



## SHARPP move to Health Services imminent

By Lisa Arsenault  
Staff Writer

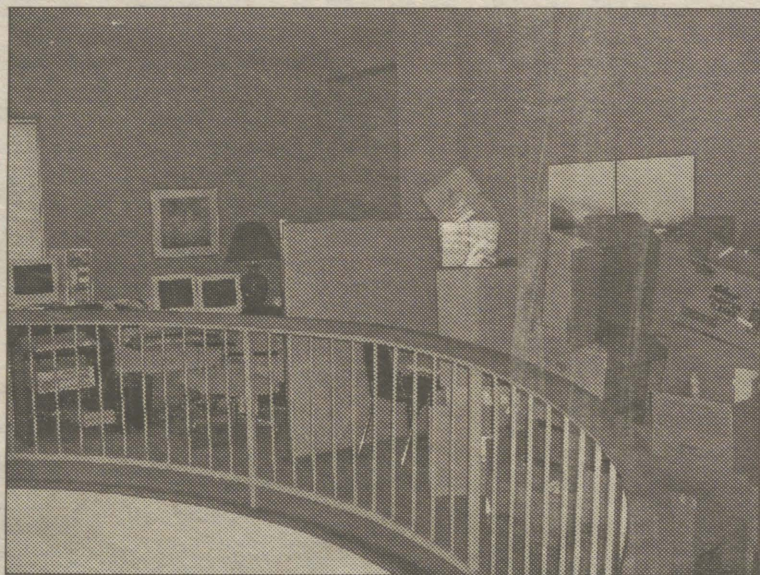
Despite concerns raised over the possible negative effects on survivors of relocating the Sexual Assault and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP) from Huddleston to Health Services, the move itself will still happen.

According to Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Kevin Charles, the possibility of SHARPP moving anywhere but Health Services has never been a reality.

"Health Services is their only option," said Charles. "I would like it to be wherever they're happy, I really would. But we don't have that many options on this campus. Huddleston is not an option, so what are we going to do? That's the problem."

The move was temporarily put on hold prior to winter break when a petition, which gathered 2,000 signatures in less than a week, was delivered to the president's office on Dec. 9 opposing the move.

At that time, Charles announced that a panel of experts would be assembled to address the concerns of the petition. Some who opposed the move considered this a victory — their feeling was that if the panel of experts ruled that Health Services was not a viable space, it would consider other



Lisa Arsenault - Staff Photographer

**This balcony on the second floor of Health Services was supposed to be designated for SHARPP offices, but will now be a conference room.**

spaces. The assumption was that the move to Health Services was not a done deal.

Among those who felt this way was SHARPP advisory board Chair Andrew Merton, who challenged the move from the beginning.

"My impression was the panel was going to evaluate the space at Health Services and have the freedom to make the determination of whether that space was appropriate or not," Merton said. "Given what Kevin [said], I'm wondering if this was

just an exercise in going through some motions in order to defuse the very clear anger of those 2,000 people who signed the petition back in November and December."

Any assumptions made that the move was not finalized and that the panel would have a chance to explore other options were incorrect. The panel will not have the authority to override a move to Health Services. It will talk about the concerns of the space and draft a list of prin-

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## Senate approves new transportation fee

By Tristan Law  
Staff Writer

After three hours of debate, Student Senate approved a new transportation fee, upping student contribution from \$9 per student to \$35, in exchange for better services.

The bill will increase the yearly student contribution to Transportation Services from \$95,000 to \$330,000. This money will be used to improve campus transportation services, expand the transit service, allow pedestrian and bicycle improvements, and provide ride services for the student community.

Initially, a fee of \$75 per student was suggested by Transportation Services.

After discussing other options with student representatives, a program of expenditures with a \$43 per student fee was developed.

After many debates at the senate meeting on Sunday, the proposed figure was then amended to \$35 before it was passed.

However, the bill did not pass with ease. Several senators were adamant about not passing the bill.

