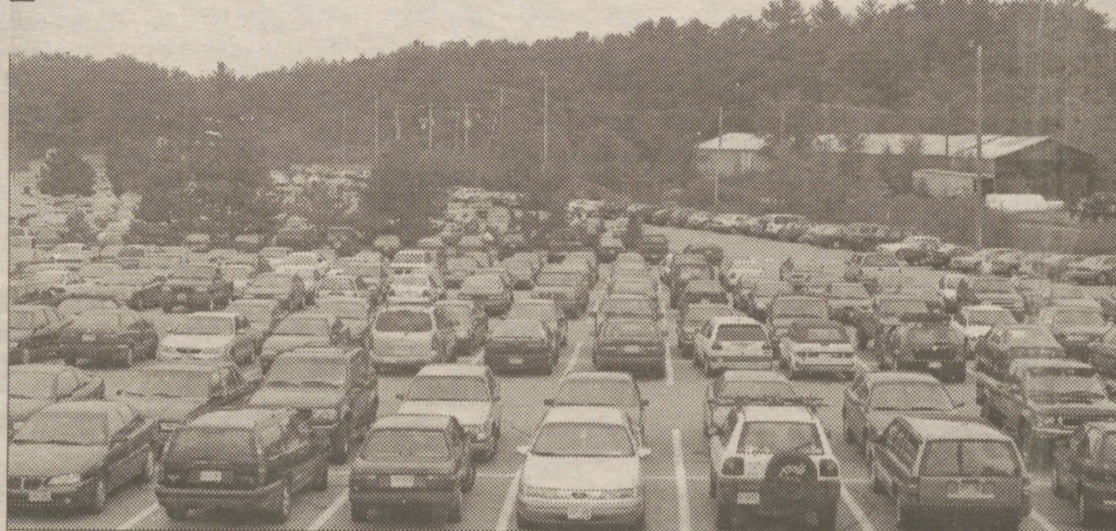




Parking garage proposal presented to President Hart



Graeme Marcoux - TNH Photographer

If the parking garage plan is approved, parking dilemmas at UNH could subside.

By Rochelle Stewart
Staff Writer

A parking garage may be the solution to the headache of UNH's parking problems according to the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC), but at what cost?

After a series of meetings with an outside consultant, the committee has finalized a plan that was brought before President Hart yesterday. If passed, it will increase the cost of parking permits throughout the University and will set the parking garage plan into gear, said Candace Corvey, vice president for Finance and Administration and chair of the TPC.

The fee increases will go into effect in the fall of 2004. The parking permit fee

structure will divide the campus into three zones, each zone costing a different price. The price increase has yet to be released.

The zones will be called the core zone, the ring zone, and the remote zone. The core zone consists of parking lots east of the railroad tracks, such as B and C Lots, the ring zone consists of lots west of the railroad tracks to Mast Road, such as A Lot and the Gables, and the remote zone consists of lots from Mast Road and beyond.

A parking feasibility study was formed last year to solve problems associated with the building of a parking garage. According to Stephen Pesci, special projects manager for UNH Planning and Transportation Services, the study is moving ahead to be completed this spring.

"The proposal delivered to the president is balanced and provides the necessary revenue stream for the long-term bonding of a parking garage," he said. "The proposal also provides other balanced infrastructure improvements."

Pesci said that if the president moves forward with the proposal, it is still subject to negotiation with the faculty.

"The chair of the TPC has said that we all must contribute to the system," he said.

Another part of the feasibility study that will be looked at is the technical analysis of potential sites for the parking garage. The study will look at geotechnical abilities of the land such as height of the structure and where it can be located.

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UNH reacts to Columbia tragedy

By Marcus Weisgerber and Ari Becker
Staff Writers

At the University of New Hampshire and all across America, the American flag has been ceremoniously lowered to half-staff to honor the seven crew members of space shuttle Columbia who tragically lost their lives early Saturday morning when the shuttle exploded while re-entering Earth's atmosphere over Texas.

Becoming only the third accident in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) long history, and the first accident to

happen to any NASA space vehicle upon re-entry, the loss of Space Shuttle Columbia, the oldest in NASA's five shuttle fleet, struck far too close to home and happened within days of the anniversary of the other two deadly accidents.



NASA image - KRT

The crew of the shuttle Columbia, from left to right: David M. Brown, Commander Rick D. Husband, Laurel Clark, Kalpana Chawla, Michael P. Anderson, Pilot William C. McCool, and Ilan Ramon.

The flight of Columbia was historic. The shuttle, one of four remaining active shuttles (Columbia, Endeavor, Discovery, Atlantis), was to carry seven astronauts into space to carry out the first purely scientific mission since NASA has been preoccupied with the restocking and maintenance of the International Space Station.

On board Columbia were Shuttle Commander Rick D. Husband, Pilot William C. McCool, Michael P. Anderson, David M. Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, and the first Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon. The bodies of the crew of Space Shuttle Columbia have all been recovered.

After a successful mission, Columbia was returning to John F. Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. While flying over

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Update on the master plan: Parking solutions and building renovations

By Komo Ananda
TNH Reporter

Mass construction and crammed parking seem to have taken the campus hostage. With the completion of the new dining hall, Murkland Hall's facelift, and the renovation of Kingsbury Hall on the horizon, faculty and students are expecting UNH to be up-to-date and looking good. These solutions are due in part to the process of updating UNH's Campus Master Plan.

The Campus Master Plan is a comprehensive plan that will guide the physical development of UNH for the next 20 years.

Holloway Commons

Holloway Commons is the name of the new dining hall to complement the UNH skyline along with the smokestack and the tower of Thompson Hall. Not only will the new dining hall serve 800 people between two floors, but there will also be a 90-seat café open until 1 a.m. seven days a week.

"This new location will be much more convenient for students," said David May, executive director of Hospitality Services. May said that the menu for the café will be similar to that of chain shops like Panera Bread.

The scheduled operating hours for the

dining hall are 7:15 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends. Once completed, it will be the only dining hall open on weekends.

The new dining hall will also serve as more than just a dining hall. The building will house the ID office, a 24-seat boardroom, and a 300-seat conference room which May says will be available for catering, banquets, meetings and lectures.

The combined overall budget for the dining hall and new residence hall, Mills Hall, is \$26.4 million. According to Corvey, the dining hall is expected to be completed by this August.

Parking

Both students and faculty are aware of the current parking problem at UNH.

"We have an overall (parking) system that is broken because we have too many people who have no reliable alternative to get to campus but the single occupancy vehicle," said Candace Corvey, the vice president for Finance and Administration.

According to Corvey, Tuesdays and Thursdays are known as the peak parking times. With many students and faculty owning and driving their own vehicles, convenient parking spaces are swiftly taken. Rapid growth in the commuter population is occur-

ring due to insufficient housing on campus and the low price of parking permits, which, according to Corvey, "do not come close to covering the real cost of maintaining the system."

A number of solutions have been implemented by the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) to open up parking spaces. One such solution is the carpooling system.

"This program has been a great success," said Stephen Pesci of Campus Planning and Transportation Services. Last week, Pesci did his monthly random lot check, and said that 80 percent of the spaces were full, with a violator rate of only 5 percent, each of whom were ticketed.

Carpool parking tags are free and can be attained by students at the parking office. Faculty and staff must present two valid permits and there must be at least two people in the car.

Since the beginning of spring semester, 65 students have already acquired their carpool permits, nearing the mark of 96 permits that were obtained by students over the entire fall semester. Pesci says that the carpool system is off to a great start and he wants users of the carpool system to be "confident that spaces are there and are

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What to do

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2003

Tuesday,
Feb. 4

*Meeting of the Soup Group at the Waysmeet Center from 6-8p.m. This week's theme is Power and Privilege in American Society, led by Molly Goulet, UNH 2002 graduate, Outreach Coordinator for SHARPP and a member of the Durham Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. For more info call 862-1165 or e-mail waysmeet@msn.com.

Wednesday,
Feb. 5

*Informational Session: Learn more about Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) and how you can get involved in research as an undergraduate. UROP supports research in all fields! 4:00-5:00 in MUB Room 330. If you can't make this, go to www.unh.edu/urop or e-mail urop@unh.edu or stop by the UROP office in Hood House 209.

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5:30-6:15p.m. in MUB 336. Experience the Benefits of Deep Relaxation: clarity of mind, more harmonious relationships, increased concentration, improved memory, dissipated anxiety and heightened enthusiasm. For more information contact kdaol@yahoo.com.

*Weekly meeting of the UNHindered Christian Ministries are held on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse (10 Mill Road). All are welcome for a time of worship, Bible study and fellowship.

* Help in the fight to end sexual violence! This year's theme is "HATE FREE 2003" and "True courage is like a kite; a contrary wind raises it higher" by John Petit-Serin. To become involved with Take Back the Night please contact Krista at 862-3494 or kkj@cisunix.unh.edu, or stop by the Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP) office at 202 Huddleston Hall.

* Interested in doing independent research abroad in the summer of 2004? Even more interested in having UNH pay for the experience? You should investigate IROP, the International Research Opportunities Program (www.unh.edu/irop). Application deadline for current sophomores is April 1, 2003 for a summer abroad in 2004. For more information, contact Prof. Murphy at 862-1933 or georgeann.murphy@unh.edu.

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UNH ranked first in geosciences

By Tristan Law
TNH Reporter

At the top of a list of schools that includes Harvard University, Princeton University, the University of California at Irvine, Stanford University, and the University of Washington, sits the University of New Hampshire.

The Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) has just ranked UNH first in geosciences research and fourth for its developments in ecology/environmental science.

David Bartlett, a research professor and the associate director of Earth, Oceans and Space explained the ranking.

"ISI tracks not the number of papers produced, but the number of times papers are cited by other scientists," he said. ISI analyzes research performance and identifies significant trends in the sciences and social sciences, ranking the top 100 federally funded universities.

UNH, which previously ranked third in the geoscience category, moved up to the top spot. Geoscience involves many fields of study including geology, geochemistry, hydrology, oceanography, volcanology, climatology, paleontology and remote sensing.

Scientists at UNH who work in these disciplines are faculty members in the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture and the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences. They conduct research as part of the University's world-renowned Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans,

and Space.

The integrated behavior of the earth and its surrounding environment is the main focus of work being done at UNH. Current studies are examining things such as climate change, global water issues, land use change and atmospheric chemistry. UNH research was frequently cited for its work on atmospheric changes due to pollution, the effects of population growth on the availability of fresh waters, the U.S. carbon sink, and the impact of nitrogen pollution on northeastern forests.

A key figure in this research is John Aber, a UNH professor who also chairs the new interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in natural resources and earth systems science. He also received high ISI rankings. Aber ranked 11th out of 1,975 scientists, having published 54 research papers that have been cited 1,765 times in articles by other scientists.

Currently, Aber is doing research on the effects of acid rain on New Hampshire forests.

"We're trying to get the EPA interested again in air pollution effects in forests," he said, "Get people to think a little bit more about acid rain and its effects." He also is teaching a class on terrestrial ecosystems and an honors class on earth systems sciences, exposing students to issues he called the "big stuff."

"It feels good to know that your colleagues out there think you're doing a good job," he said. "UNH is a fantastic place to work; they're a tremendous group of scientists to work with."

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—John Aber, UNH professor”

Dimond Library provides students with alternatives

By Mark Stawecki
TNH Reporter

If you are familiar with doing research you probably know what it is like to flip through the pages of an encyclopedia that is thicker than the walls of a nuclear bunker or walk through lousy weather to return a library book on time. With the addition of more online resources and new procedures, the University of New Hampshire's Dimond Library is providing alternatives.

Last summer the position of Electronic Resource Librarian was created and is currently held by Jennifer Carroll. About 100 databases are available on a variety of topics. One of the most popular is the Academic Search Premier, which is a part of EBSCOhost, which Carroll said is a "good start point for any reference."

About four databases are put on trial each month of the academic year. Availability, price and patron feedback are factors that help decide which databases are kept. Carroll indicates patron feedback is a highly influential factor.

"The reason we are here is to provide the material people need for research" she said.

Carroll also said that this is a challenging time, since both paper and electronic resources are used. However, some publishers no longer carry information in print. Carroll also believes that in four or five years about 90 percent of reference research will be available online.

Another service that has received a positive response is the ability for patrons

to renew checked-out books by clicking on a link at the library's web page. Introduced in the fall of 2001, the use of online renewal systems has increased dramatically.

In September of that year, 488 books were renewed online and that number increased to 4,221 by May.

"It's a huge advantage," said Cliff Poulin, loan desk supervisor at Dimond Library. Poulin added that practically every day someone learns of the service and is glad to know that it's there. He believes there is still a significant number of people who haven't heard of it and would use it if they knew.

The reference department also provides online service for general reference questions outside of its scheduled hours. As of last November, an online 24-hour service was introduced on the department's web page. Students may ask questions from their home, even in the middle of the night.

