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Unknown chalker/s spread message of possible hate

By Sean Leslie
Staff Writer

More than half a dozen messages written in chalk were discovered over the weekend on buildings, sidewalks and other locations around campus. Student organizations and other groups usually use chalk messages for advertising purposes, but the content of the messages found over the weekend has left some feeling uneasy.

Messages ranging from "Abortion really tickles!" written next to a picture of a coat hanger, along with "It's not rape if they're dead," and "Pedophiles are people too." There was also a sketch of a Swastika and "Osama = rad" among others that have been found on the side and back walls of the MUB, sidewalks on



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This is just one of the chalkings found on campus this weekend.

the way to the library, Philbrook dining hall and the upper quad.

Students reported seeing the messages as early as Saturday morning but Lt. Paul Dean of the UNH Police Department said that he had not received any complaints about the chalkings as of 11 a.m. Monday.

Dean said that the act of chalking itself was not illegal, and pointed out that many student organizations use chalking as a way to advertise their events.

"The chalking itself certainly isn't a crime," he said. "You can pour water on it, and it's gone. If it involves a hateful message, then it's something [the UNH police department] would be concerned with."

Dean said that if the messages are deemed to be hateful and directed at a certain person or group, the UNH Police Department would begin an investigation.

Vice President of Affairs Leila Moore, who had been made aware of one of the chalkings by 12:30 Monday afternoon, was very concerned.

"This is totally unacceptable behavior," she said. "It is not okay in our community."

Moore said she was surprised that the chalkings had not been reported over the weekend, and said that the offensive pictures and language could easily affect people on campus in very negative ways.

"This is not going to be tolerated," she said, in regard to the chalkings that appeared on various areas of campus this past weekend.

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Swinging into the night

Brother and sister swing duo, Barbara and Jon Bannon, show their moves during a swing class in the Strafford Room of the MUB Monday night. For the story, see page 7.

Parishioners faith remains strong

By Cate Murphy
TNH Reporter

St. Thomas More's Sunday night May 5, mass is crowded with parishioners who are both local residents and UNH students.

With recent allegations of abuse by Catholic priests in states in the Northeast, including New Hampshire, most parishioners' support of St. Thomas More Parish has not wavered.

With approximately 300 members, including about 70 UNH students, St. Thomas More Parish has not noticed a drop in attendance. Parishioner support has remained strong, and Father Byron is offering any assistance he can. "I want to make sure that people know my door is open," he says.

Amy Kady is a campus minister for UNH and pastoral associate at St. Thomas More. For seven years, she has been working closely with Father Bob Byron, and says she trusts him to guide the members of St. Thomas More through these difficult times.

Father Byron addressed the abuse issues in his homilies at mass very soon after he learned of the allegations.

"I was shocked at the number of instances that seem to have occurred," says Father Byron.

By Father Byron openly discussing the problems in mass, Kady says she feels that he is earning the trust of the parishioners.

"As someone who works in the environment, it was a relief," Kady says. She explained that she is most concerned with the Catholic Church having dismissed the abuse issues.

Kady is confident both St. Thomas More and the Catholic Church as a whole will be able to pull through these difficulties. "We ought to seize this opportunity to take a look at how we operate and take the opportunity to change," says Kady.

During the scrutiny the structure of the Catholic Church is now experiencing, Kady points out that the Catholic Church also does a great amount of good in the community. "It's a faith; it's not just an institution," she says.

"These are some men who had a weakness, but the church as a whole is alive and well," says Barbara, a Lee resident and parishioner of St. Thomas Moore who declined to give her last name. She believes this will be a good cleansing time for the Catholic Church.

Barbara points out the good done by Father Bob Byron and other innocent priests should not overlooked by scandal. "These priests need to be patted on the back and told that they are loved, and they are doing a good job," says Barbara.

Nationally, the Catholic Church has the largest human service program second only to the government, Kady explains. In Durham, The Catholic Student Organization offers various volunteer opportunities to UNH students.

The group is set up through

St. Thomas More, and provides service to the St. Thomas' Home for children from abusive and neglectful families in Rochester.

Joan Conroy, the president of The Catholic Student Organization, says, "It's a shame that this stuff is going on. I hope it doesn't reflect badly on the church as a whole." Conroy has been working with the organization for four years, and is a senior at UNH.

There are many service and social opportunities offered through the Catholic Student Organization. Conroy feels this group is a great benefit to the community.

Stacy Lopes, a sophomore at UNH and a parishioner of St. Thomas More, is also optimistic that the Catholic Church will change and grow through this. "There is definitely going to be major change," Lopes says.

Although Lopes's faith has been unaltered, she has noticed the anger now focused at the Catholic Church by many people who are not members of the church. "I feel like a lot of people are against the Catholic Church," Lopes says.

Katie Carten, another UNH student who attends St. Thomas More every Sunday, is disappointed in the recent abuse allegations. However, Carten says she does not believe these cases should reflect badly on the faith of the Catholic religion.

"I see it as a few isolated incidents. I still believe in the values," Carten says.

Freshman Liz Kerigan is dis-

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AXO raises money for cystic fibrosis and cancer research

By Jessica York
Staff Writer

The UNH community put its leg muscles to use in order to raise money for cancer and cystic fibrosis research during the past two Sundays. With tomato-faced sunburns and mud-speckled socks, donuts and power drinks, dehydration and drizzle, volunteers walked or ran for a cause in Durham.

Alpha Chi Omega (AXO) had back-to-back 5K events April 28 and Sunday. Colored balloons peppered the lawn of the 29 Madbury Road sorority house, where both the Great Strides Walk to Cure Cystic Fibrosis and 15th annual Lonni Stern 5K Memorial Race began on their respective Sunday mornings. The two fundraisers followed the same route: down Madbury Road, along Coe Drive, by the Oyster River High School, up Edgewood Road, and down Strafford Ave.

For the first event, at 10:40 a.m. April 28, a crowd of 60 people gathered together to "go for a walk," as AXO Philanthropy Chair Missy Hofmann described with a smile.

Under the darkening clouds that would soon start to let loose its precipitation on the walkers' heads, the walkers followed the pink and black signs along the course in a fairly tight herd, except for the three ambitious participants who decided to run the course instead. What was left of the original 15 boxes of doughnuts donated by Dunkin' Donuts was quickly finished off at the end of the approximately 40-minute walk. AXO proceeded to raise a total of \$351 for Cystic Fibrosis.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother Chris Fox explained why a group of the brothers from the suspended SAE were out on this misty morning as he walked the course: "We've been doing community service all semester long. What started out as a punishment for some altercations turned into a valuable experience."

The course was shortened, due to the rainy, cold weather, cutting out the Strafford Ave. leg of the walk. Luckily, conditions did not repeat themselves for Sunday. The weather did a complete 360-degree turnaround, with temperatures in the '80s.

A \$5 entry fee entered runners into the Lonni Stern Memorial Run. The entry fee money plus proceeds from a raffle are annually donated in memory of former AXO sister Lonni Stern, who died of cancer, to the Dr. Issac Djerassi Cancer Research Fund. Stern's family gathers every year from various parts of Massachusetts to cheer on the winners and sometimes partici-

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Wednesday, May 8

Soup Group — From 6 to 8 p.m., Soup Group will focus on the Soul of Friendship, and be led by Tom Dubois and Pat Darlington of the UNH Counseling Center, examining the nature of sacred friendships, and how we can savor periods of transitions and change in our lives. At the Waysmeet Center, 15 Mill Road, call 862-1165 for more information.

Friday, May 10

Rea'ganta' — At 7 p.m., Rea'ganta' will bring their unique blend of Celtic and Gaelic music, story and dance to the Waysmeet Center at 15 Mill Road, in Durham across from "C" parking lot. The concert is free and donations will benefit

the Avon Relay for Life for breast cancer research, treatment and prevention. Call 862-1165 for more information.

Tuesday, May 14

Baccalaureate Service — From 5 to 7 p.m. in the Eliot Alumni Center. This is an annual celebration to honor this year's graduates, their friends and families with special inter-faith service sponsored by the UNH Chaplains and the Office of Student Life, and includes music, student reflections and prayer, culminating in a community meal. Craig Werth, Jared Goldsmith, and REA GANTA' will be among the artists performing during the ceremony. Come join us for this wonderful time of celebration and reflection in the life of our community as we celebrate the spirit that connects us all one to another. Call 862-1165 or 862-0130 for more information.

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

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Frisbee Golf attracts wave of amateurs at UNH

By Mike Young
TNH Reporter

The wind is blowing on T-hall lawn. Seth Bradbury is concentrating fiercely on a lonely light post, standing approximately 100 yards away. With a wind-up that would make Pedro Martinez proud, Bradbury hurls his Frisbee toward the post, hoping to hit it in as few tries as possible.

"It's important to compensate for the wind," said Bradbury, as he watched the disc soar high above students, and even Main Street, before touching down softly in front of Scott Hall, closer to his target. "That was close — landing in the field would have been a two-point penalty."

The game is disc golf, and it is rapidly gaining popularity on campus. The object of the game is similar to that of normal golf, only instead of hitting balls at holes, players throw Frisbees, or 'bees, at objects such as light posts or trash cans. The player who finishes a round with the lowest number of throws is the winner. Golf terminology such as "par," "hazard" and even "hole" are carried over to the game to make the game easier for beginners.

"For me, 'bee golf is a quick chance to get away," said junior Edward Aten. "It's a nice 45-minute break from the busy life that I have at school."

The course here at UNH is well established among the University's growing group of amateurs. It exists all around campus. Starting on T-hall lawn, the game will bring players across roads, through athletic fields and around academic buildings before the final hole, which ends at a red pole near the fire hydrant outside of Stoke Hall. With a total of 9 holes, players hope to at least meet par, which is set at 39.

"The most difficult hole has to be the 8th," said junior Noah Perch-Ahern. This



Jon Atwood - TNH Photographer

The game of Frisbee Golf is based on the rules of golf with a Frisbee taking the place of a ball and club.

hole goes from T-hall lawn, across Main Street, to the target in front of Scott Hall. Both the road and the athletic field in front of Scott Hall act as two-stroke penalties if the 'bee lands in them.

Amateurs at UNH claim that the game is very relaxed. Score is kept mostly by memory and the honor system. There are, of course, a few traditions that are always enforced.

"Whoever has the worst shot on the green near the juice cart by the science buildings has to buy the player with the best shot something to drink," said amateur Joshua Smith. "It's just a rule."

For Aten, the best part of the sport is being able to have a spontaneous game with friends. "You bump into other friends around campus and really get to enjoy the beauty that is UNH," he said.

"There are a good number of people who know what 'bee golf is," said Bradbury. "They comment to us when we play. They say things like 'how's the game going?' and 'what's the par on this one?' etc."

Amateurs attribute the growing number of players to the inexpensive nature of the sport. Frisbees can be purchased on campus for around \$10, with more durable, farther flying discs being a few dollars more. For the more serious players, regulation discs are available for sale online, with different size and weight discs for different types of shots.

The sport is also growing rapidly because of its relative ease for players of all ability.

"The hardest part of the game is trying to make people understand that we

don't want them to throw the Frisbees back at us," said Bradbury. "And that we weren't trying to hit them!"