"It's too much money," said Jen Francque. "It's ridiculous and absurd; we have to look at what we need and what is frivolous." She continued by proposing to change the fee to \$20.

Mitch Doty seconded this.

"If it's \$43 this year, it's \$43 next year — fee's don't go away," he said.

"The University needs to tighten its belt," said Gables Senator Ed Aten. "You're looking to put a \$43 fee into effect; that's more than a 300 percent increase from the \$9 it is now."

"We just handed (Wildcat) Transit a \$400,000 cupcake. This is how we reward them for 16 years of problems," Aten continued.

However, proponents of the bill supported the transportation fee.

"The issue is a noticeable change," said Skip Burns, the student body vice president. "If we don't put money into this, students won't see a change. It's at a good amount at \$43. If it's at \$20, people won't see a change and students will wonder where my \$20 went. We need it at \$43 so that we can move it to \$20 the next year."

Matthew MacVane said, "We need certain services, we need increased transit, we need campus connector, we need safe rides...this fee is paying for services we want and need. Let's make this college a better place to live."

Student Body President Sean Kay pointed out that parking and transportation were the students No. 1 concerns.

"This is your one opportunity to really make a difference and address what the students care about," he said.

Eventually, the two sides compromised and amended the bill, changing the fee from \$43 a student to \$35. Then the bill was passed with a vote of 34 to 11.

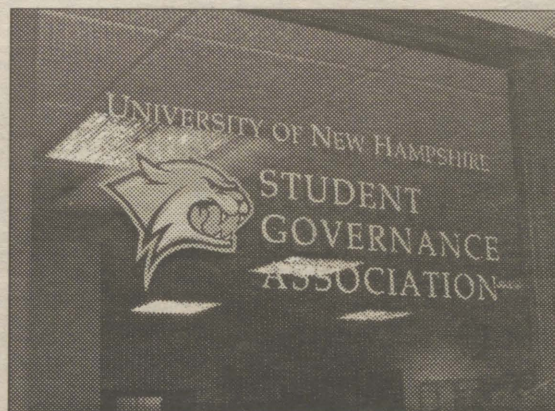
With the passing of the bill, UNH students and others who will use the University's Transportation Services next year will hopefully notice the differences. These changes include a 10 to 15 percent increase in Campus Connector shuttle service, increased frequency on existing Wildcat Transit routes and the creation of new ones, with stop amenities like lighting and schedules that would track busses.

Also, funds for the return of Safe Rides and NON-EMERGENCY rides, which is a provision of non-emergency transportation to local medical facilities on an on-call basis during evening and weekend hours, is in the budget.

Rounding out the plan is funding for an Amtrak Quick-Trak Ticketing Service, which will allow students to buy train tickets at the Durham train stop, instead of ordering them by phone or online and having to wait the two or three days for tickets to arrive.

"It's going to cost money," said Kay about the bill. "But students will see a difference. I'm excited to see what's going to happen."

Francque said, "Well, I'm excited that it's not at \$43, but I would have liked to see it a little bit lower."



Allie Gaines - Staff Photographer

**The new transportation fee approved by Student Senate will be used to improve campus transportation.**

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## Anti-war protest at UNH Thursday

By Lisa Arsenault  
Staff Writer

University efforts to oppose the impending U.S. war with Iraq will continue Thursday with an anti-war protest rally in the courtyard in front of Dimond Library from 12:40 to 2 p.m.

The event follows the passage of the Student Senate resolution last semester, condemning a preemptive U.S. attack on Iraq and denouncing N.H. congressmen and senators for voting to give President Bush unilateral power to strike Iraq.

The protest is being organized by resolution authors Noah Perch-Ahern and Evan Czyzowski, along with UNH senior Nick Copanas and with sponsorship from the UNH Peace and Justice League.

Fearing that war is literally days away, Perch-Ahern, Czyzowski and Copanas began planning the protest early last week in an effort to give members of the UNH community an opportunity to express their opposition to the war.

