



N.H. house bill could end affirmative action

By Lisa Arsenault
Staff Writer

Andy Houston and 22 other members of the Diversity Support Coalition (DSC) gather in a circle at Sunday night's weekly meeting and engage themselves in a passionate discussion about affirmative action. They are discussing House Bill 55, an anti-affirmative action bill proposed for the New Hampshire Legislature this spring by Rep. Michael Harrington of Barrington.

At the DSC meeting, Houston raises the central question, "How does diversity enhance your education?" DSC members chime in with heartfelt answers because they feel that without affirmative action in New Hampshire, diversity would suffer.

Senior Stacey Lehrer says diversity enhances education because it makes it possible to have different perspectives on things. Junior Jessica Johnson says diversity is important because learning doesn't just happen in the classroom. Senior Briana Sevigny says that diversity is important to education if you want the experience to reflect the real world and educate yourself as to where our world is going. And Junior Ben Gnacik says it's important because college is the first time out of your comfort zone, and you learn so much about yourself.

Although Rep. Harrington agrees that being in a diverse environment is an enhancing experience, affirmative action is not the right means to the end. Harrington remembers his own college experience and says that through his South American roommate he met a lot of students from diverse backgrounds.

"It was a personally rewarding experience, but it doesn't justify discriminating against someone. Two wrongs don't make a right," Harrington said.

Affirmative action is defined in Webster's dictionary as any policy to increase opportunities for women and



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Members of the DSC discuss the issue of affirmative action at their weekly meeting.

minorities, especially in employment. At UNH, goals set to increase diversity of faculty, staff and students fall into the category of affirmative action. Rep. Harrington has called the concept of affirmative action in New Hampshire into question over the past two years. Harrington sponsored the anti-affirmative action House Bill 1304, which was defeated, and has now authored House Bill 55, a similar bill with a few changes in language.

Affirmative action is also being called into question on a national level this spring. On April 1, the U.S. Supreme

Court is set to hear and decide a landmark affirmative action case over the admissions procedures of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and its law school, where applicants are given point values for being minorities. The ruling could make the application of the principles of affirmative action to college admissions unconstitutional.

Although Harrington's opponents have said that House Bill 55 should be suspended until a U.S. Supreme Court decision has been made, Harrington said that unless the Supreme Court ruled the preferential treatment was mandatory, the

ruling would have no bearing on his bill.

According to Harrington, increasing diversity for the sake of education is not a higher goal that is worthy of discriminating against someone else. Harrington uses the example of UNH hockey compared to UNH basketball. He said that just because the UNH men's hockey team has more white players than the UNH men's basketball team doesn't mean that the UNH hockey team gives preferential treatment to white hockey players, they just take the best hockey players and the best basketball players they can get.

"What I'm saying is that there should be the same standard we apply to admissions and hiring, not the arbitrary group they've been assigned to," Harrington said. "I find that a little condescending to minorities that if we don't give them preferential treatment that they won't be accepted."

But according to Andy Houston and many other members of the DSC throughout their discussion, House Bill 55 itself is condescending to minorities, not affirmative action.

"What the bill is really saying is that minorities are less qualified and that UNH is turning down more qualified students to bring in students of color," Houston said.

Houston and other members of the DSC are not the only ones who oppose the bill. The bill is also being opposed by the University System of New Hampshire because it goes against the system's commitment to enrolling a diverse student body.

The University System's legal counsel Ronald Rodgers has testified in front of the bill's committee and subcommittee during the past month. The committee will give a recommendation to the Legislature of either "ought to pass" or "inexpedient to legislate," which would be a recommendation not to pass the bill. The bill then goes to the floor

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Student Senate passes blue light resolution

By Tristan Law
Staff Writer

On Sunday evening the Student Senate passed a bill concerning the adequacy of blue lights around campus.

The bill, introduced by Skip Burns, the student body vice president, and Dave Smith, a co-Hubbard senator described the lights as "of inferior quality," and said that the lights need to be upgraded to properly serve their purpose to the University community.

Blue lights, which can be seen scattered around campus, are safety spots where a distressed student can call for help. However at any moment, several blue lights or their call boxes may be out of order.

In his statement to the Senate, Burns described the system as inadequate and stated that the University needs to improve this system. Currently, the University allocates \$37,000 a year for the blue lights. This money goes toward the maintenance, upgrading and installation of the lights, though at only five lights per year it is a slow process.

With more money, blue lights could be installed in areas that need them. For example, the Turf

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Jukebox rocks the MUB, again



Bettina Stephenson - Staff Photographer

Students were treated to a night of free fun at the Jukebox II, which included a hypnotist, TheatreSports, caricatures, karaoke, cotton candy, an 80s cover band and much more. The event was sponsored by the Campus Activity Board.

Thursday, Feb. 13

* Open auditions will be held at the Hennessy Theatre for performers to tour with the Little Red Wagon children's theatre from 12:30-1:30p.m. The tour runs May 27-August 16 (days, nights, weekdays, and weekends). Salary, housing and transportation are provided. You can pickup audition requirements, tour details, and an application at the UNH Paul Creative Arts Center (PCAC), room D-22. Applications are due Feb. 12 by 11a.m.

* Proposal Writing Workshops for students wishing to apply to the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) will be held from 4-5:30p.m. in MUB room 203. Come learn how to write a good research proposal!

Tuesday, Feb. 18

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this date. You will need to attend all 4 sessions. There is a \$30 fee for the course, to cover our expenses. Handouts, colorful slides and many of the supplies are provided! There is a 25-person maximum to the class, so reserve your space soon! To register, please contact Bianca Moebius at 223-0083 or bianca@beginnerfarmers.org

*The UNH Yoga Club offers Free Yoga and Meditation Class every Tuesday 5:30-6:15p.m. in

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* 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.



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Snow to blame for Wildcat Transit accidents

By Scott Kinney
TNH Reporter

Wintry weather was to blame for the two accidents involving UNH transit buses this past Friday.

The first occurred in Dover at the intersection of Routes 155 and 9 at 1:56 p.m. A 2001 Dodge Ram pickup truck failed to stop at a red light and collided with a Wildcat Transit bus running the Dover route. Officer Marn Spediell of the Dover Police Department stated that the primary cause of the accident was the weather. No injuries were reported.

The second accident occurred in Durham some time in the afternoon on Mill Road. Deputy Chief Rene Kelly of the Durham Police Department said that he has yet to see the incident report, and was unable to discuss the other vehicle involved or the exact na-



Heather Bergeron - TNH Photographer

Two accidents involving UNH transit buses has resulted from the slippery winter weather.

ture of the accident, though he did say that there were no injuries reported.

Beverly Cray, assistant manager of UNH Transit, tried to make it clear that safety is foremost in the minds of all those involved in the transit program.

"During weather like that we stress safety first to our drivers," Cray said. "Being on time is the last thing we are concerned about. Driving safely and having plenty of driving distance from the vehicle in front of them are the two biggest things. Any driver that is not comfortable driving in those types of conditions are taken off the road."

Cray also wanted to assure everyone that the transit system is safe.

"We have one of the lowest accident rates for a transit system. We have a very intensive driver program to help prepare our drivers."

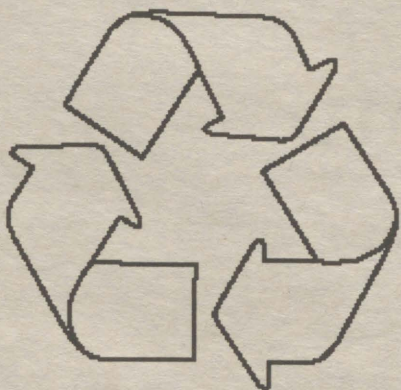
Valentine blood drive

From Staff Reports

Durham Red Cross Valentine blood drives will be held this week in the Granite State Room of the MUB from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 11, 12 and 13.

Red Cross volunteers urge all students to "Give someone another Valentine. Donate the gift of life. All blood types are needed. You can make a difference." For information or service, call Durham Red Cross at 868-9692.

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Stormy winter causes snow removal woes

By Ari Becker
Staff Writer

The skiers, snowboarders and snow enthusiasts of all ages have enjoyed a snow-heavy winter that New Hampshire hasn't seen in recent years. The only downside to such great amounts of snow is the heavy burden it puts upon the UNH Facilities and their Grounds and Roads crew to keep the roads clear.

The current snow level as of Feb. 10, 2003 is 55.7 inches with another five inches expected to fall by this morning. According to Irving Canner, executive director of Facilities Management Services, this is 23 inches greater than the normal level during this period.

Moving the snow and keeping roads and walkways clear has cost UNH \$97,403 since July, almost all of their \$100,000 yearly budget for snow removal, and the snow isn't getting any cheaper.

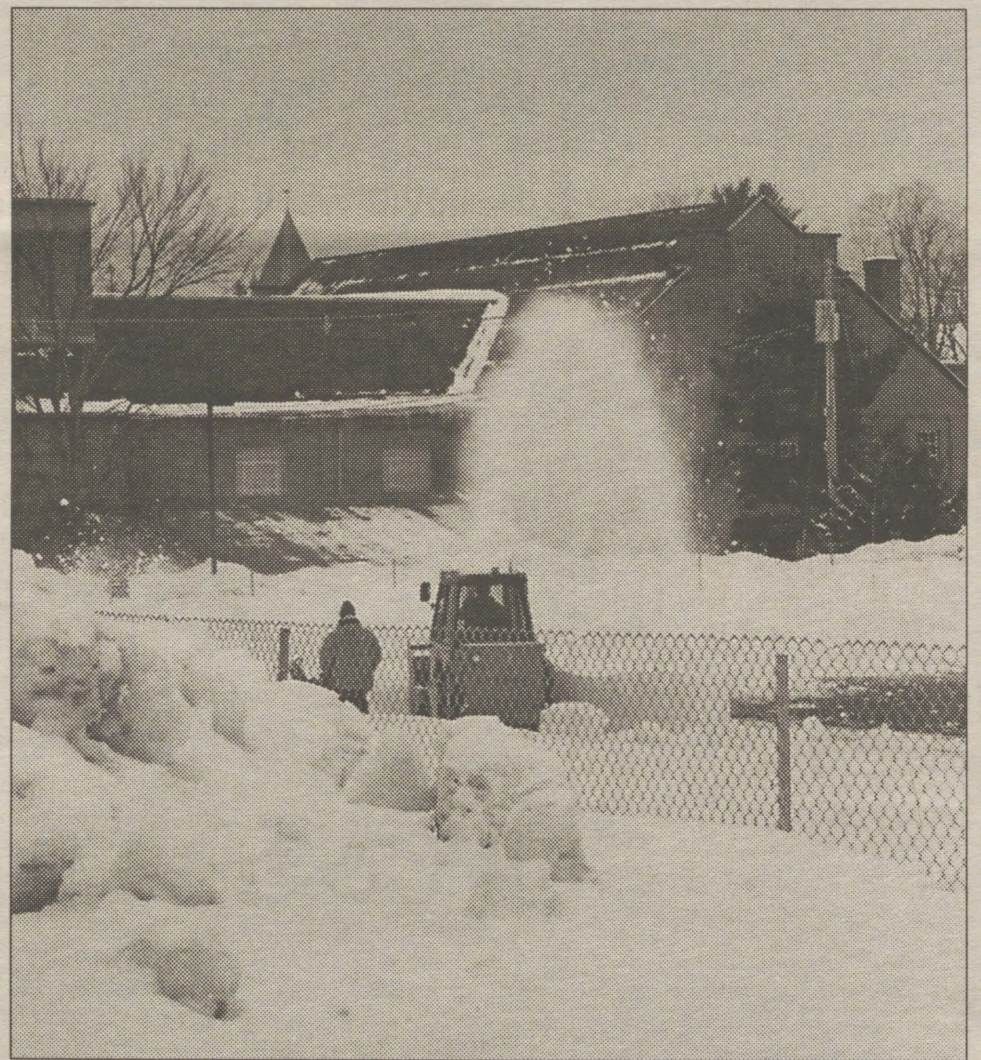
"It costs about \$1,700 per inch (of snowfall for) snow removal," said Canner.