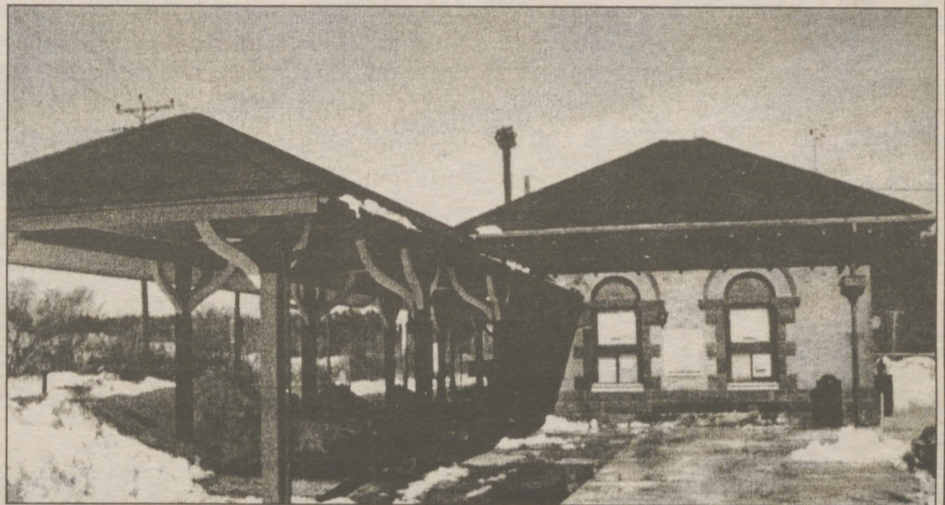
"People may not necessarily get someone from our library, said Debbie Watson, head of the Reference Department. "It could be someone from California, but it will be a reference librarian."

Questions of a local nature should still be addressed at a library within the inquisitor's areas she said. The 24-hour service will be re-evaluated in September and a decision will be made on whether or not to keep it. Feedback is accepted via the web page.

All of these services can be accessed through the library's home page at www.library.unh.edu

All aboard!

Downeaster making stops every weekday



Tara Henry - TNH Photographer

The Downeaster service has been extended to include daily stops at the Durham-UNH stop.

By Sean Leslie
Staff Writer

UNH students have the opportunity to leave campus during the week and travel anywhere from Portland to Boston using new services provided by Amtrak.

On Jan. 23, Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) officials announced that the Downeaster passenger rail service would stop at the Durham-UNH stop every day of the week effective immediately. Before the announcement, the train only stopped in Durham between Friday and Monday.

The service to the Durham stop was expanded after NNEPRA received a request for more frequent stops from Candace Corvey, UNH vice president for finance and administration. Corvey said that NNEPRA was happy to extend daily service to the Durham-UNH station.

"I received a letter from them inviting us to extend the service to more days, and we were happy to agree," Corvey said. "I think the additional service will create added convenience for students."

According to the NNEPRA Web site, round trip tickets from Durham to Boston cost \$25, and one way tickets to Boston cost \$13, but Stephen Pesci, special projects manager at UNH, pointed out that Amtrak offers student discounts on tickets.

"(Students) should also be aware that reservations are required for travel. These can be gotten up to a few minutes before the train arrives by calling 1-800-AMTRAK or by getting the reservation on-line in advance at www.amtrak.com," said Pesci.

To avoid making the Durham station a "commuter hub" and further stress the school's already overloaded parking lots, UNH officials have asked NNEPRA to prevent passengers from boarding the first southbound train, train 680, which passes through the stop at 7:20 a.m.

"We have asked that the first southbound train in the morning not accept boarding passengers on peak weekdays," said Corvey. "This will prevent the UNH parking lots from being overtaken by people who commute to Boston, but will allow UNH faculty, staff and students to commute to campus."

Pesci said that some enhancements are being planned for the Durham-UNH station in the near future.

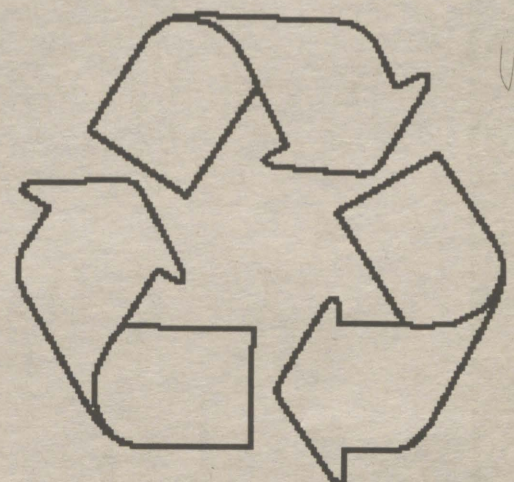
"Planned improvements at the station in the next few months include platform surface heating and the installation of a Quik-Trak ticketing machine," said Pesci. "Long-term, we are looking for expansion of the rail station and Dairy Bar facility in a project set to begin in late 2004."

The Downeaster has been a great success for both NNEPRA and Amtrak. Another NNEPRA press release stated that revenues for last year, the first year of the train's operation, topped \$4.7 million, exceeding initial projections by more than 44 percent.

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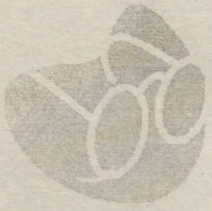


Dressed in white and carrying thunder sticks, hockey fans crowded into the Whittemore Center on Sunday to cheer on the Men's Hockey team as they battled the University of Maine. See page 24 for full coverage of the game.



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cated.

The committee will also look at traffic impact analysis of having a parking garage in a specific area of campus. According to Pesci, they will look at what improvements need to be made in the roads for traffic flow and which areas could accommodate the most traffic.

According to Pesci, in order for the parking situation to be fixed, all areas of the University will be contributing to the cost, not just students or faculty.

As of Saturday Feb. 1, visitor parking passes for a day have increased from \$2 to \$3 and the fees in the meters have increased to 75 cents per hour. The temporary permit has increased from \$10 to \$15.

As of July 1, resident parking passes for Woodside and Gables will increase from \$200 to \$300. The West Edge parking fee will increase from \$100 to \$150. Hall directors and departmental reserved spaces will increase from \$100 to \$300.

Pesci said that remote faculty and staff and areas such as Kingman Farm will pay a nominal fee of \$25 per year, as opposed to not having to pay a fee in previous years.

"We are not just picking on students," Pesci said. "We are all going to have to pay more."

The committee is also examining the possibility of charging fees for special events and games that are held at UNH. Pesci said that they are in negotiations with the Whittemore Center, UNH Athletics and Housing.

Another piece of the puzzle that will go before Student Senate this semester is the proposal for a student transportation fee. If passed, this fee would be approximately \$45 per student and it would fund transportation services, including more shuttles for campus and more shuttle routes for the campus connector. This fee would also go toward reinstating Safe Rides.

According to Matthew MacVane, commuter affairs chair on Student Senate, a resolution was passed at the end of last November. This resolution allows students and administrators from the Fee Oversight Committee, a committee formed to approve budgets for campus facilities, to address issues that would make a noticeable difference for services that are missing at UNH.

MacVane said they are looking to use this fee to establish a non-emergency ride to the hospital.

"If a student doesn't have a car but needs to go to the hospital, we hope to establish a service to get them there," MacVane said.

MacVane and Student Body Vice President Skip Burns have been working alongside Pesci and Dirk Timmons, director of transportation at Parking Services, to establish this fee that they will bring before Student Senate in early March.

"The Student Transportation Services Fee is an integral part to the whole package," Pesci said.

According to Pesci, all of the increased fees are in coordination with updating the Campus Master Plan.

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PLAN, from front page

being used correctly."

A parking garage has been under discussion as another possible solution to the problem. Corvey expressed that she is "extremely hopeful that we can implement a plan that would bring at least one parking facility to the campus."

The construction of a garage would mean that faculty, staff and students would need to be willing to pay what Corvey considers considerably more than they now do for parking privileges.

"The community has to want it badly enough," she said. "I am doing everything in my power to make it happen."

Another step being taken to aid the parking dilemma is the Campus Connector schedule, which will be available this week. The schedule will have a full

map of the shuttle route, which could make the shuttle system more efficient to use. Students can get copies at the MUB or at the Parking and Transit Office. There is also a Web site for updates on current parking issues, located at <http://www.unh.edu/parking/TPC/index.htm>.

Kingsbury Hall

Planned renovations of Kingsbury Hall will be, according to UNH Provost and Vice President David Hiley, the most expensive renovation on the UNH campus. According to Hiley, the engineering department has expressed concerns with the facilities during the last two accreditation processes, which determine if a college department is up to certain stan-

dards of curriculum, student performance, faculty, up-to-date facilities, diversity and health.

Kingsbury's accreditation was at risk because of old laboratory facilities, according to Hiley.

"A loss of accreditation is quite serious, as it calls into question the quality of a program and is likely to affect enrollment," said Corvey. The College of Engineering and Physical Science has a green light to go ahead with the renovations. Since 2001, the plans for renovation have been under major scrutiny by various faculty and staff members. The state has provided \$44 million in funds, and the University itself has received funding of \$6 million from private sources.

SHUTTLE, from front page

Texas at 9 a.m., the shuttle lost contact with the NASA command center in Houston for longer than the normal one-to-two minute communication blackout. Soon after, NASA considered Columbia lost and contacted President George W. Bush.

Many witnesses in eastern Texas and western Louisiana heard a loud explosion and saw multiple smoke contrails streaking through the morning sky. Wreckage from Columbia was scattered over 120 miles. The space shuttle was moving through the atmosphere at an altitude of 200,000 feet. This immediately rules out any possibility of a terrorist launched ground-to-air missile, which has a maximum altitude of 100,000 feet and a cruising speed of Mach 18.3, or 18.3 times the speed of sound or approximately 12,300 mph.

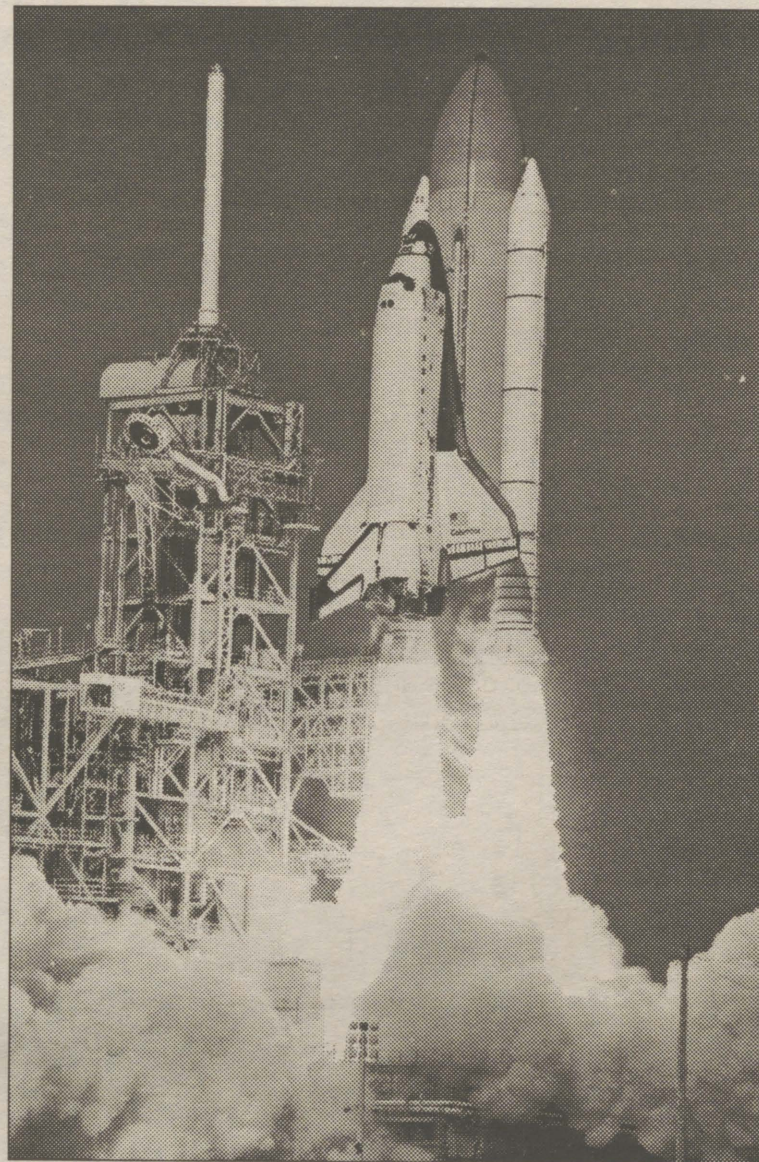
The previous two NASA disasters include the loss of three astronauts on the launch pad of Apollo 1 during a countdown test on Jan. 27, 1967 and the loss of seven astronauts, including New Hampshire school teacher Christa McAuliffe, when a faulty O-ring gave way and the space shuttle Challenger was destroyed when the external fuel tanks exploded on Jan. 29, 1986.

The loss of Columbia has affected UNH as much as it has the rest of the nation. Working inside Morse Hall are several former full-time NASA employees who are now professors or research professors and who continue to work for NASA.

Professor Barrett Rock continues his work with NASA by analyzing land satellite data that look at forest health and damage. Rock has worked on three scientific projects that went up in the shuttles including his first project that went up in Columbia in November 1981, Columbia's second shuttle flight.

Shuttle re-entry always causes a loss of communication of one to two minutes, according to Rock. Normally, NASA expects the loss and doesn't report the blackout. Rock knew immediately of the tragedy when NASA announced that they had lost contact with the shuttle.