Players agree that one of the most important aspects of the game is courtesy. Most greens consist of bustling campus walkways, roadways or parking lots. Players must proceed with the utmost respect for those around them. Sometimes, players will wait 5-10 minutes for the opportunity to throw over a populated area, with other team members taking positions farther ahead to either catch the Frisbee if it heads toward a bystander or car, or to warn others of the throw.

"It's not really going to hurt if you get hit by a 'bee," said freshman amateur Luke Roy. "But we are still very careful, and there has never been a problem."

"Most people give us weird looks or feel the need to throw the 'bee back at us," said Smith, "even when we yell at them not to. Most people are polite about it, even if we accidentally hit them."

The best way to get your foot in the door as a player on the UNH course is to simply stop a group of players and ask for information. In most cases, they will be happy to explain the different locations of greens. Those who do not have the opportunity to do this can make up their own courses, whether on campus or in their hometown over the summer. The most serious of players can play at one of several professional disc golf courses located in New Hampshire, one of which is in Durham and others found in Derry and Ossipee, or any other state. These courses offer more challenging greens and pro events sanctioned by the Professional Disc Golf Association. For more information, visit their Web site at www.PDGA.com.

In the meantime, look out for renegade discs, and the next time you see a group of six students walking with six Frisbees, ask who is winning.

Durham Fire Department turns 75

By Kieran Finnigan-Allen
TNH Reporter

Chief Ronald O'Keefe and two other seasoned captains sit in an office and share thoughts as firemen rush back and forth in the narrow outer hallway of the Durham Fire Department on College Way, eagerly wrapping up their daily chores. With their lengthy tasks of checking and rechecking the thousands of pieces of firefighting and medical rescue equipment housed in the tiny station, attending in-house training classes, and general station maintenance, almost complete for the day, the men continue to keep up their steady pace.

This strong sense of duty and work ethic has transformed the station from the small volunteer firefighting department it was in the early 1900s into the versatile and nationally renowned firefighting department it is today, according to its officials. The Durham Fire Department celebrated its 75th anniversary in April.

"Durham isn't a town," says Captain Tom Richardson, a member of the Durham Fire Department for over 27 years. "It's a miniature city, and that requires us to be very flexible."

Richardson is an older man of about six feet with a barrel

chest and a kind face. He is leaning back in his chair, comfortably resting his hands behind his head with his feet up. His hair is white, though his eager expression does not denote great age. His eyes are icy blue, and his face bears the hard lines of a lifetime of service to the department.

"Here firefighters have to deal with a wide variety of conditions," says Richardson. "We see industrial, commercial and residential fires as well as function as a medical response team and water rescue team."

The Durham Fire Department consists of 20 firemen, a training captain, two code enforcement officers, two chief officers, 10 on-call firefighters (one half of which are UNH students), an administrative assistant and a chief. The station operates on two shifts for the on-call firemen, one from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and vice versa. There are at least five firemen and a captain present throughout each shift ensuring that the crew is prepared to spring into action every minute of every day.

"We've been very fortunate to have support from both the town and the University," says Mike Blake, assistant fire chief, from a desk across the room.

The fact that it's one of the only several jointly funded fire departments in New England al-

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lows for both the town and the University to split the cost, each paying less for a better funded department, according to fire department officials. The motion to split the cost was passed in 1928 by then UNH President Edward Lewis.

Blake, who stands against the hallway door, has the solemn air of a sea captain, and his dark eyes bear the expression of a man not easily surprised by anything. He is a middle-aged family man with a rugged, athletic build and tanned skin.

Before Blake can get another word in he is interrupted by Tom Stanos, the training officer, from his desk down the hallway. "You should ask Captain Richardson about the department. He's been here the entire time since it started in 1927," he says, and the men all share in the laughter.

Richardson, who has been with the department longer than any other active firefighter in his station, starting roughly 27 years

ago in the mid 1970s when he was a full-time mechanical engineering major at UNH.

"Since then the number of incidents has nearly tripled per year," says Richardson.

The joint funding has allowed for the installation of inert agent systems in Kingsbury and Kendall computer labs, which allows for effective fire control and limited damage to the computers. Richardson adds that the cost split has enabled the department to purchase top-of-the-line equipment, such as water rescue suits, specialized roof-cutting chainsaws and additional vehicles and bulk—enough to warrant the addition of extra storage in trailers in the parking lot.

According to Chief O'Keefe, this is "a common problem with fire stations."

The close relationship between UNH and the town of Durham with the Durham Fire Department has allowed for much advancement in dormitory fire safety as well, according to Ronald O'Keefe. Last year a project to install fire safety alarms and sprinklers in every dorm room was successfully completed, a process that took 10 years.

Also, the department's Plans Review Board, organized to help prevent architectural mistakes,

reviews new building plans prior to construction to avoid fire hazards on campus and in the Durham community.

"If you notice in James and Scott Halls, there are central staircases," says Richardson, "these central bodies of air allow for smoke and heat to quickly fill the building, and this is the type of mistake that we are trying prevent by working with the University."

He adds that fire doors with safety glass have been added to these buildings to help counteract the effect of its unsafe central staircase design.

This summer the Plans Review Board will be working with the University in its renovation of Murkland Hall to make sure that the end result will comply with all fire and safety requirements.

"Our biggest concern right now is where to move when our 2009 building lease from the school is up," says Chief O'Keefe. "We are currently working with Durham's Planning Board and considering buying land in town for the new station house."

As it approaches 6 p.m., the day shift is almost over, and soon another group of five men will replace the old shift, beginning once again the perpetual list of chores, checks, and training that keeps Durham and UNH campus safe around the clock.

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A night in the life of Safe Rides

By Rochelle Stewart
Staff Writer

The night air blew crisply through our hair. We stepped outside of the car and walked toward the van awaiting us. We immediately knew that tonight was going to be a busy night. Students would be out, ready to put their homework and papers aside for a night to let loose, party and have some fun, and it was our job to get them there safely. We were the Safe Rides drivers this Friday night.

Safe Rides is the UNH student run designated driving program that allows safe transportation for UNH students to and from parties on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Safe Rides, which started about 10 years ago, began as an attempt to make the UNH campus safer. According to Dirk Timmons, head of motor and transportation services, the initial idea of Safe Rides was to decrease the likelihood for sexual harassment and rape cases. Now Safe Rides has become the safe alternative to drinking and driving.

National Group Rides and Designated Drivers (GRADD), a Web site that aids colleges in beginning Safe Ride programs, said in general, research has never shown Safe Ride or designated driver programs to increase drinking. The Web site also states that national statistics confirm abusive drinking among young people has not increased since widespread acceptance of the designated driver and Safe Ride concepts in the mid and late 1980s.

Safe Rides relies on volunteers to drive the vans every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Students whom wish to volunteer can call 862-1414 to sign up. This particular Friday night, I became the designated driver for the student body of UNH. It was my job to transport students to and from their desired party location. Sarah O'Keefe and I were in charge of the van that night — one of us the driver and the other the navigator.

A crash course on driving

Five people gathered inside the van to be given basic advice on how the night was to run. O'Keefe was going to be the first to drive, so it was my job to answer the cell phone. We settled ourselves comfortably in the plush gray seats of the van, as UNH student Michael Gregory, Safe Rides director, explained the procedure for the night.

I felt a bit apprehensive because I had never driven a van of that size before, nor had I taken Defensive Driving, a one-day course that is aimed at teaching students how to drive more carefully and defensively.

According to both Gregory and Timmons, defensive driving is not a prerequisite for volunteering for Safe Rides. However, they do recommend for volunteers to take the course.

Gregory said that students driving the vans are solely on a volunteer basis, while some are

fulfilling community service hours.

"We have never had a serious problem with a driver," Gregory said. "We basically go on our own judgment to decide whether the person is fit to drive the van that night."

After Gregory deemed O'Keefe and I adequate people to drive the Safe Rides van, he explained to us how to drive the van.

We were driving a 10 passenger van and Gregory stressed the importance of using mirrors. He explained that in a van of this size relying solely on turning your head would cause many blind spots to occur.

Gregory later explained how Safe Rides functions. O'Keefe and I sat attentively and listened to him explain the procedures of picking students up.

"One of you drives, and one of you is in charge of the phones," Gregory said. "A person will call and you write down on the paper the time that they called, where they are at, and where they are going to and the number of people they have in their group."

Glancing in between the driver's seat and passenger seat, I saw a large blue bucket. Within moments I realized that this was the puke bucket.

Gregory explained that if someone felt sick, we were to assign one of their friends to hold the blue bucket and make sure that they puked inside of it.

With the basic knowledge of the Safe Rides procedure, O'Keefe and I were ready to drive students around campus.

The phone rings

O'Keefe slowly pulled the van out of the parking spot, and it gently rolled into the parking lot. I pushed the red button on the cell phone, and it beeped and lit, letting us know that we had successfully turned it on. Within seconds the phone was ringing.

"Hello, Safe Rides," I answered.

The voice on the other end of the phone said he needed to be picked up from the Gables and brought to Young Drive.

As we pulled the van out of the parking lot and headed to the Gables, I could feel the adrenaline pumping through my veins. We turned the radio on filling music throughout the van.

The darkened road loomed before us. We turned the corner into the circular drive to pick up our first passenger, and he hopped into the van and told us where he needed to go.

The shrill ringing of the phone started again as we pulled out of the Gables. This time a student needed to be picked up from the Woodsides and brought to Young Drive, so we made the decision to stop there first.

Approaching the Woodsides, the road began to narrow and curve. Cautiously, O'Keefe maneuvered the van down the road.

The guy in the back seat chuckled, realizing that we were first time drivers of the van.

Finally our second groups

of students were safely in the car, and we drove them to their final destination without any trouble.

As the night rolled on, the number of calls increased. It was now at least a 20 minute wait before we would be able to pick up the next student that was to call.

We were keeping the streets safe and making sure that students were not getting behind the wheel of a car after they had been drinking.

The drunk get drunker

I decided that it was my turn to take over as the role of the driver. I gently pushed my foot against the pedal, and the car began to accelerate. I thought to myself that night that I felt as though I was feeding the habit of these students by driving them to parties, but I quickly realized that even without Safe Rides, these students would still be partying.

According to both Gregory and Timmons, students are going to drink and go to parties with or without the help of Safe Rides, but at least with Safe Rides they hope to eliminate some of the potential drinking and driving accidents.

However, not everyone agrees. Lt. Paul Dean, operations commander for the UNH police department, said that the concept of Safe Rides is good; however, what it is doing is bringing drunken people to parties.

Lt. Dean said Safe Rides caters to under-age drinking, and people should not be driving around to cater to drunks.

"I would like to see Safe Rides become more of what it

says it is, a safe ride," Dean said.

Dee Swartzkopf, hall director of Christenson, agrees that Safe Rides may advocate under age drinking to an extent; however, she said she feels students are going to drink anyway, with or without Safe Rides.

"Safe Rides keeps walking students out of trouble," Swartzkopf said.

Kevin Carroll, hall director of Englehardt said that Safe Rides is a good service because it is better than having drunk people on the road.

Our next call involved picking students up at the Gables and bringing them to Main Street. As the hour neared 12:30 a.m., O'Keefe and I knew that the rest of the people we were going to be driving around that night would be drunk.

"Hey what's your name?" the boys shouted at us as they climbed into the van.

"Rochelle," I replied.

