the package deals they offer to paler-skinned customers who need to build up a base tan to avoid a vacation-ruining sunburn.

For junior Brandon Pitcher, the need to utilize the tanning booth before he leaves for Negril Beach in Jamaica is exactly what caused him to sign up for a package deal offered by Hair Excitement. On Pitcher's spring break last year, a 90-minute exposure under the sun in the Bahamas left him a nasty sunburn.

This year, he's not taking any chances.

"I might as well get the worst over now. I'm just tanning one to two weeks before I leave so that I don't die when hit the beach."

Sophomore Sarah Sable isn't going anywhere special for spring break this year, but she signed up for a group package deal with a friend who is.

Sable doesn't tan that often, but she misses the tan she and friend her used to have this summer when they lifeguarded at a local beach.

"It feels different in the winter because you're so used to being tan," Sable said. "[Tanning] is really relaxing, and it's a break in the day, like laying on the beach."

To augment the growing demand for tanning, the recently incorporated Hair Excitement expanded its tanning resources to 12 units. Last year, the fire that burned down Libby's relocated the storefront to across the street from Houghton's hardware and drastically reduced the availability of space for the tanning units.

Now that the salon has returned to its former location on Main Street, its tanning service is back with a vengeance. The salon offers the largest tanning service on campus and the largest selection of indoor tanning lotion to choose from, with 25 different varieties.

Compared to this month last year, the increased availability of beds and booths has skyrocketed growth by 59 percent. That's remarkable output for Chaisson and her employer. "Normal business increase is 20 percent. The fact that it hit 59 percent this year is unbelievable," Chaisson added.

Although business is booming for Hair Excitement, the reality check of providing a safe tanning experience is extremely important to Chaisson. All employees are well schooled through a certified course on the specifics of tanning, and many

use the machines themselves.

Customers are required to wear lotion and eyeshades to protect themselves from cataracts. The check in notebook all customers are required to sign also prevents them for tanning more than once a day. All of these precautions ensure that the client does not receive the scarlet letter of bad publicity: a tanning burn.

"The key is not to overexpose yourself," Chaisson warned. "Never do too much too fast."

Despite the perceived medical benefits of tanning, dermatologist experts and epidemiological researchers are not at all impressed with the industry. For the experts, the tanning industry glosses over the long-term consequences, such as premature wrinkles, skin blotches, liver spots and probable links to the deadly skin cancer, melanoma.

Many dermatology experts who prophesize doom for tanners down the road often impart this metaphor for the long-term effects: People who smoke now may not be keeling over just yet, but you bet your bottom dollar they will suffer the consequences in the future.

According to Doctor David Del Giudice, chief of dermatology at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Concord, indoor tanning has a long-term delay effect in relation to its health hazards. While Del Giudice concedes that the industry does use UV rays that are less harmful than actual UV rays from the sun, chronic exposure four to five times a week to a tanning booth will add up and produce long-term risks.

"We do warn people that chronic exposure to booth tanning can cause increased risk of skin cancer and cause increased aging of the skin," said Del Giudice. "The damage occurs later after you've done the habit."

Del Giudice is concerned about the large numbers of young adults, especially young women, who visit tanning booths to look healthy but may actually be starting the process of resembling their grandmothers earlier in life.

"The irony is that young people trying to look younger are actually making their skin look older," he says.

The research could be going from bad to worse for the tanning industry. While no definitive ties have been established between the deadly skin cancer melanoma and indoor tanning, more definitive links have been tied to minor forms of skin cancer in recent studies.

In a press release on the Dartmouth Web site entitled "Tanning Lamps May Increase Risk Of Skin Cancer," Dartmouth School of Medicine epidemiologist Margaret Karagas and other researchers noted a direct link between the use of tanning lamps and the incidence of squamous cell carcinoma.

While the study is only in its first phase of completion and follow up studies will be conducted, Karagas said she did not know whether or not moderate tanning use puts people at increased risk for skin cancer.

"We're conducting a more detailed investigation of this," Karagas said.

Even though most in the tanning industry are still convinced that there are no health risks if tanning is done right and is practiced in moderation, some owners in Durham are not surprised about what the experts are describing as long term risks of tanning. Their personal experiences with the booths and the number of students they see abusing them is definitely a cause for alarm.

Tatum Evans, a manager at Hair Dimensions, is worried about the future well being of students who frequent her salon. While Hair Dimensions' number one priority is hair care, the salon does operate three booths for extra income, and the booths are becoming much busier lately with an average of five to ten new people signing up for a package deal daily.

Evans knows the game all too well. She was an avid tanner at one time, frequenting the beaches and the booths to add a fiery glint to her Greek-Lebanese complexion. But now that Evans can begin to see signs of premature wrinkles and crows feet around her eyes, she is definitely keeping her distance from the booths.

"I'm not going to tell these kids that [tanning] is good because it's not," Evans explained.

"I feel everybody needs to be educated about this."

Although Evans sees students coming to the booths to clear up nagging acne or to fight seasonal depression disorder, Evans believes that many of her female customers are succumbing to cultural pressures to look like bikini models at all costs.

"I have girls who come in every single day because of looks," Evans said.

Evans is not personally concerned about the increased risk of skin cancer down the road.

"I'm not going to lose sleep over it," she said. But even if tanning is used in moderation or in excess, the bottom line for Evans is that indoor tanning is no better for you than a sip of a spring break margarita.

"I guess it's better not to be an alcoholic. But no, alcohol isn't good for you anyway."

Despite the agreement between experts and a few who run the booths that tanning is definitely bad news for your skin in the long run, Ultra Tanning Salon owner Janet George said that the experts who chastise indoor tanning as worse than outdoor tanning are wrong.

"There is safe tanning in regards to doing it in moderation," George said. "It's important to monitor overexposure and keep in mind skin types, because they are important. If a customer comes in for the first time, I'm not going to allow them to go for more than eight minutes."

The evidence may be mounting against the indoor tanning industry, but nay-saying experts are not going to deter George from commuting an hour from Manchester each morning to open up her salon by 9:00 a.m. And as long as students still flock to the booths in March to avoid looking like cooked lobsters by the end of their trip, the tanning industry will continue to thrive in Durham.

"It never gets dead around here," George chuckled.

POWER, from front page

thing she was working on.

"This is a reason why everything should not be turned over to computers," Paquin said.

At the campus ministry house across the street, a different approach to the outage took place. A group sat together on the floor for its house meeting, the only light being supplied by candles. According to Chaplain Larry Brickner-Wood, the group had its soup heated for it by a neighbor with a propane stove.

Sophomore Lindsey Koch said, "When the power goes out, you have to interact."

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Bush marks anniversary of attacks

By Ron Hutcheson
Knight Ridder
Newspapers

WASHINGTON - On the six-month anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, President Bush called on nations around the world Monday to join the second phase of the war on terrorism, vowing to pursue and destroy "terrorist parasites" wherever they hide.

Flanked by ambassadors from more than 100 countries, Bush marked the six-month milestone by renewing his commitment to a relentless global war against terrorists and their allies. He prodded other governments to join the fight and promised U.S. aid to any willing partner.

In the clearest statement yet of his phase-two war strategy, Bush said the United States would rely on other nations to root out homegrown terrorists, but would lead efforts to prevent terrorists from obtaining nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

"There is no margin for error, and no chance to learn from mistakes. Our coalition must act deliberately, but inaction is not an option," he said. "Men with no respect for life must never be allowed to control the ultimate weapons of death."

Bush outlined his plan for the war's expansion at a solemn ceremony on the White House's south lawn. His audience included about 300 relatives of the Sept. 11 victims, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices and most of Washington's foreign diplomatic corps.

Flags from more than 150

countries flapped in the crisp breeze under a blue sky that stirred memories of the beautiful late-summer morning that was shattered by tragedy six months ago. As he spoke, jets from nearby Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport occasionally roared overhead while wary Secret Service agents scanned the skies from the roof of the White House.

The White House ceremony was part of an international day of remembrance for the Sept. 11 victims.

In New York, a crowd near the flattened World Trade Center fell silent at 8:46 a.m. and again at 9:03 a.m. to mark the moments when two hijacked planes slammed into the twin towers. At the Pentagon, another Sept. 11 target, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld mourned the victims with representatives from 29 countries that have joined the anti-terrorism campaign in Afghanistan.

In London, British Prime Minister Tony Blair hosted Vice President Dick Cheney at a ceremony at Blair's official residence, Number 10 Downing Street.

And in Afghanistan, U.S. troops fought the hard-core remnants of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida forces. Meanwhile, the second phase of the war is beginning to unfold in the Philippines, Yemen and the former Soviet republic of Georgia. In all three countries, American military officials will help train local forces to combat terrorists.

More than 600 U.S. military personnel, including at least 160 elite special forces troops, are



KRT - Chuck Kennedy

President Bush pauses during an address to more than 1,000 people who gathered at the White House in Washington Monday.

already in the Philippines, and Bush said he will soon send as many as 150 military trainers to Georgia. The details of American involvement in Yemen, which borders Saudi Arabia on the tip of the Arabian Peninsula, are still under negotiation.

Bush prodded other nations to take similar front-line roles in the anti-terrorism campaign, saying the United States "expects governments everywhere" to join the cause.

"We will not send American troops to every battle, but America will actively prepare other nations for the battles ahead," he said. "Every civilized nation has a part in this struggle, because every civilized nation has a stake in its outcome."

The president reaffirmed his

determination to do whatever it takes to defeat terrorism.

"This mission will end when the work is finished. ... The havens and training camps of terror are a threat to our lives and to our way of life, and they will be destroyed. I will not relent in this struggle for the freedom and security of my country and the civilized world."

Bush offered no hints about his next moves against Iraq, Iran and North Korea, the three countries he labeled the "axis of evil" for their work on weapons of mass destruction. His warlike denunciation during his State of the Union address in January rattled U.S. allies who favor diplomacy over military action.

Without mentioning any

country by name, the president repeated his warning that rogue nations could arm terrorists with devastating weapons of mass destruction.