The immediate focus of snow removal is to keep the core campus, the area between Main Street, College Road and Mill Road, clear, Canner said.

University Grounds and Roads were unable to comment due to their need to prepare for Monday night's snowfall.

The other problem associated with moving the snow is that there haven't been very many days with temperatures above freezing to help melt the snow, and Grounds and Roads is simply running out of room to put all of the white powder.

"It's getting to the point of there being nowhere to take the snow," said Canner.



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The UNH Facilities and Grounds and Roads crews have had to work extra hard with all the snow Durham has seen so far this winter.

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of the House of Representatives.

Rodgers urged the committee to vote against the bill. He defended the goals and guidelines the University uses in hiring and admissions as part of a mission statement put in place expressly to ensure a quality education for students enrolled in the university system. Part of that quality education, Rodgers said, is dependent on a student body that is diverse "in the fullest sense of the word," including geographic, socioeconomic, and experiential diversity.

"Diversity of people, experiences and ideas is an important element and aspect of the learning process, and a reality in today's world and global economy," Rodgers testified.

"The sole purpose for this approach, recognized explicitly in our mission statement, is to make our students' educational experiences the best they can possibly be."

Anti-affirmative action advocates fear that by setting goals and guidelines like those outlined by the USNH policy, universities and other employers would be hiring people because they fit into a certain category, not because they are most qualified. What are set out as goals and guidelines then become quotas.

Pat Gormley, special assistant to the president on Affirmative Action at UNH, said that although UNH has specific goals in recruiting and hiring minorities, there are not quotas.

"We don't fill a position until we get a minority — that's what a quota would be. The assumption is that you find under-qualified people to fill them, which of course is not true here," Gormley said.

Rodgers' testimony echoed Gormley's point.

"The University System of New Hampshire does not in any way, shape or form use quotas, set asides, or numerical evaluations that assign points on the basis of one's race, ethnicity, national origin, sex or religion," Rogers said.

At UNH, Human Resources office oversees the implementation of the affirmative action plan. They make hiring goals within individual departments by doing a marketing analysis. But

rather than reaching that goal by hiring only minorities for a certain number of positions, minorities are "recruited" by analyzing the applicant pools and trying to get a greater diversity of people to apply for job openings.

Even if House Bill 55 were to be passed, however, those types of efforts would still be legal. Rodgers brought this point up in his testimony.

"HB 55...would permit the University System to continue to do just exactly what it is and has been doing, thus raising the question, Why take the time and effort to pass a law that has no practical effect?" Rodgers told the committee.

The concern of Gormley and others who oppose the bill

is that its passage would create a "chilling effect," meaning minorities would be more reluctant to apply and employers or admissions representatives would be more reluctant to seek out minorities because they would be afraid of being labeled as 'giving preferences'.

Houston agreed.

"It's a very unwelcoming bill. It says, 'you're not welcome; you're not qualified.'"

Houston will debate affirmative action and House Bill 55 from the UNH perspective on New Hampshire Public Radio Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. He will be debating against anti-affirmative action advocate and Dartmouth College student Robert Butts.

SENATE, from front page

Fields, A-lot, Area 3, the Thompson School of Applied Science, Thompson Hall and Murkland Hall areas are in need of blue lights. Also proposed in this bill is the exploration of wireless technology, which could decrease the cost and difficulty involved in installing and upgrading the blue lights.

With the University making budget

cuts, the passing of the bill assures that the blue lights remain a high priority to the students and that they will receive the same amount of money as they have in the past.

Lynn Smith, the coordinator of Student Services for Telecommunications, has been working on this project for a number of years.

"You really can't go wrong allocating money for safety," she said.

Nate Smith, a senator from Alexander Hall agreed. "I feel good about it; it's definitely needed."

Dave Smith, a senator from Hubbard Hall, was glad that the bill passed.

"We need to make sure that it's a high priority," he said.

"In a dream world, the University could give a million dollars to the blue lights," Burns said. "But we need to do what we can with what we have. The best thing would be to be able to see a blue light in each direction. We need to let the University know that this is an issue of importance to the students."

More schools incorporate training for jobs in homeland security

By Chris Walsh
FView & Florida Flambeau (Florida State U.)

(U-WIRE) TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Three years ago, area colleges and universities hustled to create courses that would prepare students for jobs in the booming high-tech industry.

Now, with the tech economy in shambles, higher education has shifted its focus to one of today's hottest sectors: homeland security.

Trade schools, colleges and universities are offering new programs in everything from computer security — key for preventing cyber-attacks — to crime scene investigation — valuable for tracking down terrorists. The classes will target those in security-type jobs, as well as those interested in learning the skills.

Some colleges are incorporating terrorism study into regular coursework; others have created programs specifically for military officers.

Take Colorado Technical University, which recently unveiled certification programs, degrees and courses in fields such as computer security and criminal justice.

The university, which has 1,800 students enrolled at its Colorado Springs campus, tailored the new programs around the needs of law enforcement, the military, local governments and the private sector.

"After Sept. 11, we reinvestigated what we needed to do to meet the demands of employers," said David Leasure, vice president of academic affairs at

Colorado Tech. "We asked employers what kind of people will they be looking for, what skill sets are they going to need, where will the jobs be."

The school found law enforcement agencies, firefighters and medical teams — called the "first-responders" to terrorism attacks — need their workers to have advanced technical skills to handle new demands.

In the event of a terrorist attack, for example, local agencies need to be able to communicate with each other and pass information to other federal and state law enforcement agencies.

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"Information flow between police and firefighters and other first-responders is a critical element in homeland security," said Eric Goodman, dean of management at Colorado Tech. The University also found a need for computer security

workers because companies, the military and local agencies fear cyber-attacks and other computer break-ins.

The federal government has made it clear homeland security is a top priority, earmarking \$38 billion this year to prepare for and protect the nation from terrorism. That's nearly double the homeland security budget in 2002.

Roughly \$3.5 billion will go to state and local police, firefighters and emergency medical groups. The rest will be spent on securing the nation's borders and sharing intelligence among local, state and federal government agencies.

Here's a sampling of other

offerings:

Blair College of Colorado Springs began offering a "homeland security specialist" certification earlier this month.

The program includes training in emergency preparedness, legal issues, communications and medical aid.

The goal is to help students land jobs in corporate or government security and provide law enforcement officials,

firefighters and others with a broader safety background.

The University of Colorado at Colorado Springs started a program in March to train military officers from local bases on computer network security, said Tom Hutton, a spokesman for the university.

"There's the potential that the nation could be vulnerable to cyber-attack, so we feel this type of program is important," he

said. At Pikes Peak Community College, homeland security has worked its way into criminal justice classes, said Jeff Engel, chairman of the Criminal Justice Department.

"We have an introductory course that addresses issues of homeland security and terrorism; it basically gives some oversight into what terrorism is and how it affects us."

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NATO meets amid Iraq rift Rumsfeld says allies won't delay U.S.

By Daniel Rubin and Fawn Vrazo
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BERLIN — After an extraordinary NATO session where France, Germany and Belgium rejected Turkey's plea for help to prepare for a possible war in Iraq, U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld pledged that the European allies' tactic would not delay any military action.

Turkey called Monday's meeting of the 19 allies, invoking the NATO treaty's Article 4 to call for security consultations for the first time in NATO's 53-year history. Turkey claimed its security was threatened by the trio's three-week opposition to begin planning to supply it with AWAC surveillance planes, Patriot missiles and chemical and biological weapons detectors.

The alliance faces "a crisis of credibility," said U.S. Ambassador to NATO R. Nicholas Burns. NATO Secretary General George Robertson acknowledged "a very heated argument" within the alliance, but expressed optimism for an agreement. Another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday morning.

The dispute was the latest clash with European allies over U.S. Iraq policy, although it seemed unlikely by itself to seriously wound NATO or slow U.S. war preparations.

In Washington, Rumsfeld said that NATO countries would individually boost the defense of Turkey, the only alliance member to border Iraq, should the trio continue to hold out.

President Bush said he was "disappointed" by the decision not to aid Turkey. "I don't understand that decision. It affects the alliance in a negative way. Hopefully, they'll reconsider."

France, Germany and Belgium contend that bolstering Turkish defenses is tantamount to acknowledging the inevitability of military action against Iraq before diplomatic initiatives have been exhausted. Officials from the three countries have said they support Turkey, but they don't want to be pressured into helping it prematurely.

In a separate action, the three countries took a united stand for more and tougher weapons inspections in Paris Monday when French President Jacques Chirac read a joint declaration stating that war is the last option for neutralizing Iraq's weaponry. Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was making a state visit, called for a diplomatic solution to the crisis. "We are against the war," he said. "At the moment, that's the view I have."

Putin said he believes in-

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— President Bush

spectors are making progress with Iraq. "Iraq is offering more information and shown a greater wish and willingness to cooperate," he said. Putin said Russia would contribute "equipment and aviation" to any efforts to heighten inspections.

President Bush, visiting Nashville, Tenn., expanded his indictment against the Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, who he said was preparing for a possible U.S.-led war by positioning troops in civilian areas.

"Saddam Hussein regards the Iraqi people as human shields, entirely expendable, when their suffering serves his purposes. America views the Iraqi people as human beings who have suffered long enough under this tyrant," Bush said at a convention of religious broadcasters in Nashville.

Pointing to a post-Saddam Iraq, Bush said "the United

States is committed to helping them build a better future. If conflict occurs, we will bring Iraq food and medicine and supplies, and most importantly, freedom."

Also Monday, Iraq's United Nations envoy told international weapons inspectors that his country was dropping its opposition to U-2 surveillance flights over Iraq aimed at helping the inspections. Bush dismissed the move as an empty gesture. "The reason why we even need to fly U-2 flights is because they're not disarming," he said. "This is a man who is trying to stall for time. He's trying to play a diplomatic game."

In the NATO crisis, France and Belgium officially notified the alliance Monday morning that they would oppose the decision to begin planning for Turkey's defense. Germany issued a letter backing the other two, but not officially blocking the plans, which the United States proposed three weeks ago.

NATO members met for two hours in the afternoon, briefed by the chairman of NATO's military committee, on the seriousness of the threat to Turkey. One NATO diplomat said France took the lead in opposing planning.

U.S. officials spent the weekend pressuring the European opponents at a Munich se-

curity conference and in media interviews. In reply, French Defense Minister Michele Alliot-Marie criticized the United States of using NATO to advance its own agenda. "To be an ally means to consult, to find consensus; it is not saying my idea is necessarily the right one and all those who don't agree should be pushed aside or excluded," she said in Munich.

NATO expert Christopher Coker, a professor at the London School of Economics, said the rift could in the future undermine the integrity of Article 4. In spirit, said Coker, the language calls on all NATO members to come to the defense of another NATO member "but with the assumption (that member) was illegally attacked."

If Turkey allows itself to be used as a staging nation for forces attacking Iraq, and is then attacked itself, he wondered, is NATO required to then come to Turkey's defense? In that case, he said, "Turkey has to some extent invited attack."

Meanwhile, Greece, which holds the presidency of the European Union, called an emergency meeting for Monday of all EU heads of state, who will come together in Brussels on Iraq.

(Vrazo reported from London. Knight Ridder Newspapers correspondent Diego Ibarquen contributed to this report from Nashville, Tenn.)

U.S. says it wants dialogue with North Korea, but can fight

By Michael Zielenziger
Knight Ridder Newspapers

TOKYO — U.S. Ambassador to Japan Howard H. Baker warned Monday that North Korea may try to fire another missile over Japan as part of a pattern of escalating "provocation."

He also insisted that while the Bush administration wants to handle Pyongyang's nuclear development program through patient dialogue, the United States is capable of fighting North Korea even if war is also being waged against Iraq.

Baker's comments appeared to be part of an effort by the administration to warn North Korea against taking advantage of U.S. preoccupation with an impending war in Iraq, although it is unclear what practical steps the United States can take to halt North Korea. North Korea has said it is restarting its nuclear reactor in Yongbyon, which is capable of producing plutonium for nuclear weapons.