"Is that like the city New Rochelle?" he questioned.

"Ya, I guess it is," I said.

The buildings flew past the van windows as I steered the van down the street and headed towards Main Street.

After letting the boys out at their destination, a call came through the cell phone asking us to pick up a group of girls at Store 24.

Approaching Store 24, I could see a girl stumbling in the parking lot. Her legs were like Jell-O as her friends attempted to walk her to the van. The girl could barely lift her head up or even open her eyes and her skin was pasty white.

Stumbling into the van, her friends finally managed to sit her in the front seat of the van. I

passed her the blue bucket and told her friends to make sure that if she was to throw up that she made it in the bucket.

Driving from Store 24 to Williamson Hall, the drunken girl's friend sat next to her comforting her by stroking her long black hair and repeatedly telling her that she loved her.

Finally we reached their dorm and the girl stepped out of the van. Instantly the drunken girl was on the ground. Her friends, who were almost equally drunk, attempted to lift her off of the ground.

Leaning on each other for support, the girls slowly climbed the steps to their dorm and safely walked inside. Luckily, we were able to bring the girls safely to their dorm without them injuring themselves in any way.


Closing time

As the clock neared 2 a.m. we shut off the cell phone and drove the rest of the passengers to their desired locations. As I returned the van to the visitor parking center that night, I felt a sense of accomplishment because I knew that I had helped keep the roads of UNH safer that night. In a sense, O'Keefe and myself prevented many potential drunk driving accidents from happening. I finally had a clearer sense of the purpose of Safe Rides.

By the end of the night I was tired, my back ached, and I had a headache.


"What an interesting night," I said to O'Keefe.

She agreed and the two of us made the long walk from A-Lot to Gibbs Hall, anxiously awaiting our nice warm beds.



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Intoxicated by swing: beginners drink it up

By Shannan Goff
TNH Reporter

I feel like I'm having an out-of-body experience.

As big-band music blares from speakers in the corners of the Swing City dance floor and energetic couples Jitterbug and Lindy Hop all around me, somehow, I am dancing. I have no idea what my feet are doing, no idea how I just executed that last turn, but as my dance partner sends me out for a spin and then pulls me in again, somehow I manage to follow his lead. A brief vision of those cheesy-movie dance scenes I love so much flashes through my head, and for a moment I feel like a star—a clumsy, bumbling star, perhaps, but a star nonetheless.

For this moment, I am a swing dancer. Just a few hours ago, I was wondering what I had gotten myself into. As I squeezed into the back seat of a Geo Metro packed with swing dance fanatics bound for Cambridge, I worried that I was setting myself up for a night of embarrassment. Swing dancing certainly seemed cool, but what if I couldn't cut it? As my three fellow passengers chatted about "shim sham" and the importance of a good frame, I began to think that I'd gotten myself in over my head.

But swing dancing's appeal is strong—strong enough to get me into that car, and strong enough to turn some people into dancing maniacs.

Swing developed in Harlem in the jazz era as a competitive dance favored among young people, says Christine Hounsell, a dance instructor at the Rochester Creative Arts Center.

Swing's popularity has waxed and waned over the years, but it has always been beneath the surface, Hounsell says. "There's always been a sub-culture," she says.

As swing made its way into popular media in the late 1990s—remember the Gap commercial that featured hip 20-somethings in khakis tossing each other around to a big-band beat?—this "American folk dance" has made a comeback in a big way. Drawn in by the energetic moves of the dance and the social "com-

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—Keith Williams, Boston-area doctor and swing dancer

munity” that it creates, people everywhere are turning to swing.

In the Boston area, swing events are planned for every night of the week. The Internet is packed with swing links: a MSN search brings up 260 sites for “swing dance,” with names like havetodance.com and swingcraze.com. Home pages are listed for swing clubs from Vermont to California to Switzerland.

Clearly, swing is the thing to do.

Now I was going to experience it for myself. As we drove toward Cambridge, I chatted with Barbra Bannon, co-leader of UNH's HepCats Swing Club. Bannon says she got involved with swing by accident: Walking through the MUB one day last spring, she and her brother Jon passed by a swing club lesson and decided to give it a try. They got hooked. Now they run the swing club together and head to the Boston area almost every week to dance.

“It's just fun,” Bannon explains. And it's something more skillful than the bump-and-grind dancing of your typical nightclub,” she says. “It takes a certain amount of physical and mental intelligence to dance swing.”

As we walked into Swing City, a VFW



Allie Gaines - Staff Photographer

UNH's HepCats Swing Club practices in the Strafford Room in the MUB Monday night.

hall turned swing club, I quietly hoped that I had the physical intelligence it takes. It was 9 p.m., and already about 25 couples were bopping on the dance floor. On an average Friday night, upwards of 200 people will pack this hall.

A gray-haired couple rested in the corner; a middle-aged man in a white sailor suit spun women across the floor; a crowd of 20-something girls in long skirts hung out by the free refreshments, talking about new moves they were working on. Around the lobby, people were changing into dancing shoes and pulling water bottles and snacks out of backpacks. Everyone was ready to dance.

But was I ready? Bannon and friend Phil Gidley agreed to give me and my friend, Dan Calvin, a quick beginner's lesson on the side of the dance floor. I was already pretty familiar with the standard swing steps—a weight shift onto the left foot, then the right, then a rock step back—but as I looked around the room at the couples spinning and hopping, performing more complicated steps like the Charleston and the Lindy Hop, I felt sure that my limited knowledge wasn't going to cut it.

Bannon was reassuring: “Just get the bounce of the beat in your knees, and you can't mess up,” she said, then left me to practice with Calvin while she and Gidley reeled off onto the floor. Her feet flew so fast that I had to stop and stare. Her lower body seemed to move independently of her upper body.

“There's no way my legs will ever do that,” I told myself.

But swing is an accepting dance, even for a beginner. Gidley, who I watched with envy, started dancing at Swing City just last year with his male roommate as a teacher. He had never danced before, he says. But like so many others have, Gidley got hooked on swing.

“I loved it,” he says. “I danced all night long. I thought every woman there owed me at least one dance.”

Gidley wasn't being presumptuous. When it comes to swing, all the anxieties and secret rules about asking someone to dance go right out the window.

“It's a community-oriented dance,” Bannon explains. “It's not sexually-charged dancing. You have an excuse to dance with everyone in the room.”

Gidley says that swing is a great activity for shy people because it provides a

structure in which to meet and interact. “You know what you're supposed to do,” he says. “Shut up and dance.”

It's a lesson I learned right away. With only a few minutes' worth of practice under my belt, I suddenly found a hand extended my way and was being led onto the floor. “Oh no, I really don't know how,” I apologized, but my dance partner replied “That's the point” and began to spin me around. I may have turned the wrong way a few times, flubbed a few moves and maybe even bumped into some other more skilled dancers, but for those three minutes, I felt like a swing dancer.

By the time the song was over, I was reeling. And I was starting to understand the addiction. Giddy and dizzy from so much spinning, I made my way to a chair and scribbled quickly in my notebook, “A truly intoxicating form of dance. This is a thrill. I'm up for more.”

For those who've devoted themselves to the dance, there's no such thing as enough swing. Phil McKenna of Waltham says he comes to Swing City every week, and has been dancing since the mid-80s, when the TV show “Dance Fever” inspired him to learn some steps. But it's the swing crowd that keeps him coming back, he explains.

“It's a great, friendly crowd,” McKenna says. He says he tried other forms of dancing, including ballroom, but found swing to be the most natural to him, and the most welcoming. “The atmosphere it came out of was more open and social to begin with,” he says, referring to the jazz scene of the 30s and 40s.

Indeed, there seems to be a certain nostalgia for “the good old days” among swingers, even those who are far too young to remember them. “I feel like I'm going back to the 1940s,” says Richard Detsch, a UNH senior who has been swing dancing for a year and a half. “I feel cool when I dance.”

Bannon agrees that the historical connections of swing contribute to the friendly atmosphere. “I think it's the whole 1940's culture,” she says, explaining that swing was at its peak right after World War II, when the country was in a celebratory mood. She says that it's not just a coincidence that many swing dances are still held at VFW halls. “There's a connection to the post-war culture,” she says.

Swing dancers are quick to praise their dance as a social scene apart from

the rest. Says Keith Williams, a Boston-area doctor who calls himself “a serious dancer,” “After college, social scenes are very hard to come by. If you go to a bar, it's a very different scene. Swing is just a great place to meet people.”

Williams says he knows hundreds of people through the Boston swing scene, and that groups often get together for skiing and camping trips. “What I love most about swing is that it brings people from all walks of life together,” he says.

And they come together not just into the same room, but into the same three feet of space. Swing dancers say that the partner dancing aspect of swing is part of its appeal. Explains Dan Mezrich, creator of Swing City, “The whole thing about the

“**The whole thing about the dance is being connected to your partner. You have this beautiful three-minute relationship.**
—Dan Mezrich, creator of Swing City

dance is being connected to your partner. You have this beautiful three-minute relationship.”

I had my share of three-minute relationships that night. An over-excited young dance teacher tried to show me the Lindy Hop and, when I couldn't quite pick it up, he decided to pick ME up, instead, and spin me around the room. A handsome, dark-complexioned older man took me for a whirl, as did a quiet and somewhat geeky man with white hair and no sense of rhythm. In any other situation, these were people I probably would never have interacted with. But swing gave me the chance to connect on a physical level with them as I struggled to learn the art of being led and tried to feel the beat of the music through someone else's movements.

My three hours at Swing City seemed to pass by at triple time, and as everyone else slipped their dancing shoes off and dabbed at their sweaty brows, I found myself wanting a little more time to dance. Fellow first-timer Calvin agreed: “There's something addictive about it,” he said.

Like so many others, I think we'll be making our way back to Swing City.

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Racking up the charges

Tips for keeping good credit

By Joshua Leonard
TNH Reporter

Dennis Anderson's trouble began with one credit card.

"Try this one—it might work," Anderson tells the employee at the Durham Marketplace as he tries to buy some groceries. The last card he tried was denied, which didn't surprise him.

Anderson, now an alumnus from the University of New Hampshire, racked up over \$8,000 in credit card debt as a college student and is paying the price today.

Like many other freshmen who are roped in to applying for credit cards for some cheap giveaway, Anderson represents a growing number of students leaving college with debt, not only from college loans, but also from credit cards, stemming from ill-advised decisions made their

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freshman year.

Credit card debt hasn't affected everyone like it has Anderson. According to an Internet poll conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), more than a quarter of college students have amassed less than \$1000 of credit card debt. The down side to that is nearly as many have accumulated a balance of more than \$7,500 in charges and late fees. Twenty-eight percent of the 1,628 respondents said they owed less than \$1,000 to credit card companies, while 22 percent admitted to owing more than \$7,500.

The \$3,000 mark is the av-

erage debt for students. Slightly more than half (51.4 percent) of the students said they owe \$3,000 or less, while slightly fewer than half (48.6 percent) say they owe \$3,001 or more.

Graduating senior Mike Dougherty says he feels that UNH should do something to keep credit card companies from soliciting to college students. "If they weren't there to apply for, I wouldn't have these credit problems now," he said.

"I have amassed over \$3000 on the University of New Hampshire Alumni card. The only reason I got the card is because I thought it was cool," Dougherty said.