"Terrorist groups are hungry for these weapons and would use them without a hint of conscience," he said. "These facts cannot be denied and must be confronted."

Echoing Franklin Roosevelt's declaration that Dec. 7, 1941, was "a date which will live in infamy," Bush said Sept. 11, 2001, would be remembered as "a day of decision, when the civilized world was stirred to anger and action" against terrorists. He said terrorists would remember the date as "the day their reckoning began."

The president, who once vowed to take bin Laden "dead or alive," never mentioned the terrorist leader in his glowing assessment of the war's progress. Although the American-led coalition ousted Afghanistan's hard-line Islamic Taliban regime, which had been harboring bin Laden and al-Qaida, he and other top al-Qaida leaders have eluded capture.

Bush counseled patience and suggested that the hunt for bin Laden and his lieutenants is far from over.

"For terrorists fleeing Afghanistan - for any terrorist looking for a base of operations - there must be no refuge, no safe haven," he said. "Every terrorist must be made to live as an international fugitive, with no place to settle or organize, no place to hide, no governments to hide behind and not even a safe place to sleep."

Arafat released from house arrest; Cheney headed Israel

By Daniel Rubin
Knight Ridder Newspapers

JERUSALEM - Ariel Sharon finally released Yasser Arafat from house arrest Monday but found himself in a tight spot, pressured by the right, the left, the United States and the world.

A small coalition of ultra-conservative parties quit Sharon's coalition government Monday. The good news for Sharon was that the giant Labor Party decided it would stay. But in the polls, the prime minister's popularity is diving as the stock of his rival, former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, rises. Any move is difficult for Sharon because he is criticized both by Israelis such as Netanyahu, who want him to take an even harder line and those, including many in the Labor Party, who want peace with the Palestinians.

This week, Sharon is expected to meet with U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni, who is trying to find a way to end the Israeli-Palestinian violence, and with Vice President Dick Cheney, who is visiting the Middle East mainly to try to seek Arab support for expanding the war on terrorism to Iraq.

Sharon's dilemma was illustrated on

Sunday night by two groups of demonstrators who gathered outside Cafe Moment, where 24 hours before 11 Israelis died in a suicide bombing. The prime minister's Jerusalem residence is across the street.

"Fight Terrorism," "Get Rid of Arafat," and "Stop the Appeasement of Murderers," one side chanted, as workers shoveled charred wreckage out of the cafe's skeletal windows. Meanwhile, the peace group posted its own electronic tally of the losses since the Palestinian uprising began 17 months ago: 961 Palestinians and 340 Israelis. Their message: "Get out of the territories."

"Sharon is being torn," said Gerald Steinberg, a political scientist at Israel's Bar Ilan University.

Two concerns, Steinberg said, drive all of Sharon's actions: preserving national unity in a time of crisis and cooperating with the United States. This, he said, explains what seem to be contradictory moves, such as fierce military sweeps through Palestinian refugee camps in search of weapons and fighters, and the release of Arafat from house arrest in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Sharon is showing the Israeli public that their country's Defense Forces are tough, while

showing Cheney and Zinni they have a partner in Israel, Steinberg said.

Israeli forces on Monday rounded up 1,000 Palestinians for interrogation during raids on refugee camps. At least six Palestinians were killed by Israeli gunfire.

More than 50,000 people gathered in Tel Aviv Monday night to protest the terror attacks against Israelis and Sharon's decision to change a year-long position that he would not bargain until the violence stopped. His reversal led the small coalition of two parties to quit the government.

The Hatzofeh newspaper complained about "this miserable concession" that "broadcasts a message of weakness to the other side which will interpret it - at least outwardly - as a capitulation."

Less conservative papers weren't any happier.

"After a year in office, with zero achievements and at the height of a severe security crisis, Sharon came to the conclusion that his rigid, right-wing approach of recent weeks, in words and deeds, is not delivering the goods. Never before has the country sustained so many casualties from terror attacks as it has during the days of 'Mr. Security,'" the

newspaper Ha'aretz said in a front-page editorial Monday.

"His personal instinct is to beat ... these guys, yet his mind tells him this is a much more complicated environment than he conceived," said Shai Feldman, director of the Jaffe Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University. "He doesn't want to find himself in the situation he found himself at the end of the war in Lebanon where he had the support of only half the country and Labor was on the outside criticizing him on a daily basis. Sharon understands what when you conduct the sort of struggle we are in, it takes a daily toll, and he needs to have as much consensus as possible."

Sharon has tried to dampen criticism of his release of Arafat by imposing conditions. The Palestinian leader can travel within the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the Palestinian territories that are partly under Israeli military occupation, but he must get permission to travel abroad.

The United States has been quietly trying to persuade Sharon to let Arafat attend the March 27-28 Arab League summit in Beirut, Lebanon, where a Saudi-backed peace plan is to debut.

Horoscope time!

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (March 12). How did you ever get to be so cute, so brilliant, so powerful? Others may have seen you as nice, but now they're realizing you're also influential. They may try to seek your favor, but don't be fooled. Only the genuine need apply. You can tell the difference.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Before you head out on a new adventure - which could happen pretty soon - relax. Spend quiet time in contemplation. Review your objectives. Go over your supply lists. Let a storm blow over.

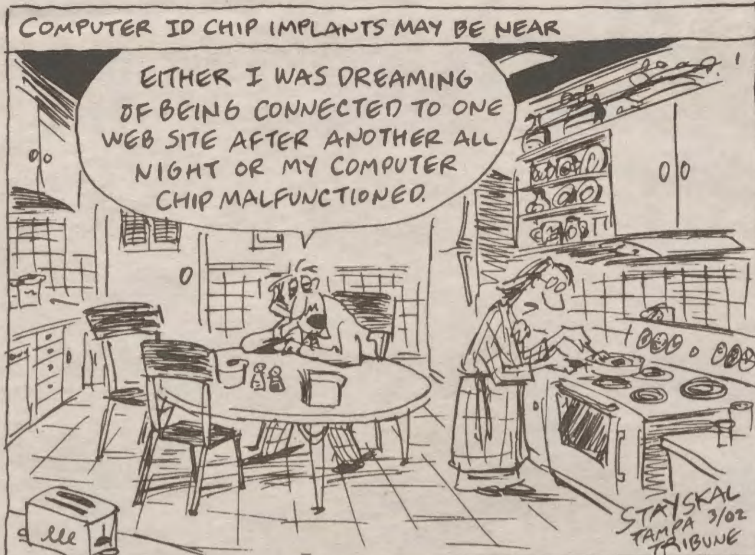
Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - You're a busy person, but you can usually make time for a friend. That would be an excellent idea now. Lunch, dinner, a little time to talk - definitely worth fitting into your schedule.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You'll have to prove you know what you're talking about. No problem, right? You'll be richly rewarded. The one who is asking all the tough questions really wants you to succeed.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Is there a class you've been meaning to take? Philosophy, religion or a foreign language would be best. If you sign up for it now, you'll encounter a few amazing revelations, with a very positive outcome.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Have you stashed something away for the winter? Saved a few nickels and dimes? You'll be into that sort of thing for the next few days, so make the most of your time. Consult somebody who knows how.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - If you're willing to listen, you'll do well. If you think you already have the answer, you're probably wrong. Ask a person who has a different perspective.



The Short Stack

Least popular women's college basketball team names

By Tom Silvestro
TNH Reporter

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- Sunflower Pixie Patrol
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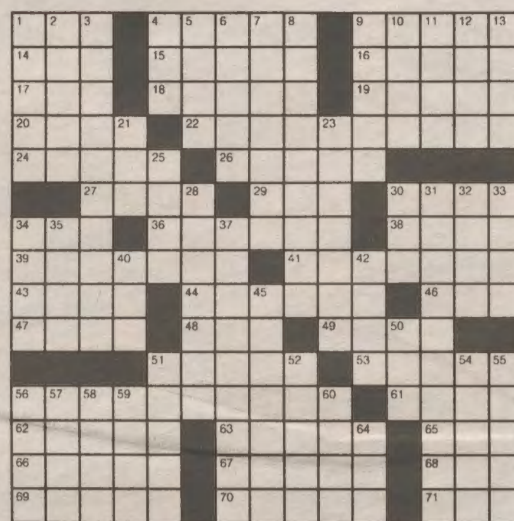
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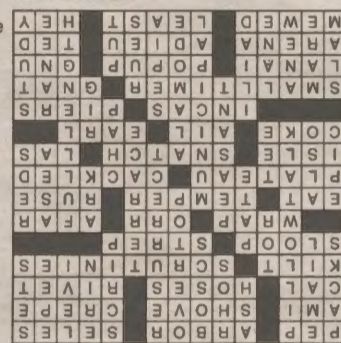
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 - Strauss
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 - Beatty film
 - Long narrative poem
 - In addition
 - Type of bond
 - Golfer's gadget
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 - Served with ice cream



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Solutions



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PAUL



BY BILLY O'KEEFE WWW.MRBILLY.COM

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 6 - Things won't go quite according to plan, so don't make a lot of extra promises. You'll be hard pressed to keep the ones you've already made.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Imagination is one of your most abundant resources. With that, and hope, you can go a long way. Having somebody

who believes in you helps, and you have that, too. Get goin'!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - No reason to move quickly, although change may be required. Take everybody's input into consideration. Old solutions become new problems, but it's all part of the game. You'll eventually get it right.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - Be willing to discard your old routine if you find something that works better. You're good at modifying your habits to become more efficient. The new way's not perfect yet, but you're getting there.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - The money is coming in, but you're so busy, you

don't have time for much else. Schedule romance for Thursday, Friday or, better yet, Saturday morning.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - You're the one who's setting the agenda. Your adversary is weakened and easily overpowered. Use style and grace to make your conquest or your escape.

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What won't you miss while on Spring Break?