"We are fully able to take care of ourselves if one or two conflicts are thrust upon us," Baker told a security forum here. "There is still room for diplomacy," he added, repeating U.S. assurances that it does not intend to invade North Korea. "What we need now is reciprocity."

"We hear reports that they may engage in a missile test, perhaps overflying the island of Japan," the ambassador said, citing intelligence as well as press reports. "They've done it twice before and there certainly is no guarantee they won't do it again. It's a realistic prospect." In August 1998, North Korea test fired a Taepodong-1 missile, which flew over the Japanese ar-

chipelago before landing in the Pacific Ocean.

Baker said the U.S. had no plans for a pre-emptive attack if it appeared a missile launch was likely.

Over the weekend Japanese newspapers reported that the government here planned to alert the nation if it received indications that Pyongyang might attempt to launch another missile. A contingency plan also would permit the government to take economic or other sanctions in the event of another test firing.

The International Atomic Energy Agency plans to meet in Vienna, Austria, on Wednesday to discuss Pyongyang's decision to eject international inspectors and restart its nuclear generating plant. Experts believe North Korea could reprocess enough plutonium to build nuclear weapons within two or three months.

Two weeks ago, Seoul and Tokyo asked the IAEA to delay its meeting, hoping North Korea might soften its position. But a visit by a high-level South Korean delegation to Pyongyang yielded no obvious progress. Officials in Seoul expect the IAEA to ask the U.N. Security Council to tackle Pyongyang's decision to walk out of the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Pyongyang has warned it would consider economic or political sanctions an act of war.

Baker said Monday that Pyongyang has only a limited amount of time to stand down before the security situation on the Korean peninsula grows more serious. "We are approaching the time when North Korean provocations must come to an end," Baker said.

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Horoscope time!

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Feb. 11). You like to be in a solid relationship — stable but never boring. Looks like that's how your social life will be this year. Don't let self-doubt keep you from getting out and mingling. Let an inquisitive admirer push you to make a beautiful dream materialize.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Pay close attention, because new information is coming fast. The way things appeared wasn't the way they really were.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Even if you're quaking in your boots, you should be able to find the right words. Your heart is in the right place, and that shows in your



communications, too. Ask and you shall receive.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — As one door closes, another opens. One person's mess is another's opportunity. Keep looking for the latter. It's in there.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You might want to review important papers just to make sure they're right. Put your worries to rest by erasing all doubt.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Jealousies complicate negotiations, but each point deserves attention. That's one of your toughest jobs: making sure others feel heard.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — You have a secret source of strength, no matter how strange things might get. A simple word or a smile lets you know that everything will be OK.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 10 — If you can't find what you want in the place where you thought it would be, a flurry of activity could ensue. Don't knock yourself out. Be cool, and call around. It all works out.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — There should be time to go shopping, since other demands have eased. Don't buy an appliance or computer on impulse. A little homework can save you a lot.

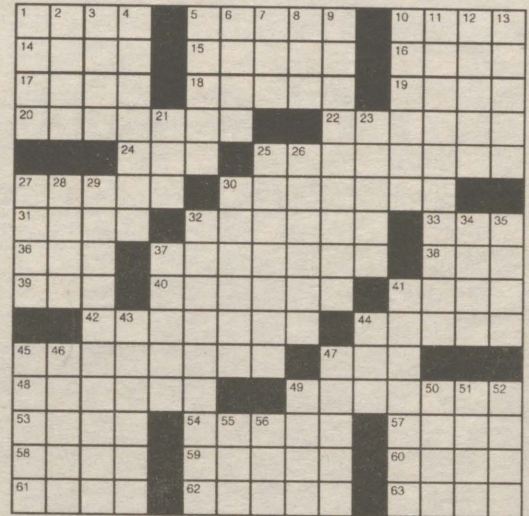
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — As you learn more, new opportunities appear. Old assumptions fade. Soon, you'll figure out how to do what you once thought impossible. This is the fun part.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — The experience you're gaining, or using, is great to have. Unfortunately, there's only one way to get it, as you should know by now.

Crossword

- ACROSS
- Navajo's neighbor
 - Garbo of film
 - Use a sieve
 - Grand tale
 - Fido's buddy
 - Kuwaiti ruler
 - M. Descartes
 - Steel girder type
 - Agile
 - Lures into difficulty
 - Teems
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 - Potter
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 - Not curly
 - Choose
 - Resistance unit
 - Lubricate
 - Makes a strenuous effort
 - Born in Cannes
 - Before, to a poet
 - Cease-fires
 - Raise
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 - Edge along furtively
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 - Gist
 - Order of business
 - Protective wheel covers
 - Taverns
 - Entire range
 - Operatic melody
 - Fencer's foil
 - Heronlike wading bird
 - Acquires
 - Beatty film
 - Untidy
 - Has a meal

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- Roll-call call
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 - Skater's milieu
 - Holds firmly
 - Sticks up
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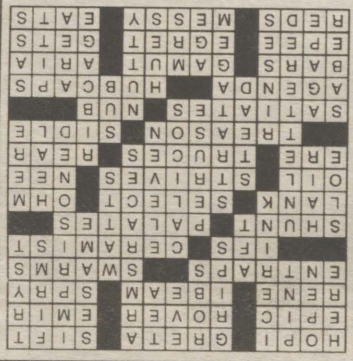
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- Lovers' secret rendezvous
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- Power units
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- '60s rock musical
- Not educated
- Read carefully
- Fuse used to gain advantage
- Become cured
- Inconsequential
- Bed or home ending
- Protective skeletal enclosure

- Removes lather
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- Eccentric
- Tints
- Region
- Brad of "Seven"
- Be mouthy
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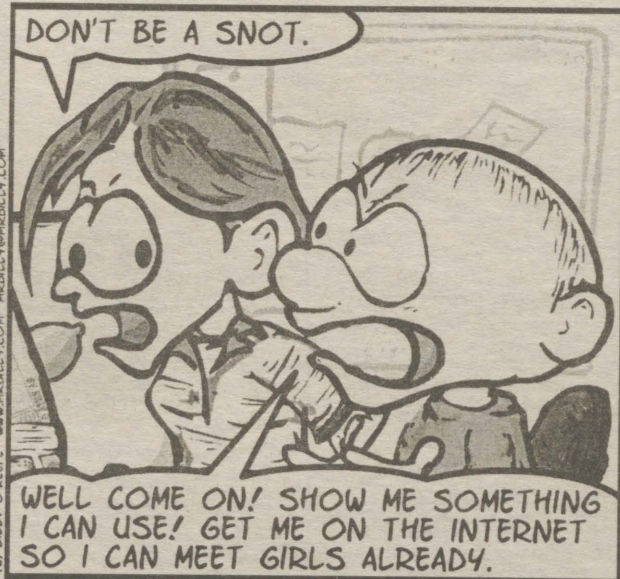
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Solutions



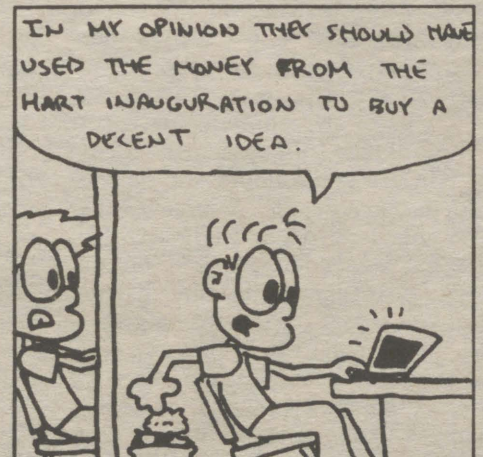
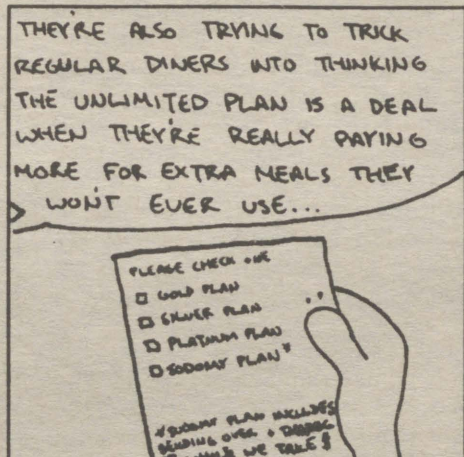
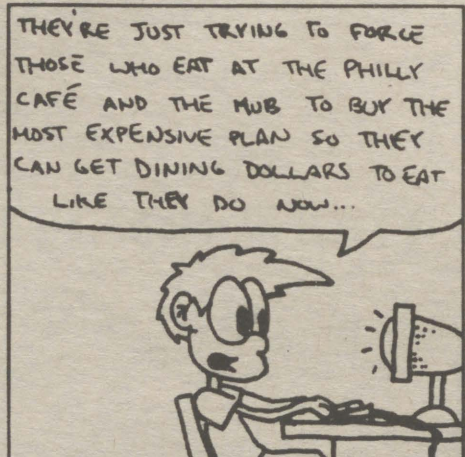
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What is your opinion about public displays of affection?

On the Spot



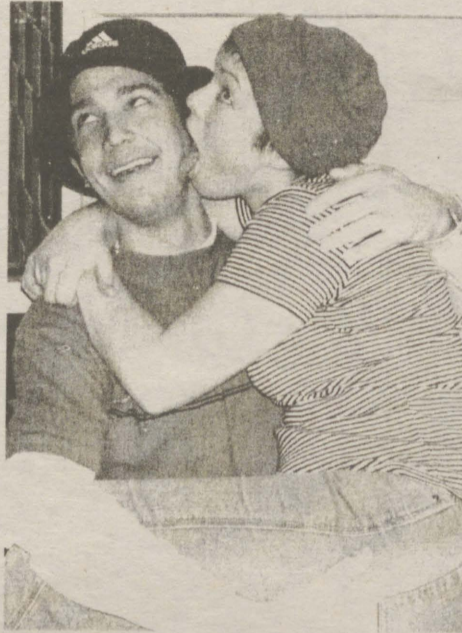
With Cory Levine

Katie Kimball
freshman
psychology



"I think they're inappropriate and should be done in private."

Michelle Supry & Matt Holdgate
sophomore & junior undeclared & animal behavior



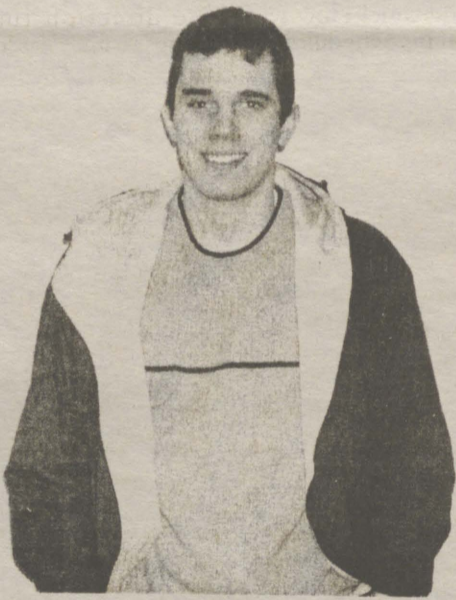
"It's utterly disgusting!"

Bobby Burnes, Ben Drummond & Joe Dunn
sophomores & freshman undeclared



"We're all for it."

Jon Rutups
junior
business administration



"It's cool as long as they're not having sex."

Brian Topping
senior
environmental conservation



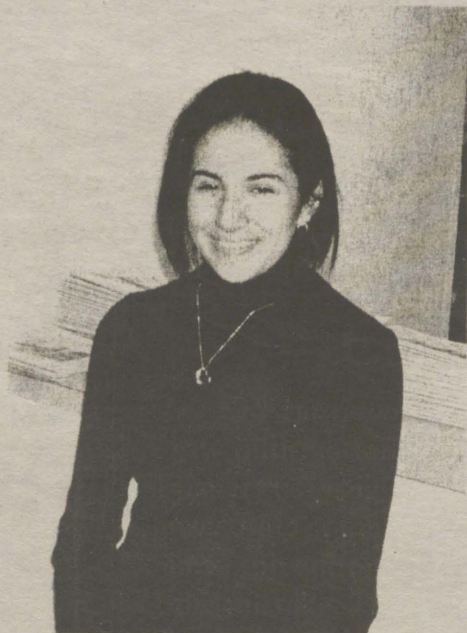
"It depends on how wet they are."