Anderson said that it was not for financial reasons that he got his first card. "I remember I got my first credit card at the MUB my freshman year because I wanted to get this funny t-shirt," Anderson said. "I didn't know anything about credit cards, so I applied for one."

After reaching the limit on his first credit card, Anderson said he felt compelled to get two more for luxuries like entertainment and eating out with friends. His spending and failure to make payments on time are now taking their toll on his credit rating.

Lenders use credit ratings to determine how much of a credit risk an individual poses. "A credit score is a way to put in a numerical way what you see in a credit report," said Heather Saiauski, senior sales and service representative at Fleet Bank.

A credit report, the equivalent of a school report card or resume, is created using information from banks, merchants and other creditors. It contains a person's name, Social Security number, birth date, current and previous addresses and information about past and present employers. It also lists payment history with loans, credit cards and department store accounts.

"A credit history is very important because it shows a lender how responsible you are with credit and how consistent you are in handling money," Saiauski said.

Anderson emphasized that credit cards are not the problem; rather, it is their misuse that brings consequences. "You find yourself thinking money is so evil and blaming credit card companies," he said. "But the truth is, it was all my fault."

Credit cards are an impor-



Courtesy Photo

Many college students get into trouble by accumulating a large credit card debt.

tant part of building credit, Saiauski said. They are one way to prove fiscal responsibility, by paying balances monthly. "Lenders want to lend money to a person who has a higher likelihood to pay it back," Saiauski said.

Delays on even small debts like telephone bills can hurt credit and credit rating, Saiauski added. "If it has your name and your Social Security on it, it goes on your record," she said.

Lenders use everything in a credit report, including late payments and previous bad history to grant or deny credit. Companies and employers have access to public record information such as bankruptcies, foreclosures and information with tax problems. They have the right to use this information to refuse new credit and job positions. "Employers want to know how responsible you are with other people's money," Anderson said. "You can tell a lot about a person by their report."

Because lenders have access to credit reports, experts advise reviewing them annually to prevent unnecessary damages to credit ratings. "It's important to pay bills on time and check credit (history) regularly, because you want to make sure all information is accurate," said Jeffrey Junkus, public relations specialist for TransUnion.

A mistake in credit history could mean higher interest payments or an inability to obtain loans, credit cards or purchase a car in the future. There are three major companies that collect credit histories of all Americans: Equifax, Experian and

TransUnion. Junkus said these corporations keep records on as many as 190 million people, so it is in an individual's best interest to check credit reports for accuracy. "It is important to examine all three credit reports, especially if you are making significant purchase," Junkus said. "We are all competitors, so the information we each have on file will be different."

Personal credit reports are available by mail or online by visiting credit report companies' Web sites.

Checking credit history reports can also help identify and prevent credit fraud, which occurs when a loan or credit card is obtained using some one else's name and personal information.

Like Anderson, many young adults get into financial trouble in college and struggle to recover from the strain it puts on their finances. "They think that they can get by with paying minimal balance and having many credit cards," Anderson said.

But mistakes, though costly, are not permanent. According to the TransUnion Web site, once a credit account is closed, it will eventually be removed from an individual's credit history. Adverse information is expunged after seven years, while positive credit information remains in reports for 10 years.

In order to begin repairing poor credit, experts at Experian advise students to limit themselves to only one or two credit cards and to reserve them for emergencies only.

To chisel away at large debts, students should pay as much as

possible each month. These steps will prove to creditors and future employers that students are making efforts to reform their financial situations.

Another available option is to seek help from the National Foundation for Consumer Credit (NFCC), a nonprofit organization aimed at debt counseling. Counselors work with debtors to establish a repayment plan with their creditors and can also help individuals learn to operate on a monthly budget. According to Hillary Leyden, a credit relations representative with NFCC, "Many college students in credit trouble use this service to help take control of their finances."

According to the NFCC, not all students end up with debt. Many students do their homework; they understand and manage the responsibilities of borrowing, they don't borrow more than they need, and they borrow as cost-effectively as possible. There is some apprehension that a certain percentage of the credit card-using student population is setting itself up for financial failure even before graduation. Without assistance, these students may not have the know-how to borrow wisely on the front end, and they won't have the income to honor their credit obligations after they've borrowed. "I have three credit cards, but I try not to spend more than I can pay off that month," senior Bob MacDonald said. "I don't want to get stuck in a rut."

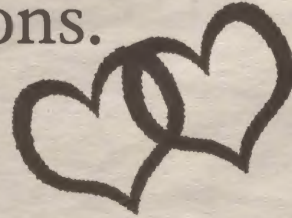
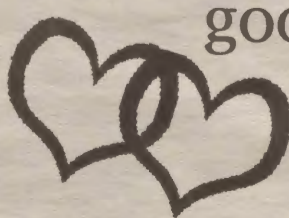
Many students said they feel it would be ideal if credit card companies agreed to take a more conservative lending approach to students to prevent them from getting too deeply into credit card debt while in school. "If I had a lower limit on my card, it would have stopped me from getting out of control," junior Alex Villa said.

But despite the help available, officials stress that it is easier to prevent problems than fix them. Students should work to be financially responsible, Saiauski said. "What you do today does matter," she said. "It will follow you when you get out of college, whether good or bad."

Saiauski has a warning she gives to all students who are not already in credit card debt: "Don't use credit cards. You're stealing from your future to pay for your present."

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CHALK, from front page

According to Moore, the chalkings qualify as defacement of property and harassing and intimidating behavior, both of which are violations of the UNH Student Code of Conduct. She said that if any leads were discovered as to whom is responsible for the messages, UNH would press charges.

"It's not just ignorant, it's obscene," she said. "Every possible offensive act I can think of is listed in what has been

chalked."

Student reactions to the defacement ranged from a lack of concern to outrage.

Sophomore Meredith Otto couldn't believe that people at UNH could have written the messages. "I consider UNH a friendly school, and stuff like this just doesn't happen here," she said.

Jaime Broussard, a sophomore, questioned the character of chalkers. "It's such an ignorant attitude."

Some students were less concerned with the impact of the chalkings. One student, who wished to remain unnamed, had a different perspective. "In the end, it's just chalk in the road," he said.

Junior Megan Hartman said that she first became aware of the chalkings Saturday morning when she saw a picture of a plane crashing into the World Trade Center along with words of praise for Osama Bin Laden scrawled on the walls

of Philbrook.

"I'm disgusted with it all," said Hartman.

Moore asked for the help of the UNH student body in order to find out who is responsible for the offensive messages.

"If anyone has any information about who did this, please notify either my office and/or the UNH police department," she said.

RACE, from front page

pate in the race themselves - including this year, with Stern's brother Peter Stern and his daughter, 17-year-old Rachel.

A total of 14 runners competed in the 3.1-mile race for the top men's and women's times. Winners received Boston Marathon jackets donated by Stern's former co-worker, Carolyn Anderson, and trophies donated by the Sterns.

Junior Josh Graffam had the winning time of 16 min-

utes and three seconds, which was three minutes ahead of the next runner.

"I'm kinda in this to win," said Graffam before the race. "But I'm a little sick this year. I wasn't going to do it, but it only comes around once a year. It's for a good cause."

Other winners included Meghann Lundy - first place for the women; Peter Stern - second place for the men; and Kate Mahoney - second place for the women. Rachel Stern also finished in the top five, with the fourth-best

time.

Alice Stern, Stern's mother, was on the sidelines until the end, even clapping for the group of additional 23 walkers that closed out the race and helped to raise the final \$246 for the day. Additional donations increased the final donation to about \$300.

"It's quite a thing," said Alice Stern, "how long [AXO has] been doing this. They always write us and let us know when it will be."

FAITH, from front page

Freshman Liz Kerigan is discouraged by what has occurred, but she says she feels her faith has remained solid.

"I like to take what's good from the church," says Kerigan.

Kerigan also says she feels confident that these tragic accu-

sations will eventually help to improve the Catholic Church as a whole.

"It's too bad, but hopefully a positive reaction will happen from the Vatican," says Kerigan.

Father Byron is working hard to guide his parishioners

through these turbulent times. "As a family we have to talk about it," he says.

The Christian Formation Program through St. Thomas More will be responsible for helping parents feel secure in their faith and their church. "It's hard for parents to explain to

their kids that the priests guilty are only a fraction of priests," Kady explains.

Kady says that the best method to instill confidence back into the church is for Catholic Church officials to stop attempting to hide information. "The Church needs to stop wor-

rying about its face and focus on helping," she explains.

Kady says she thinks the clergy should receive the same treatment as all other criminals. "Criminal activity is criminal activity. We do believe in forgiveness if they ask for it, and they want it."

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Church of the Nativity standoff continues

By Sudarsan Raghavan
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Knight Ridder
Newspapers

BETHLEHEM, West Bank - Israeli and Palestinian negotiators failed to reach a deal Monday to end a five-week standoff at the Church of the Nativity, as they continued to argue over the fate of a few of the men holed up in the church, which is surrounded by Israeli forces.

According to Palestinian negotiators involved in the discussions, Israel wants as many as 14 suspected militants exiled to Italy. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who is involved in the talks, would agree to the deportation of no more than seven. Another 30 or so men Israel suspects of terrorist activities would be sent to Gaza and tried by a Palestinian court.

"We are just waiting for the clarification of the numbers," said Canon Andrew White, the Anglican Church envoy to the Middle East, who is involved in the negotiations.

Negotiators are wrestling with the details of a compromise that would allow freedom for most of the 130 or so Palestinians who have been inside the church since April 2.

"There is no progress up to now. There is a kind of stalemate. Israel is adding more and more conditions," said Yasser Abed Rabbo, Palestinian Authority Information Minister.

Abed Rabbo said that Israel wanted those who are sent into exile in Italy to be handed



Eric Seals - KRT

Photographers on ladders keep watch on the main door to the Church of the Nativity on Monday in the West Bank town of Bethlehem.

over to an Israeli supreme court judge to get official deportation orders. "We will never accept that. They want to have their law to be applicable in the Palestinian areas."

Colonel Olivier Rafowicz, Israeli army spokesperson, said: "At this point when we are so close to an agreement. The Pal-

estinians are mainly playing for details that serve some unclear interest, maybe to postpone the agreement."

As to Israeli charges that Arafat was obstructing the negotiations, Abed Rabbo said: "Look, the church is our church, the town is our town, the people are our people. They are the oc-

cupiers. They should withdraw from our place."

The issue of exile is critical to Palestinians, 4 million of whom are refugees, living around the world. "If you accept exile for some people, you have to accept thousands in the future," said Mitri Abu Aitah, the Palestinian Authority tourism minister, who

resigned as a negotiator last Friday and was replaced by senior Arafat aides. "It's not only the biggest insult, it's also the biggest issue" for Palestinians, he said.

The standoff at the site where Christians believe Jesus was born began when militants gathering in Manger Square took refuge in the church as the Israeli Defense Forces approached as part of its West Bank offensive.

Israeli troops ringed the church, posting snipers in nearby buildings and flanking the compound with armored vehicles. Food and medical supplies have grown scarce.

Upon his emergence last week from his Ramallah headquarters after a month-long siege, Arafat said that solving the Bethlehem standoff was his first priority. Israel has pledged to pull its troops out of the West Bank city once the church empties.