On the Spot



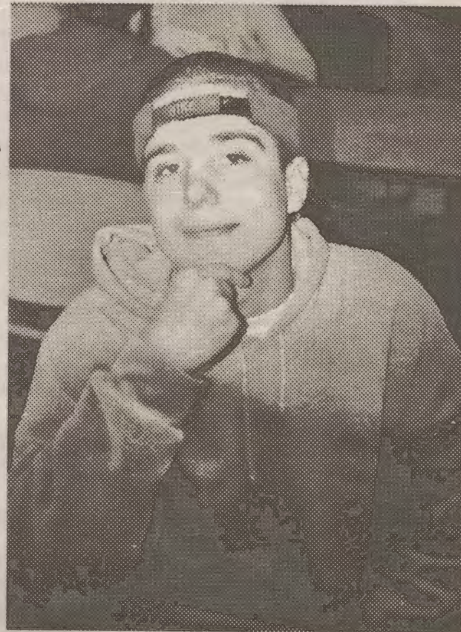
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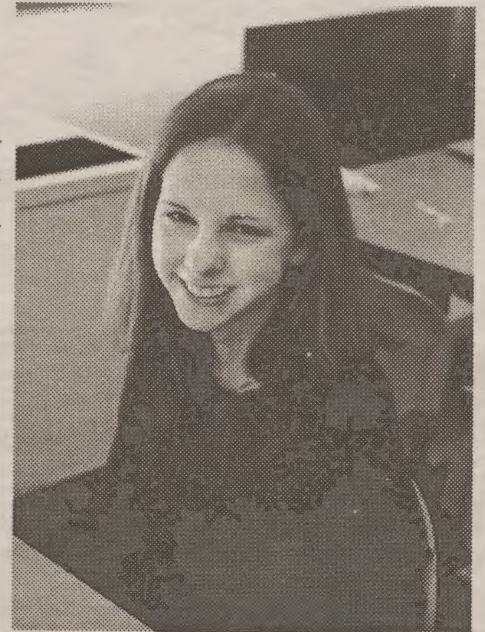
"The homework."

Adam Goss
sophomore
mathematics



"My roommates crawling into my bed at night."

Kailey Hutchison
sophomore
psychology



"Walking to get food."

Annie Comeau
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marine
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"The school food."

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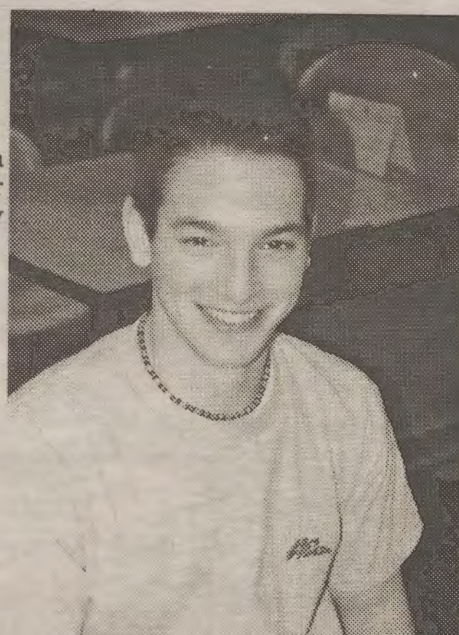
"Flying seagulls."

Heather Polak
junior
occupational
therapy



"The construction waking me up at 6:30 in the morning"

Alan Lavenda
senior
kinesiology



"My drunk roommates stumbling in at 3:00 in the morning."

Dan Henderson
senior
horticulture



"Stillings."

Editorial

Pledge of Allegiance

The debate continues.

Controversy over reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in school has caused tension between parents and the New Hampshire public school system for years. One of those long-standing wounds of debate was reopened last week when the State of New Hampshire passed a bill March 7 that would require all children in public schools to stand daily for the Pledge of Allegiance. The House Education Committee voted 9-8 to not let the bill pass, but the House rejected the committee report 234-122, according to a March 8 front-page article in the Union Leader entitled "Pledge of Allegiance bill approved in House."

The majority of patriotic Americans today are adults, and children simply emulate the patriotism they see in their parents. This is true for many other traits or beliefs as well. These adults all come from a generation when it was understood why we stand for the flag and what the Pledge means.

One argument for the passage of this bill is if we let the tradition of the Pledge of Allegiance die, what will this mean for the future of patriotism? When the generation of standing for the flag passes, will the generation of tomorrow still understand patriotism? On the other hand, one argument against it is that making anyone, particularly young students, stand and recite a pledge just because everyone else is infringes on the very freedoms the words are supposed to represent. Some feel that if children are forced to stand, they are being forced to appear patriotic. Some feel that since N.H. residents pay tax dollars to a government that funds public education, and tax payers value the Pledge of Allegiance, then it is their right to request that it be required in school.

The bill still has to pass Senate before it becomes a law, but is passing a bill making the Pledge mandatory enough to suit its goal? Before the state can require children to stand up for the Pledge of Allegiance, they must first be properly educated on the meaning of the words they are reciting. Without the proper education, the patriotism the schools will attempt to instill will be lost among misunderstood words.

Since Sept. 11, American flags have been showing up everywhere: on car windows, buildings, houses and throughout retail stores across the nation. How many children actually understand why all of a sudden the flag is so important in a time of national crisis? How many Americans who choose to display the American Flag now must have had patriotism instilled as a value at some time in their life? Whatever your answer may be to those questions, be sure that if you are displaying a flag or reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, you know why you are doing it and what it stands for. This is the message we need to be relaying to our children with the passage of this bill.

Letters

Woosy not slander, but humorous

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the "Don't donate disrespectful names" letter to the editor in the Friday, March 8 issue of *The New Hampshire*. The letter I wish to respond to by Kellen Sawyer stated that the calling men "woosies" because many did not give blood in a recent drive was an insult, and even slander. Personally... lighten up people. This is the opinion section of a newspaper, meant to contain people's personal opinions. I personally found the so-called "slander"

humorous when I read it. I agree. I am a "woosy." I think it's great that someone would have the guts and observation to point out something lacking about a University event. I think if people would just relax, and not worry about being called a "woosy," the entire campus would be a much better place. Don't create a waste of space in the opinion section, as I am doing right now.

Richard LaBombard
Sophomore

Speak up, and speak the truth

To the Editor:

In both of Prof. Farrell's op-ed pieces in the March 1 and March 8 issues of *The New Hampshire*, he chastised Rob Wolff for "inappropriately" asking the president, "What about the dead Afghan children?" during Bush's recent speech in Lundholm Gymnasium.

The American mainstream media has reported almost nothing about civilian casualties resulting from the "War on Terrorism." Yet, according to UNH Prof. Marc Herold, U.S.

air strikes on Afghanistan killed 4,000 innocent civilians between October and December of 2001.

In the light of Prof. Herold's report, Prof. Farrell's criticism that Wolff should have obeyed social norms and kept quiet during the president's speech seems inappropriate and absurd, while Wolff's decision to speak truth to power seems necessary and admirable.

Nick Copanas
Junior

Male bashing harmful to many

To the Editor:

In response to Katelyn Dufour's op-ed piece "Intentions are off base" in the Feb. 15 issue of *The New Hampshire*, just because a man may have written the vandalism at the frat house doesn't denounce the need to "stop male bashing and hating men." Many men including politicians from all walks are using fear-mongering propaganda to terrorize women into voting for them. These are some of the most outrageous acts of hate crimes perpetrated not just

against men, but against women and ultimately against society. The reason: to gain power and to sell products. Think this argument doesn't make sense? Why would men hurt men? Money and Power—those are just two reasons. Again men and women live in a symbiotic relationship; what happens to the one happens to the other. In short, male bashing hurts women as well.

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Op-Ed

Start being men

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Apparently my satirical op-ed piece "Stop Hating Osama bin Laden" from the Feb. 26 issue of *The New Hampshire* was a bit too subtle. Perhaps I should explain. Stop Hating Men claimed that the Sigma Nu graffiti is just an example of the man bashing on campus, but oddly, nowhere else on their site is there any evidence of this man-bashing. Just the photo of the "We Rape" graffiti with the caption "a hate crime against men." This is absurd, as SHM actually points out in the text of their site: "Make no mistake: the vandalism of Sigma Nu was the form of a hate crime. The intention was to degrade the men of Sigma Nu, and possibly all men in general at UNH." Possibly. Probably not, however. And certainly not to degrade all men. This is the heart of my disagreement with SHM. The graffiti on the side of the Sigma Nu house was not a hate crime against men, just as an article disagreeing with Israeli policy is not anti-Semitic or a bad review of a Spike Lee movie is not racist. The people who painted this were angry about a specific incident. They didn't write "men rape" or "all men are rapists." And if this is the only evidence of man bashing anybody can come up with on the UNH campus, why bother to have this group at all?

Further, the thrust of Scott Garman's op-ed piece on Feb. 22 entitled "Letters portray inaccurate image of UNH group" was that all men are innocent until proven guilty, and anyone who disagrees in the Sigma Nu gang rape case must be a man basher. Indeed, on the SHM Web site it reads: "We firmly believe that anyone who claims to have been sexually assaulted should be offered support, and SHARPP exists at UNH to do just that. However, we also believe that those who claim to be falsely accused should be given support unless it can be shown that they are guilty of the crime of which they are accused." So I wrote a satire, a word for word parody of Mr. Garman's op-ed piece that simply inserted "Osama bin Laden" wherever the accused gang rapists were mentioned. And I ask, what is the difference? Why isn't Osama given that same privilege? Has he been proven guilty in a court of law? Is he

not a man? Could it be that we consider his crimes so heinous that we are angry with him and Al Queda? Perhaps that anger causes us to lash out. How about O.J.? Is it man-bashing to believe that he committed violence against women, even though he wasn't convicted? I believe that if your mother or your sister or your friend was raped, you might rush to judgment. And I wouldn't blame you.

Certainly we are all innocent until proven guilty in America, even Osama bin Laden. But when justice is so blatantly not served, people get angry. Mr. Garman points out in an earlier op-ed in the Feb. 12 issue of *TNH* entitled "Students want to change male stereotypes at UNH" that the DNA evidence was inconclusive (just like O.J.). Maybe they caught the wrong guys, but the fact that there was DNA (semen) to test tells me that somebody raped this woman.