Darren McCormick
freshman
undeclared



"I think it's unnecessary because more fun can be had in private."

Kristin Cretella
freshman
business administration



"I think a little kiss or a hug is ok."

Kelly Chapman & Kaylie Matos
sophomores
business administration & occupational therapy



"Keep what you do in your bedroom private."

Becky Mainemer
sophomore
psychology



"I think they're kind of gross."

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Editorial

Some thoughts on smoking

By Marcus Weisgerber
Managing editor

If there is one thing that gets under my skin, it's the rudeness of many smokers. Every Tuesday and Thursday I leave my 11 a.m. class at the PCAC and find myself behind other students puffing away as they walk in front of me down College Road. When I arrive at the MUB for lunch I find myself smelling like an ashtray.

So let's get a few things out of the way first. I'm not against smoking. I am a strong believer that person can do whatever he or she wants with their body. I also come from a family of smokers. My father used to smoke, as well as both my grandfathers and one grandmother. Notice I said "used to smoke." They all kicked the habit.

I truly believe that people, especially students should think twice before they light up. Many of our parents and grandparents used to smoke because it was the social thing to do. They did not know of the serious implications of smoking. Today I find many students saying the same thing, "I smoke only when I drink."

Well, that's just great, but what about the secondhand smoke you are giving off to those around you. We all know secondhand smoke is just as, if not more, harmful to your lungs. I find my clothes, my hair and my entire body reeking of smoke when I come home from a party or even a restaurant. I can't count the number of times I heard a friend say, "I smell like smoke!" after they returned home from a social event.

Where I'm from in New York City, you can't smoke in any restaurant, most bars and pool halls. It's against the law. At UNH there is a rule that you need to be 20 feet from all buildings in order to smoke, but is that even enforced. Try walking out of Ham Smith without getting a face full of smoke.

Here is my proposal for the students, faculty, staff and everyone at UNH. Go ahead and smoke, it's your choice, but when you do, please be considerate. Don't smoke as you're walking to class with a bunch of people around you, as your waiting for the shuttle or by the entrances to buildings. You'll make a lot of people happy.

Letters

Thoughts on the Columbia disaster

To the Editor:

This has been a very bad weekend for all of us connected to the "NASA family" often cited people interviewed in connection with the Columbia disaster. For us here in New Hampshire, the shuttle disaster seems even more personal, since Christa McAuliffe was a high school teacher at Concord High, and the first signs of trouble on Saturday morning brought a sickening "Oh no! Not again." Feeling as I thought back to Challenger and about this timeframe in 1986.

I take some comfort in knowing that some good may come of this tragedy, just as it did with the Challenger disaster. My Forest Watch program began in the wake of the Challenger explosion, as a result of a letter I received shortly after I left NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and arrived at UNH in 1987. The letter, from a colleague of Christa's at Concord High (Phil Brown, a Concord High biology teacher), asked if I had some research connected to NASA which could be used in his classroom. He wanted to put a positive face on the NASA space program, then in shambles following the loss of Challenger.

Phil and I met in November of 1987 and January of 1988 to discuss what aspects of my research (remote sensing of forest damage

across New England that could be linked to air pollution exposure) might be converted into effective classroom activities. Over the next two years, Phil and I worked together to develop such classroom activities, including the use of MultiSpec and Landsat TM data, filed measurement activities, and the selection of white pine as a bio-indicator species of ground-level ozone exposure. Forest Watch was born, and continues today in more than 200 elementary, middle and high schools across New England. In 1994, Forest Watch became the basis of the science and education components of the international science education program called GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment), currently involving more than 12,000 schools in more than 100 countries.

A very positive connection between NASA and hands-on K-12 science education has resulted from that unthinkable loss. I like to think that Christa and the other Challenger astronauts would be proud. I would also like to think that a similar positive impact will be true of the loss of Columbia.

Barrett N. Rock, UNH Complex Systems Research Center

Support our Constitutional value to choose

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, a letter to the editor was published in *The New Hampshire* titled "Abortion and the declaration of independence". As I read the opinionated article, I couldn't help but become upset and angry at the statements I was reading. The article argued that our great country no longer upholds the ideas and values established by our founding fathers in the Declaration of Independence. It also implied that those people, who've had abortions and may in the future have an abortion, are comparable to "brutal killers" such as Hitler and Stalin.

The Declaration of Independence was established by a people that, despite their disagreements, shared a common point of view—that individuals are best left to their own devices, without the heavy hand of government guiding their actions. Thankfully, our Constitution grants us certain rights and freedoms, which our branches of government have upheld and protected throughout history. One of these liberties is the right to choose. Although I can understand and sympathize with those who believe abortion is wrong, I cannot agree or sup-

port a government official that will mandate on my personal values and morals. For those people who choose to make abortion a religious issue, as was the case in the article published, please remember that our first amendment grants all of us the right to freedom of religion. Not everyone has to share the same religious views.

Instead of being ashamed of the fact that we live in a country that allows us these freedoms (like the right to make our own educated choice), we should be proud that we still have them, even after 227 years. We have the right to speak out against abortion, and the right to support it. Each individual has the right to make that choice for themselves and no one else.

In a country that is constantly growing and changing, I hope that each of us always has the chance to think for ourselves, form our own opinions, and make our own choices on matters such as this. I have to believe that our founding fathers would have been in support of this, since it is the very reason why we are all here today.

**Megan Ward
Junior**

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Op-Ed

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Tell me about our love

By Mark Holt-Shannon

There's nothing my partner and I love more than sitting across from each other at our favorite Portsmouth bistro sharing a bottle of red wine, fresh-baked bread and a big bowl of mussels marinara. At our table overlooking the Piscataqua River, she reaches out, covers my hands with hers, tilts her head and says, "Tell me about our love." I stammer and stutter and often say something funny to divert the attention from such a raw, vulnerable declaration of feelings. Don't get me wrong, I love being there with her, but it is always, it seems, harder for me—maybe as a man—to warm up to this kind of *love-talk*. Good food and ambiance help, but mostly there are the words themselves: once they make their way from my heart to my head, trip twice or thrice on the stage that is my mouth, and emerge into the charged air between us, momentum builds, our love is fanned again, and soon we are oblivious to our surroundings, laughing, sharing, deep into a mutually satisfying and long-overdue conversation about our hopes and dreams and fantasies.

Talking is the most potent of alleged aphrodisiacs, especially when it comes from a place of genuine care for and interest in the other person. And by aphrodisiac I do not mean something that will result in sex—though that is one possible outcome—as much as I mean an experience people share that will heighten a sense of intimacy between them. Try these on: "I love you. I want to move our relationship to the next step. We're moving too fast. I want to go and have an HIV test, will you come with me? Until we each have an HIV test, I want to start using condoms. Maybe we can try some things that don't involve intercourse—what do you think? How many people have you had sex with before me? Have you ever read the *Kamasutra*? What feels good for you? I really like it when you..."

Easier said than done? It seems that way. As a monogamously married man, and an HIV counselor whose responsibility it is to facilitate explicit conversations about sex, I am telling you (with my partner's permission): sex has never been as good as it is now that we talk about it—before, during, and after. There is a freedom we seem to feel that we didn't know before, as if for the longest time we just decided to explore intimacy in the dark, or by making assumptions and following routines. Suddenly, it is as if the lights are on and we've found a map, one that we follow together. And there's the sense too that the map is not static, that it's like something out of *Harry Potter*, something organic, multi-dimensional, and its directions and clues and X-marks-the-spots will continue to change as long as we want them to. We laugh more and we, well, I have reached the end of my wife's permission rope—I think you get the picture.

As an HIV counselor, one of my first tasks is to get a sexual history from a person seeking an HIV test. From that information I can discern what kind of sexual risks a person is or is not taking. Often, the people being the safest are the people communicating effectively with their partners—monogamous or casual, singular or plural—they are the people

getting their needs met. I like to ask pretty quickly, "Does your partner know you've come for an HIV test?" Gay men and lesbians, in my experience, *have* talked with their partner(s). With straight men and women, it varies. Often and regularly enough to comment on, with the men, it is the woman who has asked him to be tested. Most men in this situation (again, in *my* experience, which is with primarily straight men and women between 20 and 23) report not having a problem coming for the test, but I often sense a tentativeness, maybe even resentment. Interestingly, it is rare that a woman reports coming for testing because her partner(s) asked her to. Do men not care? Or are men more afraid to ask? Afraid to care? Hmm.

When I ask women, Does your partner know you're here? the answer is often, "God no." Why not? I ask and her eyes roll: *dub*. "If he knew I was here having an HIV test, then he's either going to think I'm slutty or that I think he is." Slutty? "Yeah, sleeping around with lots of different people you hardly know." Has he? "How am I supposed to know?" You could ask him. Again the eyes—*double dub and bel-lo*. "If I'm not going to tell him I'm getting an HIV test, I'm certainly not going to ask who he's been sleeping with."

We all have secrets. Is it important for a relationship to thrive that each person be completely and brutally open and honest? No. Is sharing wants and desires and preferences and anxieties and concerns and histories regarding sexual intimacy being brutally honest. I don't believe so. Like it or not, casual or not, sex—oral, anal, vaginal or otherwise—*means* something; having sex impacts us emotionally, physically, spiritually. Sometimes I think the young people coming in to see me don't talk about sex with their partners because they really don't want to have sex at all; they just want to get it out of the way so they can feel *something*—love, ecstasy, warmth, safety, a sense of belonging, of being attractive—so that they can have someone to talk to. The sex, the intercourse, is just a tool to achieve these things. I know it has become cliché, but I believe it is true: you'll never get any of these things from sex unless you are already able, at some level, to get them all by yourself.

Poetry, flowers, candy, jewelry, surprise rendezvous, are considered romantic by today's standards. Why? I suppose they suggest to the receiver that the giver was thinking about him or her. Fine, but may I suggest that for this Valentine's Day you put your money for such cardboard lavishness where your mouth is. Talk to someone you care about; tell him or her something difficult or frightening or long overdue. You won't be disappointed.

I have always wanted to teach, and now realize that the common denominator of my life path—peer counselor, psych major, hall director, stay-home parenting, writer, HIV counselor—has been the opportunity to impart advice, instruction, and life-figuring to others. Now I'm studying to be an *actual* classroom teacher—of English Literature, and in the meantime, I write, am a stay-home parent, and spend Fridays from 9-1 at Health Services, working as an HIV counselor.

Speak out for Schadler

Jen Richard
Junior

After reading the article "Popular teacher let go due to budget concerns" in the Feb. 7 issue of *TNH*, I have much to say, but I fear I cannot do this matter justice.

Let me first say that Chris Schadler is an inspiration. Her lectures possess a passionate eloquence that no other teacher has shown. And speaking on behalf of young women everywhere, she exemplifies the traits we should all strive for: strength, integrity, intelligence, and a mind of our own. She is a role model for so many of us desperately needing one. She is a refreshing change of pace in a field dominated by men. She is a woman that I can only hope to be like some day.

Obviously, there are other reasons we should not let her go. Simply put, she is just an exceptional teacher. Chris Schadler is a substantial reason her classes are so large. Her classes are large not simply because of the subject matter. I know that I took the class because I was told the professor made it great. And that's what I tell others. "*It's interesting stuff anyway, but Chris Schadler makes it truly exciting.*"

So why would anyone want to fire her?

The reasons are unclear. As explained

in the article, COLSA Dean Andrew Rosenberg states it's because they need to balance their budget, prefer that tenured faculty members teach the classes, and they want to restructure the class itself. Also in *TNH* article, her replacement, Natural Resources Acting Chair William Mautz claims, "It's always been our choice to teach our courses with our own faculty, rather than go with outside people."

After nine years, isn't she a part of this University too? Besides that, what if the "outside" teacher is an asset to the University? What if this "outside" teacher is better than most University "inside" teachers? What if students are better off with the "outside" teacher?