Though under international pressure to withdraw its forces from all Palestinian-controlled land, Israel insists on the right to conduct military operations when it has evidence of terror operations.

On Monday, the Army entered the West Bank village of Borka, where soldiers they detained two members of the militant Islamic group Hamas suspected of carrying out terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians and soldiers. Also, the military tightened its position around Tulkarem, fearing an imminent terror attack from militants based in that West Bank city.

Manhunt continues on the Afghan-Pakistan border

By Ken Moritsugu
Knight Ridder Newspapers

KHOST, Afghanistan - Donning camouflage fatigues and night-vision goggles, a small team of U.S. special forces stole over the border from Afghanistan into Pakistan repeatedly last month in an attempt to capture a top al-Qaida official and a former Taliban minister, according to an Afghan warlord who assisted the mission.

The nightly forays followed a Pakistani informant's tip that ex-Taliban leader Jalaluddin Haqqani and Ayman al Zawahiri, No. 2 to Osama bin Laden in the al-Qaida leadership, were living in a village four miles inside the Pakistani border, Commander Mohammed Mustafa told a handful of visiting journalists here last weekend.

The mission failed to find the two. But the episode - the second reported U.S. operation in recent weeks aimed at the same figures - underlines what the U.S. military operation has become: a huge manhunt on the Afghan-Pakistan border.

The terrorist leaders cross frequently between Afghanistan and Pakistan, changing where they stay to try to elude capture, according to Mustafa and other warlords in Khost, a small city less than 20 miles from the border with Pakistan. They presume that bin Laden is among those making the crossings.

"Bin Laden can come into Afghanistan and go out easily," Mustafa said. "I think the area people help him."

Meanwhile, British and Canadian-led operations are sweeping across former al-Qaida strongholds on the Afghan side to destroy caves and otherwise make the areas unusable in case al-Qaida forces return.

British Royal Marines with operations bases atop two 11,000-foot peaks are descending into the valleys to search for caves and weapons caches and any al-Qaida or Taliban fighters who may remain.

The 60-square-mile area "is of enormous potential importance to the al-Qaida and Taliban," said Brigadier Roger Lane, the top British military official in Afghanistan, in an interview Monday at Bagram Air Base, the coalition's headquarters.

He said that al-Qaida and Taliban soldiers escaped through the area after being routed out of their base in the Shah-e-Kot region by Operation Anaconda, a major U.S.-led assault in early April.

"The strategic effect I'm trying to achieve is to make sure that we are denying them the possibility of having sanctuaries in which they can train terrorists," Lane said.

Last month's special forces mission began after the Pakistani informant told Cmdr. Mustafa that Haqqani and Zawahiri were staying in a house in the Pakistani village.

The United States is offering \$25 million for the capture of Zawahiri, 50, considered the operational brains behind bin Laden. He is the founder of Egyptian Is-

lamic Jihad, a violent fundamentalist group that merged with al-Qaida in 1998.

Haqqani, the second fugitive leader, was named commander in chief of the Taliban armed forces in September. Allied forces bombed his home in Kabul, killing several relatives, but Haqqani, a resourceful fighter from the years of Afghanistan's Soviet occupation, is thought to have escaped.

Mustafa said a seven-vehicle caravan of U.S. and Afghan troops drove three hours south from Khost on about April 15 and set up a camp on the Afghan side of the border.

At nightfall, eight Americans and three Afghans - including Mustafa - walked about an hour east inside Pakistan to the village and the mud-brick house in which the two fugitive leaders were said to be living.

Hiding in ditches and behind rocks and trees, they observed the house from about 250 yards away with night-vision goggles and binoculars, Mustafa said, while a satellite above tried to detect any motion in the house.

The team also attached hidden electronic monitors to two Pakistani informants from the village, and tracked them as they walked near the house. The Americans and Afghans returned to the Afghan side of the border before daybreak. The team repeated the exercise every night for about a week, but without success, Mustafa said.

Later in April, U.S. and Pakistani soldiers seeking Haqqani assaulted an aban-

doned religious school in the Pakistani border town of Miram Shah.

Besides their former leaders, many al-Qaida personnel are hiding in small groups along the border, according to Mustafa and another local commander, Abdul Wali.

"We didn't kill a lot of them," said Wali, who participated in the attack on the al-Qaida base. "They all escaped."

Many are on the move, some heading for or already in Pakistan, which would be a safer haven for them. Pakistan is home to many of the religious schools that taught the extreme form of Islam that gave birth to the Taliban.

The new U.S. manhunt in the region is drawing local opposition. Mustafa said he heard that after U.S. forces searched homes in Edak, Pakistan for al-Qaida members, the villagers met at a religious school on Friday and decided not to allow any such searches in the future.

Several Afghan warlords said the U.S. appears to be gearing up for another operation against fleeing al-Qaida members, though some said the main action might be in Pakistan. Wali went to the U.S. base in Khost on Saturday to discuss the situation and said he may again provide soldiers to assist the U.S. and its allies in the difficult terrain.

Kamal Khan, Wali's uncle and the warlord competing with Mustafa in Khost, said he expected a U.S. operation "in the very near future."

"We are waiting for instructions," he said.

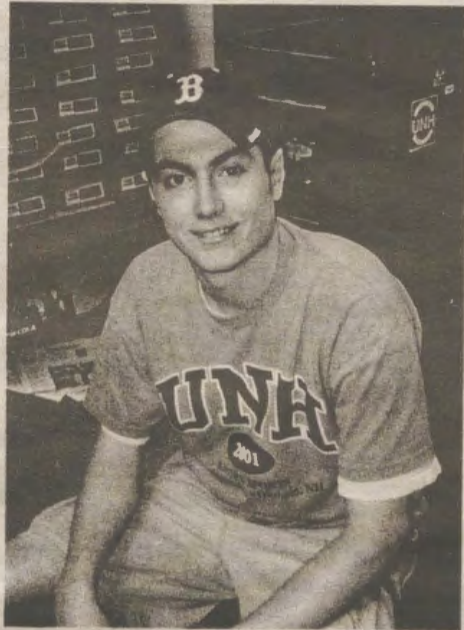
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sophomore
civil
engineering



"News Radio' because Phil Hartman was awesome."

Beth Lockrey
freshman
biology



"Fraggle Rock' for Ben Morse."

Jay Rushforth
sophomore
electrical
engineering



"Welcome Back Cotter' just because I want to be the Fonz."

Jacqueline Morel
junior
family studies



"Punky Brewster' because I used to love that show when I was a kid."

Chrissy Uranga
freshman
undeclared
liberal arts



"Lois and Clark' because Dean Cain is sexy, but not as sexy as my boyfriend."

Editorial

The writing on the wall

Terrorism. Rape. Anti-Semitism. Racism. Murder.

In today's world these are much more than just words written on paper. They produce immediate reactions and deeply affect our emotional consciences. These words stand for fear, hatred and violence. This weekend, they were messages that were etched on our own University of New Hampshire buildings and sidewalks, for our students, our faculty, our staff, our friends, and our families to see. And what is to gain by seeing this? Do we gain awareness? Do we gain inspiration for social change? Or do we merely gain a greater sense of fear, anger and diminished faith in the existence of good in our society?

There was discussion in the newsroom surrounding *TNH's* choice to cover the chalk messages as a story, run the story on the front page and print a photo with the story because one possible motive for the act could have been solely publicity. We are not sending the message that this is an acceptable way to get on the front page of the student newspaper. It is not acceptable. But it is news and UNH students should know that it happened, just as they should know when there is a bonfire, or an award ceremony, or a University presidential election.

Universities are traditionally spawning grounds for social change and forward thinking. In order to uphold this necessary tradition, freedom of expression and protest has to be allowed. Spreading hate and violence should not be allowed, nor should it be tolerated. As a University, we have to set an educated, forward thinking example for all others to follow. It may involve protest and it may involve emotion, but it must always be firmly planted in the roots of respect, common decency, humanity and, above all else, tolerance. The messages scribbled around campus of swastikas and babies in blenders and praising Osama Bin Laden certainly do nothing of the sort, particularly in the interests of tolerance.

The New Hampshire supports freedom of expression and the pursuit of social change through raised public awareness—both of which have remained American ideals through the tests of time, history, law and government. *TNH* does not, however, in any way support what was done to the campus over the weekend. The issues that the messages addressed are not appropriately addressed in this manner. To affect change and raise awareness, positive avenues must be used.

We as a people are sorely in need of inspiration. But this inspiration for people to be aware of and involved in the bettering of society does not come from scrawling negative messages and defacing University property. That only makes people scared, angry and hurt. Through appropriate avenues we can each make a difference and have our voices heard. Through what was done this weekend, we only take steps backward.

If *TNH* could write something in chalk on the side of the MUB, Martin Luther King Jr.'s words from his "I Have a Dream" address at the March on Washington, D.C. August 28, 1963 are the ones we would choose for inspiration:

"But there is something that I must say to my people who stand on the warm threshold which leads into the palace of justice. In the process of gaining our rightful place we must not be guilty of wrongful deeds. Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of bitterness and hatred.

"We must forever conduct our struggle on the high plane of dignity and discipline. We must not allow our creative protest to degenerate into physical violence. Again and again we must rise to the majestic heights of meeting physical force with soul force. The marvelous new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

"And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, 'When will you be satisfied?'... No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."

Letters

The other "hot" topic at UNH

To the Editor:

It's been obvious lately that the "hot topic" on campus is parking, and the outrageous (proposed) increase in the price of a permit. While this is very bothersome to me, there is something else about this university that "just ain't right".

Maybe it's just me, but so far I only know of one other college or university that is finishing as late as we are (UMASS, but they also have more days off). It would seem that UNH (University of No Holidays) would get out relatively early.

Other than Spring Break, the only holiday we had off all semester was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 21, which was before the semester even began. So it would make sense for us to get out earlier than say Brandeis, who had a February break as well as a spring break, plus other holidays. Alas, no. While our finals don't finish until May 23, they're out by May 16. Plymouth State, UMaine

(which has a 2 week Spring Break), and UCONN, are done the 17th, Keene State, Boston University, and Boston College are done the week before that on May 11, Southern New Hampshire University is done May 7, and there are others (such as Bates and WPI) whose students are already enjoying the sweet bliss of summer vacation. Of course there is Dartmouth, which isn't done until June 4, but they work on a trimester system, and didn't start this semester until March.

So why is it that we get jipped on our summer break? Is there a logical reason that we will still be toiling while all of our friends are already enjoying their break?

If the university is going to keep us weeks longer than other schools, it would be nice if they threw in a couple 3-day weekends to help retain our sanity.

Michelle Graffam
Sophomore

Some sacrifices necessary for safety

To the Editor:

One can hardly question the power of hopes and dreams. This nation was formed upon the hopes and dreams of a few brave men and women who sought a new, un-oppressed existence in a new place. It has since, over time, been reinforced by the hopes and dreams of virtually all races, cultures and religions of the world, who have come here to start a better life for themselves and their families.

It is by that same token that our nation's destruction is now sought: the hopes and dreams of a few individuals, whose anger toward our culture, our way of life and our government's foreign policy, has been misguided by an even angrier and more misguided few who seek to channel that anger into a mission of destruction. One must remember that this is not simply a "cause." These are not "activists" with a defined agenda, nor can they be deterred using military might and diplomacy. These are people whose life and livelihood—whose hopes and dreams for the future—hinge upon the destruction of our great nation. They live for it and are, as we have now all seen for ourselves, certainly willing to die for it.