Part of what makes me so angry about this is that SHM pretends to speak for all men. As a man, I believe that it is more manly to stand up for justice than to whine and cry, to say that it was "outsiders," to complain that the fraternity is not responsible for the actions that happen inside their own house. That is not being a man to me.

In reply to Mr. Trombley and Mr. Sawyer's letters in the March 3 issue of *The New Hampshire*, I was NOT comparing Osama to SHM, nor would I. I was comparing the alleged gang rapists to him. I will not apologize to SHM for using their name and e-mail address because it was an obvious satire. Further, in my original letter to *TNH* I signed it "satirically," and included my affiliation.

There is ten times more women bashing on campus than man bashing and nobody cares. I do not believe that asking men to be responsible for their actions will cause men to commit suicide. All I know is that we average over a rape a week at UNH and all we get to combat it is wacky posters that say it's better when we both enjoy it. Can't we demand that men get consent, rather than ask them? Is it too much to expect men to obey the law? I have made many women angry in my life, and I'm sure I will again, but I never tried to pretend that it was "men" that they were mad at. So stop lying. And start being men.

Shouting in the presence of Bush

Thomas Jackson
Newmarket

As one of the individuals who signed the letter to UNH President Leitzel from Seacoast Alliance for Peace, Justice and Democracy printed in the Feb. 26 issue of *The New Hampshire*, I would like to address a few comments made by Professor James Farrell in his letter, "Freedom of speech includes choice, opinion, timing" in the March 1 issue. Mr. Farrell leaves out key points that, if included, would undermine his boilerplate "arguments." He fails to acknowledge the inaccessibility of the president to the general public. He also ignores history and, at times, relies on arguments that are completely inapposite.

The March 1 letter is riddled with reverent references to Bush, and many statements decrying Rob Wolff's actions as "embarrassing" and rude before—of all people—the president of the United States! I have a question for Mr. Farrell and all those who were infuriated that Mr. Wolff could be so insolent as to interrupt the president of the United States: shall we place a crown upon Mr. Bush's head, wrap him in a luxurious robe, and start calling him "Your Majesty"?

The Bush visit to UNH was a closed event. If Mr. Wolff or anyone else has a statement or question for the president, how else is he to relay it? He had to speak loudly for Bush to hear him. The event took place in a gymnasium as I recall. Please don't avoid this issue by saying that we live in a time when security must supersede some rights. My response to that comes from Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. Franklin said, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." In a similar statement, Jefferson concluded, "nor shall they keep either!"

Mr. Wolff wanted to express his concern for Afghan civilians directly to the person with more power to change the course of events than anyone else on earth. Should he have sent a letter or an e-mail into the abyss instead? Perhaps he should have waited patiently until 2004 when he could vote against Mr. Bush?

Public officials must be accountable, and to be held accountable, they must be accessible at some level. At this unfortunate juncture in our history, Mr. Bush is so far from being accountable or accessible that actions such as Rob Wolff's are absolutely necessary, if for no other reason than to show Bush and his supporters that dissent exists, even with regard to the so-called "war on terrorism".

I can't help but wonder if Mr. Farrell believes that the people around Mr. Wolff were somehow privileged to take violent action against him. On the news, I saw at least one person yank Wolff down very hard. Do you consider that a reasoned response? New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated describes Simple Assault as follows: "A person is guilty of simple assault if he: (a) Purposely or knowingly causes... unprivileged physical contact to another." (NH RSA 631:2-a) Personally, I think it's tragic that anyone in the gymnasium thought Mr. Wolff deserved to be

treated that way (or perhaps worse). I think it speaks volumes about the mind set of too many people in this country today.

Mr. Farrell's argument that Professor Meyrowitz, Professor Lukens, and Reverend Westfall would be exposed to disruptions should the UNH code of conduct not exist is nonsensical. First, our letter to President Leitzel did not call for the elimination of the UNH code of conduct. Second, it seems that Mr. Farrell is incapable of making the distinction between the level of person to person access found in a classroom of students with a professor, or a church congregation with their pastor, as opposed to a staged, invitation-only media event involving 3,000 Bush-loving people in a gymnasium, with an inaccessible world leader.

Mr. Farrell informs us that "[i]f your ideas have merit, then they will attract the support of reasonable people." In fact, throughout history, one finds ideas that clearly had merit, which took hundreds, if not thousands of years to gain support on any meaningful level. Equal rights for anyone who is not a white male comes to mind. Conversely, racist, fascist and nationalist ideas have, at times throughout history, captured the support of many.

Does that mean that those ideas have merit and that those who support them are reasonable? The fact is, terms like "merit" and "reasonable people" are subjective. Mr. Farrell tries to bolster his contentions with a Thomas Jefferson maxim: "...error of opinion may be tolerated where Reason is left free to combat it." In the context of his letter to *The New Hampshire*, I had to wonder if Mr. Farrell was saying that nationalism and militarism are Reason. As I see it, though not free to attend, Reason managed to find a way into the closed Bush event to combat the legion of errant opinions.

The professor then explains that the peace activist community is very frustrated, and that is because "most people simply disagree with you". Once again he ignores history. If the small groups of activists protesting the Vietnam war in the early to mid 1960s simply gave up because at the time the general public disagreed with them, then the crowds that protested the war in the late '60s and early '70s never would have developed. The same argument can be applied to any social change movement—even the American Revolution itself. Change of mind set on a mass scale takes time. We are in the very early stages in this case.

The letter closes with the following: "As for me, I'm glad all of you and I can together 'teach and model democratic processes and values such as free speech,' and have the opportunity to engage in 'open, civil discussion' of these important issues." Given that the letter is peppered with sarcastic, angry jabs at the peace activist community, I can only question the sincerity of his closing remarks. There have always been those who would prefer that the voice of conscience would just go away. Who knows, perhaps Rob Wolff and I will be spending some time together someday at the Alaskan Gulag Archipelago. In the meantime, I will not be quiet and polite while the current administration runs roughshod over the tenants of domestic and international human rights and law.

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Op-Ed

Ignorance, by any other name, still hurts the student population

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member

This is in response to the opinion by Colin Ptak and Benjamin Keating entitled "A goal, by any other name, still hurts the student population" in the March 8 issue of *The New Hampshire*.

I have read a number of opinions in both *The New Hampshire* and other local newspapers regarding House Bill 1304, and written by so called "anti-discrimination"/"civil rights" advocates, but this one merits response, since it's written by a member of my community. In preaching "no quotas" (which I would again like to point out DO NOT EXIST at this university) these people are demonstrating the same discrimination they are supposedly opposing.

There is a theme present in every letter I've seen, and Ptak and Keating said it perfectly: "By trying to meet goals, the university is making a concerted effort not to accept persons who are the most intellectually fit for the

school." What they, and the others are really saying is that somehow, only white majority students are "intellectually fit" to attend the university. Why are people overlooking the fact that the students of color the university is seeking out and admitting are being sought out BECAUSE THEY ARE INTELLECTUALLY QUALIFIED? If the university were truly accepting any random applicant based on skin color, as many have suggested, don't you think there would be more students of color on this campus than 390 out of a total student population of 10,400? And if you don't trust my figures, which are accurate as of October 15, 2001, look at them for yourself in the "Common Data Set 2001-2002 University of New Hampshire (Durham Campus Only), <http://www.unh.edu/ir/CDS2001.pdf>.

Next, how dare you compare students of color attending college to being told to sit at the back of the bus because of race? There is no comparison. In the past, there was a student who was quite fond of doing this same thing in letters to the editor: tak-

ing words from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. meant to create access to opportunities that people of color were routinely being denied, and twisting those words to limit that access.

As to the imaginary allowances making students of color "question whether they truly belong in the university" I ask Ptak and Keating where they came up with this opinion. Did they ask any students of color how they felt? No one asked me. And I can tell you how I would respond - I'm here because I deserve it. There's no doubt in my mind that I and other students of color are here because we worked hard in high school to get the grades, we studied to earn high scores on the SATs, and we did it just like the majority students who were admitted to the university. Admitted because of our skin color? I was also accepted at Tufts and Dartmouth, but chose UNH for many reasons, and now I'm supposed to question whether UNH admitted me because of my academics? If I somehow "took a spot" from a majority student, it's because I was more "intellectually qualified" and I am not the

exception to the rule. And on the subject of "achieving race goals in 2003" I don't understand why that is even being brought up. That idea is from the Black Student Union in 1998. The university HAS NOT made any agreement to hold to those goals, and thus should not even be mentioned. By the way, the fifty percent minority student ratio stated in Ptak and Keating's op-ed is a fictitious number.

I'd also like to address a comment I did not see in the opinion on Tuesday, but have seen often in the past, the question of "valuing diversity of ideas and experiences" rather than racial diversity. I would like to ask, how do people form their ideas? What affects people's experiences? Isn't it possible that race plays a large role in this? I am a woman of color. This affects how people see me and the way people treat me. Some may not want to believe this, but it's a fact. This all comes together to shape my experiences, maybe even more than the fact that I was raised in a different culture than the majority of the country. Does anyone honestly believe

that the only difference between a black woman and a white woman is pigmentation? Between a Latina woman, an Asian woman and a Native American woman? The only difference between a Jewish woman and a white man is genitalia? No, there is a difference in culture, ideas and experiences as well.

For some reason, some people still erroneously believe that people of color are intellectually inferior to the white majority, and until this belief - which extends itself to affect hiring, salaries and admissions, all of which are addressed by Affirmative Action - is no longer common, and until the faces filling seats of power in this nation, governmental and economic, look more like the faces across the nation, the faces they are supposed to represent, there is and will continue to be a need for Affirmative Action. I leave with a bit of food for thought - to date, white women (who have worked very hard and fought to achieve a level of equality) have been the largest beneficiaries of the system known as Affirmative Action.