It doesn't matter, I guess. Because instead of caring about what's good for the students, UNH cares about what *it* wants. *It* wants to have full-time faculty teaching EC 535. But *we students* want Chris Schadler to teach EC 535. *It* places too much value on tenure. *We students* know of teachers with tenure that are mediocre at best.

If you want what's best, I urge you to contact the higher-ups such as COLSA Dean Andrew Rosenberg and tell him you are a student and you should have a say. Remember, if we students weren't going here, they wouldn't have a job.

Celebration of death

Elizabeth Andrew
Junior

I am writing on behalf of UNH Student for Life in response to the invitation to the "Commemorating of Roe v. Wade," posted in the letter to the editor in the Friday Jan. 31 issue of *The New Hampshire*. To commemorate Roe v. Wade, is to commemorate the deaths of millions of human beings as well as the oppression of women. UNH Students for Life finds this unacceptable.

UNH Students for Choice, the UNH Women's Department, and NARAL-NH are sponsoring the event. Interesting, since UNH Students for Choice is not an official student organization. Further, why is the Women's Studies Department siding on such a divisive issue? Is this academic department providing an objective education at UNH, a research university, while sponsoring an event along side the National Abortion Right's Action League?

While the "celebration" takes place, "Roe" herself will be fighting to reverse the court decision! Norma McCorvey, "Roe," is now unwaveringly pro-life! For more information on McCorvey, check out her biography, "Won by Love."

Feminist Elizabeth Cady Stanton stated in a letter to Julia Ward Howe, "When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women that we should treat our children as property to be disposed of as we see fit." Stanton was not alone in this feminist sentiment towards abortion. Alice Paul, author of the original Equal Rights Amendment, stated, "Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women."

Countless contemporary pro-life feminist organizations go unnoticed by academia. Patricia Heaton, "Debra" on *Everybody Loves Raymond* and honorary chair of the thriving pro-life organization, Feminists for Life, (www.feministsforlife.com) states on the Web site, "Every 36 seconds in America, a woman lays her body down, forced to choose an abortion out of a lack of practical resources and emo-

tional support. Abortion is a reflection that society has failed women."

When women sense that they or their child is unwanted by society, that society has failed women. Does UNH provide a realistic life option for a pregnant student? How is the environment for an expecting father? Do you perceive that a pregnant student's life is ruined? What happened to accepting and celebrating our bodies?

The scientific community has verified human existence at the moment of conception. The human heart begins to beat by 22 days after fertilization and an electroencephalogram can detect brain waves at six weeks! Historically, personhood has been politically redefined several times. Now, in 2003, personhood is not politically granted to pre-born humans. Be informed. Investigate the abortion procedure as well as where a deceased embryo/fetus goes after an abortion.

The notion that legal abortions are somehow "safe" is faulty. Medical risks for women include blood clots, hemorrhaging, infection, cut/torn cervix, perforated uterus, pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility and death. Risk of breast cancer? Investigate: www.abortiocancer.com. Psychologically, Post-Abortion Syndrome is rarely discussed, yet is serious and affecting millions.

UNH Students for Life challenges the UNH community to compassionately consider abortion in concern to the mother, the father and the child. We are a non-religious organization that affirms life from conception through natural death. We recognize that abortion is an "inadequate response to women's impregnability." (Juli Wiley) UNH Students for Life does not support actions or words that are violent in manner or fueled by hate. Our mission is to promote the pro-life ethic through educational means within the UNH community.

UNH Students for Life does not support a woman's right to choose to terminate the life of another living human being. Anti-choice? No. Anti-choice to kill? Yes!

Op-Ed

Week in Greek

Alpha Chi Omega

The sisters of the Alpha Tau chapter of Alpha Chi Omega would like to welcome everyone back from the holiday break. We hope that everyone has had a restful and productive vacation and are ready for another successful semester at UNH. We here at Alpha Chi are excited to be back and also look forward to the wonderful events planned for spring. Our fundraising and Philanthropy committees have a wide variety of tasks and functions planned for the semester so keep an eye out for upcoming events.

If you are a runner or would like to show your support, we ask you to gear up and start getting ready for our annual Lonnie Stern 5k run, taking place on May 4. Lonnie Stern was a member of Alpha Chi Omega in the Alpha Tau chapter who passed away from breast cancer years ago. Her story has not only inspired Alpha Tau's to raise awareness, but has also given us the opportunity to raise money and show support for a good cause. All proceeds made at the run will be donated to cancer foundations in hopes that one day there will be a cure. So spread the word, lace up your shoes, and help us make a difference!

The Alpha Tau's would also like to show their support for some of our fellow sisters in Western Michigan who will be running a 26-mile marathon in Anchorage Alaska. Their goal is to raise \$4500 through their sponsors to donate to Leukemia foundations and research. If you would like to make a donation and help in the effort contact a member of Alpha Chi and we will send your donation with ours.

Good luck this semester everyone, and thank you again for all of your help in the fall!

Meet an Alpha Chi Omega

While all of us in the Greek system strive to make a difference and enhance our community, there are some particular members who touch the lives of all those around them. At Alpha Chi Omega,

we are proud to have Jenny Gardner.

Back in the fall of 2001, Jenny took an oath and a pledge that that ensured her loyalty and dedication to the Alpha Tau Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. She was initiated showing her true potential and ability to make the Greek system at UNH and Alpha Chi a better place to be. Not wasting anytime, she immediately began to involve herself on such a level, that she turned heads and gained an utmost respect from the sisters in the house.

Jenny's involvement has opened a world of opportunity and support for her and others. She currently holds the positions of Panhellenic Co-chair for Greek SHARPP, and Vice President of Risk Management for the Alpha Tau chapter. In the past she has also been a SHARPP peer educator, a Greek SHARPP liaison, a member of the "Take Back the Night" committee, a member of Project Sunshine, and a Hall Council representative. Jenny not only contributes her time and efforts for the good of the community, but she also shows her academic strengths by maintaining an honor roll standing.

Chances are, if you walk into Alpha Chi, Jenny will be there ready to chat with an open heart and open-mind, proving herself to be the type of friend and sister everyone should have the experience of knowing. With a quiet power, she has helped make Alpha Chi home to not only me, but to the other 90 girls in our chapter.

When she was told about this article Jenny humbly said, "Well, what have I done?" It is inspiring and encouraging thinking that there are people in this world and community who genuinely care about the well-being of others, and do so without looking for personal benefits and rewards. Jenny Gardner is without a doubt one of these exemplary individuals.

Jenny comments, "I am just happy to hold the positions I do because the involvement I have had with SHARPP and Panhel have been life altering and amazing experiences for me. It is an honor and accomplishment in my eyes, and being

Greek means the world to me. Being involved is a way I can say 'thank you for this experience.'"

Jenny is proud to be marching in the upcoming "Take Back the Night" walk this spring and encourages everyone to join her in her efforts. All of us at Alpha Chi also encourage the UNH and Durham community to keep an eye out for our service events and to come show your support!

Alpha Xi Delta

The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta were pleased to have over the sisters of Chi Omega for a joint dinner last Wednesday night. The turn out from both houses was great. Everyone enjoyed catching up with friends from the other house as well as meeting other sisters. It was the first of many dinners that we hope to set up with other Greek houses and other teams and groups on campus.

The sisters have also been working very hard to help Circle K with their can tab drive. With one large container already filled, we have started another in our efforts to help Circle K support charity. We are also quickly ending our "Adopt An Angel" fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish foundation. All the money raised goes to provide dream trips for ill children. We thank Trish Dubriske for all the hard work she has put in for it, as well as all the sisters for taking part in selling the angels.

Chi Omega

The sisters of Chi Omega are happy to welcome back four sisters who went abroad to Italy last semester while saying goodbye to six sisters who went abroad this semester to Italy, London, Australia, and Semester at Sea. We are looking forward to this semester and all of the events and philanthropies that we are currently planning with our new executive board.

With spring recruitment quickly approaching, we are very busy planning it along with balancing our classes and extracurricular activities that several sisters are involved in. Our house would also like to extend a thank you to the house of Alpha Xi Delta for having us over for dinner last Wednesday night. It was a great way to start off the spring semester.

Kappa Delta

The countdown is on for Kappa Delta's 14th Annual Greek God competition. Come support your favorite fraternity on Friday Feb. 28, as they vie for the title of "Greek God." The guys will be performing their talents as well as participating in Beach and Evening Wear competitions to raise money for Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA).

PCAA is a national organization, founded by a Kappa Delta Alumnus in 1972, which has led the way in building awareness and providing education in an effort to prevent the abuse and neglect of children in America. It provides grants for the National Center on Child Abuse Prevention Research in order to close the gap between research and prevention strategies and practices.

Last year, the Alpha Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta at UNH raised approximately \$2,500 to donate to PCAA and this year is hoping to raise even more money to help out.

If you are interested in attending, tickets are \$5 through the MUB Ticket Office or are available from any Kappa Delta Sister. So come support Kappa Delta's 14th annual Greek God Competition and donate some much-needed funds to PCAA because "It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child."

In other news, the sisters would like to thank the New Hampshire Gentleman for

coming over for a great dinner last week, followed by a mini concert. We have enjoyed their company many times and hope to see them again soon. We would also like to acknowledge that this Wednesday sisters Melissa Clark, Laura Grant, Julie Himmelwright, Jennifer Stone, Joanna Vroulianis and Carly Weiland will be inducted into the Greek honors society, Order of Omega. We are very proud of them and hope they get a lot from joining this nationally recognized group.

Alpha Phi

The sisters of Alpha Phi would like to welcome everyone back from break and congratulate three seniors who had an outstanding GPA for first semester. Stacie Sullivan, Sherren Trepanier, and Joanna McCann, through hard work and dedication achieved a GPA of 4.0. Great job girls! Alpha Phi would also like to recognize sisters who are currently abroad: Kim Sullivan, Beth Konney, Jackie Hurley, Jenny Johnson, and Brittany Harris. We have heard from them and they are doing well. Here's to a successful second semester to all. Good Luck!

Alpha Tau Omega

The Brothers of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity would like to welcome everyone back from their Winter Break and wish everyone Good Luck this semester. We would also like to congratulate our recently initiated Brothers: Pat Brennan, Brian Crowley, Nathan Dube, John McDonough, Blake Morrison, Casey Munson, Chip Rogers, Nick Smith, Matt Sperazzo, Mike Tardiff and Matt Terrio. CONGRATULATIONS.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

The Alpha Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon would like to congratulate its new members on their recent initiation into the fraternity last Saturday. These new brothers will make undoubtedly make for great contributions to our house and to the UNH community. Congrats Xi class: Peter Lyden, Matt Auger, Matt Goodnow, Ben Plaisted, Allan Clavette, Brian Hadley, Chris Caine, Dan Erklaur, Thomas Estebrook, and Matt Lebec.

Member Spotlight ATO: Matt Travaglini

Known to the guys around the house as Travski, Matt Travaglini is currently a junior and is very involved not only within the house but also many out of house events also. Within the house, Travaglini is the Executive at Large which is the senior most position on the executive board, with this position he oversees all internal affairs. Travaglini is also a member on the house judicial committee and was last year's house president. Presently Travaglini is the IFC President and is also on the program activities board and also is very active with the student-to-student outreach planning committee. Travaglini was also an intern for the Alpha Tau Omega National Leadership Conference, he is also a strong participant in all philanthropy events held by Alpha Tau Omega. When Travaglini isn't busy with IFC or busy with aspects around the house, he likes to take up time by skiing, working out and playing golf.

The Greek Organizations would like to see everyone come out and support the Durham Red Cross Blood Drive this week. We will be there helping out, giving blood, and serving donors food and drinks. It's a great cause and can really make an impact on someone. If you're a UNH student or a part of the UNH community I know your donations would be much appreciated. Come out and save a life.

"It's All Greek to Me!"