"I knew right away it was di-



Red Huber - KRT

Space shuttle Columbia blasts off from Kennedy Space Center on Jan. 16. Columbia is one of the shuttles that has transported satellites made at UNH into space.

saster," he said. "It's amazing to me that we haven't had more trouble with re-entry."

Rock isn't afraid of the American people losing faith in the space program and hopes that shuttle launches will restart soon, rather than the two-and-a-half-year moratorium on shuttle launches following the Challenger tragedy.

"It would have to be general sense that space travel is a pretty risky business," he said.

David Bartlett, associate director of the Institute for the Study of Earth, Ocean and Space, worked 10 years at NASA before coming to UNH to work as a re-

search professor. He said that there is very little interaction between the UNH scientists and the shuttle program, but he still feels strongly connected.

"Emotionally, it's very similar to the Challenger tragedy that I witnessed as a NASA employee," said Bartlett. "No one wants this sort of thing to happen, but it's inevitable that they do."

Bartlett thinks there will be some fallout of public opinion to deal with, but doesn't believe it will have any long-term effects.

"Because we are all so close to NASA, we all feel touched by this," he said.

The renovations will occur in two phases. The first phase will be building what Corvey calls the "new space," which will be the new lab wing. The second phase will be the renovation of the "existing space," which is the research wing. In addition to the two-phase renovation, a new engineering library will be built to assist in research. Hiley heralded the new building to be "innovating in its space and high-tech classrooms."

The groundbreaking date is anticipated to be early 2004, with both phases completed by the end of 2006.

For questions, concerns, and up-to-date information on construction, students can go to "The Master Plan" Web site at www.unh.edu/cmp.

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Evidence shows significant temperature change before disaster

By Martin Merzer, Phil Long and Sumana Chatterjee
Knight Ridder Newspapers

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA told a nation in mourning Sunday that remains of all seven astronauts from shuttle Columbia had been recovered, and that investigators were beginning to zero in on the cause of the tragedy.

"We found remains from all the astronauts," said Bob Cabana, NASA's director of flight crew operations. "It's still in the process of identification."

Other NASA officials said that temperature readings on the left side of Columbia rose precipitously six minutes before it disintegrated, and the spaceship struggled for two minutes to maintain a safe flight path during the hazardous descent to Earth.

As the space agency appointed two investigative teams and search crews combed more than 1,400 debris fields in Texas and Louisiana, Ron Dittmore, the shuttle's program manager, sketched a fuller picture of what he called "a significant thermal event" aboard Columbia. He said it boosted temperatures on the exterior of the shuttle by 60 degrees within five minutes — an unprecedented event.

His account suggested that the evidence so far points to a breach in the heat protection system along Columbia's left side, particularly on the left wing, which was hit during liftoff by insulating foam from an external fuel tank.

Speculation is now focusing on the possibility that crucial thermal insulating tiles along that wing were damaged or lost during liftoff, flight or re-entry.

"We're piecing together the puzzle and we are beginning to make progress," Dittmore told a news conference at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Still, he cautioned against a rush to judgment, saying that engineers were looking at many possible causes of the accident and that it was far too early to draw any conclusions.

"I don't have a smoking gun," he said. "I don't have a root cause ... I haven't ruled out anything."

Columbia disintegrated 39 miles over Texas as it streaked toward a landing Saturday morning at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Falling pieces of the spaceship showered fields, roads, lakes and backyards in an area 100 miles long and 10 miles wide, complicating a recovery effort of exceptional proportions.

Killed were shuttle commander Rick Husband and crewmates Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, William McCool and Ilan Ramon, Israel's first astronaut.

Dittmore said he believed the flight crew realized that something was amiss, but that the astronauts could not have known how serious it was.

"We have no data, no communications, no evidence that the crew was alarmed," he said.

NASA also disclosed that it had attached a phased-out, relatively heavy version of the fuel tank to the shuttle for this flight. No evidence has surfaced suggesting a link between that and the accident.

Dittmore said sensors on the left side of the shuttle showed a temperature increase of nearly 30 degrees within five minutes as the craft passed over California at 8:53 a.m. EST, six minutes before it disintegrated.

One minute later, he said, sensors showed that the temperature had risen 60 degrees during the preceding five minutes.

At 8:58 a.m., he said, with Columbia now over New Mexico, instruments showed an unusual amount of aerodynamic drag along the left side of the shuttle. At 8:59 a.m., one minute before the shuttle disintegrated, that drag increased significantly.

Dittmore said the shuttle's automated flight systems worked successfully to put keep the craft on course, but nothing like this had ever been seen during the 22-year shuttle pro-



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A National Guard soldier stands over debris believed to be from the space shuttle Columbia in Nacogdoches, TX on Sunday.

gram.

"It's out of family," he said. "We've never seen it to this degree, but it does not approach the limits of the flight control system."

He said NASA was "intrigued" by a report submitted by an observer in California who said he saw something separate from the shuttle as it passed overhead at about the time the sensors first reported unusual temperature readings.

As NASA began collecting information, a grieving nation struggled to absorb the loss of Columbia and its seven astronauts.

"We grieve because they represented the best in us, because part of us has died," the Rev. Luis Leon told President Bush, his wife, Laura, and other congregants at St. John's Episcopal Church, a block from the White House. "I believe God's heart is more broken than our own."

The White House announced that Bush would attend a memorial service Tuesday at the Johnson Space Center near Houston.

Rep. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., who was briefed by NASA late Saturday, said the discovery of body parts on the ground suggested that the crew compartment probably remained relatively intact during the accident, though it apparently was breached by debris and sustained rapid, catastrophic depressurization.

The shuttle's crew compartment is designed to maintain some degree of structural integrity if catastrophe strikes.

"I hope and pray that their pressure suits would have been punctured at the same time to cause immediate loss of consciousness," said Nelson, a member of the Senate subcommittee that deals with science, technology and space.

Dittmore said he had no information about the condition of the crew compartment.

By Sunday evening, authorities had identified more than 1,400 debris fields in five counties, and hundreds of police officers and other searchers in east Texas and western Louisiana collected more than 500 pieces of mangled wreckage.

Recovered debris was trucked to Barksdale Air Force Base near Shreveport, La. for analysis.

Forensic workers, meanwhile, collected human remains from several sites and took it to a temporary morgue in a school in Hemphill, Texas.

"We cannot avoid the obvious," said Nacogdoches County Sheriff Thomas Keress. "We have found remains."

In Washington, NASA announced the appointment of what it called the Space Shuttle Mishap Interagency Investigation Board, naming as chairman retired Navy Adm. Harold W. Gehman Jr.

Gehman helped lead the Pentagon's inquiry into the October 2000, suicide bomb-

ing of the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

Also on the 10-person, quasi-independent board: Rear Adm. Stephen Turcotte, the commander of the U.S. Naval Safety Center in Norfolk, Va., and Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hess, the commander and Air Force chief of safety at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico.

The space agency also has assembled an in-house board of inquiry.

"Our objective is to find out what caused this, fix it and make sure that we support the dream, the vision that those folks gave their lives to," NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe

said on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We're securing all the debris and assuring that we look at every possible angle."

He and other NASA officials said it was premature to speculate about the possibility that an errant piece of insulation foam from the shuttle's external fuel tank might have fatally damaged thermal heat tiles on Columbia's left wing.

NASA engineers studied that possibility during the flight and concluded that no serious damage — or consequences — resulted from the mishap.

NASA began using a "super-lightweight" fuel tank several years ago to help the shuttle reach the higher orbit of the International Space Station. Columbia's 16-day scientific mission did not include a visit to the station, so the agency attached an older, heavier tank to the shuttle.

Experts said they did not immediately know if the two different tanks used different forms of insulation.

The entire shuttle fleet is now grounded, complicating efforts to supply and retrieve the two Americans and one Russian aboard the International Space Station. The shuttles ferry crews and construction material to the station.

On Sunday, Russia launched an unmanned rocket that carried enough food and fuel to the station to keep it supplied until at least May. In an emergency, the crew could return to Earth aboard a Russian escape module.

The budget President Bush will send Congress on Monday will include a \$469 million increase in funding for NASA, lifting the agency's total budget to \$15.5 billion for fiscal 2004, according to a senior administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

(Correspondents Seth Borenstein, Ron Hutcheson, Shelley Acoca, Peter Wallsten, Mike Lee and Anthony Spangler contributed to this report.)

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Horoscope time!

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Feb. 4). An old friend helps you find a way through the maze to the treasure. No need to go it alone this year. Don't listen to the people who say you'll never make it. A creative partner will make it all OK, even if you don't make it.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Pushing isn't the only way to get ahead. Sometimes showing compassion, or simply listening, is much more effective.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Be a stabilizing influence for a friend who's undergoing change. Your calming words and demeanor help everything turn out for the best.



Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — The less said, the better. Let somebody else do the talking. This is a tough assignment, but self-discipline is a wonderful skill to master.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You're gaining experience and seeing why rules are good. Follow them, and minimize the amount of stuff you have to learn the hard way.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — There are a lot of temptations to spend, and a couple of pretty good reasons. First, find a way to make more money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — The others are so deeply involved, they can't be objective. You're better than they are at setting priorities. Don't keep those priorities to yourself. Holler!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — What you've been taught to do probably won't work as well as expected. Cancel travel plans if you can. Tomorrow will be much better.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — The more questions you ask, the more you understand, and the more your love grows. Sounds simple, except for that first question (the one you've been thinking about).

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Don't get headstrong and think you know it all. Others have different opinions, and some of their ideas are quite good. Include them.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — It's not good enough just to worry. You need to make a few changes. Reassess your routines in order to cut costs.

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- Soft drink
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- Over again
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- Parasitic insects
- Middays
- Banking record
- Japanese aborigine
- Level of command
- Chest of drawers
- Disentangle
- Golfer's gadget
- Michaelmas daisy
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- Winter fall
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- Corrosive stuff
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- Fire truck gear
- Small newt
- Newspaper
- Word before mission or squeeze
- Forward progress
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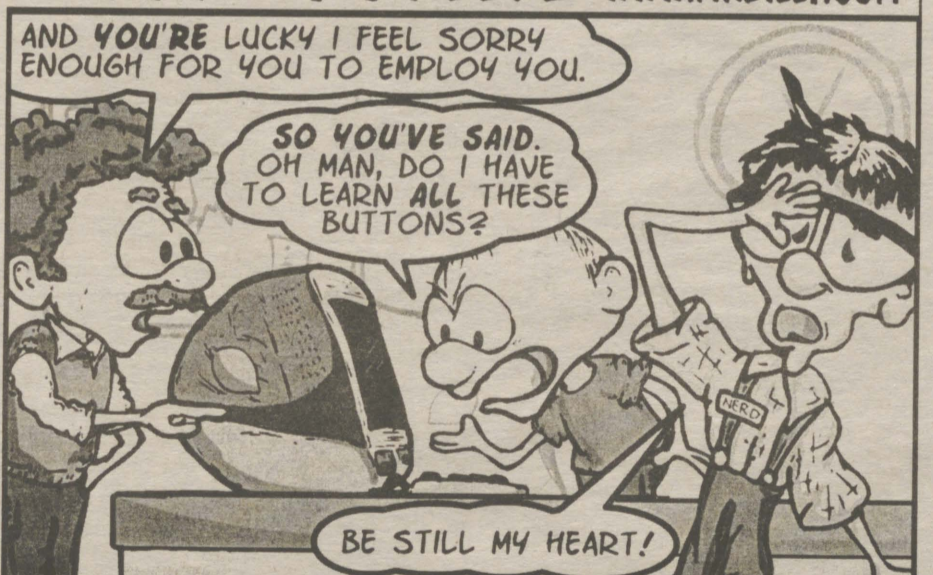
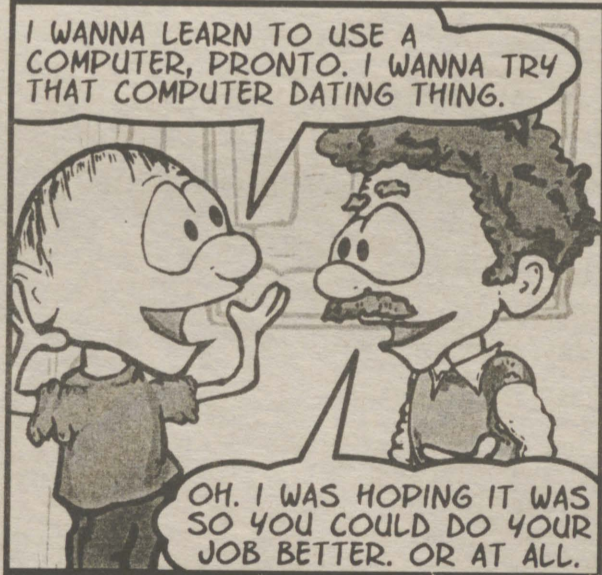
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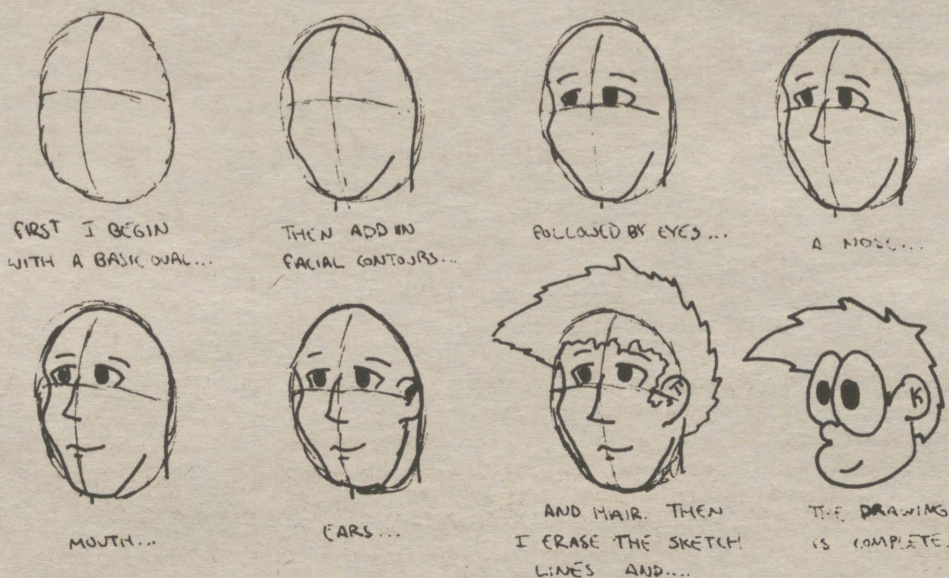
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What is your favorite memory from the 80's?