Stereotypes against Zeta Chi unfair

Jason Baker
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Washington, DC

I am writing in response the article "Zeta Chi brother stabbed Friday" in the March 5 issue of *The New Hampshire* about the Zeta Chi brother that was assaulted and stabbed last week. As usual, the University of New Hampshire, instead of reporting the facts of this unfortunate event, has revived the University-established rhetoric of Zeta Chi; this is what happens when you go to a non-UNH affiliated institution. The article did a good job of speaking about ZX's origin and why ZX is not recognized by the University, but failed to speak in any detail about the crimes that were committed last Friday morning (as was the case in all local newspapers). I think it is absolutely ridiculous that the only newsworthy materials that were attained by local news sources was that Zeta Chi is an unrecognized fraternity, and that this stabbing was not "the norm" for UNH, but an occurrence that happens when you hang out with a bunch of bad seeds. This makes no sense to me.

The University likes to bring up "horror stories" of transgressions that occurred at Zeta Chi in the past. Every fall, R.A.'s are told by their superiors to tell their incoming residents, who are mostly impressionable freshman, that Zeta Chi is the one place you need to stay away from; the fraternity where stories of rape and assault are commonplace. That is the furthest thing from the truth. If Zeta Chi is so evil, how come a mem-

ber of our fraternity is annually interviewed by *TNH*, a University student-run news source, for carrying on the tradition of throwing the fish on the ice at UNH Men's hockey games? I thought UNH didn't recognize Zeta Chi? Another example: How come every year, Zeta Chi holds an annual beach volleyball tournament, in which proceeds raised are donated to charity and participants are awarded prizes donated by local businesses? Where was the mention of those attributes of Zeta Chi in this article?

It's the same old story, every year: Transgressions of Zeta Chi that occurred almost a decade ago are still being used to stereotype the brotherhood. When our past legal troubles occurred, I was a senior in high school, and most of the current brotherhood were in grade school!

Lastly, in response to Steve Pappajohn's comments given in the article about how Zeta Chi "doesn't strike me as a safe house to have events in," my point is proven of how University-spin tactics are constantly at work. I know Pappajohn and considered him a friend in college. We were on a lot of the same intramural teams, we went to events at each other's houses (Pappajohn is a former Sigma Nu brother at UNH), etc. He always had the best things to say about our house. All of a sudden, Pappajohn is hired by the University as Greek affairs coordinator, and his whole attitude is changed. Let's be real: Zeta Chi isn't a safe place to hang out, but Sigma Nu is?

Zeta Chi a safe place to be

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The smell of stale beer, cigarette butts on the floor, empty beer cans surrounding you, groups of "brothers" playing drinking games, and loud music playing in the background. Which fraternity house does this describe best?

To most as you walk down Madbury Road, this describes every fraternity in the UNH community. Fraternities at the University of New Hampshire are a place to go to drink, have fun and "party". Unfortunately, sometimes fights break out, arguments start and people get out of hand. During the three years that we have spent here we have witnessed these fights almost every weekend at any fraternity, recognized or not.

The stabbing that occurred at Zeta Chi fraternity was an unfortunate circumstance that could have occurred anywhere. What occurred at Zeta Chi last Friday morning was an extreme version of these fights that happen every weekend night. Stabbing, in our community, does not happen frequently. The overall article printed in *The New Hampshire* did not seem to grasp the main problem of Friday morning. The article focused on the issues of Zeta Chi fraternity rather than the fact

that a student was stabbed. The University defended their reputation rather than being concerned about the victim. The article revolved more around the Zeta Chi parking lot than the idea that a student was stabbed on campus.

The New Hampshire used the false reputation of this unrecognized fraternity as an escape to why the stabbing occurred, when the focus should have been on whether or not any fraternity (recognized or not) is a safe place to go on the weekends. The ending quote in the article pertaining to the safety of Zeta Chi was an unfair stereotype to what is now a new generation of brothers.

For the past three years out of all the fraternities that have offered a weekend atmosphere we have chosen to attend Zeta Chi Fraternity. The brothers of Zeta Chi make us feel comfortable and always safe. The reputation that has been put on Zeta Chi's shoulders is far from the truth. Whoever has come to the conclusion that Zeta Chi is an unsafe place to go is not aware of their event safety standards. Looking into the operations of how a fraternity runs an "event" you will see that Zeta Chi holds "events" in the safest way possible. All fraternities are required to have sober brothers at every entrance and exit while an event is taking place. Zeta Chi holds this as a high importance while an event is in duration.

Safety is an issue wherever you go in life, but there are always places you can go that feel safe; Zeta Chi is one of them. The stabbing that occurred last weekend was extremely unfortunate, but in no way shape or form does that represent Zeta Chi's safety and reputation.

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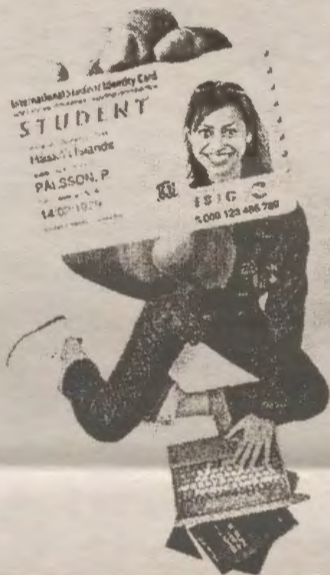
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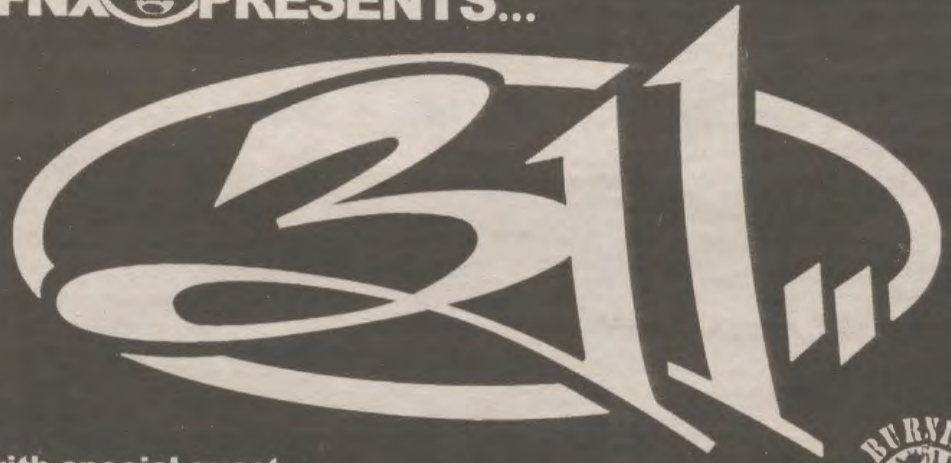


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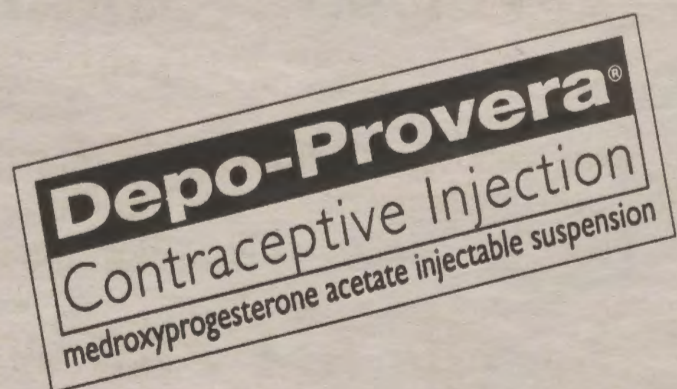
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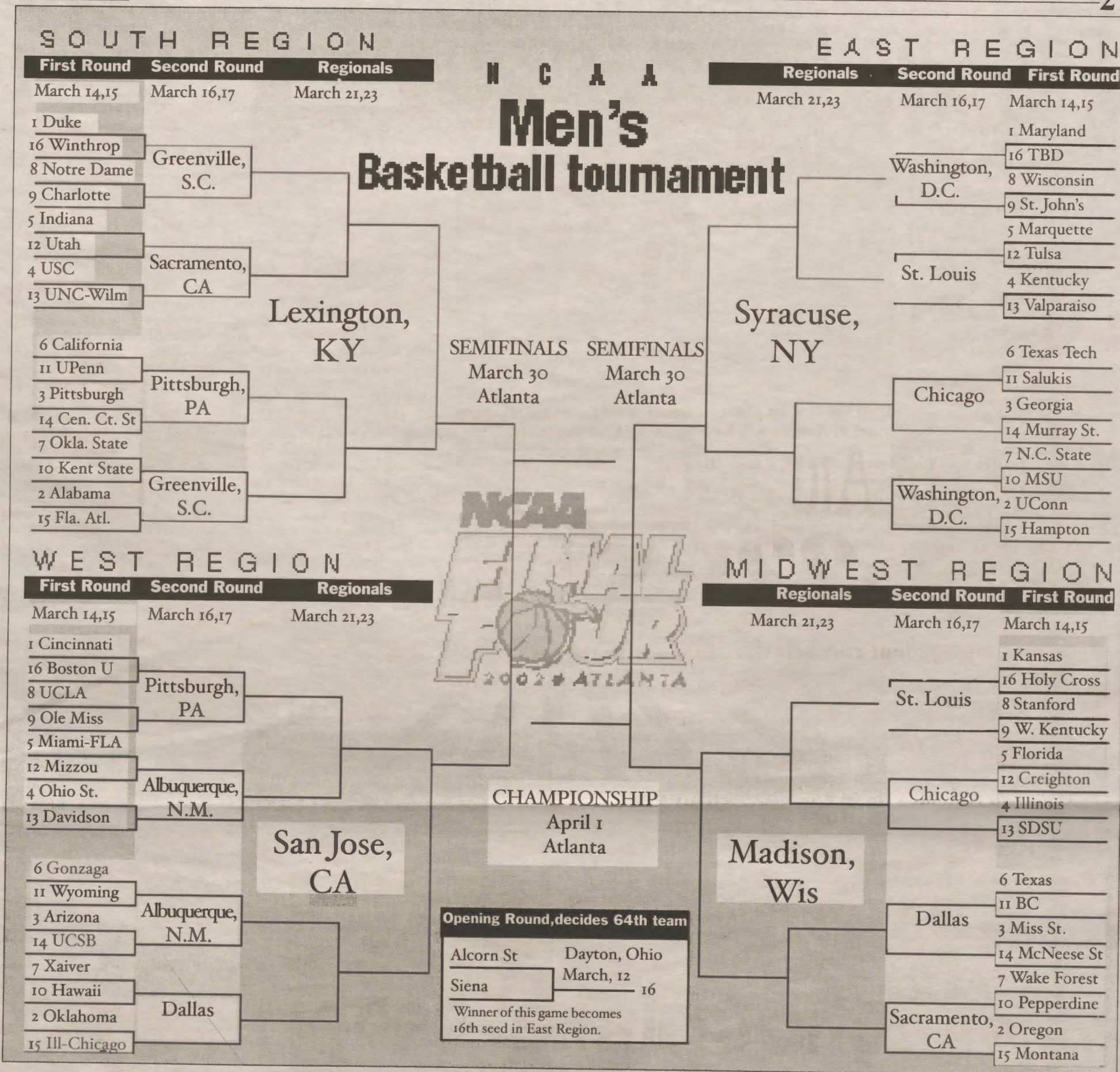
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Committee snubs 'Zags once again

Spectacular season from West Coast champions goes unrecognized by selection committee

By David Teel
Daily Press

Multiple top seeds for the ACC, a California gold rush and a snub of the Zags mark the 65-team NCAA Tournament bracket revealed Sunday.