The Weekly Column of Greek Affairs

Inspire, build, create...GLC 2003**Steve Pappajohn,
Coordinator of Greek Affairs**

Most of you in our Greek community know that this coming weekend, on Feb. 15, the Office of Greek Affairs will be sponsoring our 13th annual Greek Leadership Conference. This year's theme, "Inspire more Creatively, Build more Effectively, Deliver with Passion" is a breath of fresh air that says exactly what we need to focus on in 2003. I am personally very excited about the format of year's conference. Sara Sheehy and Sarah Barbeau, the undergraduate interns for Greek Affairs have put together a great conference that includes a large constituency of guest facilitators. Throughout this day one thing that will be vital to your experience is your willingness to share. By sharing, not only your thoughts, ideas and concerns, but also your best practices, this day together will be an extraordinary experience. Not only will you have time to be with fellow Greeks doing what you do in your chapter, you will also (in the afternoon sessions) get

the chance to pick and choose the educational sessions that best suit your interest.

Everyday, each chapter goes through their daily operations. Whether it's a meeting, project, or philanthropy, there are good things happening all over our Greek community. The question I keep asking myself has to do with sharing your best practices with each other. Why don't chapters do this more often? It's my belief that our system is only as strong as our individual chapters are. Therefore, if we have chapters who are lagging behind the pack, it's partially everyone else's responsibility to assist them, and get them back on track.

My hope is that you will get exactly what you want out of our conference this year. So, come prepared to speak with your peers, share ideas and see leadership in action.

I leave you with two suggestions. Throughout your day on Saturday try to think both, "what can I use to help my chapter" but also, "what can I share that will help my system".

Op-Ed

A Time for a Space: An Exchange in Philosophy

Playing with words and fire, an indirect journey into Infancy

By **Bryan Proulx**
TNH Columnist

(This article I dedicate to Sunday mornings and a certain special Laura Jean, who taught me that one will never truly succeed at what one does not claim a passion for)

—There is always a drawback to the beauty that is infinite space, and that is the finite time for which we (humans) have to consider it —Proulx

Have you ever observed a word that you labeled a personal meaning too, perhaps quite contrary to its dictionary definition? Maybe you have felt almost certain the spelling of a word is wrong and an altered spelling would much better fit. If so, you have journeyed deep into what it means to think and create without any bound. Take the word bonfire for instance. In context of my personal sentimentality, the word should be spelled bonDfire with a (d) between the n and f. Why? The significance? Bonfire instead of bonfire personally creates a visible connection between the many friendships—hence bonds—that I have seen form at bonfires as well the many friends I have been introduced to at such events. Oddly enough through its smolder of old things (e.g. stolen school chairs, antique bed frames, old clothes) new belongings are made, relationships develop right from there. Some things die, some things are born at bonfires.

I recall the many times my best friend in childhood and I played one-day woodsmen. We would sit in front of a fire we had made deep in my father's woods. Unresponsive to the fire's spontaneous crackles. It was dark. If someone should tell me "there is going to be a fire tonight, you should come," I do not anticipate such a fire to be a bonfire, but rather a fire on a much smaller

scale. What determines a small fire? Its vision I picture to be on the opposite side of a tunnel—a romantic almost cultic circle of stones confining wood from the size of toothpicks to much larger cut lengths of small dead pine (or other wood).

(First point) Considering fires significance deeper—usually

when you attends a small-fire one knows what to expect, who generally will be there. You know the time in which the fire will start and when it will end. On the other hand, a bonfire offers you many new faces, the observation to a kind of spectacle, and a chance for friendships that

will be present at smaller fires in the future. So what, right? Up to now, the subject of fires is meant to be very abstract.

You may feel that it is impossible to go anywhere with such a subject. Well, perhaps it is. You may be right. The only thing that is forcing me to continue writing is a type of passion for understanding truth or meaning, no matter the subject. Today its fires, tomorrow lap dances, who knows right?

Further along, I will first be breaking down fire in the physical sense until its small enough to see fire and all its characteristics to be able to be assumed for something much more.

Philosophical inquiry is greatly influenced by fires; it's unpaused transitioning colors, the symbolic meaning of beginning, middle, and end. Clothes gorgeously stink of pollutant, good time, a picture of nature, a burnt hand from orange ash that fell in a daydream and all of sudden became real! Ouch!

After breaking down a fire in the physical sense no matter its size, shape, or cause of becoming, its pieces are no more than a series of small explosions, single itty-bitty

sparks that occur fast and large in number which present the illusion of the fire, being one entity.

Ask yourself these questions: Does a fire's infinitesimal elements hold the true meaning of fires, in the poetic philosophical sense? What is our connection with fire beyond the physical situation? Well, in hopes for an answer, I took a giant leap and paralleled fires to love that at one time undoubtedly begin, swelled high only to dwindle to the point of nothing—the blackest smoke to stink newly bought clothes. (Keep in mind my previous comparison of fires to love relationships) What's the significance of a single flame alone on a single match before it is thrown upon dry kindling? Is fate for a love relationship contained in the very spark that begins each fire? And how is it that just as fast as a few flames can start a fire, the same is able to extinguish the memory of any once burning fire? The significance of all current relationships is undeniably in the microscopic. As well love is infinitely small. No one-person, not even loves own personal philosophers, can decipher its linguistic quarks. Nor can any lawyer convince love's heinous crimes and continue its traditional-staged innocence. Those who have been in love and have slowly fallen out of love know exactly what I mean. Love is guilty at hurting many. But that is over for me. True love is possible. It does exist, at the very least to simply forsake its impossibility. Love very well may be sitting at the edge of space, waiting for an individual to extend his or her imagination across its infinite length and claim it. Or maybe it lies right here on earth in the infinitely tiny, perhaps as an itch so hard to scratch or as a flame too hot to handle.

I tell you what, do not judge a book by its cover nor this article's by its seemingly aimless progression of words. If one always embraces the obvious, both-er not to analyze its position in the infinitely large as well as its components of infinitely small, one will never be fateful to oneself, nor die in love at all. Thanks.



Bryan Proulx

Racism isn't a problem? Says who?

Andrew Houston-Padial
Chairperson of the
Diversity Support Coalition

It seems like there is a growing movement of students here and around the country who are yet to realize their straight, white privilege in society. Unfortunately, it seems like some of these students not only do not realize what it is, but they also abuse it.

The author of "Hate speech: the plague of our time," is a perfect example of this abuse. His witty and fresh sarcasm was simply that—witty, fresh and sarcastic. It was also misguided. The author did not attend the panel; instead, he relied on secondary sources. He did not hear when the student on the panel (me) as well as the other panelists continued the discussion about racial responsibility and said that hate speech of any kind was not acceptable. He did not hear that some people are more sensitive to different terms or phrases than others. He did not hear when the panelists said that it is important for the people who say the hate words and hear the hate words to respond to them, thus preventing and hindering their use in common language. Part of racial responsibility is being able to understand the power of words like 'n****r', 's**c', and yes, even 'cracker.' While some words may not offend you or me as much as others, there are still many that are not easy to ignore.

The author further abuses his privilege in society by presenting the state of race relations in the country. He writes, "Gone is the time when blacks had to fear actual attacks for the color of their skin. All that's left to try and remedy is speech, but speech is no threat to anyone." Does anyone else find it funny that it is almost always the people that do not suffer from the inequalities and injustices in this society who are the first ones to jump up and say that things are okay? It is the author's privilege to do this, but it is the hard work of leaders in this community—of all races, religions, sexual orientations, and the list goes on—that have sacrificed to right the wrongs of society. The white people in this movement have realized their positions in society, and they are willing to sacrifice them to better our communities.

The author reverts back to childhood with his "sticks and stones" verse, but once again, he is a privileged member of society. While words like 'cracker' are not acceptable, he has probably never been victim to the verbal assaults that even some students of color right here in UNH have been victims to. Further, he has never been victim to the horrors of James Byrd in Texas, a black man who, in 1998, was dragged from a car by some white men for, guess what, being black. Aren't those days over? Hardly.

If words do not matter, why do you think the native peoples of this country fight every day to force the NFL's Redskins to change its name? Even students here in New Hampshire, a so-called safe haven and a bastion of equality (the key word is so-called), complain about being discriminated against for speaking their native languages (it's happened to me). They complain about being followed in the stores (it's happened to me). They complain about being told that they are only here because of their race and not for the fruits of their labor in high school (it seems like it's happening more and more to me and my peers). But, of course, things are okay—according to the author, and we should just ignore it. I refuse to ignore the complaints of my people.

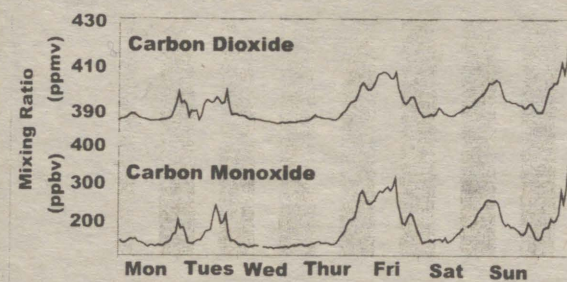
However, I must commend the author. Unlike most op-eds of this nature, he did not (mis)quote Martin Luther King, Jr. It seems like he did some research and cited Booker T. Washington, a great hero in black history, and you know what Booker T. was right. There are some people who are not going to give up on hate speech because it is a very real problem in our society, and the power of words is too often closely related to the power of violence and the power of abused privilege. The author did mention the work of Dr. King and those who came before him. Unfortunately, he forgot to mention the people who came after him and will continue to come after him. Maybe, the author should share his opinion with one of Dr. King's children because they have certainly not given up the fight.

One in two Americans breathe unhealthy air. . .

Air Quality Update February 3 - 10

A description of Durham's air over the previous week

Arctic air began to flow in behind the passage of a cold front Tuesday night. After that, winds became more westerly bringing polluted air to the seacoast. Carbon Dioxide (CO₂), while not directly harmful to human health, is an important greenhouse gas that is contributing to climate change.



Carbon Monoxide (CO) The region's carbon monoxide is primarily from fossil fuel combustion. It is produced locally, but can be transported long distances. Inhalation of CO reduces the ability of blood to bring oxygen to body cells and tissues and can cause other health problems.

Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Carbon Dioxide is a naturally occurring compound in the air that helps regulate climate. It is also formed from fossil fuel combustion. Human activities are increasing the amount of CO₂ in the air and changing the planet's climate.

What is an Air Pollutant?

While many compounds we release into the atmosphere are bad for air quality, only those regulated by the Clean Air Act are legally considered to be pollutants. The pollutants regulated by the Act fall into three main categories: 1) compounds involved in the formation of smog, 2) compounds involved in acid rain and haze and 3) toxics.

Currently greenhouse gases are not considered to be pollutants, but Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut are trying to change that. The state attorneys general announced on 1/30/03 that they are suing the US Environmental Protection Agency; they argue that the EPA is legally obligated to put carbon dioxide on the list of regulated pollutants because of the risk climate change poses to New England. New Hampshire has already put "cap and trade" legislation in place in an attempt to reduce carbon dioxide emissions

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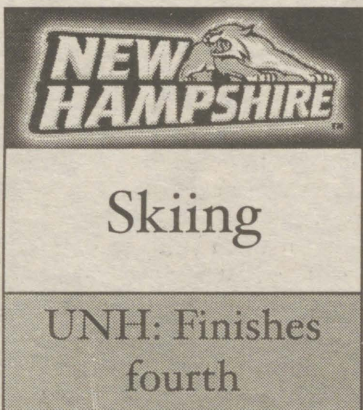
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From Staff Reports

Three-time All-American Greg Blaisdell won the men's giant slalom on the Dartmouth

Skiway to lead the University of New Hampshire ski team to a fourth-place finish at the Dartmouth College Carnival, which was held Friday and Saturday. UNH amassed 687 points at the 13-team event to finish behind Dartmouth (801 points), Vermont (768) and Middlebury (721).

Blaisdell trailed the giant slalom leader by three-tenths of a second following the first run, but his second run of 55.98 seconds gave him a combined time of 1 minute, 55.46 seconds and a first-place finish.

Kate Underwood was impressive in the Nordic events, in which she placed third in the

15K Classic (53:20.1) and sixth in the 5K Free Technique (15:35.2). In the free technique race, Margaret Maher, Eeva Pregitzer and Gretchen Czaja all placed in the top 20. Maher and Pregitzer finished 18th and 19th, respectively, in the 15K Classic and Jenn Conant crossed the finish line in 53:38.4 to place sixth.