For those who stand proud and call themselves "Americans," whether ancestors of the original Founding Fathers or first generation immigrants with hopes and dreams for the American way of life, the question remains: How much of your personal freedom are you willing to sacrifice to preserve that way of life? Do you deserve to be detained by authorities because of your heritage, your religion, or perhaps because you bear resemblance to someone considered a threat? What about

nothing more than simple suspicion? Chances are, you don't deserve this at all. The real question is, however, are you willing to sacrifice some of that personal freedom, temporarily, to save your country from another "Sept. 11?" Chances are, if you are a "true" American, you will say "yes."

No matter how greatly we succeed in rounding up terrorist cells around the world, there will always exist, somewhere, enough angry sentiment to carry on the cause—the hope and dream—of destroying America. It is inevitable. What is not inevitable, however, is for any further destruction to result from this sentiment. Measures such as the Patriot Act will help ensure that American soil is safe and that those who have made it this far—who are here in the United States plotting future acts of destruction—will be stopped before they can do harm. For those of you who feel that your personal freedoms or your rights to not have your allegiance questioned outweigh the safety and security of your nation, I question you as a true "American." As controversial, discriminatory and sometimes violating as such measures may be, will they not help our nation to remain a safe place to live and see to it that history does not repeat itself? Isn't your safety worth SOME sacrifice?

While the memories of Sept. 11 may slowly fade from the minds of everyday Americans, you can rest assured that there will always be people out there who will plot our destruction until the day they die. Let's support every possible measure to make sure they die of "natural causes."

Ryan Apac
Senior

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Op-Ed

Make an impact on diversity at UNH

Tom Shaw
Graduate student

This article is about a personal belief of mine, which is that people should actively pursue diversity. To understand diversity you *must* experience it. It would be a terrible crime to have lived and never experienced the world. It is so easy to get caught up in our daily routine that we forget there is a whole world out there. Just today I saw some students obviously not native to the U.S. playing cricket in the tennis courts by the field house. How many of you have ever played cricket? I'm sure they would love to teach you.

I question how many of us that support diversity on campus appreciate the diversity we already have. If I'm not mistaken, just the number of students of color alone has quadrupled since my undergrad days (1993-1998) never mind the minority population as a whole. I'm assuming the University is pursuing diversity because the students want it. What are you doing about it? As Lourdes Genao a student from the Dominican Republic said in The New Hampshire on April 12 in an article titled "Debating Diversity, Divided Opinions."

I have heard people say they should study on other areas to get a real understanding of other races. What am I cyber-diversity?"

Now I understand it takes some courage to approach a complete stranger on campus and befriend them but just think how brave they had to be to come from their home environment and study in New Hampshire. Having been a minority living in Africa for three years, I can relate to what it feels like. When I came back to campus and saw all the different people here it reminded me of how disoriented and out of place I originally felt in Tanzania. I was graciously welcomed and brought into the homes of the new community that I was living in. Eventually I fell in love with the people and culture of Tanzania. Tanzania became my home. I wonder how many of the minorities at UNH ever really fall in love with the culture and people of New Hampshire and consider New Hampshire as home. Seeing as how campus is mostly made up of people from New Hampshire they *should* get a good chance to do that.

This article is for all of those people that say they want diversity but haven't acted upon it. Don't point fingers at other people, this is about *you*. If you say *you* are for diversity do something about it. Welcome these students to their new community and help them to feel at home. This attitude will probably attract more minority students to UNH as well as keep the ones we already have, here. I again quote from the article "Debating Diversity, Divided Opinions."

Genao looks at so many of her friends of color who "have transferred from UNH because they have such a hard time adjusting to being such a minority on campus."

You'll probably learn more from them than you do in Anthropology or some of your other culture classes. At the least, you'll come out of it with a new friend and think of the fun it would be to visit them at their home someday, wherever it may be.

So if you truly do believe in diversity, the next time you see a minority student, don't just look at them, meet them, greet them and befriend them for your sake as well as theirs. Teach them about you and they will teach you about them. Since actions *DO* speak louder than words, let your actions speak for you because in the end, they always do.

What makes a terrorist?

Mike Briggs
Graduate student

While watching the news recently, I observed a U.S. politician commenting that he felt the U.S. should support Israel unconditionally since our two countries "are founded on the same Judaeo-Christian beliefs". This struck me as incredibly bigotist, as well as largely inaccurate.

First, if two people share similar religious beliefs, does that mean they must always side together? If so, then should all Christians have supported Hitler, since he claimed to be a Christian? Certainly not. Our policies should be based on what is right or wrong, not on who has religious views most similar to the majority of Americans.

Is it accurate to say that the US and Israel are founded on the same Judaeo-Christian beliefs? The US guarantees freedom of religion and the separation of church and state. Israel, on the other hand, terms itself a "Jewish state", and was created to be a home for people belonging to that one religion. Let's look at some historical facts to see what that actually means.

Around 1900, the Islamic population in Palestine (where Israel was later formed) was roughly 500,000, compared to about 25,000 Jews, most of whom were recent immigrants from Europe. The Zionist movement, promoting Jewish immigration to Palestine, was started in 1896 by Theodore Herzl, holding as its core tenant that a "Jewish State" should be established. Initially, the plan was to establish a Jewish state in Argentina, but later Palestine was chosen since this included the birthplace of the Jew-

ish religion (of course, Christianity and Islam also have their roots there, not just Judaism).

By 1947, the Zionist immigration of Jewish Russians, Europeans, and Americans had increased the population of Palestine to being roughly one-third Jewish. Even though Jewish owned land amounted to only about 6 percent of Palestine, the UN sided with the Zionists, passing resolution 181 assigning 56 percent of Palestine for the establishment of Israel, 43 percent for a Palestinian state, and the remainder (including Jerusalem) to be under international control. In the UN's resolution, Israel was not intended to be a state exclusively for people of the Jewish faith, but that the Zionists could set up a democratic government in which all residents (including Palestinians) had an equal part.

The problem, however, was that the Zionist movement believed that for Israel to be a true Jewish state, it needed a Jewish majority. But even with immigration, there were still far more Palestinians than Jews. So in 1948, following its establishment, Israel began a "relocation program" to ensure this Jewish majority. That was a politically correct way of saying that non-Jews were forcibly removed from their homes, and in some cases outright killed (as in the Dier Yasin Massacre). Later in 1948, following protests from the surrounding countries, the UN passed resolution 194 ordering Israel to either pay the expelled Palestinians for their land, or allow them to return. Israel refused. This UN resolution has been part of International Law for more than 50 years, but has never been enforced, and millions of Palestinian refugees continue to have no home other than the poverty-stricken refugee camps.

During the past 50 years, there have been numerous military conflicts between Israel and the surrounding countries. Israel's neighbors objected to the ethnic cleansing of the Palestinians, partially because many of the refugees fled to the neighboring countries themselves (with this large population influx creating a negative impact on their economies). Presently, the vast majority of what was Palestine is now under Israeli control (far more than the 56 percent the UN allocated in 1947), with only isolated enclaves under Palestinian control. More than 400 Palestine villages have been destroyed. With the small Palestinian territories separated from each other by land under control by the Israeli military, there is no hope of Palestine establishing its own government or economy. Therefore, there is no hope among Palestinians for a future other than the poverty they presently know. While the western world ignores the starvation and oppression of the Palestinians, we provide vast aid to Israel. Of the US's entire foreign aid budget of \$10-billion, 40 percent (\$4-billion) is given to Israel. With Israel's population now around 5.6 million, that is the equivalent of over \$700 per Israeli citizen, while we give almost nothing to the Palestinians who were forced out of Israel for the crime of having a different religion.

In almost any American newspaper you can find an article stating that Israel has the right to defend itself from aggressors. Why then, is this same right not afforded to the Palestinians? Should they have to put up with being killed or forced from their homes, simply because the religion of their oppressors is slightly more similar to our own?

Parking isn't the problem

Adam Wilson
Grad

Have you heard? The University is going to hike parking fees from \$32 to \$1,000! How dare they! I prefer everyone's parking be paid through enormous hidden subsidies that cover the difference between the approximately \$300 it costs to maintain a spot and the \$32 we pay. I deserve to drive my car, deny the costs, and park where I like! Those rapacious bastards! After all, parking made this country great! [sarcasm]

The University community is on fire and the topic is the last appendix of the new transportation report (<http://www.unh.edu/parking/TPC/index.htm>).

Faculty, staff, students, and even this esteemed newspaper have spoken out against that page of the report because it describes a conceptual system of tiered parking permit fees, including an increase in base fee from the \$32 most pay now to \$50. The 'tiered' system means that the more convenient the spot, the more

one will pay over \$50. From the complaints I've heard, it seems that most people have unfortunately simply flipped to this appendix of the report, or worse, heard from this person who heard from that person, who heard from . . . that the university is increasing fees and not taken the time to understand the re-organization that this report is proposing.

Please, before rallying a crusade to hang the folks over at parking services, read the 17-page report, contemplate what it would mean for the University as a community, and then form an opinion. I bet that most people would agree with the stated goal: reduce inefficiencies, expand transportation options, enhance campus movement, and reduce the negative impact on our environment. Less time lost, more mobility, less impact. Sounds good, right? The disagreement begins when we start talking about how to do it. Our parking system is overwhelmed because the number of that people that drive themselves to campus out-

numbers the spots available during peak hours. Should we continue to do what UNH has done for decades and just build another lot? Or how about a \$13,500,000 parking garage? Would that satisfy us? Even better, why don't we replace T-Hall lawn with a parking skyscraper complete with a drive-through restaurant and a Ford monument at the top? Sound good? I hope not. Alone, increasing the supply of parking will not solve the problem, because the problem is not simply parking. The problem is transportation. It is getting from where you are to where you are going; quickly, conveniently, and efficiently.

So what do we do? We ponder the problem in its entirety. We think about what we want. On the tip of the tongue is "easy parking," but beneath that is "mobility." We don't want parking - we want to move. We want to go where we want to go, when we want to get there. Automobiles are great at this - to an extent. At some point, they cease to be useful or satiating. Think about gridlock on Rt 16 near Portsmouth, or the backup on Rt. 4 in Lee. Sure, we could

expand the roads. We are expanding the roads. But have you noticed that while roads are getting bigger, the congestion is getting worse? Widen the road and more cars drive on it. Expand the lot and more people want to park in it. There are better ways to improve mobility and the University's plan, albeit imperfect, is a good one.

That said, I have to be honest - any change in parking fees will not affect me. I have been at this University for six years, on-campus and off, and have never even wanted a car. In fact, I've never lived in a place with better public transit or felt more mobile than I do here. It is possible to live in Newmarket, work in Portsmouth, and go to school in Durham - all without a car to motor around in. I know because I've done it. No insurance fees, no parking costs, no gas bills, maintenance bills or trouble. It's really quite easy, convenient, and, dare I say it - fun - to ride the bus, ride my bike, and carpool. Let's get over the addiction.