With the protest and the resolution, they hope to send a clear message from UNH to the nation and the world that Bush's administration has failed to justify a war with Iraq and many U.S. students do not support Bush's Iraq policy.

"We want to raise awareness in our community and keep the conversation going," Czyzowski said. "We're outraged at the way this administration is jumping to war when there are many other options of ways to deal with it, and especially as we become increasingly isolated in terms of the rest of the world on this."

Speakers at the protest will include Patrick Carlin, New Hampshire Peace Action co-director and former Army intelligence officer during the Gulf War; Sean Donahue, New Hampshire Peace Action co-director; Paul Brailsford of Veterans for Peace; and Mary Westfall, campus minister and UNH philosophy professor. UNH communications professor Josh Meyrowitz will give a presenta-

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# What to do

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2003

**Tuesday,  
Feb. 25**

\* The Diversity Support Coalition and the Black Student Union present speaker Brenda Verner, whose presentation is entitled "Taking control of Our Media Image: Africana." It will take place at 7 p.m. in MUB Theater II. Admission is free for students and \$3.00 for non-students. This event is funded by your Student Activity Fee.

**Wednesday,  
Feb. 26**

\* UNH senior and 2002 IROP grant winner Jessie Wallner will present "The Sound of Dharma: The Musical Form and Function of Tibetan Buddhism," a lecture and discussion about the intersection of music and religion. The event will take place at 8 p.m. in PCAC room M223. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Come and ask about what it's like to be an undergraduate anthropologist on a mission to learn about Tibetan music—and how YOU can pursue YOUR academic dreams through UNH's IROP program.

**Friday,  
Feb. 28**

\* Mask and Dagger presents "The Increased Difficulty of Concentration", a play by Vaclav Havel. The bedroom farce will be showing in the Strafford Room of the MUB at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the MUB Ticket Office for \$3.50 for students and \$6.00 for non-students. This event is funded by your Student Activity Fee.

**Saturday,  
March 1**

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**Sunday,  
March 2**

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**Monday,  
March 3**

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\* Meditation for Peace. Are you feeling helpless about the potential war on Iraq? Join us for an evening of positive thinking, sharing of ideas and letter writing. Room and time in MUB TBA. For more information call 862-4098.

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

\* Merrimack County Beginner Farmers Present: "A Practical Approach to Start Your Own Seeds," a Four-Part Workshop Series. Workshops will be held at the

Concord Center in downtown Concord on March 6 and 20, and April 3 and 17, 2003. Registration opens to the public on Feb. 21, and is open to Members of Beginner Farmers of N.H. before 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](mailto:bianca@beginnerfarmers.org)

\* The United Campus Ministry is forming two discussion and study groups; all are invited to participate. One is a discovery of the Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the way we can apply his teachings and ministry to our own lives; the other will be a "Sojo Circle," to examine informed and reflective responses to calls for war and violence in our world. For more information, please call Larry at the Waysmeet Center at 15 Mill Road, at 862-11654, or [Waysmeet@msn.com](mailto:Waysmeet@msn.com).

\* The Cornucopia Food Pantry serves the UNH community, all students, staff and faculty, and families in need of support and food. Cornucopia is located on the ground floor of Christiansen Hall; enter by the rear loading docks. It is open on Wednesdays from 4-5:15 p.m. and by appointment. Please call 862-1165 or 862-4820 for more information.

\* The Seacoast Hospice is beginning grief support groups for a variety of topics this spring, including Healing after Suicide, Bridges for Children & Teens, Two Grief Support Groups, and a Young Adult Support Session. Please call 1-800-416-9207 for more information about grief support or to register.

\* The UNH Yoga Club offers Free Yoga and Meditation Class every Tuesday 5:30-6:15 p.m. in MUB 336. Experience the Benefits of Deep Relaxation: clarity of mind, more harmonious relationships, increased concentration, improved memory, dissipated anxiety and heightened enthusiasm. For more information contact [kdaol@yahoo.com](mailto:kdaol@yahoo.com).