On the Spot



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"She-Ra and He-Man."

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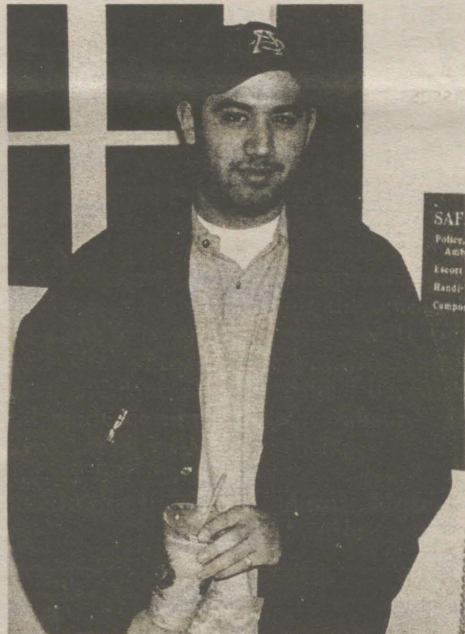
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sophomore
business



"Tiffany."

Chris Peter
grad-student
freshwater biology



"Sleeping in a small bed."

Jen Clark
sophomore
English



"The Popples, because I used to love them when I was little."

Colleen Snow
sophomore
undeclared



"The Breakfast Club."

Luke, Elliot & Josh
sophomores and junior
social work, political science & psychology



"Hulkamania!"

Sean Every
senior
physics



"Knight Rider, because David Hasselhoff is hot."

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Editorial

Remembering Columbia's heroes

The space shuttle Columbia disaster shocked the world Saturday morning. For many it was a rehashing of memories from when the space shuttle Challenger exploded shortly after takeoff in January of 1986. Seventeen years ago a local New Hampshire schoolteacher turned astronaut risked her life aboard Challenger for space exploration and science. Today men and women still risk their lives each time they voyage into space.

It is not often that we think about all of those people who risk their lives for our society and country doing research, such as NASA astronauts, until tragedy occurs. As we all go about our day to day lives, we take for granted that there are people in space researching ways to better our lives. The astronauts know the risks that they take each day when they enter an unknown world.

These brave men and women train for years to be able to take the journey of a lifetime into outer space. While in space, astronauts perform medical tests and work on ways to develop new medicines to treat, and cure diseases that are so prevalent on our planet. Some spend months in space aboard the International Space Station doing research around the clock without the luxuries of Earth for the betterment of the world and society. They do this not for praise and glory, but for science.

If you have seen any of the interviews with the seven aboard Columbia, you could tell this was the case. In every interview, each astronaut had a glow on his or her face that was truly inspiring. They were grinning ear-to-ear as they talked about their voyage and the research they would be conducting. This enthusiasm was evident during interviews from above and stuck with these seven astronauts right up until they left us for the heavens.

To those men and women aboard the Columbia shuttle, we at *TNH* would like express our gratitude for their work in space discovery. We also would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of the victims.

Letters

Support heroes, not war

To the Editor:

Everything you see around you are reading, the chair you are sitting on, and the clothes you are wearing. When you were young, you were full of ideas. What did you do? You brought them into the world. You didn't sit around thinking; you went and did things. More recently, you had the idea to attend UNH. Now you are. This weekend you will come up with ideas of things to do, and you will do them. It may appear that I am stating the obvious. I am. But many of us don't understand that we create our lives. We chose to become students at UNH. Every day we choose what to do. We choose how to treat each other. What we choose becomes.

I thank the author of

"American's responsibility: support the war," in Friday Jan. 28 issue of *The New Hampshire* for sharing his experiences regarding his courageous uncle. The author has experienced great suffering and pain that is distant to many of us at UNH. The author understands what it is like to lose a hero. Having experienced such deep pain and sorrow, why would any of us wish such an experience on our brothers and sisters, our fellow human beings? If my previous observations in any way approach truth, if we chose to love one another, wouldn't we begin to free the world of hate and war? We can create the world we want to live in, just as we have created our lives. It is our choice.

**Jon Stevens
Junior**

Enjoy a smoothie without feeling guilty

To the Editor:

I did not feel it was necessary to write an entire opinion piece titled "Are smoothies making you fat?" in *The New Hampshire* on Friday Jan. 28 about how much fat a smoothie contains. People love their smoothies from the Freshens stand. Why ruin this small pleasure by telling them the fat contents in such a way that smoothie drinkers start to feel too guilty to enjoy their daily smoothie?

The opinion piece reminded me of an experience I had last year. I was at my apartment eating a snack of apples with peanut butter spread on them. Two of my roommates entered and made comments on the massive amounts of fat I was eating. I felt instantly guilty and could not finish my snack.

I do not mean to attack the author of the article because I know she was not intentionally trying to do any harm. I would like to state that if people want to drink smoothies I think we should say "yay" and pat them on the back because at least they are eating. Eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa threaten the lives of college students everywhere. There are people who feel guilty every day just for eating food. Obsessive thoughts about fat consume them and limit their happiness. After reading the opinion on smoothie fat there will be people who's smoothie-sipping days will be ruined because they now know the "absurd" amount of fat in them.

**Annie Slotte
Senior**

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Op-Ed

Some advice about the Internal Intoxication Law

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In the first issue of *The New Hampshire* on Jan. 28, I was interviewed about the "Unlawful (internal) Possession of Alcohol" law that went into effect Jan. 1, 2003. I was quoted correctly as stating that the police have to prove "intoxication" in order to convict someone, which is defined as a blood alcohol level of .02 or higher. (For most people weighing between 100 to 200 pounds that is only one 12 ounce beer or 1 ounce of 100-proof liquor.) I was also quoted correctly as saying that in regards to this new law there is no consequence or penalty for refusing to take a breath, blood or any other physical test such as field sobriety tests. (Field sobriety tests are things like the "finger-to-nose" test, "one-leg stand" test, "9-step walk the line" test, etc.)

I want to be perfectly clear on this point: only in regards to the "Unlawful (internal) Possession of Alcohol" law is there no penalty or consequence for a refusal to take the physical tests. There are negative consequences for refusing to take a breath, blood or other physical tests if arrested for "Driving While Intoxicated."

It is important for those in the community who are under the age of 21 to understand their rights. As the legal services attorney hired to advise and represent full-time undergraduates it is my responsibility to make sure you have accurate information so you can make responsible decisions. I want to make absolutely certain that no one confuses this new law for internal possession of alcohol and the consequences it carries with laws regarding driving while intoxicated and the very severe penalties it carries.

If you are no where near a motor vehicle and the police detain you to investigate whether you have violated the "Unlawful (internal) Possession of Alcohol" law you have the right to remain silent and not answer questions. You have the right as guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Fifteenth Amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution to not incriminate yourself. The police may only briefly detain you in order to confirm or dispel their suspicion that you have violated the law. If you choose not to answer questions, you may ask the police to allow you to leave. The police officer will then have to decide whether he or she believes he has probable cause to arrest you. You cannot and should not argue with the police officer's decision. The time and place to contest the detention, the arrest and the charge against you is in court, not on the street. If you are asked before or after arrest to submit to a breath, blood or

physical tests you may say no and there is no penalty. If you agree to take any of the physical tests you will be giving the police department the evidence they need to convict you. If convicted, the fine is \$250 and the court assesses a 20 percent tax on all fines for a grand total of \$300. Additionally, New Hampshire driver's license holders will receive a notice from the Division of Motor Vehicles indicating that their license is probationary until they turn 21 years old. (A probationary license means if you drive with a breath alcohol content of .03 or higher you automatically lose your license for 90 days. You will also be charged with "Driving While Intoxicated.")

If you are stopped while driving a motor vehicle you must give the officer your license and registration. You still have the same right not to answer questions and remain silent. The critical issue in the case of an investigation for driving while intoxicated is whether you are under arrest or not. Prior to an arrest you can refuse breath, blood or physical tests and there is no consequence. However, once you are arrested and ask to submit to those same tests, if you refuse you may suffer a longer license suspension than if you had taken the test or tests.

The DWI law is a little confusing and for those that are interested I will explain this further: when arrested for DWI the police can request an administrative license suspension through the Division of Motor Vehicles and they can also prosecute you in court for the same offense. The administrative suspension for a first offense is 180 days (6 months). If you get convicted in the court the minimum suspension for over 21 year olds is 90 days and under 21 year olds is one year. The court imposed suspension and the administrative suspension run concurrently if you agreed to take the required tests. The suspensions run consecutively if you refused to take the tests. So, a refusal in a DWI case can possibly subject you to a longer license suspension.

I cannot predict all of the different circumstances and situations students will encounter with police. Therefore, keep in mind that this article is intended to be informative and not as specific legal advice for any particular situation. I can, however, suggest that if you act responsibly, you will be treated reasonably. If you act responsibly, you will probably never encounter the police. If you watch out for yourself and your friends chances are that you will never have to worry about whether to take a test or not.

Although alcohol consumption has come to be regarded as a rite of passage in college life, getting arrested shouldn't be. There is nothing I can say (Nor would I be that hypocritical) to stop people under the age of 21 from drinking. How-

ever, obviously this new law ups the ante. Even if you don't get convicted, no one wants to spend a couple of hours being arrested on a Friday night. So, please remember to make a few responsible choices to avoid getting arrested. Don't get so drunk you can't safely get yourself home or remember what you are doing. Don't litter or make loud noises while walking

on public streets and thereby call unnecessary attention to yourself. Don't carry open containers of alcoholic beverage in public places such as sidewalks, parking lots, dorm hallways, streets, etc. And most of all don't drink and drive.

When or if you do run into a little trouble with the law, come see me in the MUB!

Week in Greek

"It's All Greek to Me!"

The Weekly Column of Greek Affairs

New Year's resolutions 2003?

Steve Pappajohn
Coordinator of Greek Affairs

So here we are, it's the beginning of February and already I can tell that some of your resolutions are in action. I made the attempt to go to the Recreation Center this week, but found myself waiting forever since so many of you must have made a resolution to get in shape! That place was packed! Anyway, when we speak of resolutions, it always seems like some of us just can't keep 'em going, and some actually follow through with their goals. Well, its time to make some chapter resolutions, and see who follows through.

Take a second, sit back and take a look around your chapter. How are things going? Probably pretty good with some exceptions, I'm sure. So now think of the areas that could use improvement

(member morale, recruitment, facilities, member motivation etc.), and assess whether or not you need a jump-start. All it takes is you. If you made the decision to improve just one area mentioned above (or similar), you may be able to actually motivate your fellow members to do something also. Once you get a bunch of members making the effort, you're well on your way to reaching those chapter goals!

There are many of here in the UNH/Durham community who believe in your chapter and in this system, but as they say, "seeing is believing." So I say its about time to show. Hey, listen this is nothing new to most of you, I sit here and I think, hey, it's 2003...a new year with challenges and successes waiting to be discovered, so I say get psyched and get it done. Good luck!

Alpha Xi Delta

The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta are glad to be back at school after a nice break. We said good-bye to four sisters that went abroad for the semester and we were glad to welcome back two others. We are looking forward to a wonderful semester with many great things already being planned!

Kappa Delta

It was a great winter break for the sisters of Kappa Delta and we are geared up to start the new semester. Along with our classes and extracurricular activities, we are getting ready for Spring Recruitment, our 14th Annual Greek God Contest and countless other activities within our sisterhood and Greek system.

Fraternity Facts

The fraternity system in the United States is as old as the United States itself. Dec. 5, 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia five friends got together to form the first Greek-letter organization, Phi Beta Kappa. This organization had to be kept secret from the administration of the school because much of the faculty did not approve of groups of students discussing social issues, and there was a fear that anyone who participated in them would stray from the Christian beliefs the college was founded on. They adopted secret signals, a motto, a grip, ritual, a distinguishing badge and a set of laws. The organization took on the ideals of fraternity, morality and literature as the three basic principles of membership into Phi Beta Kappa.