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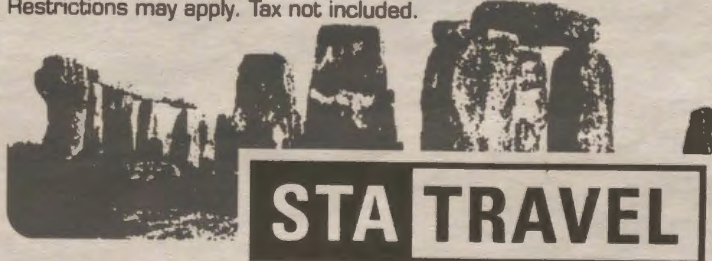
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A sports column for everyone

By Matt Doucet
TNH Columnist

You just do. That's the way it is when you grow up in New England. There's never really a questioning or an attempt to understand it. All you really know is that, as a Boston Red Sox fan, it is your birthright to absolutely despise the New York Yankees.

There's no other way to explain it, because it's never a conscious decision on your part. You hear enough conversations about what a bunch of jamokes the Yankees are, about how Steinbrenner is ruining the game, about how Joe DiMaggio was as

good of a ballplayer as Ted Williams only in the media's eyes, and you just start to believe that's the way that things are.

Then you go to your first Red Sox-Yankees game at Yankee Stadium. You see a Yankee fan light a Sox fans pants on fire. You see countless beers dumped on people's heads. And then you see two Yankee fans running on the field during play, their interference causing the Sox to lose the game, and you realize, *these people are animals*. And that's an association that never stops. To this day, when the television cameras pan to the crowds at Yankee Stadium, I always find myself curs-

ing each and every single one of them, muttering things that not only can't be printed - the human mind shouldn't even be able to construct things as terrible as that.

You get older. You start reading more. About Bucky Dent. About how the Yankees have a payroll that dwarfs the GNP of most continents. About how they buy every single World Championship.

And you become even more jaded. Before you know it, you've got "Yankees Suck" on your back, your shouting things at Jeter and Clemens, and applauding when someone

throws a beer at a Yankee fan.

And that's not good. In fact, in this respect, I've become what I claim to despise the most in the world, someone who does something without thinking about it, someone who accepts something solely because that's the way it is.

That's no excuse. I realize that. And it's not good, because I've let myself fall victim to the world's greatest propaganda machine, allowed my beliefs to be shaped without giving it a second thought. I've allowed my love for the Boston Red Sox to totally blind me against all reason and rational-

ity, and that's just plain dangerous.

But in the end, it's just a game. It doesn't matter who beats whom, it doesn't matter if Nomar is better than Jeter, or if Roger Clemens is really the Anti-Christ. Either way, it's not going to affect anything. It's not going to change anything. It's just something to fool around with, something to have a good time with. So I'll keep telling myself that and I'll keep up with my Yankee hating ways, and when the time comes, I'll tell my son what the deal is. Because that's the way that it is in New England.

War Emblem runs for the roses

Another one of Baffert's babies overcomes doubters to win the 128th Kentucky Derby

By Joe Logan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Wait. Wait. Wait. Do not - repeat, "do not - let War Emblem grab the early lead and burn himself out too quickly."

Those were the final instructions that trainer Bob Baffert hammered into the head of his young jockey, Victor Espinoza, heading into the 128th Kentucky Derby on Saturday. Baffert might as well have been whistling in the dark.

Whether Espinoza, riding in only his second Derby, wanted him to or not, War Emblem burst out of Gate 6, quickly grabbed the lead, and never faltered as the unheralded 20-1 long shot won the Run for the Roses in commanding fashion. It was the first wire-to-wire victory since Winning Colors in 1988.

"I don't how many times he told me, 'Don't move, wait, wait, wait,'" said Espinoza, who laid eyes on War Emblem for the first time on Saturday morning. "But I had a lot of horse under me."

He did. As 155,033 howling fans in their Derby finest looked on at Churchill Downs, War Emblem, known for grabbing early leads, bolted for the lead again - the only way he knows how to run a race.

At the quarter-mile mark in the 1 1/4-mile race, Proud Citizen, a 30-1 long shot trained by D. Wayne Lukas, trailed by a

mere half-length. Proud Citizen, who would go on to finish second, stayed within 1 lengths until the homestretch, where War Emblem widened his lead to four lengths. Perfect Drift finished third, three-quarters of a length behind.

War Emblem's winning time was 2 minutes, 1.13 seconds - the ninth-fastest finish in Derby history - and he will leave Louisville with the \$875,000 winner's check, plus a hefty \$1 million bonus, plus the obvious buzz of being the horse to watch in the second leg of the Triple Crown in two weeks, the Preakness.

War Emblem returned \$43, \$22.80 and \$13.60. Proud Citizen paid \$24.60 and \$13.40. Perfect Drift paid \$6.40.

Medaglia d'Oro was fourth in the race for 3-year-olds, Request for Parole was fifth, and Came Home sixth.

Harlan's Holiday, the 6-1 favorite, was never a factor and finished seventh, followed by Johannesburg, Essence of Dubai, Saarland, Blue Burner, Castle Gandolfo, Easy Grades, Private Emblem, Lusty Latin, It'sallinthechase, Ocean Sound and Wild Horses.

Baffert's other horse, Dan the blue grass man, scratched on Saturday morning with cramps.

In a race that was thought to be wide-open, with no dominant horse in the field, few people were talking about War Emblem - and even fewer saw him coming.

A month ago, before he won the Illinois Derby, War Emblem was unheralded, if not outright unknown, in most racing circles. But the Illinois win brought him to the attention of Baffert, a two-time Derby winner and perhaps the flashiest and hottest trainer in horse racing, who surprisingly was without a Derby-quality horse this year.

Baffert immediately called his main patron, Prince Ahmed Salman, a member of the Saudi royal family and the principal in the growing Saudi racing empire, Thoroughbred Corp., which had been eager for its first Derby win.

Buy the horse, the prince said. Before week's end, War Emblem, a horse that had sold for \$20,000 as a yearling, was eating hay in Baffert's California barn with a price tag of \$900,000 around his neck.

Still, when he arrived at Churchill Downs this week, War Emblem was so little known that there was almost no talk about him on the backside - only occasional sniping that Baffert, never one to stray far from the spotlight, had somehow managed to buy his way into the Derby at the eleventh hour.

"If this horse wins, it is going to be the best and shortest training job I've ever done in my life," Baffert said earlier in the week, and he readily heaped credit on War Emblem's previ-

ous trainer, Bobby Springer, for candidly telling him everything he knew about the horse, good and bad.

There was a \$1 million bonus for any horse that followed up the Illinois Derby win with a title in any Triple Crown race. All week, Baffert said that if War Emblem won, he would split his share of the bonus with Springer. Last night, he reiterated that promise.

Despite others' questions about War Emblem, Baffert said last night that he liked what he saw right away - he was just afraid to talk the horse up publicly or even get his own hopes up too high.

"I had a good feeling I was going to win this race," said Baffert, whose previous winners were Silver Charm and Real Quiet, back-to-back, in 1997 and '98. "I loved this horse, but I didn't know if he was good enough."

Worried that War Emblem might spend himself too quickly, Baffert conceded that he had advised Espinoza during a morning strategy session to lay back and save something for the end. But neither he nor Espinoza was in charge.

"By the eighth pole, you just get this incredible feeling when you see your horse just ... " Baffert hesitated. "You just know you're going to win, and that last 100 yards, you wish it would last forever."

CHAMPIONSHIP, from back page



Alisha Ryan - Staff Photographer

The Wildcats push it up the field in Sunday's AMERICA EAST Championship.

"After the two quick goals we were all fired up," said Groszkowski. "But once they scored a couple goals it took something out of us."

It was UNH's first appearance in the AMERICA EAST final, and also its first loss in conference play. Their season ends with a 12-6 record (4-1 AE).

"I am disappointed it has to end this way, but it doesn't take away from the season we had," said AMERICA EAST Coach of the Year Sandy Bridgeman of UNH. "This day they were a better team than us."

In the first half, Boston University took control of the game two minutes in, on a goal by freshman Alyssa Trudel. Then Groszkowski proved why she is the best player in AMERICA EAST when she took the ball coast-to-coast to score and tie it up at one. From there the Wildcats played catch-up and failed to get their offense going.

In the second half, the Terriers held position for much of the half. Abruzzese sparked the five-goal attack which provided the proverbial dagger into the Wildcats.

"It was 6-5 and we needed a goal," said Abruzzese. "I got the ball and had an open

look so I put it low-right."

Three minutes later Sasha Lang scored to go up 8-5, followed by two quick ones from Erika Hergenroeder and another goal from Gabby Juocys, to make it 11-5. With the lead throughout the second half, BU controlled the pace of the game by staying in back of the net on the offensive end.

"UNH has always played a tight defense," said BU coach Liza Shoemaker. "So once we got the lead we forced them to come after us."

Burnap finished with two goals and sophomore Kelly Blaney added another tally for the Wildcats.

It was the best season for the lacrosse team in years, which included a first place finish in the AMERICA EAST regular season, and a spot among the top 20 teams in the country. The team will graduate six seniors. They are Hilary Maynes, Nicole Moore, Meg Clavin, Sue Yund, Jen Magill, and Molly Cherington.

"This year we brought the program one step closer to where it should be," said Clavin. "It was a great season. We played with a lot of heart."

"Chief" Boston passes away

Legendary football coach loses long battle with cancer at his home in Nashville, Indiana.

Editors Note: The following is a submission from the University of New Hampshire Sports Information Department written by the family of Clarence "Chief" Boston.

Clarence E. "Chief" Boston died peacefully May 4, 2002, at age 85 at his home in Nashville, Indiana, after a heroic struggle with lung cancer. Born in Providence, RI, April 13, 1917, he was the son of Clarence and Ella (Pickering).

Boston graduated from the Moses Brown School and Harvard College, 1939, where he majored in Medieval French and Latin Literature. While at Harvard he wrestled and played Varsity Baseball and Football. In 1939 he was named ECWA Heavyweight Wrestling

Champion.

After graduation from Harvard he coached football at the Shaker Heights School, Cleveland, Ohio, before joining the U.S. Army, where he served as a Battery Commander of the 314th Field Artillery Battalion, 80th Division, of General Patton's Third Army. Among other honors he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit.

After World War II, "Chief" returned to Harvard to coach the JV football team to two consecutive undefeated seasons. In 1948, he joined the legendary Earl Blaik at West Point as the defensive backfield coach and helped lead that team to an undefeated season and a top spot in the national football poll. In 1949, Ath-

letic Director Carl Lundholm hired him to be head coach of University of New Hampshire football. He coached at UNH until 1964 and posted a record of 60-57-10 as the mentor of the Wildcats.

He led the team to Yankee Conference titles in 1953, 1954, and 1962, when his record was 7-0-1, the last undefeated season in Wildcat's history. For his outstanding efforts that year the American Football Coaches Association named him Coach of the Year.

In 1965, "Chief" returned to active duty at the Pentagon and served as Army

Reserve Liaison during the Vietnam War. He retired as a Colonel and later moved to the Selective Service.

He is a member of the Harvard Varsity Hall of Fame. "Chief" was inducted into the UNH 100 Club Hall of Fame in 1995.

He leaves his beloved wife, Mary Kathryn, of Nashville and Melbourne Beach, FL; two daughters, Bonny Boston of Exeter, NH and Bette Boston, of Miami FL, a son, Clarence Boston of Marlboro VT; two grandchildren, Iman and Clarence IV, and many grateful and loyal athletes and comrades.