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# Students irate over plowing nightmare

By Marcus Weisgerber  
Staff Writer

Sunday night seemed never-ending for residents who keep their cars in the Gables, Woodsides and E parking lots. Residents were forced to move their cars from their designated parking lots so snow could be removed to free up more space and make the lot easier to drive around; however, students say the timeliness of the plowing was a major inconvenience.

Margaret Scheitheir, property manager of the Gables, said that parking services coordinated the plowing.

However, no one at Parking Services was able to comment on the plowing, nor the number of tickets issued this morning to residents whose cars were not moved back to their assigned lot.

Last Thursday, residents in the Woodsides and Gables received flyers and two voicemails to let them know of the UNH Department of Grounds and Roads' plans to plow the respective parking lots on Sunday night.

Senior Alyssa Cortellino was initially pleased to find out the Gables lot would be cleared, however, in the end it turned out to be a disaster.

Cortellino said that even though the residents had to vacate the Gables parking lot at 6 p.m., the plowing did not begin until close to 11 p.m., causing it to last until the early morning.

"I don't understand why they couldn't do it on Saturday," she said. "We were forced to either stay up to the early morning or get up at 6 a.m. to move our cars back into the (Gables) lot. If we didn't, we would get a \$30 parking ticket. They seem to have no consideration for students who have class on Monday morning."

According to the UNH Department of Grounds and Roads, the manager was unavailable for comment because he worked through Sunday night with the plowing efforts.

Freshman Ryan Kinsella, who has a spinal cord injury and is paralyzed from

the knees down, lives in the Gables and was not permitted into the Gables parking lot, even though he has a handicapped pass in his car.

Kinsella said he asked a member of the Grounds and Roads Department, who was blocking the entrance of the lot, if he would be allowed in because he uses crutches to walk. Kinsella said he explained how the ice makes it difficult for him to get around, but said the man told him he was sorry, but he couldn't help. He parked his car in A-

lot. Soon after beginning his walk to the Gables, Kinsella's crutch lost its footing sending him crashing to the ground. Fortunately, he was uninjured.

"We pay a lot of money to park in these lots," Cortellino said. "I think more consideration should have been put into the planing of (the plowing)."

Cortellino said the Gables parking lot is a lot better now that the snow has been removed.

Residents who keep their cars in E-lot said they were not as lucky.

Junior Cassie Bridle said the snow drifts between the cars are gone, however, there is still a thick layer of ice and packed snow in the lot. She said she spent the night at a friend's house to avoid having to move her car from B-lot to E-lot in the early morning hours. When she arrived back Monday morning, she said she fell on the ice while carrying her groceries.

As for the Woodsides lot, junior Adam Keyser said the lot was better than it was, but it is "still a mess." Residents of the Woodsides had to move their cars to the Alumni Center lot, which can not hold the number of cars the Woodsides lot can. Keyser said he was inconvenienced because he had to park his car in H-lot by the Whittemore Center because of the large number of cars in the Alumni lot.

Keyser said he moved his car back into the Woodsides lot at 12:45 a.m. and that the plowing still was not done.

"Parking Services needs to get their act together and find a better way of doing things," he said.

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—Alyssa Cortellino, senior**

# Five-year athletic plan to be completed by summer

By Kristen Melamed  
TNH Reporter

A five-year athletic plan, currently in the works, will be completed and unveiled this summer. It will reveal designs for new and improved facilities and specific advances and alterations for athletic teams and programs. The plan is expected to serve as a road map to victory, success and change upon the horizon.

The athletic plan is part of a campus-wide assessment that former president Joan Leitzel designed a few years ago. Athletic Director Martin Scarano decided to hold off on the plan when Leitzel announced she was leaving. He wanted to wait until a new president was appointed, and now that President Ann Weaver Hart has taken the reins, Scarano says that the time is right.