After three years at the College of William and Mary they expanded to add chapters at numerous other campuses, including prestigious colleges such as Yale, Dartmouth and Harvard. As the chapter

developed it became predominantly an honorary organization. In 1826, Phi Beta Kappa was recognized as a scholarship society, which is how it is known today. A year before that at Union College in New York, the Kappa Alpha Society was formed and is recognized as America's oldest college social fraternity.

Like the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, the Kappa Alpha society was not popular among faculty, mostly because of its secrecy, but students liked the idea and formed two other fraternities, Sigma Phi and Delta Phi. The "Union Triad" set the tone for the American fraternity system and today there are over 1000 Greek-lettered organizations. Some of the most influential people in history were part of these organizations. Every United States President and Vice-President since 1825, with the exception of two in each office, has been a member of a fraternity; 76 percent of Congress belongs to a fraternity or sorority; 40 of 47 Supreme Court Justices since 1910 were fraternity men; 85 percent of Fortune 500 executives belong to a fraternity or sorority. Statistics show that fraternity and sorority members have a higher rate of graduation from college and are more likely to donate money to their university as alumnae. Joining this long-standing organization is not only something to do for yourself to have a good time in college, but because of the skills you learn it can be a good stepping-stone for your future.

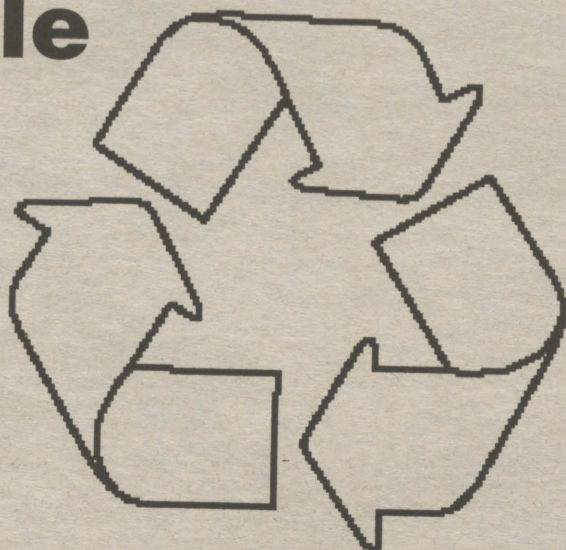
Spring Recruitment notice

Spring Recruitment is coming up and the Greek system is looking for people who are eager to get involved. Mark these dates on your calendars:
Men's Recruitment: Feb. 17-28
Women's Recruitment: March 3-7
Keep reading *TNH* for more specific times to be posted.

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Op-Ed

The few, the proud, the ideologues

Zack Bazzi
Sophomore

Surprise, *TNH* came out against President Bush's State of the Union address. Never would have guessed it. The claim is: its full of rhetoric and false promises. Well, other than the fact that the editorial is a regurgitation of the same "rhetoric" one hears on the corporate news, and is only original in its utter and complete lack of originality and logic, it does, at least for me, bring up an interesting question. Is there anything the president could have said that *TNH* would have supported? If he discussed the economy, *TNH* would have burned him for not discussing foreign policy. If he talked about domestic health care, *TNH* would have nailed him for not doing anything to help reduce AIDS in Africa. He is neither here, nor there, you get the pattern.

I am starting to think that *TNH* is not liberal, but rather categorically anti-Bush, they would rather see him fail, than a liberal succeed. It reminds me of the die-hard Yankees Suck Red Sox fans who would rather see the Yankees loose than the Sox win. Even if Bush went to every household in America preaching universal peace and total redistribution of wealth, wearing nothing but Karl Marx boxers and a tie-dyed T-shirt, it would not satisfy *TNH*.

The editorial claims that we are losing the war on terror (wrong) because bin Laden is still alive and the bombing at the Bali nightclub. To the former, I say bin Laden is useless if he is hiding in a cave, barely able to communicate, his top lieutenants in body bags, and his organization is disarray. To the latter, simply put: it's a stupid argument. Random terror attacks will never be stopped 100 percent of time in every corner of the world. The president promised that we would systematically pursue and eliminate terrorists wherever they may hide, and considering there has not been one on U.S. soil since Sept. 11, he is delivering on that promise. The thrust of the argument laid forth in the editorial basically is this: until bin Laden is eliminated and every terrorist is stopped we should not move on to Iraq.

Lets analyze this, first, our war on terror has moved from an initial military phase largely carried forth by conventional warfare to a secondary phase conducted via non-conventional paramilitary forces and the Department of Homeland Security. The brunt of our military might is available for what ever mission the president chooses to assign it. Furthermore, just because we have not concluded our war on terror (which will take many years) it does not mean we should discontinue all defense and foreign policy initiatives. Anyhow, as far as I know, the president has been and still is using diplomatic means to resolve the issue.

Now listen: I'm not a war junkie, nor a Bush lover. I, along with the moderate majority on this campus, would like to see my president as well as the U.S., do well and prosper. What I really have a problem with is the .001 percent of self-righteous ideologues on this the campus, that want to speak for, and lecture the rest of us, using weak one-sided arguments, based on data of their choosing. I understand that some read the Port Huron Statement and found some inspiration to want to change the world, and others discovered something the rest of us have not in their two decades or so of affluent existence. To you, here is my free advice: read a book called REALITY written by my favorite author, LIFE. You definitely will not find it at UNH!

Iraq must disarm, make peace

Anna R. Lyndon
Senior

Citizens across America tuned in Tuesday night to watch President Bush's State of the Union address. Each year the elected president takes his seat before Congress and presents a litany of issues ranging from education to taxes. Domestic issues were at the back of most viewers minds, however, as they waited to hear Bush's discourse on America's foreign policy and specifically the continuing Iraqi threat. While themes throughout the domestic portion showed subtle linkage to the Iraqi situation, the development of hydrogen-powered automobiles, for example, in order to become "much less dependent on foreign sources of energy," the circumstances required a clear summation of the crisis, and Bush delivered.

Starting from the common ground of the Sept. 11 tragedies, Bush slowly walked his way through a foreign policy briefing

al Qaeda on the run, the advent of a ballistic missile defense plan, and a statement of support for the International Atomic Energy Agency. Applause followed each segment, until he openly addressed the Iraqi situation. For the next 20 minutes, the floor of Congress was completely silent. Instead of using gimmicky slogans or applause lines, Bush instead laid out a systematic argument against Iraq.

Fact after fact, the American people were confronted with the scope of Hussein's threat. Capability to produce 25,000 liters of anthrax, 38,000 liters of botulinum toxin, and 500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agent. Undisclosed biological weapons labs, 30,000 chemical warheads, and mass accumulation of nuclear weapons materials. . . It's no stretch to assume that Saddam is accumulating these for a reason beyond his personal entertainment!

Bush's most convincing argument, however, was his refutation of the idea that

we now need to rely on the United Nation's weapons inspectors to provide a "smoking gun" that will impel us to action. By showing Hussein's history of flouting U. N. orders, he laid the responsibility at Iraq's feet. "The 108 U.N. inspectors were not sent to conduct a scavenger hunt for hidden materials across a country the size of California. The job of the inspectors is to verify that Iraq's regime is disarming. It is up to Iraq to show exactly where it is hiding its banned weapons, lay those weapons out for the world to see, and destroy them as directed."

Iraq had its chance to make peace with the world. Twelve years ago, Saddam Hussein was faced with the choice to disarm, and he chose not to. We don't need a "smoking gun," a twelve-year smoldering gun will more than suffice. It's time to stop naively supporting peace at any cost, and to start exploring ways to effectively force Iraq's disarmament.

Professor Schadler wrongfully let go

Benjamin Pignatelli
Senior

I have heard some shocking news. After this semester, Professor Chris Schadler will no longer be teaching her Environmental Conservation 535 class at the University of New Hampshire. She will be let go by the University. Fired. This is an outrageous but true nightmare. At first, I thought my friend was playing a cruel joke on me when she told me the news. Instead it is a reality that is being played out by the bureaucratic arm of economically slaved administrators. Of all the actions taken by the higher powers of this University that I have disagreed with (i.e. the lack of an Environmental Literacy General Education Requirement, the cutting of

Schadler's EC 535 a few years ago, etc...) this is the most ridiculous of them all.

When I look back at my alma mater I will not see a university who harnessed and embraced the energy of a new generation, but one that merely constructed an institutional education in the cheapest way possible. I will not see a university that embraced any true form of diversity, but merely a place where it is acceptable for the students and the faculty to conform to the norm.

I am fully aware of how the State of New Hampshire is continually the source of the University's financial woes, but to let go of this professor is a mistake that words cannot describe. You can count on me never to give money to this University and certainly never to

send my children here.

As a freshman, I thought this campus was a 'Green Campus,' but since then I have come to see it in a different light. It will never be a Green Campus as long as the examples set from the top of the administration down (President Ann Weaver Hart) do not foster the idea that human life is made possible by the close interactions between humans and our environment. This is what Schadler made all too clear in her academic efforts.

Professor Schadler's untimely firing is a setback not only for this five-and-dime state university, but for higher education everywhere. If a University the size and prominence of UNH cannot embrace the education that Schadler offers there is little that the University can offer the world other than the

status quo. America right now does not need the status quo. Especially in areas concerning the environment and the use of resources (i.e. oil).

To the administration: Congratulations on putting together a half-decent business school while turning your back on an embrace of diversity. Also, congratulations on preemptively striking what Governor Benson is to do, and that is cutback on what is needed on this campus and in this state. I can't wait to get out of here. The politics of N.H. of which I am rehearsed in disgusts me. I thought for a while that our fair University was above the political maneuvering that occurs in Concord.

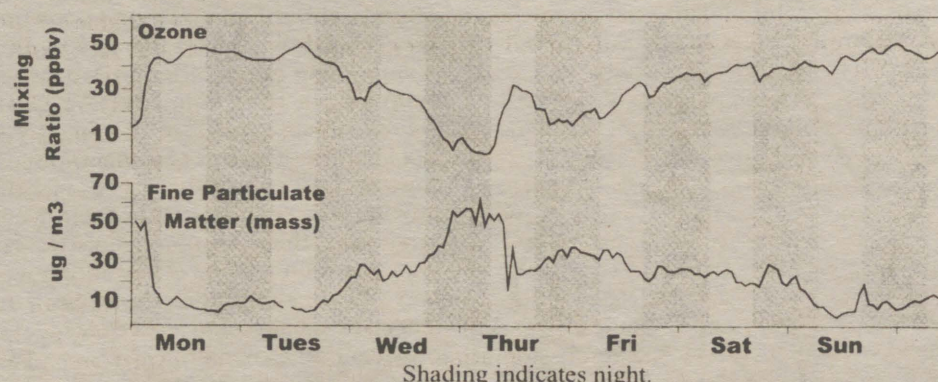
Our University has made a terrible mistake. I am deeply saddened and disappointed.

One in two Americans breathe unhealthy air. . .

Air Quality Update Jan 27 - Feb 3

A description of Durham's air over the previous week

While we usually associate hot, humid summer days with poor air-quality, pollution is actually a year round problem, particularly for those with health ailments such as asthma. During the night a cap can be formed separating the surface air we breathe from the rest of the atmosphere. This cap, called an inversion layer, forms due to the difference between the temperature of the land and the atmosphere. This cap prevents the transport of new pollutants into our region during the night and also traps the pollutants already here and condenses them into a smaller volume. Many pollutants, including particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), are higher during inversions. Ozone (O₃) is unusual because it sticks to the land and therefore the cap has the opposite effect and we see very low ozone levels. This type of situation can clearly be seen in the plot on Wednesday 1/29 and more weakly on several other nights last week.

Ozone (O₃)

Ozone is a colorless, odorless gas produced in sunlight from automobile and industry emissions. Inhalation of ozone can lead to reduced lung function, asthma, irritated eyes, and reduced resistance to colds. It is also harmful to forest and agricultural ecosystems.

Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})

Particulate Matter includes dust, smoke, and other aerosols in the air with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less. Fine particles can be inhaled deep within the lung and can lead to breathing problems and even death. They are also the main source of haze that reduces visibility.

New England Air Quality Background Information



Air quality and climate change issues are of particular concern for New Englanders due to the regions unique geographic location and setting. New England lies directly downwind of major urban and industrial centers in the United States. Our air quality is, at times, significantly affected by pollution transported into the region from these upwind sources. Even relatively remote regions, such as Acadia National Park and the top of Mt Washington suffer from serious ozone problems and decreased visibility.

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Op-Ed

A Time for a Space: An Exchange in Philosophy

A Cerulean Beard, and what it has, if anything, to do with unregrettable history

Brian Proulx
TNH Columnist

[Announcement: One philosophy of mankind in particular is that of structured meditation and exercise. Tonight (Tuesday) February 4th at 5:30, come to room 336 and join me for some yoga. Most recently, I found yoga to be most relaxing, distressing to even the most uptight. It did the trick for me, I am positive anyone will benefit even if it is for only 45 minutes. This evening, my friend Konstantin will also be talking about a great opportunity for all students here at UNH called the Art of Living Course which is taught in over 130 countries! Stop by and get more info.]

As I enjoyed the certain ambiance one can only get from coffee and two sugars, an individual with a rather striking appearance sat down beside me. He had blue hair; his frizzled beard was blue, too. After hesitating my curiosity a moment, for this individual might take offense, I capriciously asked him, "Do you have any history you regret?"