The men's 10K Free Technique squad had the best team effort, as the 'Cats amassed the second-highest total of 97 points. The trio of Matt Schadow, Chris Mallory and Tom Keefe raced impressively as a team and finished within 23 seconds of each other. Schadow, in 26:49.1, placed sixth and was

followed by Mallory in seventh place at 26:56.8. Keefe was the 10th skier to cross the finish line with a time of 27:12.8 and Justin Novak completed the course 16 seconds later to earn 13th place.

The trio of Schadow, Keefe and Mallory raced tightly as a unit again in the 20K Classic. Schadow led the triumvirate with a time of 1:05.13 to place 10th and he was followed by Keefe (11th place) and Mallory (12th).

Back in Alpine action, Sydney Mikkelsen led the women's charge in the giant slalom with a seventh-place finish (2:02.73) and Jodi Curry

was the top UNH skier in the slalom with an eighth-place finish (48.7). Mikkelsen was 17th in the slalom and Curry had the 19th-best overall time in the giant slalom. Alice Milu and Stephanie Vaughan finished 15th and 16th, respectively, in the giant slalom.

Ben Drummond was the only Wildcat skier to earn a top-20 finish in both the slalom and giant slalom. He took 17th place in the giant slalom and was 18th in the slalom.

The UNH ski team returns to action Feb. 14-16 at the Williams Carnival.

Wildcat club briefs

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WRESTLING DOMINATES DARTMOUTH

The UNH Wrestling team continued its winning ways as it easily defeated a depleted Dartmouth College team 47-7 in a Dual Meet at Dartmouth February 1st.

The Wildcats were led by Ryan Holder, Brett Seastedt, Eric Esty and Dan Lynch who all pinned their opponents. The 'Cats are back in action on Feb. 15 when they participate in the Ron Mor-

row Invitational held at Lafayette College.

CHAMBERLAIN WINS KEN POPE

Congratulations to Joshua Chamberlain, a member of the UNH Golf Club, who was awarded the Ken Pope Scholarship.

This award was established in 1994 when Coach Ken Pope, a longtime coach of UNH Golf, succumbed to cancer suddenly, at an early age. This scholarship was established by his friends and family and is presented annually to the deserving recipient.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The UNH Men's Volleyball team showed

much improvement from the previous weekend as they managed to play with the tough Dartmouth club for three out of the four games.

The Wildcats were led by freshman outside hitter Jason Stein and the setter, senior captain Brett Sayer. After getting off to a rough start in the first game they managed to pull together and play with Dartmouth. The scores were 15-25, 25-20, 23-25, 25-21. Despite the losing effort, the Wildcats feel confident in their emergence as a contender heading into their next interdivisional tournament on Sat-

urday, Feb. 15 at Boston University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 12-Dance Team-Performance at Men's Basketball Game, Lundholm Gym-7 p.m.

Feb. 15-Wrestling Team-Ron Morrow Invitational @ Lafayette College-9 a.m.

Feb. 15-Men's Volleyball-Interdivisional Tournament @ Boston University-9 a.m.

Feb. 16-Dance Team-Performance at Men's Basketball Game, Lundholm Gym-7 p.m.

Yao shines on NBA's grandest stage

By Ashley McGeachy Fox
Knight Ridder Newspapers

ATLANTA — In an environment where cornrows, retro jerseys and ringing cell phones are the norm, Yao Ming stands out even more here at the NBA's all-star weekend extravaganza.

But celebrate his uniqueness, for here, he is the show, the center of attention.

Yao is a phenomenon, on the court and off it. The well-proportioned giant plays a game invented on American soil and, with his worldwide popularity, has turned hometown Shaquille O'Neal into a reserve on the Western Conference team.

Yao is a commercial hit, even though his English is choppy and his career in the United States is in its infancy. He is all of the 7 feet, 5 inches the Rockets list him at, but he is not a reed like the 7-6 Shawn Bradley.

With Michael Jordan set to play his final All-Star Game and approaching the end of his final season and with O'Neal always threatening to prematurely end his career, this just might be the changing of the NBA guard. Now we just might have the Ming dynasty.

Of course, it is way too early to appoint Yao as the second coming of Wilt Chamberlain. But the rookie from China has played well enough to earn respect from the league's elite big men, including O'Neal and San Antonio's Tim Duncan.

Yao has been a godsend to the Rockets, who made him the NBA's No. 1 draft pick last June. Their single-game ticket sales have spiked more than 50 percent, and they will be opening a new arena next season.

And Yao has been a godsend for the NBA, which

beams many of his games to China for a potential audience of more than 300 million homes. If he continues his early success, he soon will have athletic-shoe companies eager to own the Chinese market battling for his services, and he should make more money in endorsements down the line.

"He's good for the game," O'Neal said. "He's good for the international aspect of the game. And it's fun. It's fun. And, like I said, I'm a connoisseur of what's good for the game. Whatever's good for the game, I'm with it."

Said Duncan: "Yao's been great. I've had very little contact with him other than on the court, but he's just handling all the attention very well. And he's continuing to play pretty solid. I think he's got a lot of growing to do, but it's about experience."

Yao is getting that, plus support and assistance from his parents, who share a Houston home with their son and his translator, and from a management team that handles everything from his sticky contract to his growing endorsement opportunities.

Admittedly, Yao needed time to adjust to the NBA game, and even now, he concedes that the back-to-backs on the schedule are tough to endure.

But after his first four games, shaky ones in which teammate Steve Francis' crossover dribble left him in a shambles on the floor, Yao has recovered. He is averaging 13 points and 8.1 rebounds per game, both figures placing him second in the league among rookies. His field-goal percentage is an extraordinary .529, the fourth highest in the league, and his figure of 1.98 blocks per game is only likely to increase.

Against Dallas on Nov. 21, Yao scored 30 points

and against Indiana in late December, he tallied 29. In his first meeting with O'Neal, he blocked five of the big guy's shots and finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Among his fellow NBA all-stars, Yao's uniqueness is celebrated, not resented. He is a marketing force, peddling Apple computers and Visa credit cards, sharing commercial space with Yogi Berra and Verne (Mini-Me) Troyer.

Like many other NBA stars, he loves video games, sleeping, watching movies and playing basketball. His English is actually decent and getting better, and there will come a time when he will not feel the need to use an interpreter.

Friday in Atlanta was not that time. The NBA set up a special English-only speaker to listen to the translation of Yao's answers to reporters' questions. He typically gave short answers, although some were revealing.

About his outfit of black pants and a black Chinese national-team sweatshirt, he said: "It's to show that I really miss my audience and friends in China."

Of the clever Apple commercial featuring him and Troyer, he said: "First of all, I'm not a professional actor. Therefore, it's embarrassing. People would probably feel it's a professional performing."

Of the impending end of Jordan's career, he said: "He really belongs to a generation of great master players. Some of his very classic moments are locked in my memory, for sure."

And asked the ridiculous question of whether he had ever hit his head on the rim, he smiled, paused and said: "Not yet."

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the year and had the highest team total for the meet on floor exercise."

Finishing the meet on the vault, Goodspeed said her team "was not as sharp as they have been."

Regardless, Hall led the way for the 'Cats with a 9.850, tying her for second place. Junior Tara Phillips finished tied for ninth with a 9.800.

Goodspeed is excited for the excellent future of her team: "We hit 195.1 this weekend and I have said all year that this team should be above 195 in every meet. This takes every team

member hitting her routine to the best of her ability and I believe this team is beginning to put it all together. We are going to continue to escalate the level of our routines so that we can compete with the best teams in the country," she said.

Hall was the star in the event final's portion of the Cat Classic Saturday night. She and four other Wildcat gymnasts were selected to compete in the finals with the top ten finishers of each event the night prior. She made her presence known, ty-

ing for first place on both the vault (9.875) and the floor exercise (9.900).

"Amanda Hall is one of the quickest athletes we have ever had," Goodspeed said. "We are not at all surprised by her performance."

Other Wildcat finishers showed promising results: Phelps placed fifth on the vault, Dickson placed fourth on the beam, Harley placed third on the beam, and sixth on the bars, and James placed sixth in the floor exercise.

The event improves UNH's na-

tional ranking to 34, up from 36 prior to the meet.

New Hampshire returns to action this weekend, Saturday, Feb. 15, as they host the Fox Run Invitational at the Whittemore Center.

"We're hoping that the UNH student support and enthusiasm will help us to be Champions of this prestigious meet," Goodspeed said. The meet begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are currently available by calling the Whittemore Center Arena Box Office 868-4000.

No holds barred Reputa the beauta

By Matt Doucet
Staff Columnist

The fact that CBS actually thinks people want to watch Kenny G play golf is almost as amazing as me writing this column twice a week and thinking people are going to read it.

For some reason ESPN Classic decided to absolutely destroy my Saturday and put the two greatest pitching performances of my life on back to back. Pedro's 17 K, 1 hitter against the Yanks in 1999 (which has been hailed by many as *the* pitching performance in Yankee Stadium, even more impressive than Larsen's perfect game) and Game 5 against Cleveland where he no-hit the most potent offensive team in 50 years for six innings. Oh yeah, that was with

a bum shoulder too. It sounds weird, but he was so good in those two games that even though I knew what was coming, I still had three straight hours of chills, which as far as I'm concerned is the new barometer for greatness. And that's what Pedro was that season, a new barometer for greatness.

I'm gunning for a locker room posting with this one. It's as simple as this, the UNH men's hockey team this year just is not good. It's not that they're bad or even mediocre but it seems like earlier in the year they were just getting by on reputation and now everyone realizes that they aren't as good as they normally are, that they're very beatable. The fact that I just considered putting "trounced by Providence" shows how badly things are going right now. Maybe

they can turn it around, but I haven't seen one reason why they will.

Is it just me or does the exclamation point seem a little effeminate?

The Rangers just got Alexi Kovalev, furthering their efforts to supplant the 2001 Red Sox as the team with the worst transition from paper to the playing field.

Does anyone else feel like Jayson Williams could have handled the whole limo driver thing a little bit better?


This is how good the Houston Astros are this year. I'm seriously considering going against one of my father's greatest Sports Laws (that no team from Texas will ever win the World Series because the Texas heat in the summer wears everyone out by October) and picking them to go all the way this year. They added Jeff Kent to what was already a ridiculously potent lineup. Roy

Oswalt and Wade Miller are both ace material. Dotel and Wagner make it a seven-inning game and, as crazy as he is, Jimmy Williams is still one of the best managers in the game. I don't know if they can do it or not, but Joey D's law is going to be put to the ultimate test this year.

Cooper just told me that he is the Black Tiger Woods. If anyone out there could provide me with some advice on what to do with that, it'd be greatly appreciated.

I never thought I'd say this, but I really miss John Valentin. Not his play or anything, but just having him around, having him out there, squinty eyed and pouting always made me feel a little bit better, a little more sure that, at the end of the day, everything was going to be all right.