He is working with President Hart and Alden and Associates, a Massachusetts firm that has done similar projected plans for a variety of colleges throughout the country. This tactical planning should be completed by the summer and ready to be executed prior to the start of the 2003-2004 academic year. Alden and Associates is a consulting firm devoted to

issues and strategic planning of intercollegiate athletic sporting programs. Together, they are working to formulate policies and procedures and a concrete plan to reveal this coming summer.

"This plan is a five-year footprint of athletic aspirations," Scarano said. He says that while athletics is only a part of UNH, it will help advance the University as a whole.

UNH currently has 700 athletes competing in 24 sports. New and improved facilities and advances for teams could provide more exposure for particular sports and even advance a few club teams to varsity status. The plan includes the new track, new outdoor fields and renovations to Lundholm Gymnasium.

Track team member Rebecca Eldridge said, "As a freshman, it's really great to have the new track facilities. I'm definitely looking forward to the next 3 years on the track team."

Many coaches could not comment on the specifics of the 5-year plan, as they have not been publicly detailed.

"I'd like to think five years from now UNH will have (more) options," Scarano said. "We won't have to settle for anything."

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Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

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## Fast-paced technology challenges fire fighters to keep up

By Brian Carroll  
TNH Reporter

High-tech tools have taken their place in the future of fire fighting, but the speed at which technology advances renders some expensive pieces of equipment outdated within only a few years of purchase.

Thermal imaging cameras have become almost standard equipment in fire stations across the country. However, even though the cameras the Durham Fire Department uses are only a few years old, they are no longer available on the market.

Advancements in firefighting technology have turned a once simple profession into a job full of special expertise.

"They give us more responsibility and hold us to higher expectations," said Capt. Michael Hoffman, a firefighter with the Durham department since 1979.

"Technology advances so quickly that the cameras are always evolving," said Rick Miller, another captain at the Durham station. While the cameras Durham owns may be older, they still function properly and remain a vital life-saving tool.

"It's hard to say if these cameras have paid for themselves," said Miller.

Purchasing new cameras is not a necessity for the Durham department at the moment, but at prices ranging from \$30,000 to \$40,000 per camera, the department would not be able to afford the newest models.

Thermal imaging cameras, along with self-contained breathing apparatus, are some of the biggest advancements in

firefighting in the past fifteen years, said Miller.

The radar-gun-sized cameras function by sensing differences in heat through the lens and then display the difference on a screen in the form of an image, said Hoffman. Warmer surfaces appear lighter than cooler surfaces on the black and white display. The cameras require only a few hours of training per month.

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—Capt. Michael Hoffman, Durham firefighter

"Usually you have to listen and feel for the heat of a fire, listen for the cracking and popping of the flame," said Hoffman, "but with this you can actually see it."

According to Miller, normal visibility inside a burning building ranges from 2 feet to only several inches.

"Unfortunately, people think that this technology replaces manpower," said Miller. Even though the cameras allow firefighters to do what used to be impossible, such as being able to see in zero visibility situations, they would be useless without the people who know how to use them.

Out of 1,781 total responses made to calls received by the Durham Fire Department in 2001, 31 were serious structure fires that could have had fatal results, according to department records. While there have not been any

fire-related deaths in Durham for almost 40 years, it does not mean that there is no longer any risk. There were approximately 20 fire-related deaths in each of the past three years in the state of New Hampshire.

Three years ago, through extensive fundraising, Durham became one of the first departments in the area to obtain thermal imaging cameras at a cost of \$17,000 apiece. Firefighters regularly

use the two cameras in low visibility situations.

In Durham, the cameras have become helpful tools for locating persons lost in the woods during night searches and for locating the heat of fires within buildings. The heat sensing capabilities of the cameras allow firefighters to see heat differences through walls without having to destroy them, an ability that has saved homeowners a lot of money in property damage, said Miller.