Disproving my assumption, he tilted his head and extended his brow, appearing to ponder the abstract inquiry I so randomly put forth with detailed effort. He brought my attention to his beard, so blue, as he caressed his fluff as if a philosophical opinion was trapped inside.

"NO!" he conclusively exclaimed in a convincing tone, "but I do have an unregrettable present, that my friend," pausing to allow me to fill in the blank.

"Bryan Proulx," I informed him.

"That my friend Brian is what it's worth." He turned away quickly though seemed to synchronize a stare toward the many individuals as if they all, collectively, were eating one big meal. Concluding our momentary discussion, he, of whom I am at no liberty to say, turned his focus back toward me, his eyes searching for possible acceptance for his future action, "I have to shave, I assure you it does bother me that I have to shave now." With that, he stood up. After walking to the center window located aside the M.U.B. cashiers and amid finding the perfect refection, he took out an electric razor out of his backpack. He began to shave his cerulean facial hair off, trimming his sideburns to a desired cut. By blowing into the razor, he concluded his public display of personal hygiene maintenance. What an indi-

vidual! How unique, to the point of public disgust as well as self-fulfillment! He disappeared from view, the crowd around me watched as he did. From then on that day I attempted to connect what he said about the need for an unregrettable present, and his recent act of radical belligerence.

Arriving back to my dorm, I situated in my chair comfortably, challenging thoughts to propagate and influences of the recent spectacle to facilitate meaning. Pen to paper, I began to write. All throughout, I incorporated the latter individual, accounting for his apparent drive for distinctiveness. Underlining, is he happy, and why does that

matter to me, to you? Where is the validity for his action? (Boston's "More than a feeling" comes on the radio gracing the room. As well, an empty bag of pretzels lay aside my computer. I could hear the bag of popcorn in the microwave shift mixing artificial butter and salt with each new kernel popped. Anticipating any further inspiration popcorn and pretzels may soon offer, I being to think.)

To discern such an action, the approach for understanding tend to be more psychological rather than philosophical. Respectfully, I say that a strong connection certainly ties the two (both Psychology & Philosophy), concerning the nature of questions each approach attempt to answer. Just for mentioning purposes such questions hold crucial significance for those whom are extremely curious, including myself, in order for any attempt to an answer.

(I continue to write. In the background, the song "Who are you" by The Who ends. "Two Step" by Dave begins insisting I smile. I do, sublimating the musical delight to paper. And this is what I wrote.)

Through our realization period, ages 12 and up, we desire to return to our childhood and experience aspects of childhood in which involve limited stress and responsibility. Throughout our realization period, a feeling of anxiety for which regret is responsible, as we realize a complete return to childhood to be impossible.

Temporary enjoyment of sex and romanticism holds the instances in which we are able to temporarily suppress our innate desire, and disregard a present shout of "I want to be a kid again." Instead, during periods of adult privileges such as sex or power over another/many individuals we tend to suppress our innate desire deeper into our subconscious thus cumulatively denying the desire

greater and greater to the point of a potential losing sense of options to satisfy our id, or pleasure seeking aspect. At this point, individuals totally deny the desire of returning to a simpler state of infancy/childhood and solely express total satisfaction due to the fruits of adulthood/age progression.

One healthy perspective we can assume daily is to experience unstressed-related activities, activities that allow the mind to stop working, allowing as little effort as possible to have enjoyment. Activities that fall in this category are meditation, sleep (adequate), and smiling/laughing at no one's or no things expense.

Humanity's hatred of intangible elements such as the willing/unwilling passing of time suggests exactly where or from what we seek answers concerning the uncontrollable. We seek these answers in time. As well, our present situation to one of the past since our personal and situation (physical and mental) is indeed a function of time, or at the very least a direct correlation.

A common misinterpretation to the popular saying, "the grass is always greener on the other side" also exists. The expression gives us a comfortable illusion as we displace natural discouragement for our present situation. We see desire for our situation to be less than another's. "The grass was greener in childhood" is in my present adulthood then in the corrected version. The reason why we say the situation of another is better than our own is because we believe their situation can be attainable in the future (if we work harder or prioritize- adult attributes). This can be seen when we observe a more wealthy, successful individuals. Unconsciously, the true version is unrecognized because attaining a situation that is impossible to attain rarely is mentioned.

Control plays a major part in this suppression. Truthfully, we have little control as to turning back our biological clock, and erasing all our experiences that led to our present unwanted maturity (our forced exit from childhood). The normal trains of adult thinking tend to wipe out our dreams by dealing with taxing objectives, such as interacting with other adults and bottling up emotions in public because we feel we simply have to.

And so, I conclude with gained wisdom that classifies a pained disloyalty of shaving to be severely liberating, serving to honor a time when picking our noses was not a crime, when swear words stunned our ears, and when my father was with out a doubt the strongest man in the world. And you know what? He still is.

embodiment

Herpes is real, it can happen to you

Becky Searles
Junior

When you hear the word "herpes," what do you think of? A prostitute? Someone who sleeps around? Do you react with "Ew, gross!"? Or "Wow, you'll have that forever..."? Whatever you think, it's probably far from a bright, responsible, and social woman right on this UNH campus. Especially one who maintains at least a 3.0 GPA, loves being a Music Education major, is involved in a lot of important organizations (Student Senate, the GLBT Commission and Peer Ed to name a few) and holds a job in the Affirmative Action Office. The person described above is not fictional. We do exist, and I would venture to say you know someone with herpes, even if you don't know that they actually have it.

I was in a relationship with a wonderful older man who didn't know how to tell the truth. I trusted him, and we never had sex without a condom. He didn't tell me about his history of herpes, and I never really gave much thought to possibly contracting an STI from him.

"It will never happen to me!" is a feeling many of us have until it does happen to us. I thought I had herpes the very first night I had noticed it, the tingling in my legs, itchiness in the vaginal area, a slight fever and one blister. When I woke up the next morning and went to the bathroom, I felt like I was on fire. I knew something wasn't right, but I was so scared because this had never happened before! (Warning to people with vaginas: DO NOT use yeast infection cream on the rash when having an outbreak!) I waited a couple of days to see if it would go away. I also did research about it on the internet and attended a Herpes Chat on AOL. Finally, I just couldn't stand it anymore (I couldn't walk, sit, stand, or move without wincing from the pain) so I made an appointment that night with a male doctor to get it checked out. He stuck a swab in a lesion and told me it looked "herpetic" but he would definitely call me with the results on Tuesday. TUESDAY! It was a Friday! I couldn't wait that long to know something THIS important! To me, then, this was life or death!

When I got diagnosed with herpes, I was put on Acyclovir, a common treatment for herpes. Do I think it sped up the antibody formation and the healing process? Not really. Did it get better after three weeks? Yes. Did I go through the feeling of being "dirty" and thinking no one would ever want me again? Yes. Then I realized that I have a perfect opportunity to help educate

others. As much as I wanted to meet someone else who I knew had it, I also knew that I could make people think twice about whom they are sleeping with and stress how important it is to get tested. Many people think "Oh, it will never happen to me" and still will after reading this article or seeing my Sexuality Peer Ed program. It is to those that I say "You're still welcome to contact me when it happens to you or someone you love." I feel like I have looked everywhere for that connection, especially on the Internet and at Boston's HELP group, a herpes/HPV support and info group. I was the youngest member at the meeting attended. When I told people I was very open about telling others about living with herpes, they thought I was incredibly brave. Herpes becomes real when you know someone living with something so secret, so "shameful." I don't want to say I wouldn't take a pill to get rid of it (if one was very available in the future), but if I had to take the person I was before herpes or the person I've become, I would have no regrets about choosing who I am today. Now, herpes is about as big a deal for me as having a hangnail. I do believe, however, that it is worth something if even ONE person thinks more carefully before they have sex.

I honestly haven't dated very much since getting this, but I tell everyone on the first date, before we get too involved. It starts something like "Do you know what a cold sore is?" and go on to relating that to genital herpes. It's hard, especially when I really like the person, but it is so much better for everyone involved if I present the facts up front and let the person make an informed decision. It is really hard to meet college-age people with herpes who know that they have it and will admit it; I understand it's probably due to the age and the stereotype/shame. I've told all my friends though, and most, while shocked, were impressed that I did research the facts about it and are very supportive of me as a person. I almost didn't include my name with this article because I am involved in a lot of student organizations and many people will recognize my name. I wondered if I may be jeopardizing friendships that I haven't formed yet. But people who want to know me and who do know me, and people whom I trust, will still be there.

Becky is a junior and actually does everything listed in this article. Although she's a pretty busy person, she welcomes questions and comments at rsearles@cisunix.unh.edu or look for her and others doing a Sexuality Peer Ed program near you!

Op-Ed

Determining the Support Iraqi people 'anti-American'

Rebecca Gomez
First year graduate student

Time and time again I've complained about the ills of America, its crooked politics, its affection for manifest destiny. Time and time again I have been told that should I desire to leave this so-called "crooked" nation, I am always free to do so. I have to tell you, as a 23-year-old female, I've contemplated it. I near packed the car for the borderlands on Nov. 7, 2000, devastated by the positively scandalous presidential election.

Having been born into this country, my roots are entwined with the roots of America. I have eaten with every meal the blood and sweat of every American before me; shed tears made of the tears of my forefathers. I could never leave this country; I love America far too much to ever want to. No, I favor the well-stated phrase, "I love my country, but mistrust my government." Please do not mistake my intentions in invoking this aphorism, as I have great reverence for the Constitution, the Bill of Rights. Indeed, I would not be who I am today were it not for John F. Kennedy, Roe v. Wade and Thomas Jefferson. My America was won at the cost of lives, and I willingly acknowledge and respect this fact. Because of these people I am free to speak my mind.

What truly disturbs me these days is the veritable Catch-22 attached to my first amendment rights. I disagree with George W. Bush's intentions to wage war. Okay, I'll say it, direct: I disagree with George W. Bush as the commander in chief of this country. My country. Lately, however, I have found myself biting my tongue when in most company, because when I voice my opinions on the issue of war, or proudly say that I voted for Nader in the 2000 election, I am called anti-patriotic, too leftist or candidly told to shut up. Thus, my own belief system has fallen prey to a paradox.

In these "terror marked" days there is a clear line between patriot and anti-patriot. After Sept. 11, in opposing the air strikes on Afghanistan, I was called an anti-patriot. In the bitter minority, I was crucified by my peers for not wanting revenge for the deaths of our sacred two towers. What is not being recognized here is that the roots of patriotism in this country lie within democracy. A democratic society is, at its purest, based on constructivist dialogue. Through this type of dialogue, alternate viewpoints are not only respected and considered, but also encouraged. Without this type of conflict true change cannot come about, the most informed decisions cannot be made. And so, the national dialogue alarmingly absent of democracy, I become the anti-patriot.

I see this type of situation coming about not only with my peers, but also with the lack of attention paid by major media sources to the current anti-war movement. The first sign of this undue censorship came about during the 2000 election when candidates were required to purchase debate airtime rather than being afforded it as a public service.

Without the opportunity to convey their views to would be constituents, the democratic electoral process was undermined and ultimately useless. I must say now that I will be undermined no longer. I must say now that the freedoms of my fellow Americans, whose blood I share, whose lives I have a stake in, will be undermined no longer. I encourage each of you to speak out, to protest this war, these acts of censorship. I propose that these acts, as committed by George W. Bush and by major media officials, are the real anti-patriotic acts. I encourage small media sources to continue to give space to these alternative viewpoints. Without them we become a constituency without power. Without them our "president" becomes the warmongering "Big Brother." Without them comes our true loss of freedom.

Adam Kernnder
Senior

There were two opinion articles published on Jan. 31, which appalled me. Both articles were cries for war, support for a Fascist 'president' who wants to send American soldiers to fight and die for the rich. You may be surprised, or offended that I use the term 'fascist' to describe President Bush, but this is because the understanding of the word is greatly blemished. According to Benito Mussolini, Fascism is Corporatism; the combination of business and government.

"Fascism should more appropriately be called corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power." It is impossible to argue that America has not combined business and government, it's what we pride ourselves on, it is our American Dream, our Freedom. But I digress.

The end of the opinion piece "American's responsibility: support the war" says, "For those people that are concerned for the well-being of the innocent Iraqis, I beg you to take a trip there and see if they mourn for the 3,000 innocent Americans that died just one year ago." I have dear friends who have gone to Iraq, some are there now. The people of Iraq have been mourning along side us for the past year. Saddam Hussein has sent numerous condolences to the American People, via Voices in the Wilderness and Ramsey Clark. He refuses to send condolences to President Bush because our government will not send condolences for the 1.5 million civilians who have been killed as a direct result of American actions over the past decade (according to the United Nations). And no, they are not the actions of past administrations, the current administration is comprised of the exact men who sold Iraq weapons of mass destruction and endorsed the use of chemical weapons against the Kurds; the same men who first assured Saddam that the

United States would not be bothered if he invaded Kuwait then attacked anyway; the same men who ordered the military not to attack the Iraqi army until it was retreating from Kuwait, an international war-crime according to the Geneva Convention; the same men who refuse to lift sanctions which kill 5000 children under the age of 5 every month, the U.N. has reported this on three separate occasions. In a book published in 1997, one member of GW Bush's cabinet claimed that in order for the United States to keep and build upon its empire, it would have to invade and control the entirety of the Middle-East and south-central Asia.