Wildcats late struggle gives PC power boost



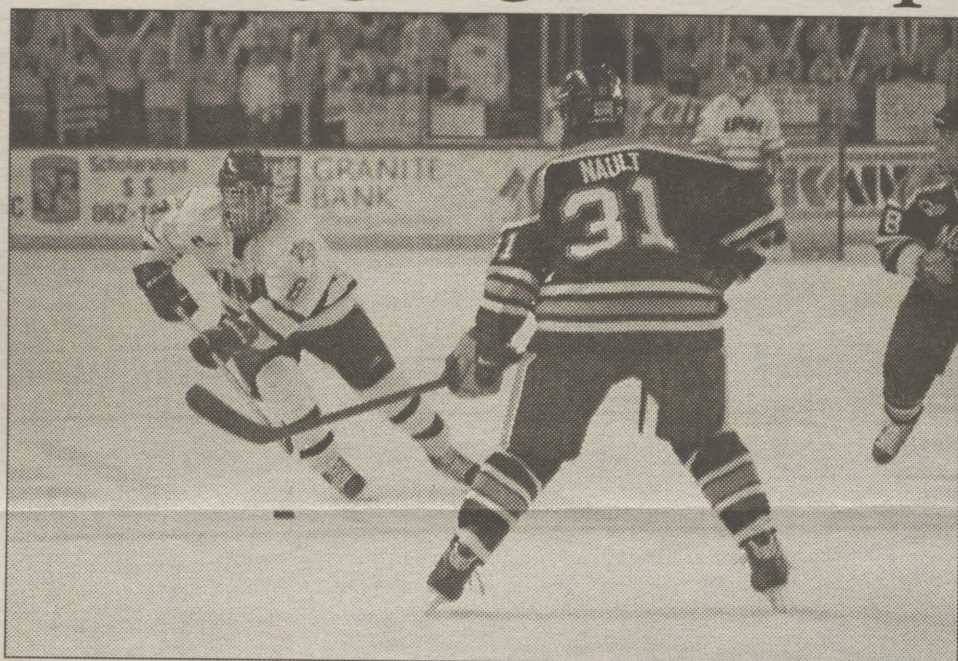
Men's
Hockey

UNH: 2
Providence: 5

By Joe Kennerson
Staff Writer

As it has been the case so many times this year, the 'Cats were tamed by great goaltending. Senior Providence goaltender Nolan Schaefer stopped a career high 46 shots in their 5-2 shellacking over the University of New Hampshire men's hockey team on Sunday. The loss puts UNH (18-7-3, 12-5-1 in Hockey East) in the rear view mirror of Maine and Boston College who are now tied for first place in Hockey East. Providence (16-12-1, 9-9-1) is making a late season run and sits in fifth place in the conference.

But the brick wall in front of the net wasn't the only downfall for UNH. The



Allie Gaines - Staff Photographer

Junior forward Steve Saviano skates past the Maine defense. Saviano wasn't able to get on the board against Providence but still ranks fourth on the team in points with 21.

Wildcats converted on just four percent of their shots, they gave up a season tying high five goals, and they listened as Providence fans chanted "overrated." That's because the loss marks the first time in nearly two years that the Wildcats have lost two

straight hockey games.

After 30 minutes of scoreless action, the Friars opened the floodgates with two goals in 12 seconds. John Goodwin received a pass from Devin Rask to punch in the first goal. Off of the ensuing face-off,

Goodwin found the puck deep in UNH's zone, passed it to Peter Fregoe who stuffed it past Mike Ayers for the quick 2-0 lead.

UNH answered when senior forward Lanny Gare scored his first of two goals 30 seconds into the third. With the 'Cats on the prowl, Friars answered with a pretty give and go between Rask and Fregoe who netted his second of the game. PC added another minutes later when a Stephan Wood slap shot from the point got redirected off of Wildcat Mick Mounsey's stick and past Ayers for a 4-1 lead.


The Wildcats chipped the lead to two with another Gare goal, but Providence held on late, slamming the door with a late period Jon DiSalvatore capitalizer.

Gare finished the ugly night as the lone star for the 'Cats with his conference leading 19th goal of the season. He has scored four goals in the past three games and is now tied for 35th with 133 career points on UNH's all time scoring list.

UNH's defense, giving up a nations fourth best 2.11 goals a game, was smothered by this quick, experienced Friar offense.

With six games remaining this season New Hampshire trails Maine and BC by two points. The Wildcats have a home and home this weekend with Northeastern coming to Durham on Valentines Day, and the teams go down to Boston on Saturday.

Wildcats still wait for their time to shine



Women's
Basketball

UNH: 78
NU: 61

By Lisa Gosselin
TNH Reporter

The University of New Hampshire's women's basketball team was handed a 78-61 loss by conference foe Northeastern University Saturday afternoon at Northeastern's Solomon Court. With this loss, the 'Cats fall to 2-6 in league action and 7-12 overall while the Huskies

improve to 6-4 in America East and 8-13 overall.

Out to avenge a 63-58 loss at the hands of the University of New Hampshire back on January 18, The Huskies took the lead early. After trailing for a good part of the first half, UNH cut the Huskies' lead to two, 28-26, with a little over three minutes left in the half on a pair of free throws by Lindsay Adams. Adams, playing her first game for the 'Cats after a six game break, finished with nine points on the afternoon.

The Huskies took charge once again before the halftime buzzer, scoring the last eleven points of the half. They carried a 38-26 lead into the break. UNH came back on a tear, however. Maren Matthias opened the half in a powerful way for the Wildcats, scoring the first seven points of the second half and bringing



Bettina Stephenson - Staff Photographer

A UNH player defends an NU player on Saturday.

UNH within nine, 42-33.

Northeastern then went on

a 10-1 run of its own, increasing their lead to 52-34.

Unfortunately, the Wildcats could not bring themselves closer than 13 from that point on, eventually losing by 17.


Once again, Matthias proved to be a force for the Wildcats. Following up a strong performance last Wednesday, Matthias finished with 22 points on the afternoon. After being limited to only seven minutes in the first due to foul troubles, Matthias ended with 8 of 16 from the floor and nailed 6 of 10 free throws to finish in double digits for the 11th straight game.

The New Hampshire women begin a critical week in America East play Wednesday, traveling to Hartford, followed by another important road match up against Albany Saturday.

The 'Cats return home to Durham Feb. 19, hosting Vermont in yet another conference clash. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. at Lundholm Gym.



'Cats overrun by Northeastern Huskies



Men's Basketball

Northeastern: 75
UNH: 61

By Anthony Doucet
TNH Reporter

"I don't want to be remembered, I want to be forgotten."

—George Costanza

The University of New Hampshire men's basketball team played well enough to win Saturday afternoon for the first 35 minutes. It was just those last five minutes that did them in, as the Wildcats dropped a 75-61 decision to the Northeastern Huskies, despite Jeff Senulis' second straight double-double, as the senior contributed an 18 point 10 board effort.

Runs for both teams defined the first half. For the first time in awhile, the Wildcats (3-19, 1-10 America East) came out strong after the opening tap, playing solid defense as they held the Huskies (13-11,

6-5 America East) without a field goal the first five minutes of first half, building up a seven point advantage at 11-4 at the 13:01 mark. Northeastern came right back, matching the 11-4 run with one of their own to tie the game at 15 apiece. Ben Sturgil then capped a 6-0 Wildcat run with a dunk to give UNH a six-point lead at 21-15 with a shade over eight minutes to play.

After that, the rest of the first half was the Jose Juan Barea show.

Northeastern's electric freshman led the Huskies on a 23-4 run to give Northeastern a 38-25 lead. The 5 feet 11 inches point guard took over, scoring 19 first half points on 6-11 shooting, while going 7-9 from the free throw line. Barea was able to penetrate at will, slashing and driving to the lane, getting himself to the line with regularity. Barea also assisted on three baskets during the run. The youngster finished the day with 28 points.

The Wildcats battled back over the final couple minutes of the half, cutting the lead down to a much more manageable six, entering the break down 39-33.

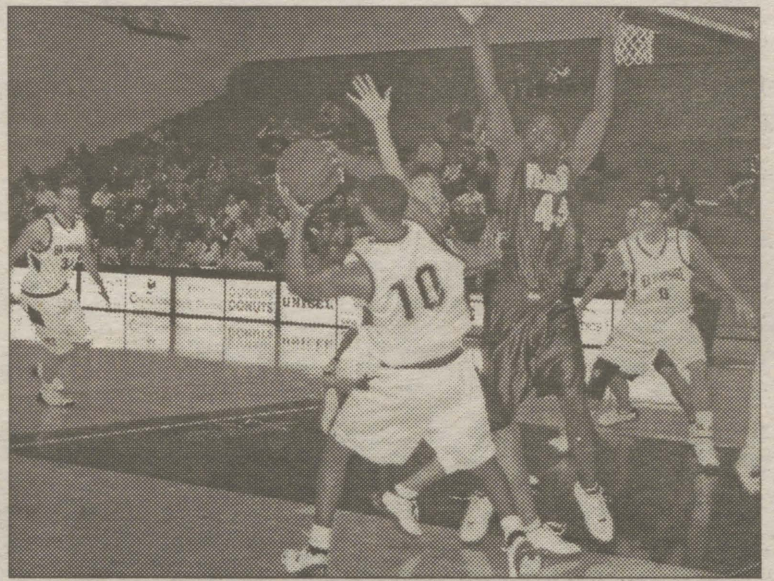
The second half began much like the first, as the Wildcats came out hot, and NU couldn't buy a bucket. The Wildcats chipped away at the lead, getting it down to one with an Ioannis Karalis lay-up to make it 42-41, and then taking the lead when the struggling

Marcus Bullock buried a triple to give UNH a two point advantage at 46-44.

"It's confidence," Wildcats head coach Phil Rowe said. "Shooters have to keep shooting. All but one of his shots Saturday were good ones. And the rest of his game was good."

The teams played fairly even for the next ten minutes, until the Huskies began to pull away, ending the second half much like they ended the first, this time going on a 16-6 run over the final 5:45 to produce the 14-point victory.

The loss hurts the Wildcats but doesn't kill them, thanks to Albany also losing this weekend, which kept UNH only a game out of the all-important eighth and final seed in the America East standings. The Wildcats now wait until Wednesday, when




Bettina Stephenson - Staff Photographer

Ronnie Dennis (10) looks for a wide open Jeff Senulis (left) at the top of the key.

the Hartford Hawks and Manchester Central High graduate Ryan Stys come to Lundholm for a 7 p.m. match-up. If the Wildcats don't get hot at some point over their next five games, especially in their pivotal game against Albany next Sunday at Lundholm, they will probably wish to file this season under the same category that George Costanza wants to file his life...gone, and long since forgotten.

Strong floor routine leads to a second

Great team effort on floor exercise paces Wildcats to a second place finish at the Cat Classic



Gymnastics

UNH: Second place in Cat Classic

By Danielle Houston
TNH Reporter

Senior Captain Michelle Harley and senior assistant captain Jen Dickson led the University of New Hampshire women's gymnastics team to a second place finish Friday night at the annual Cat Classic, hosted by the University of Missouri.

Harley and Dickson had a strong hand in UNH's overall score of 195.100. Both had top five finishes in the all-around competition. Harley placed fourth with a 39.150, while Dickson took fifth with a 39.050. The scores were not quite enough, as the Wildcats narrowly lost to the host who took first place with a score

of 195.875.

Coach Gail Goodspeed was pleased with the outcome of the event, and particularly with that of her captains. "The team effort has been outstanding and Michelle Harley and Jen Dickson have both scored over 39.0 in the last two meets and are leading the team on the competitive floor," she said.

The Cat Classic is one of the most prestigious

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Amanda Hall is one of the quickest athletes we have ever had. We are not at all surprised by her performance.

— Gail Goodspeed, UNH Gymnastics Coach on the Cat Classic Finals

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meets in the country. The event was created by Jake Jacobson, the former U of Missouri women's gymnastics coach, and is the only meet during the regular season that includes a team meet and an event final. The top 10 in each event compete in the event finals and both events draw a large crowd. Those teams who have a "Cat" as their mascot are invited to the meet.

The Wildcats started off their first rotation on the uneven bars, and Harley ended her routine as the highest finishing Wildcat with a score of 9.800. The score placed her seventh on the event, and helped get things going for the team.

Things were starting to look shaky for the 'Cats during the second rotation, after sophomore Vanessa James started with a fall. She was able to complete the routine, but the remaining five competitors needed to perform under pressure. The captains gave a momentum shifting performance that would carry on throughout the night. Dickson achieved a season high and took third place with a 9.875. Harley followed with 9.850 for fifth place, while sophomore Vanessa Berrios placed seventh with another season high of 9.800. The stellar performances of these three would eventually qualify them for the event finals.

The 'Cats roared on during the floor exercise, scoring a team season high of 49.000. Harley continued her successful evening as she placed second with a 9.850. James and freshman Amanda Hall also set new season highs with 9.825 and 9.800 respectively. Dickson placed ninth with a 9.775.

"After the first two events we were behind Missouri by a point," UNH coach Gail Goodspeed said. ".97 for UNH to .98 for Missouri but we were leading Arizona (10th ranked team in the country) and Brigham Young University (20th ranked team in the country). We went to floor and did the best floor of

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"No holds barred"

Our resident columnist wonders where UNH hockey is headed this year.

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