When the camera gets extremely hot, however, its ability to differentiate between temperatures weakens. The newest cameras on the market come equipped with a large metal block that serves as a self-cooling system called a heat sync, said Miller. This block absorbs the heat from the camera in order to keep it functioning at cooler temperatures.

Firefighters have mixed responses to

whether or not they believe a law requiring cameras at fire departments could ever come to be.

"Carrying them is a standard practice," said Hoffman, "Not carrying them could be a liability, just as if we didn't carry enough ground ladders. Our insurance takes the cameras into account."

This country does not even require every town to have a fire department, said Ron Clymer, assistant fire chief of the Dover Fire Department.

In the next five years, due to rapid advancements in technology, the cameras will be small enough to be included directly in the air masks of firefighters, said Clymer.

Even more technology is on its way to finding a home in fire departments across the country. Global Positioning Systems (GPS) have enormous potential for locating the positions of trucks and firefighters within cities, towns and even buildings, said Hoffman.

At the Dover department, fire trucks are being equipped with computers that might soon keep records of the blueprints of all the buildings within the town, said Clymer. These records will allow firefighters to study the structural layouts of buildings while riding in the trucks on the way to fight a fire.

Even NASA has developed a liquid cooling vest that could help future firefighters to keep their bodies at normal temperatures, said Miller.

"Sure, a lot of guys love the thrill that comes along with the job," said Hoffman, "but the most rewarding aspect is, at a time of need, making a positive difference in someone's life."

## 'The Simpsons' antics and the Bible converge in MUB

By Mark Stawecki  
TNH Reporter

Doughnuts, Bart Simpson's antics and the Bible converged in room 334 of the MUB Wednesday night, where about 20 people discussed the relevance of the television show "The Simpsons" as it pertains to Christianity in an event hosted by the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.

The event included a showing of the episode "Homer vs. Lisa and the Eighth Commandment," in which Homer is challenged by his moral daughter, Lisa, for having illegal cable television. Discussion followed the episode, along with trivia and a Xbox game contest.

Bryan Bessette, chaplain of Chi Alpha, gave opening remarks and introduced the book, "The Gospel According to The Simpsons" by Mark I. Pinsky. Bessette quoted the book on several matters, stating that 70 percent of the episodes have religious meaning. Afterwards, he began the forum by saying that "this is discussion time, and it's only as good as you make it."

Bessette enthusiastically threw out questions such as, "Did Homer break the Eighth Commandment?"

Other questions arose concerning topics, such as what the family would be like without the "moral" child Lisa and segued into more philosophical topics, such as comparing the morality of stealing a couple of grapes from a grocery store to getting free cable. The concept of a guilty conscience and its causes was also raised.

About a third to a half of those in attendance voiced their opinions during the half-hour discussion.

Bessette concluded by saying that he believed the Simpsons "stood up" to the Christian Gospel. He also quoted Mike Scully, one time executive producer of the show, who said that the Simpsons "represent people's honest attitudes about religion."

The trivia contest then took place, with prizes including gift certificates to Dunkin' Donuts, a t-shirt featuring Homer with his trademark phrase of "Mmmmm," and a DVD of first season of the show.

The event concluded with a Xbox contest of the game "The Simpsons: Road Rage." Players drove the familiar characters around Springfield in a race to earn more money. "The

Simpsons" version of Pictionary went to the overall winner.

According to Robert Cutting, president of Chi Alpha, similar events have been successful at other colleges such as Georgetown University. This is Chi Alpha's first year at UNH, and they were looking for something that would reach out to people.

Bessette's wife, Hannah, a volunteer staff member of Chi Alpha, stated that she hopes next time people will feel more comfortable with speaking out. She compared Wednesday night to students getting used to a class before voicing their thoughts.

The event was one of three planned around the hit show. The others will take place on March 12 and April 16.

Sophomore Greg Taylor said he thought the idea was an "interesting way to connect the gospel to popular culture."