ACC Tournament champion Duke and regular-season titleist Maryland received No. 1 regional seeds, the Blue Devils in the South, the Terps in the East. Kansas in the Midwest and Cincinnati in the West complete the No. 15.

Oklahoma, which defeated Kansas in Sunday's Big 12 Tournament final and Maryland during the regular season, also contended for a top seed but is No. 2 in the West opposite Cincinnati.

"Cincinnati and Oklahoma were the teams we really struggled with," said committee chairman Lee Fowler, the athletic director at North

Carolina State.

Deadline affected those struggles. Kansas and Oklahoma did not tip off until 3:30 p.m., Sunday, less than three hours before CBS' selection show.

But the most curious seed was Gonzaga's. The West Coast champion Zags do not hail from a power conference, but they advanced to the regional semifinals each of the past three years. Despite that history, a 29-3 record this season and top-10 standing in the national polls, Gonzaga is the No. 6 seed in the West and faces a possible second-round game against Pac-10 Tournament champion Arizona.

When Gonzaga's seed was revealed, the crowd gathered on the Spokane, Wash., campus booed.

"We discussed them a lot," Fowler said of the Zags. "They're not an easy team to

seed."

Fowler attributed the low seed to strength of schedule. Gonzaga, he said, won 12 games against teams ranked below 200 by the NCAA's Rating Percentage Index, a computer-generated poll of all 324 Division I teams.

Gonzaga and Pepperdine give the West Coast Conference multiple entries in the field. Ten other leagues earned more than one bid, led by the Big 12, Southeastern, Big East and Pac-10 with six each. Five Big Ten teams made the field, four from the ACC, three each from Conference USA and the Mountain West and two each from the Missouri Valley and Western Athletic.

The field also includes seven teams from California, a record for state representation. The seven: Stanford, UCLA, Cal, Southern California, Pepperdine, Cal-Santa Barbara

and San Diego State.

Hampton is Virginia's only representative. The Pirates, seeded 15th in East, face Big East Tournament champion Connecticut on Friday in Washington, D.C.

The bracket's final pieces didn't become clear until late Sunday afternoon, when Ohio State defeated upstart Iowa in the Big Ten Tournament final. With Ohio State and four other conference teams locked into the field, an Iowa victory would have given the Big Ten six representatives and knocked out an at-large team.

The lowest seeded at-large teams are Utah, Missouri and Tulsa, all No. 12s.

After last season, when only a third of the field (22 teams) played first-round games in their time zones, the committee made a concerted effort to keep teams closer to home. With new bracketing guidelines, 39 teams play first-

round games in their time zone, according to Fowler.

Among those with convenient venues: Maryland in Washington, D.C., Pittsburgh and Penn in Pittsburgh, Southern California and Pepperdine in Sacramento, Illinois and Southern Illinois in Chicago, Duke, Charlotte and Winthrop in Greenville, S.C.

Among the teams the committee bypassed: Butler (25-5), Memphis (22-9) and Utah State (23-7). Butler, with a Horizon League regular-season title and a non-conference victory against Indiana on its resume, is the most notable exclusion.

But Indiana was Butler's only game against a team ranked among the RPI's top 50. Also, the Bulldogs lost to lowly Wisconsin-Green Bay in the first round of the Horizon Tournament.

"The committee feels like you can play your way in or play your way out," Fowler said.

Falls on beam frustrate Wildcats



Gymnastics

UNH: 193.20
Towson: 194.775

By Kevin Mealey
Staff Writer

The University of New Hampshire women's gymnastics team lost at Towson University Friday night, 194.775-193.20. The 'Cats hit the road to close out the season and appear to have run into a roadblock.

UNH stumbled on the balance beam and had points taken away for falls. The Wildcats had the lead going into the final rotation, and the last event was



Alisha Ryan - Staff Photographer

UNH has had its share of troubles on the road. Friday's meet at Auburn will be a tough test for the 'Cats.

beam. Head Coach Gail Goodspeed wasn't too happy with the final exercise. The team had a chance to post a 195.00 score on the road, which is an excellent qualifying score for regionals.

"We folded on beam," said Goodspeed.

Even though UNH had that pitfall, Goodspeed still thinks the overall score for the meet was decent and still thinks the team's chances of making it to the re-

gional tournament are good. She said the score is a good qualifying score and that it erased a lower mark that the Wildcats posted earlier in the year.

Junior Jen Dickson of the Wildcats placed third in the all-around competition. Dickson was UNH's top performer in the all-around with a total of 38.775. Sophomore Crystal Beak finished in fourth place with a 37.750 in the four events.

Dickson led the 'Cats in the floor exercise with a score of 9.850, which was good for second place in that event. She also had a second place finish in the vault posting a career-best score of 9.8. Finally, Dickson placed third to lead the squad on the uneven parallel bars with a mark of 9.8.

Senior co-captain Katie Revis turned in the Wildcats' top score on the balance beam with a judgement of 9.80, good for fourth place overall in the meet, and she tied her career-high for the fifth time.

As a team, the Wildcats' best

event of the night was the vault. In addition to Dickson's second-place ranking, UNH had three of the top four scores in the event. Freshman Vanessa James and senior co-captain Bethany Wagner both finished in a tie for third with identical scores of 9.750. The mark was also a career-high for James.

Junior Michelle Harley saw limited action due to a back injury. Harley normally competes in every event for the 'Cats but only performed on the uneven parallel bars. Coach Goodspeed is hoping to have Harley back soon but stressed that the team will be cautious with Harley's return.

"We're playing it one day at a time [with Michelle]," said Goodspeed "She'll probably be back this weekend [if she's ready]."

The Wildcats continue their stint on the road next week as the squad travels to Auburn University on Friday. The meet begins at 7 p.m.

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ing to Connecticut. I'm not going to do it — determination."

"My goalie panicked a little bit on those first two goals," said UConn head coach Heather Linstead. "I think that she did feel a lot of pressure at the beginning, but then she settled down, and she looked pretty good."

Neither team would find the back of the net in the second period, but freshman leftwing Kimberly Berry would break through just 1:10 into the third for UConn to cut the lead in half. Berry intercepted a pass and broke in to tuck the puck underneath junior goalie Jen Huggon (37 saves).

Thomas would answer back for the 'Cats just 16 seconds later. Thomas skated through and around the Huskies, put the puck on net, and beat Murphy from the slot. Junior winger Annie Fahlenbock was credited with an assist on the play.

"I never thought I was going to score that goal," said Thomas. "I just

wanted someone to score it, it didn't really matter who. I just wanted to get the shot off. I knew a shot on net would have been almost as good as a goal at that point, to get the momentum back for everybody."

Thomas had her second on the afternoon at 5:01. She skated left to right through the slot, and out-waited Murphy and the defense and roofed the puck under the crossbar. Freshman rightwing Stephanie Jones and sophomore center Debbie Bernhard had the helpers.

Despite being down 4-1, UConn used their timeout with 1:39 left on the clock, and kept Murphy off of the ice for ensuing face-off. UNH made it nearly impossible for UConn to get into the offensive zone with the extra skater, and nearly scored in the open net.

The win sends UNH to Connecticut on Friday for yet another match-up with the Northeastern Huskies for the ECAC East semifinal round of the tournament.

giant slalom. On the men's side, Ben Drummond also earned points by finishing 27th. Heather Plimpton finished .52-of-a-second behind Copeland to record the 23rd-fastest time.

After day two, which featured the Women's 5K Classic and Men's 10K Classic races, the 'Cats were in 11th place. Chris Mallory turned in the top Wildcat effort of the day with his time of 29:08.3. That time placed him in 19th. Justin Novak and Matt Schadow also earned points by placing 27th and 30th, respectively.

The women's trio of Jennifer Conant, Jamie Glommen and Darcy Arendt finished within 30 seconds of each other. Conant crossed the finish line first in 17:04.1 for 30th place overall and was followed by Glommen (33rd) and Arendt (35th).

Action on day three returned to the Alyeska Ski Club for the slalom competition. In addition to the superlative efforts of Blaisdell and Copeland, Drummond and Plimpton also scored points. Drummond's clocking was the 19th-best of the day while Plimpton finished 30th. The efforts of the quartet moved UNH back into ninth place in the team standings.

The NCAA Championships concluded at Kincaid Park with the Women's 15K Freestyle and the Men's 20K Freestyle. Arendt crossed the finish line in 47:04.6 to place 17th. Glommen, in 32nd, and Conant, in 37th, also contributed to UNH's point total. On the men's side, Novak was the first Wildcat to complete the course, and his time of 54:35.6 was good for 23rd place. Schadow (29th) and Mallory (32nd) helped New Hampshire retain its ninth-place status.