George W. Bush has not provided any evidence that Iraq poses a threat to the United States. He has said that he is sure Saddam is amassing weapons of mass destruction and intends to use them. Since when do the American people accept blindly what our president tells us without looking into the facts ourselves? America was founded on dissent; on the basic idea that governments lie. This is the reason for free-press: to keep the American people aware of government lies, to provide a final check on our leaders. Today, however, the majority of the media is controlled by five corporations: Disney (ABC), AOLTime-Warner, Viacom, Bertelsmann and Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation. These are all \$10 billion+ corporations and have partnerships with defense contractors, which obviously stand to make billions off of a never-ending war in Iraq. It should also be known that the 2003 budget for the military is \$380 billion. The education budget is \$45 billion. \$380 billion?! So much for small government.

Dissent and questioning of the government are requirements of patriotic Americans. Blind faith in a government that has lied and continues to lie to its people for the benefit of the rich is treason. I am appalled that there are so many unpatriotic, undemocratic people infiltrating my motherland.

New options available for meal plans

David May
Executive Director

UNH Dining is attempting to achieve its goal of being the best in its field and exceeding expectations. Dining worked with H. David Porter Associates, Inc. to gather information from our guests to put together our new generation of dining plans. The data gathered through a major on-line survey (2000+ respondents), focus groups and intercept interviews pointed to many opportunities. Two of the areas for improvement that stood out very clearly were hours of operation and value perception. Outside of the Porter and Associates

information, frequent contact with parents gave us a solid frame of reference in regard to the expectations and concerns of a UNH parent. Along with this information, a changing dining landscape is imminent with the opening of Holloway Commons. These factors combined to create a perfect opportunity to launch an exciting, new dining program.

At the core of the program is a 7-day unlimited meal plan. This meal plan would allow the holder entrance into Holloway Commons, Stillings and Philbrook any time they are open, as many times as they wish. Schedules will vary by hall, but

service will be available from 7:15 a.m. - 10 p.m. seven days a week. The 7-day unlimited plan will be mandatory for residential students and available to non-residents. This plan will not be transferable to any of our retail establishments (MUB Food Court, MUB Coffee Office, Wildcatessen, Philbrook Café and the new Café in Holloway Commons). These plans can be upgraded to allow for use in our retail food venues. Three unlimited plans will be available: Silver will be 7-day unlimited, Gold will be 7-day unlimited with 250 Dining Dollars and Platinum will be 7-day unlimited with 500 Dining Dollars. A Dining Dollars

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Wildcat briefs

From Staff Reports

HUGGON ADDS A FEW MORE TO THE TROPHY SHELF

Jen Huggon, a senior goaltender on the fifth-ranked University of New Hampshire women's hockey team, was honored as both Player of the Month and Goaltender of the Month for January by Women's Hockey East on Monday. She was also named the league's Defensive Player of the Week.

It is the seventh, eighth and ninth league awards this season for Huggon, who became the first player to earn top player honors in consecutive weeks (Jan. 20 and Jan. 27). In addition, she is a three-time recipient of Defensive Player of the Week as well as Goaltender of the Month (November).

In eight January games, Huggon went 6-1-1 with a 0.74 GAA and a .965 save percentage. Huggon recorded five shutouts, including three consecutive shutouts (vs. Northeastern twice, Boston College) to match her school record. Huggon was perfect in four league games, as she stopped all 65 shots on goal. In three games against nationally-ranked teams (vs. No. 3 Minnesota, two at No. 6 Wisconsin), she stopped 78 of 83 shots for a 1.62 GAA and a .940 save percentage.

In last weekend's home-and-home series against 10th-ranked Providence College, Huggon went 1-1-0 with a 2.00 GAA and a .935 save percentage. She stopped 26 of 27 shots, including 11 of 12 in the second period, in Sunday's 4-1 victory for a .963 save percentage. Huggon made 32 saves in Saturday's 3-0 loss; of the two goals she surrendered in that game, one came on a breakaway and another was on a PC power play.

Huggon, who holds 10 UNH records, leads the nation in wins (21), minutes (1691:42) and shutouts (11). She is third in save percentage (.930), fourth in GAA (1.56) and sixth in saves (589).

AYERS KEEPS THE AWARDS COMING

Junior goaltender Mike Ayers of the University of New Hampshire men's hockey team was named Goaltender of the Month for January by Hockey East Association and was also named one of the 10 finalists for the Walter Brown Award by the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston.

In the month of January, Ayers owned a 6-1-1 record in eight starts with a 1.88 GAA, .935 save percentage and two shutouts, including a 38 save shutout against Boston University on Jan. 25 at the Whittemore Center.

On the season, Ayers has a 17-6-3 record in 25 starts with a 2.02 GAA and a .932 save percentage. Ayers has five shutouts to his credit this season, which is tied for the NCAA lead as well as the school's single-season shutout record. He currently ranks fourth in the nation in GAA and third in save percentage.

The Walter Brown Award is given annually to the best American-born college hockey player in New England.

Earlier this season, Ayers was named Goaltender of the Month in October and has been named Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week a league-high four times.

The No. 4 ranked Wildcat men's hockey team returns to action on Sunday, Feb. 9 at Providence College. Game time is 4 p.m. at Schneider Arena in Providence, R.I.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

The University of New Hampshire women's track and field team split a tri-meet Saturday afternoon as the Wildcats were edged by the host University of Maine but defeated Central Connecticut State University. The Black Bears amassed 146 points while the Wildcats had 127 and CCSU finished at 90. UNH won five events and

had runner-up finishes in five other events. Lesley Read led a strong Wildcat contingent by winning the 800-meter race in a time of two minutes, 18 seconds. Chelsea Corr and Kristen Taschereau finished third and fourth, respectively. In the mile, Megan Hepp earned first place in a time of 5:05.71 and was followed by Liz Stokinger in fourth and Jennifer Busse in fifth. Busse also placed fifth in the 1000m, which was won by teammate Michelle Zitta in 3:07.24.

Caitlin Hayes recorded the fastest time in the 3000 (10:04.49) and Lauren Tebbetts had the day's top performance in the pole vault of 10-feet.

In the middle distance races, Leighann Carpenter finished second in the 400m and Katie Litwinowich was second in the 500m.

In the field events, UNH captured second place in the shot put, high jump and weight throw with respective efforts by Latoia Harrison, Katie Murray and Jessica Descartes.

Tracy Lambert was a third-place finisher in both the long jump and triple jump.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

One day after defeating the University of Maine, the University of New Hampshire men's and women's swim teams returned to

action to compete against Boston College at Swasey Pool on Sunday. The visiting Eagles swept the meet with a 172-128 victory in the women's competition and a 196-95 victory in men's action.

Kristen Nardozi had an outstanding day in the freestyle races by winning three events. She recorded the fastest time in the 200-yard (one minute, 54.25 seconds), 200 (5:08.39) and 1,000 (10:31.07).

Melissa Lague and Shannon Daly both won two events. Both of Lague's victories came in the backstroke (100- 58.15; 200-2:04.39) and Daly won a pair of events in the breaststroke (100-1:06.24; 200-2:22.23).

Lague teamed with Jaime Crowley, Ashley Fish and Amanda Paul to record the fastest time in the 200 medley relay.

The men's team was led by Chris Johnstone, who won both the 1-meter (235.35 points) and 3-meter (241.95).

Doug Heller was the only other individual winner. He touched the wall first in the 100 free with a time of 48.18. Heller combined with Steve Tamas, Deron Huff and Dan Brittan to win the 200 medley relay.

The UNH swim teams are scheduled to return to action Feb. 14-16 at the America East Championships, which are hosted by the University of Maine.

GARE, from back page

with the late game-winner.

"It had a little bit of everything: Glass breaking, fist throwing, and some OT," said Maine Coach Tim Whitehead. "It was just real exciting." The game started off with a bang, as it only took 1:12 for the fish to be thrown when senior Lanny Gare scored his conference leading 17th goal of the season. Senior Colin Hemingway assisted on the score.

Maine answered minutes later when the UNH defense got caught up in Maine's zone which led to a three on



Allie Gaines - Staff Writer

Steve Saviano makes a quick stop while the Whittemore faithfuls look on in white.

one break for the Black Bears and a goal from Derek Damon. It was the odd man attacks that killed UNH for the two first period goals.

"You have to let it go, it's not the end of the world," said Hobey Baker candidate Gare after the game. "It's unacceptable giving up two goals in the last seven seconds, especially in overtime, but you have to let it go and get ready for the next game."

The Saturday showdown was a veteran vs. the rookie match-up between

Ayers and Howard, and the elder got the upper hand. Ayers stopped 31 shots, while Howard turned away 34, while letting four slip past him in the defeat. It was UNH's first win in the last three tries against Maine.

"It's good to get back in the win column," Ayers said. "It's always a big rivalry with UNH-Maine and especially with all of the fans that came out to watch us. It was a fun game to play in."

For Gare, fresh off his Hobey Baker nomination, the senior sent scouts away remembering the number 18 in the blue and white jersey. He scored the first and last goals of the game, in what could have been the biggest win of the season for the Wildcat nation.

Nathan Martz also added a second period goal, and Sean Collins scored what proved to be the game winner late in the second also.

"It was the first time we played Maine here at the at the

Verizon Wireless in front of 10,100 fans, it was built up to high expectations and it was everything you thought it was going to be," Umile said.

The split brings the fifth ranked 'Cats to 18-6-3 overall, and 12-4-1 in the conference. Maine sits at 21-2-4, and 11-2-3. Both teams are in a tie for first place along with Boston College. The Black Bears stole the season series 2-1. UNH is 3-1-1 this year against number one teams in the country.

HUGGON, from back page

Bernhard made a great move but Bugden's move was one more step better because her move got her the save. With 7:39 left in the period though, sophomore left winger Stephanie Jones made a great maneuver past the Friar defense and junior right winger Carolyn Gordon got right past the stick side of Bugden. UNH kept the attack going with 2:19 left in the period when freshman center Vicki Davis skated from Bugden's right to left and had an absolutely wide open net but shot it to the side of the net. Senior right winger Chandy Kaip quickly skated to get the puck and brought it right back in front of the net and scored. At the end of one, UNH took the 2-0 lead and let Providence know that they are for real.

The second period didn't bring any more success for Providence.

With 9:12 left, junior defenseman Allison Edgar seemed as if she just wanted to put a shot on goal and hope to get lucky. And she most definitely got lucky. Bugden was caught sleeping and the puck went right in between her legs. However, with 4:18 left, Providence showed some signs of hope. Darlene Stephenson ruined the Huggon shutout when she collected a rebound off a shot from Meredith Roth and shot it top shelf for the goal. With some of the momentum leaning towards PC, UNH tried to remain calm and consistent and maintain the 3-1 lead after two periods.

The third period became a battle scene and remained very quiet except for one point. With 14:43 remaining in the game,

Gordon skated in towards Bugden and spotted Jones at the corner of her eye. Gordon started skating to the right to veer attention away from Jones and then passed it to her and she was wide open. Jones made a great deke past Bugden and seemed to secure the game for the Wildcats with her power play goal. No one else was able to score and UNH kept the goal alive with a 4-1 victory over the Friars.

"Yesterday, we didn't play our potential. We needed to get more shots and more scoring opportunities," said Jones. "The larger ice at home is better for us and we will need to adapt to all sizes. Our backbone all season has been Jen (Huggon) and she has been absolutely amazing for us. We haven't felt like we've played bad all season and we definitely played bad yesterday."

"This was a huge game for us because we know they are good," said UNH head coach Brian McCloskey. "They didn't win by accident yesterday. But what we've noticed is that if we get the early lead, we can play successfully the whole game. We need to focus on carrying the puck longer and I don't want any of the girls to focus on two weeks from now (when they reunite with PC). We will be confident one game at a time."

UNH gets the joy of having a home game two more times this season. One of the two comes this Friday when Quinnipiac University rolls into Durham for a 7 p.m. game.

Vote for UNH Hobey Baker candidates Lanny Gare and Colin Hemingway at www.voteforhobey.com

No holds barred

By Matthew Doucet
Staff Columnist

Bill Russell's *Sportscency* should be required viewing for every member of this country. The man is truly one of the most important figures of the Twentieth Century, not just basketball history. He possesses so many great qualities that just coming into contact with him will have a positive effect on your life.

Not that I care at all, but does it make sense to anyone that, going into this weekend's game, the Duke Women were number one and UConn was number two? How did they arrive at that conclusion? I don't even follow Women's College Basketball and it would take me about two seconds for me to tell you that

UConn is the best team in the nation. They haven't lost in two years. How can anyone be ranked ahead of them? It just doesn't make any sense.

I'm probably the only one whose waiting for Al Davis to clear cap room for next year by just having people whacked, huh?

The fact that the 2002-2003 Boston Celtics now have the two worst losses in franchise history and will still probably have home court in the first round of the playoffs has to be one of the most mystifying facts of all-time.