Memorial Services will be held in Nashville and later in Durham NH. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to local Hospice organizations.

UNH is Eastern cycling champ

By Joe Kennerson
Staff Writer

It's five in the morning Sunday. It's rainy, dark, and cold. The University of New Hampshire club cycling team is awake and ready to ride. Although the day started ugly, it ended by defeating Harvard to win the Eastern Championship for the third time in 28 years.

"It was a really big victory," said senior Stephen Bugno. "I've been with the team for a few years when we have been really close but couldn't win a championship. In the beginning of the season we set a goal to win it all, and we came through."

Saturday the Men's A took on the 20k course with a time of 24:38 but fell to Harvard and trailed 534-472 after the first meet. In the C Race, James Bradley sacrificed himself to pull the field along through the whole course and to push Nick Hight-Huf to a first place finish. In the D Race, Matt Piotrowski placed

second in the 29 mile version while Mike Barton escaped with a tenth place finish in the A race. Corey Piscopo rode 55 miles to win the B Race, followed by Justen Peters five seconds behind to take second.

The women team kept up the pace. Sheila Vibert put in an amazing effort to steal second in the A Race. The trio of Catherine Dudley, Steph Swinerton, and Kristina Scott grabbed the sixth, seventh and eighth spot in the B Race. This pace helped the 'Cats to jump in front after the first day to lead 1074-956.

"We knew we were in a good position after the first day," said Bugno. "There is a lot of depth in the team this year. All levels worked together to produce this championship."

The slippery courses Sunday brought fear in the eyes of the riders. But Brian Croteau set the standard for the day due to his amazing effort in the D Race to capture second place early on. The C Race brought some excite-



Stephen Bugno - TNH Photographer

Kirt Fitzpatrick of the UNH cycling team (second from the right) helps the 'Cats claim the title.

ment on for the 'Cats. Hight-Huf broke away from the pack at the end to win the event. Hight-Huf ended the championship with the Men's C Omnium Award, and was also the biggest point scorer in

Men's C this season in the ECCC. Piotrowski led UNH with a sixth place finish, and Mike Eckert finished eighth. But the story of the race was Joel Daniels. Despite being caught in four crashes,

Daniels stuck with it and stole 12th place.

The Men's B Race was just as epic. Trailing by nine seconds to the leader, Peters hit a top speed of 30 mph in the last half mile to surpass the leader at the finish line. Zach Soucy laid it all on the line in the A Race. Riding against the best collegiate and junior bikers in the world, he placed an outstanding fifth, with Barton at 10th, and, despite knee problems from the day before, Kirt Fitzpatrick went on an early break in the race to score an amazing 30 sprint points.

Swinerton stepped it up big in the B Race by jumping out early to capture the victory and 30 points. She was the second highest points scorer for the Women's B during the weekend. Jen Conant placed fourth and Dudley took sixth. Against the big guns, Vibert cracked the top 15 with a 13th place finish. At the end of the day, UNH earned 570 points to Harvard's 414 for a 1644-1370 finish.

Men's lacrosse up for championship

By Joe Kennerson
Staff Writer

The University of New Hampshire men's lacrosse team is heading for the Gateway Arch. The Wildcats earned a spot to fight for the National Championship as they took home the Pioneer Collegiate Lacrosse League (PCLL) Championships at Stonehill College.

The 'Cats defeated the University of Rhode Island in the semifinal round 8-6, and the University of Connecticut 10-4 in the finals. With the win, UNH will travel to St. Louis, MO this week to compete in the USLIA National Championships.

The Wildcats drew the No. 16 seed in the tournament, and will battle the tourney's No. 1 seed, Sonoma State, Wednesday, May 8 at 4:30.

"We weren't ranked all year, which is unusual for us, and everyone counted us out," said senior Greg Marcotte. "But towards the end of the year we really came together. Now I think we can surprise people in the National Championship by cracking the top ten."

Things are looking good for UNH, who are hot going to St. Louis. They have won 10 of their last 11 games. In the

PCLL semi's the 'Cats knocked off former conference champion URI, who was ranked No. 14 in the preseason.

"I think we had the edge against (URI) because they beat us earlier in the year, and thought they were going to roll over us," Marcotte said. "But we jumped out to an early lead and took it from there. After beating them, there was no doubt in our mind that we could beat UConn."

After losing their first two games of the season, the Wildcats have been close to unstoppable, beating league foes BU, Northeastern, Bridgewater State, the United States Coast Guard, UConn, NYU, and Stonehill College.

Strong leadership from four senior captains has led the team along the road to St. Louis. Goalie Chris Russo, midfielder Todd Koss, and defenseman Adam Katz and Marcotte have all helped on and off the field for the 2002 'Cats.

Six players were selected as league all-stars, and competed in an all-star game that preceded the league championship. Derek Leary, Travis Welsh, Jonathan Vogel, Koss, Russo, and Marcotte were all selected by the league coaches for their outstanding play throughout the year.

'Cats volleyball awards its best



Volleyball

Awards Banquet

From Staff Reports

The University of New Hampshire women's volleyball team held its annual awards banquet Saturday, April 27 at the Tin Palace Restaurant.

Sophomore outside hitter Alyson Coler took home MVP honors, while junior outside hitter Lauren Knight and junior outside hitter Sasha Scott were named co-captains of the 2002 team for the second straight season. Coler posted UNH's second highest single-season kill total with 429 last season and she was named to the

AMERICA EAST All-Conference Team.

Sophomore middle hitter Lyndsey Stults received the Coaches Award for her outstanding contributions to the team off the court.

She also earned the Judy Ray Academic Excellence Award for her hard work in the classroom.

Wayne Van Sluys earned the "Karl VanAsselt Assist Award" that is presented to someone who has "assisted" the volleyball program through their support and contributions. Van Sluys is a principal consultant for KeyPulse.com and has been very supportive in the growth and development of the UNH volleyball program.

The following players received AMERICA EAST All-Academic certificates for earning a 3.0 or higher grade point average for the fall semester: Chelsea Hammer, Brin Hanna, Lauren Knight, Kerin Mackanin, Natasha Otte, Katie Steffens, Lyndsey Stults, Erin Walker and Bonnie Wilson.

The University of New Hampshire volleyball team opens its season Friday, August 30 at the Utah Tournament. The Wildcats will play host Utah opening night at 7 p.m.



New track brings sweet success

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Track

Women and place
Men and place

By Mike Walsh
TNH Writer

The AMERICA EAST Conference Track and Field Championships came to Durham Friday afternoon and



Courtesy photo

The Wildcats fall behind in the relay at the new facility.

Saturday. The new Reggie F. Atkins Track and Field Facility played host to the 18 men's and women's track teams.

Senior Amy DeCamp had an outstanding weekend. Possibly one of the best female runners to come through the UNH running program and holder of several school records, DeCamp won the 1500-meter run in a time of 4:26.48. She also took second place in the 800-meter race clocking in at 2:15. The Coaches of the AMERICA EAST Conference named Amy DeCamp Outstanding Track Performer.

The UNH women's coaching staff consisting of Casey Carol and Rob Hopper was given the honor of Outstanding Coaching Staff by their peers.

The championship left Northeastern's venue for the first time in the AMERICA EAST history. That fact did not seem to hurt the Huskies as they successfully defended the men's title with 201.5 points and took home the big hardware in women's competition with 139 points.

The University of New Hampshire Wildcat team came in third place with 113 points. Albany took second place with 180.5 points.

It was a windy day, but the wind seemed to be at freshman Ronald Harvey's back as he set a new AMERICA EAST record when he won the 100-meter dash in 10.68 seconds. Senior Tim Constant took sixth in that event in a time of 10.93 seconds. Constant also finished well in the 200-meter dash with a fifth place 22.14-second finish.

It took junior Craig Lange a 48.64-second lap to take runner up honors in the 400-meter dash.

Freshman Tim Perry and sophomore Mackenzie Kilpatrick place fourth and fifth respectively in the 5-kilometer run. Perry ran a 15:12.60, Kilpatrick close behind him in 15:14.36. Kilpatrick came off a good performance in the 3000-meter steeplechase the preceding night placing third in 9:50.32.

In the 10-kilometer run freshman Steven Meinelt placed a strong fourth in a time of



Courtesy photo

UNH took a big leap in the conference championship.

32:06.40.

Both the 4x100 and the 4x400-meter relay teams each tallied up third place finishes clocking in at 42.48 and 3:20.14 respectively.

In the field events, junior Greg Hillson took third place in the pole vault, reaching a height of 4.41-meters.

Junior Ben Blakesley had the third furthest javelin throw of the day hitting a mark of 185 feet 11 inches.

Senior Greg Taylor hopped skipped and jumped 46 feet 6.25

inches to take the crown in the triple jump.

In women's action the lady 'Cats placed second overall in the meet with 132 points, only seven points behind winner Northeastern, Maine came in third with 130.

Junior Alison March took home the olive branches in the 5000-meter run finishing first in a time of 17:59.74. A breakout performance came from freshman Jess Novak who ran a strong race to come in third with an impressive 18:30.90 finish. Freshman Jen Dale backed her up with a fifth place finish in 18:32.93.

Junior Caitlin Hayes took runner up honors in Friday night's 10-Kilometer race, running a 36:42.16, while classmate Steph Ouimette took fourth in 38:06.91.

Senior Leslie Read continued to dominate the Steeplechase with victorious 11:18.69 effort.

The Wildcats 4x800-relay team won their event with comfort finishing the four legs in 9:14.11.

In the high jump senior Alicia Anderson soared the highest covering 5 feet 6 inches for the win.

Ten feet nine and a half inches was the mark senior Shana Mailloux made for a fourth place finish.

Next weekend, the Wildcats head down to Boston where Northeastern University is host to the New England Championships.

'Cats bit by Terriers in championship

The top-seeded women's lacrosse team loses 11-5 to BU in the AE championship Sunday

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Lacrosse

By Joe Kennerson
Staff Writer

The University of New Hampshire women's lacrosse team has the AMERICA EAST Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, and Coach of the Year. What they don't have is the championship. Boston University beat the top-

seeded Wildcats 11-5 behind two goals and two assists from senior Kristin Abruzzese in Sunday's conference final.

Coming off a 21-5 victory in the semi-finals against Vermont, UNH had trouble finding a rhythm on the offensive end. BU's tough defense and slow-paced offense tripped up the Wildcats.

"For a competitive game like this there will be changes of momentum. We tried to weather it on our side but we couldn't," said senior Sue Yund.

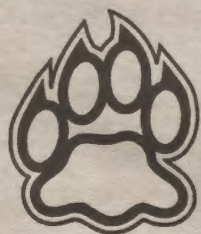
Trailing 6-3 at halftime, the UNH got things going in the second stanza. Freshman Jess Burnap and junior Jessie Groszkowski teamed up to score consecutive goals in the first five minutes. Holding onto their 6-5 lead, the Terriers regained momentum and combined for a five goal barrage in the final ten minutes to take home the hardware. It was the fourth straight season BU was in the final and their second overall championship.

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Junior AMERICA EAST Player of the Year Jessie Groszkowski (left), and Hilary Maynes (7) battle for the ball against BU last weekend.



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