Skiing

UNH: 9th at NCAA
Championships

From Staff Reports

Led by an All-America First Team performance by junior Greg Blaisdell and an All-America Second Team effort from senior Cristin Copeland, the University of New Hampshire ski team finished ninth out of 23 teams at the NCAA Championships last weekend.

Blaisdell, who also earned All-America status as a freshman and sophomore, placed third in the slalom with a two-run time of 1 minute, 45.65 seconds. Earlier in the competition, he was UNH's top finisher in the giant slalom placing 12th.

Copeland, a 2000 All-America selection, recorded a combined time of 1:34.98 on the Alyeska Ski Club's slalom course to place 10th. She was also the top Wildcat finisher in the giant slalom competition finishing in 21st place.

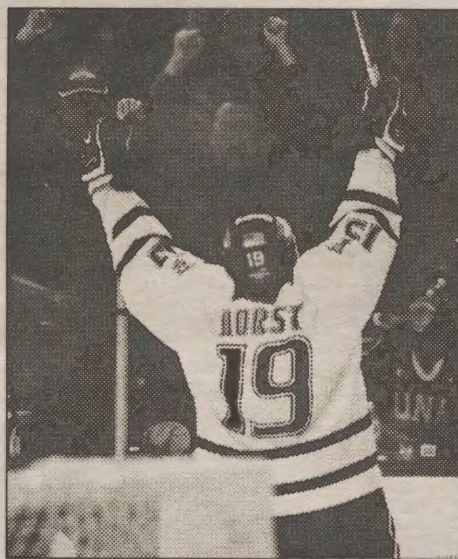
In day one of the Championships, New Hampshire was in ninth place as Blaisdell and Copeland led the Wildcat charge in the

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percentage (.291) and third in penalty-kill percentage (.848), not to mention having the top offense in the country.

And Saturday night they put it all on the line.

Sophomore Steve Saviano broke a 4-4 tie 6:45 in an overtime contest in which UNH never lead, to give the Wildcats the win and send them into the HOCKEY EAST semi-finals at the Fleet Center. Saviano skated into the zone and went behind the net, attempting a wrap around and at the last second turning around and sneaking the puck between the right post and Merrimack's netminder Joe Exter.



Alisha Ryan - Staff Photographer

Tim Horst celebrates his second period goal on Saturday.

"I thought he was going around and at the last second it clicked that he was coming back, and I didn't get back in time," Exter said.

Saviano's reverse move was an afterthought.

"I was trying to get the original shot off, and he slid," Saviano said. "I went back to go around and the goalie went all the way over. I was like 'forget this' and went back around."

Who ever said that Merrimack would be an easy win for the Wildcats, was holding their tongue Saturday evening as the Warriors jumped out to a three-goal lead. Merrimack's Ryan Kiley, Ryan Corderio, and Alex Sikatchev, each scoring goals to lead the Warriors' offensive surge.

"We didn't think about it, nor did the 6,500 people here think that we would get the shutout," said Merrimack's interim head-coach Mike Doneghy. "But it was a great college

hockey game."

Leave it to senior captain Darren Haydar to ruin a shutout for the eighth place Warriors, as he scored at 8:47 in the second period. Junior Colin Hemingway rifled a shot from the slot, causing Exter to leave the rebound out in front of him. Haydar cleaned up, putting the puck top-shelf. The power-play goal was Haydar's 29th of the season and his 100th career goal.

"The team did a terrific job coming back," said head coach Dick Umile. "It shows the character of the team."

In less than two minutes, UNH scored two more goals to knot the game at three a piece and send in the almost comatose Wildcat crowd in to a cheering frenzy.

At 10:06 of the middle frame, defenseman sophomore Tim Horst batted home a bounding puck. Horst drove hard into the zone, putting the puck on net. Exter did what he could to cover up, but Horst was determined and poked home his fourth goal of the season. Senior forward David Busch and junior forward Lanny Gare were given helpers on the play.

Thirty seconds later, Haydar scored his second goal of the evening whistling a wrister past Exter from the left side of the cage off of a clean pass from Hemingway. Defenseman Garrett Stafford was given the second assist.

"Scoring two goals and winning is overtime is great, but we have a lot of work ahead of us," Haydar said.

Merrimack's Sikatchev potted his second goal of the night to again give Merrimack the lead with just over two minutes remain in the period.

UNH's Ed Caron recorded his sixth goal of the season 5:59 into the period. With a scrum in front of the Merrimack goal, Caron poked the loose puck past Exter and brought the Wildcats back into the game.

The game would remain tied a 4-4 a piece for just over 20 minutes, until Saviano potted his 10 of the season, giving the Wildcats and their fans an outstanding ending to the season at the Whittemore Center.

"There is only going to be one team in the country that won't lose their last game," Doneghy said. "Everyone else will lose at some point. We just did earlier than we would have liked to."

Merrimack netminder Joe Exter made 62 saves, the most ever in a HOCKEY EAST quarterfinal game.

No holds barred

By Matt Doucet
Staff Writer

If you're looking for something that is going to chronicle and expound upon tremendous feats of athletic excellence, then stop reading right now, because this is not one of those columns.

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to watch, because it wasn't like these kids wanted to win as much as you wanted them to. They wanted it more. They wanted it more than they've ever wanted anything in this life, or at least they played like they did.

But it wasn't just the kids. They were part of it, but the 2,000 Berlin fans who made the two-hour trek from the Great North Woods made the difference. And with that you knew. You knew that this wasn't just a game. This wasn't just a game; this was something that you would remember for the rest of your life.

The game itself was pretty unremarkable. Just two teams too nervous to make a lot of shots, yet two teams so keyed up that they played tremendous defense. Just not tremendous defense, tremendous fundamentals, the kind that you never see if you watch as much "big-time" basketball as I do.

I don't know exactly what it was, but somewhere along the way I really started to get into it, and I joined the chorus of Berlin fans, alternating be-

tween yelps intended to spur on the Mountaineers and derogatory comments intended for both the refs and the Hanover players.

And the thing is, I never do that. I never just stand up and yell stuff at people who can't hear me unless it's something huge like a Yankee-Red Sox game, and I'm working over Knoblauch in the leftfield box. But this wasn't Yanks-Sox. This was Berlin-Hanover. This was high school basketball and yet, there I was, cheering as though my life were riding on the game.

It was funny too, the way it worked out. Hanover had a 10-point lead going into the fourth quarter, but I don't think anyone in there took it seriously. They knew Berlin was going to come out and leave everything out on the floor, and that the Mountaineers would have a say in the final outcome.

I don't know that I've ever seen a desperate team play better than Berlin did that last quarter. They were rushing around, out of control, and yet there was a certain beauty and order to the way that

they were playing. They were everywhere at once but it was as though they knew where they were at all times.

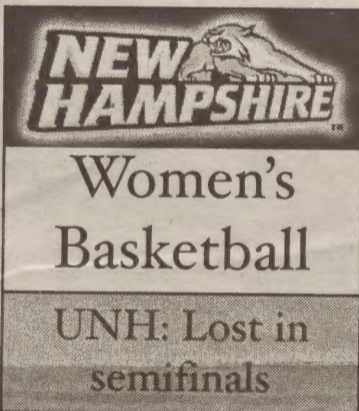
Berlin crawled its way back in and eventually ended up being down three with 10 seconds left and possession of the ball. There was part of you that knew the odds were against them, yet there was part of you that could not even fathom that this day would end this quickly.

They missed. They got two good looks at a three and both glanced off the rim with a terrible finality, having looked so promising in the air. So Hanover won, and I guess they deserved to, but at least part of me thinks that being part of such a hard-fought game might just be enough. The players know what happened out there, and there's not a trophy out there that's going to change the way the look at that.

I don't think a lot of the fans believed that it was over, so we just stumbled along towards the exits pretty quietly, looking down at the ground until we had to go back to the real world.

UNH's title run comes to a halt

The women's basketball team lost to Stony Brook, 65-54 in the semifinals of the AMERICA EAST Championships



By Joe Kennerson
Staff Writer

The Stony Brook Seawolves proved that the third time was a charm this past weekend as they defeated the University of New Hampshire women's basketball team 65-54 in the conference semifinals. After losing twice to the Wildcats during the regular season, including a 72-39 massacre on Feb. 1, the Seawolves got their revenge at Chase Family Arena.

Stony Brook's Sherry Jordan (game high 20 points and 12 rebounds) led the Seawolves in her

quest to cut short UNH's season.

The Lady 'Cats trimmed the Seawolves 32-21 lead to just six points early in the second half on senior guard Colleen Mullen's three pointer. UNH then turned to shooting from behind the arc, but the Wildcats couldn't get into a rhythm, converting just three of 21 from long range. Sophomore center Maren Matthias led UNH with 20 points and 10 boards. Senior guard Heidi Plencner, playing in her last game in a Wildcat jersey, sunk two free throws with 50 seconds left to reach the 1,000 point plateau. Plencner, who leaves as UNH's all-time 3-point field goal leader with 179 treys, became just the 10th player in school history to score 1,000 points.

The No. 7 seed Seawolves went on to lose to the fifth seed Hartford, 50-47 in the championship game. Hartford gets a birth into the big dance for the first time in the school's career.

In quarterfinal action on Thursday, fans down in Hartford got their money's worth as they watched the 'Cats fight back and take a 58-53 decision over third ranked Binghamton. Freshman forward



Maren Matthias scores 20 points and grabs 10 rebounds in the Wildcats semifinal loss.

Lindsay Adams hit the game tying and go ahead three-pointers in the last two minutes of the game to get the victory. Adams finished the game with 11 points, nine of which came from beyond the arc.

Trailing 50-47 with just over two minutes remaining, Adams connected from long range to tie the score 50-50. After a pair of missed free throws from Binghamton's Sarah Cartmill (26 points), Adams hit

another three to give UNH a 53-50 lead with 1:34 to play.