I know that I'm probably going to get hit by lightning for even thinking this but I really don't know if Tiger's return is going to slow Ernie Els down this year. Ernie's always had all the talent in the

The redcoats are coming

world but never seemed to be able to put it together and sustain it for long periods of time, but he's making everything look so easy. He's so confident that I don't know that Tiger will be able to do much about it this year.

Alright, I'm going to say it. Ayers' mother's dog really, really bothers me.

Good timing for the Lebron column. Really good. Rip into the Athletic Commission for not having the guts to suspend him for buying a Hummer on the same day he gets bagged for a couple of retro jerseys. Smooth. (Still, I'll bet you anything he gets reinstated before the end of the year.)

I really don't want to say this because Cooper is going to be so fired up about this that I won't be able to tolerate him

on Monday night, but you can mark this down right now. Syracuse is going to the Final Four. Do the math. Carmelo Anthony simply can't be stopped, Hakim Warrick is a nightmare to match up against. Gerry McNamara is the requisite gritty white guy. The 2-3 zone always gives teams trouble. Once Billy Edelin gets in the mix, watch out.

This whole Kevin Millar situation is really, really bizarre. I don't think that they can make him play in Japan if he really doesn't want to, but if he wanted to play in Boston all along, why didn't he just sign with us in the first place? Now he's created this whole situation, where, even if he does sign with us, Japanese assassins will be making threats against his life daily and he'll have to quit the game. Sorry.

Wildcats show signs of improving in loss

Freshman Ronnie Dennis poured in a career high 21 points as UNH drops fifth straight game



Men's Basketball

UNH: 71
Stony Brook: 77

By Anthony Doucet
TNH Reporter

Despite the fact that the Wildcats picked up their 17th loss of the season on Sunday, with a 77-71 defeat at the hands of the Stony Brook Seawolves, the Wildcats received more encouraging

news for next year, as Freshman guard Ronnie Dennis netted a career high 21 points off the bench for the Wildcats, and fellow freshman Shejdie Childs contributed 16 more.

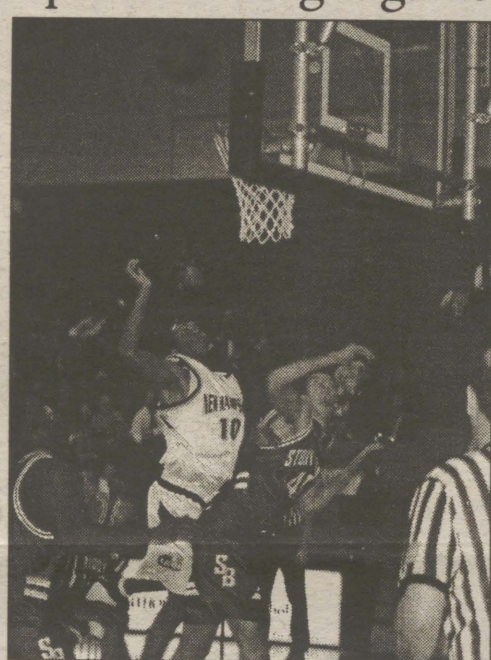
The 'Cats played a tough first half, as they went into the intermission trailing by four at 42-38, though it would have been worse had it not been for Griffin Walker. With just over three and a half minutes to play in the first half, the junior college transfer took over, scoring nine of the Wildcats' next 13, to cut the Seawolves lead from nine to a more manageable four. The Seawolves built their lead up with much help from D.J. Munir, who scored 17 of his game high 23 in the first half alone.

In the second half, the Wildcats were unable to get any closer than three points, despite 14 of Dennis' 21 coming in the second half, as hot shooting of the Seawolves kept them from getting any closer. Stony Brook connected on 50 percent of its three pointers for the second half, and connected on five of six free throws down the stretch to ice the game.

Looking at the stat sheet, it is easy to see where the game was lost for the Wildcats. Childs, Walker, Dennis and Shawn Collette (eight points) played very well, connecting on over half the shots they took, while the rest of the team shoot just over 17 percent from the field for the game, including a combined 1 for 12 out of starters Ioannis

Karalis, Marcus Bullock, and Kyle Peterson.

The loss dropped the Wildcat's into sole possession of last place in the America East Conference, with a 1-8 record, and 3-17 overall. Stony Brook won its fifth in a row, and fourth in a row in America East, squaring them up at 4-4 in conference, and 10-9 overall. The Wildcats now travel to Maine to take on the Black Bears, in a match-up that will receive much less attention than this past weekend's hockey battles.



Bettina Stephenson - Staff Photographer
Ronnie Dennis skies for a rebound.

Matthias's magic not enough

Maren Matthias's 11th double double isn't enough as Cats drop another



Women's Basketball

UNH: 72
Stony Brook: 90

From Staff Reports

Maren Matthias notched her 11th double-double of the season with 27 points and 11 rebounds, but the University of New Hampshire women's basketball team fell to Stony Brook 90-72 Sunday afternoon at the SBU sports complex. Matthias has now recorded three-straight double-doubles and five in the last six games.

Colleen Mullen dished out a career-high 10 assists for New Hampshire (7-11, 2-5 America East), becoming the first Wildcat to dish out 10 assists since Karen Pinkos in 1988. Geneva Livingston registered 12 points, while freshman Ebony Woods had a season-high for the second-straight game, notching 11 points in 14 minutes.

Aubrey Danen netted eight points and needs just one point to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

After trailing 17-10 5:36 into the first half on a jumper by Stony Brook's (5-13, 3-4) Sherry Jordan (24 points, 11 rebounds), UNH went on a 6-0 run capped by an Emily Caschera basket over the next 46 seconds. UNH took a 27-25 lead at the 9:12 mark on a Kate Poulin basket and would go up 36-29 with 5:04 to play. Stony Brook would come back to tie the game at 38 at halftime.

The Wildcats would never lead in the second half as the Seawolves jumped out to a quick five-point lead, 48-43, 2:45 into the second half. SBU would gradually pull away in the second half as they took a 63-52 lead with 11:02 to play. A Matthias lay-up cut Stony Brook's lead to seven at the 8:37 mark but the 'Cats would get no closer.

UNH returns to action Wednesday, Feb. 5, when it hosts first-place Maine in a 7 p.m. contest at Lundholm Gymnasium.



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Maren Matthias sizes up for a free throw.

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'Cats left wondering what may have been

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Men's
Hockey

UNH split with
Maine

By Joe Kennerson
Staff Writer

In a weekend that included Hockey East's top two goaltenders, two top scorers, thunder sticks, and over 16,600 fans in two venues, the UNH-Maine men's hockey rivalry lived up to every expectation. And it was the type of glass-shattering excitement that you can only see once a year. This weekend's series ended up in a split with the Wildcats taking game one at the Verizon Wireless Arena 4-2, and Maine stealing the spotlight on Sunday 3-2 in overtime at the Wittemore Center.

Sunday's showdown was disappointing to say the least for Wildcat fans. With 6.8 seconds remaining in overtime, a centering pass from Black Bear Francis

Nault ricocheted off of teammate Lucas Lawson's skate and past goaltender Mike Ayers to drain out the Wittemore Center thunder.

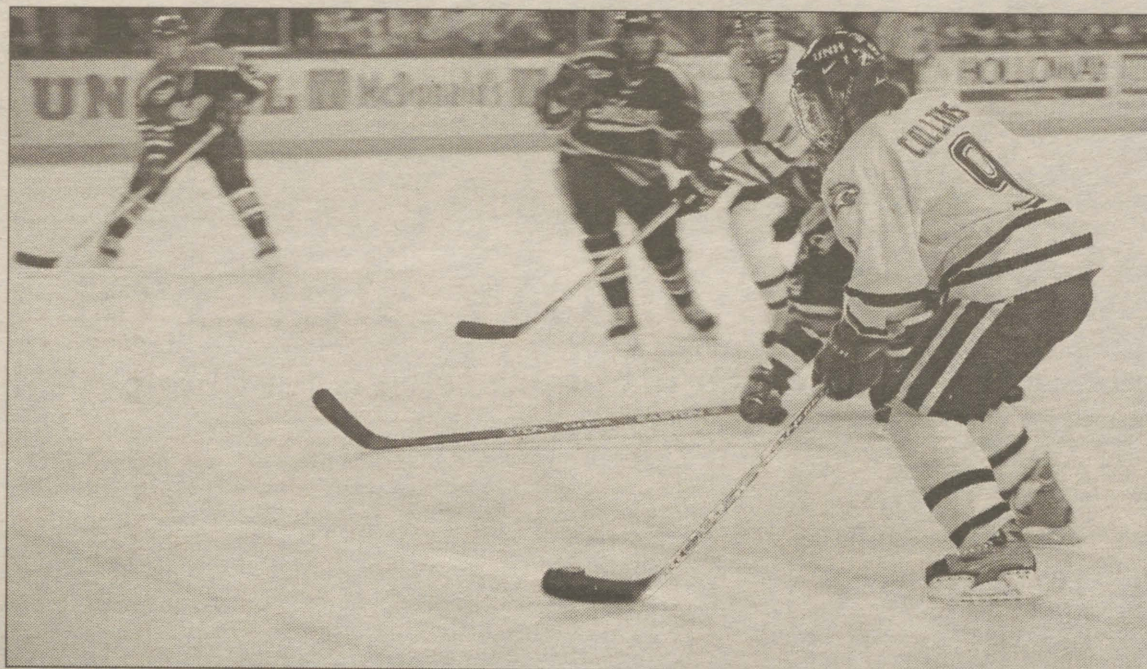
"I worked my way to the net trying to get a shot on goal, because that's what the coach stressed in overtime," said Lawson. "Somehow the puck found the back of the net. I think it went off of my foot."

"The kid (Nault) just passed it across and I poked checked it, and I have no idea what happened after that," said a somber Ayers. "I don't know where it went by me, and I don't know what it went off of."

The unusual part isn't that Maine scored with six seconds remaining. The unusual part is that it was the second time in the game that the top ranked team in the country scored with just seconds on the clock. The first came late in the first period when Black Bear Tom Reimann converted on a second chance opportunity to take a 2-1 lead.

"It's a real disappointing loss because I think we played extremely well this entire weekend, and two six-second goals were obviously the difference today," said UNH Coach Dick Umile.

The two late scores did help, but the difference in the game wasn't on the offensive end for Maine, it was freshman goalie



Allie Gaines - Staff Photographer

Sean Collins (9) pushes the puck into three Maine defenders Sunday. In game one of the series, Collins scored what proved to be the game-winning goal.

Jimmy Howard. Howard proved this weekend that he is not just one of the best freshmen in the country, but among the best goalies in the land. He stopped 35 UNH shots, despite 6501 in attendance with thunder sticks, yelling down his throat.

"I actually fed off the noise," said the 18 year-old Howard. "I loved it when they were yelling at me. It just got me pumped to play even harder."

Down 2-1 midway through the third period, things looked down for the Wildcats. But a glass-shattering check from Jim Abbott ignited UNH. What followed was a 200-foot play that tied the game. It came on a UNH power play, where Maine came with a two on one break, which was magically broken up by Ayers. Abbott then gathered the puck, sent it across ice to a wide open Josh Prudden who slid it

past Howard.

"I came off the bench a little late on my change," said Prudden. "I went in all alone, just tried to go five-hole and it found the back of the net."

The 'Cats took the momentum in OT, outplayed the Black Bears throughout much of the extra stanza, and then let the game slip through their grasp

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Jones keeps Wildcats from going under

Super Sophomore Stephanie Jones keeps UNH from getting swept by the Friars of Providence

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Women's
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UNH split with
Providence

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As the season is starting to slowly end, the University of New Hampshire women's hockey team is still in the hunt for the Hockey East title. Coming into the weekend, they were trailing the Friars of Providence College by one point (19 points to UNH's 18). With this in mind and knowing that they'd face Providence once more later on in

the season, UNH set their goal on taking two of the three contests.

On Saturday night in Providence, UNH was really out-battled since the first puck dropped. In the first period, PC out shot UNH by a total of nine shots to five. But senior goalie Jen Huggon stayed strong like she knows how to do. In the second however, the phenomenon was rushed many times and the results showed. With 2:25 gone in the second, Danielle Culgin received a pass from Danielle Bourget on a two-on-one and gave Huggon no chance of the save. The Friars attacked yet once again with only 51 seconds left when Ashley Payton shot a nasty looking slap shot and Huggon appeared to be blinded and had no chance of seeing the puck until it was too late. At the end of two, UNH went into the locker room looking for ways to regroup and get the



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Freshman Vicki Davis splits two defenders into open ice on Sunday.

weekend started off well.

Once again, Payton left UNH no mercy. Hilary Greaves shot in a puck from the red line and Huggon was unable to hold the rebound and Payton was knock, knock, knocking on

Huggon's door for the clincher. The Providence attack was too much for UNH to get anything shaking on offense and the Wildcats were shutout for the third time on the season, 3-0.

Coming back to their home turf, the women of UNH hockey knew they had to win this big game in order to keep their goals in tact. Not only were the goals met, but the team seemed to gain much more confidence as one.

"Coming off a tough loss, you have to know nothing is over," said Huggon. "I feel I always need to work it out for my team and yesterday I kind of let them down. We left our loss in the locker room and got our second chance today."

In the first period of Sunday's game, junior right winger Debbie Bernhard skated in on a one on one with goalie Jana Bugden on a PC power play.

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