The Bearcats closed to within a point on a jumper by Leah Truncale, but Plencner hit her third trey of the half with the shot clock winding down to give the Wildcats a 56-52 advantage with 17 seconds remaining. Plencner (15 points) hit two clutch free throws in the final moments to seal the win.

The March madness game saw nine lead changes in the second half and six ties. Binghamton took control of the game with a 45-39 advantage with 7:37 to play, but Plencner answered with back to back threes to knot it up at 45.

The first half was just as exciting as UNH jumped out to a 14-0 lead and looked to be in the driver's seat. But the Bearcats responded with their own 13-0 run then relied on Cartmill late in the half to stay within striking distance. At one point, the AMERICA EAST Player of the Year scored 11 straight points for her team.

Adams finished with 11 points for the Wildcats, while sophomore Maren Matthias had a double double of 10 points and 15 rebounds. UNH ends their season at 16-13.

Wildcat briefs

From Staff Reports

UNH FOOTBALL PLAYERS HONORED

Eight senior players from the University of New Hampshire football team were honored today at the team's annual awards banquet held on the UNH campus.

Senior defensive end Jon Oosterhuis was the winner of the Bill Bowes Coaches Award for his outstanding efforts as a co-captain for the Wildcats. Oosterhuis was ninth on the team in total tackles (11-22-33) and was second on the squad in sacks with four in 2002. Oosterhuis proved to have a great nose for getting to the football and was second on the team in fumble recoveries with two.

Leading the offensive line as a co-captain was senior center Jason Ball who was selected as the winner of the MVP award. Named a third-team All-American by the Sports Network, Ball was named first-team All-Atlantic 10, first-team All-New England and first-team All-ECAC for his outstanding efforts in 2002. As a result of his strong showing for the Wildcats, he played in the Blue/Gray All-Star game, which featured some of the nation's top se-

niors. Scouts from nearly every NFL team have shown interest in the 6-2, 310-pounder and ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr. picked him as one of the players to keep an eye on in the NFL draft after seeing Ball play in the Blue/Gray game. Ball was a key cog in an explosive UNH offense that averaged 449.2 yards per contest last season.

A newly named honor, the Jack French Unsung Hero Award, was unveiled at the banquet in recognition of UNH's long-time football equipment manager who retired this season. Named co-recipients of the award were senior defensive lineman Mike Wells and senior offensive lineman Tim Sample. Wells finished sixth on the squad in total tackles (11-19-32) and recorded one sack and one fumble recovery. He also had seven tackles for a loss. The best way to describe the play of Sample was steady and effective as he started every game and helped UNH rack up 449.2 yards of offense per game and 192.9 yards per contest on the ground.

Senior co-captain Ryan Day broke nearly all of the UNH passing records in 2002, including career touchdowns, and was named the winner of the Bo Dickson Spirit Award.

Day, who engineered many key scoring drives, proved he could get the job done under pressure and his confidence made everyone who played around him better. Day was among the Atlantic 10 conference leaders in passing yards (236.8 ypg), and touchdown passes (16), and he was the team's second-leading rusher with 138 carries for 480 yards and six rushing TDs.

Named the recipient of the Jock MacKenzie/Bob Demers 12th Player Award was senior wide receiver Brian Mallette. Mallette, who was UNH's second-leading receiver with 55 catches for 623 yards, could always be counted on in a pinch, whether it was making a catch for just enough yards to get a first down, or leaping for a game-winning touchdown reception with just seconds left as he did in UNH's victory at Dartmouth. Mallette averaged 62.3 reception yards per game and scored four TDs for the 'Cats in 2002.

Senior safety Bryce Scottron was honored with the Creeley "Buck" Buchanan Distinguished Service Award. Scottron joins his brother Ryan on this distinguished list of outstanding UNH players who have stood out both on and off the football field. Ryan, a full-

back, received the honor in 1998. Bryce another of the UNH co-captains who were honored, had 26 tackles on the season and recorded one forced fumble as a leader for the Wildcat defense.

Senior defensive back Peter Bush was the recipient of the Eugene K. Auerback Student-Athlete Award. Bush checked in at the end of last semester with an impressive grade point average of 3.3. He is a pedagogy major at UNH.

TENNIS CAPTURES FIRST WIN

Led by singles victories from the top four seeds, the University of New Hampshire women's tennis team started its season off on the right foot by defeating the University of Vermont Catamounts on the road yesterday, 5-2.

Top-seeded junior Lindsey Johnson took on Molly Moran, winning in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1. Senior Kim LeDonne overcame a first-set defeat to beat Joanna Kahn. Junior Jennifer Witter and freshman Halle Erickson both won in straight sets.

In doubles play, Johnson and LeDonne won over Kahn and Fleury, 8-2, while Erickson and Witter were also successful, 8-4.



Exter effort brings 'Cats to brink



Men's Hockey

UNH: First Round Victory

By Jenna Sizemore
TNH Reporter

Junior sniper Colin Hemingway netted his 31st goal of the season and recorded his 10th game-winning goal when he roofed a shot over Merrimack goaltender Joe Exter, helping the Wildcats skate to a 6-2 victory Friday night. The win gives the Wildcats the upper hand in their best of three series against Merrimack College in HOCKEY EAST quarterfinal play.

UNH entered tournament play as the top seed in the league with a record of 25-6-3. All season long the team has remained focused on their goals; winning HOCKEY EAST regular season (the Cats checked this off their to-do list last weekend when they swept a home-and-home series against BC), winning the HOCKEY EAST tournament, and winning the national title.

"It adds a little pressure, (coming in No. 1 in the league)," Hemingway said. "But we don't look at it that way. We finished our first goal and now we are just taking it one game at a time trying to make it to the Fleet Center."

Merrimack came into the contest with a record of 11-21-2, good for eighth in HOCKEY EAST.

"I think New Hampshire has a pretty good hockey team and you can't give up many mental mistakes with the offensive powers that UNH has," said Merrimack's interim head coach Mike Doneghey. "It is like picking your poison playing the top three teams in this league."

The Wildcats controlled the game from the beginning. Junior forward Josh Prudden potted his 14th goal of the season at 8:50 of the opening frame, beating Exter down low, to give the Wildcats the early lead, a lead from which they would never look back.

UNH's second goal of the game came when senior David Busch made a beautiful tape-to-tape pass to freshmen defenseman Tyson Teplitsky, streaking down the left side to slip it past Exter on the short side in the opening minutes of the middle frame.

Just over halfway through the period, Merrimack began to work their way into the Wildcat zone. Alex Sikatchev poked the



Alisha Ryan - Staff Photographer

Junior forward Colin Hemingway scored a goal and three assists on Friday, upping his stock as an All-American candidate.

puck past UNH's netminder Matt Carney to cut the Wildcat lead by one. Anthony Aquino was credited with the assist.

But the Cats wouldn't give up. Hemingway found the back of the net with 25-second left to play in the middle frame, extending his goal-scoring streak to eight games. Exter had made the save on Hemingway's original shot, but left the puck in front of him. Hemingway grabbed his own rebound and threw it up and over Exter to once again give UNH a two-point lead.

"Anytime a team scores in the last minutes of a period it is a momentum lift," Hemingway

said.

Freshman forward Justin Aikens and junior Lanny Gare both potted goals in the third period to increase the Wildcat lead to 5-1.

Aikens showed off his tremendous puck handling ability, breaking into the zone and tempting Exter with the puck before drilling it past him at 9:20.

Gare almost couldn't believe that his goal went up on the scoreboard. Gare threw the puck at the net from almost the right corner. Exter wasn't expecting the puck, and it found its way in between his legs and over the goal line. Teplitsky and Hemingway were credited with

the assists.

Merrimack's Matthew Foy tried to get a momentum swing in the Warriors favor when he beat Carney on a two-on-one break away, but the cushion provided by UNH's explosive offense proved to be enough.

Senior captain and Hobey candidate Darren Haydar netted his 28th goal of the season with the man advantage at 18:42 of the final frame, putting the game away at 6-2.

Matt Carney made 23 saves in the contest while Merrimack's Exter made 42.

The two teams returned to action Saturday, and it was clear that UNH had thoughts of exorcising the demons of years past on their minds.

A year ago the University men's ice hockey team was fighting hard to make it to the semifinals of the league's playoffs and when the smoke cleared, UNH was left to watch the games on TV. But that was year ago.

This year there is no question about whether the team has the determination or the skills to finish and make it deep into the playoffs.

Heading into to the quarterfinals with Merrimack College, the Wildcats were ranked No. 1 in both national polls. They were first in the league in points (459), goals (166), assists (293), power-play goals (46), first in power-play

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UNH dominates cat fight



Women's Hockey

UNH: 4
UConn: 1

By Erin Sibley
TNH Reporter

Patty Kazmaier finalist Kira Misikowetz and sophomore defenseman Kristen Thomas each had two goals in Saturday afternoon's quarterfinal game to propel the Wildcats (19-11-5 overall, 10-6-4 ECAC East) over the University of

Connecticut Huskies (11-21-3 overall, 7-12-2 ECAC East).

Misikowetz pounced on an opportunity just over four-minutes into the game when she collected the puck from Thomas, who was back in the UNH defensive zone, just outside the UConn blue-line and walked in through the right circle. Husky freshman goaltender Shannon Murphy (36 saves) failed to fully cut-down the angle, and Misikowetz fired a wrist shot past her, putting the puck just inside the post for UNH's first shot on goal of the game. Freshman Randi MacMaster was also credited with an assist.

Misikowetz would put home her second on the afternoon at 8:20 of the first. MacMaster made a drop pass to Misikowetz, who fired through a screen in the slot. The puck deflected off of Murphy's shoulder and into the net.

"This isn't going to be my last game tonight," said Misikowetz "I just kept thinking, I'm not ending my career los-

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UNH's Jen Huggon shows the form that allowed her to be a main factor in UNH's clutch victory over UCONN in ECAC tournament action.



Support UNH

Show your support on Friday at 4 p.m. The UNH men's hockey team plays UMass Lowell at the Fleet Center for the HOCKEY EAST semifinals.



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