"The Simpsons" which airs Sundays on Fox, has recently passed the 300th episode mark. It is the longest running animated series, and the second longest sitcom behind "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet."

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## Princeton chess team members take on local prison inmates

By Adaku Ibekwe  
The Daily Princetonian  
(Princeton U.)

(U-WIRE) PRINCETON, N.J. - Princeton University chess team members Brandon Ashe '04 and Ian Prevost '05 spent Friday afternoon competing with 32 New Jersey State Prison inmates at a game of strategy and skill. After four hours of play and more than 15 matches, Ashe conceded to prison inmate Nacirfa Boyer giving at least one win to the home team.

"I think the inmates have played chess amongst each other a lot while in prison," Prevost said. "They were all very excited about the event because they don't have many things like this."

The chess tournament was organized by the Department of Corrections and John Marshall, vice president of Benecard Services, Inc., a local prescription drug distribution company partially owned by former N.J. Senate candidate Doug Forrester.

Marshall said he chose chess because he loves the game and because it "can stand the test across social strata."

The popularity of a similar event held two years ago prompted Marshall to bring it back. The tournament was not repeated last year because of Forrester's campaign for the Senate — Marshall said that they wanted to avoid having the event turned

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—John Marshall, vice president of Benecard Services, Inc.

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into something political.

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For the first chess tournament, Marshall and Forrester recruited chess master Jude Acers from New Orleans to take on the prison inmates. Acers was scheduled to make a repeat appearance this year to take on some 40 inmates but was unable to attend.

"It was on my shoulders to find a replacement," said Marshall. "That's when I realized that there is an Ivy League institution in this very county."

Marshall then contacted Ashe, president of the University chess club.

"Everyone in the club was excited, but by recommendation of Mr. Marshall, we only took our two strongest players," Ashe said.

Ashe and Prevost were each involved

in more than 15 games concurrently. Because Ashe finished his original 15 matches, he picked up some of Prevost's unfinished games. The only incident to be reported was a late start.

"The young men handled themselves extremely well," Marshall said. "The inmates were great and the event went off very well."

Now that the event has been successful twice, Marshall predicts that the organization of the event will be much easier in the future. He is looking to make the event annual or semiannual — and he will continue to turn to the University's chess club for willing challengers.

"It is certainly possible to recruit grand masters from New York," Marshall said. "But, local students show such great interest, and the amateur flavor of the event adds to it."

According to folklore handed down to Ashe, the chess club has been in existence at the University since the 1930s —

though he said he is not certain.

"When I got here my freshman year, the chess club wasn't very active," Ashe said. "But since then, it has gradually been revived and the club participates in a lot of tournaments and competitions."

The chess club meets every Friday evening at 8 p.m. to play chess and share strategy.

"It's not a huge commitment," Prevost said. "Meetings aren't required, but when it comes time for tournaments we pick the top-rated players and take into consideration dedication to the club."

This year, the club participated in the Pan Am games in Florida, and each year they participate in the U.S. Amateur Team East Competition. Earlier this year they beat Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in a team competition. The prison tournament was their first involvement in a community outreach program.

The difficulty with outreach programs, Ashe said, is the inability to find sponsorship to help provide supplies. In the prison tournament, the chess boards and books were donated to the inmates by Benecard.

Both Ashe and Prevost expressed great interest in participating in the prison chess event in the future.

## Pearl remembered at Stanford, across world

By Sara Ines Calderon  
The Stanford Daily  
(Stanford U.)

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. - Last Friday marked the one-year anniversary of the death of The Wall Street Journal reporter and Stanford University alumnus Daniel Pearl, Class of 1985.

Memorial services were recently held throughout the world in New York, Los Ange-

les, Toronto, London, Paris and Jerusalem to commemorate Pearl, who was The Journal's South Asia bureau chief.

Pearl was killed in Karachi, Pakistan after being abducted in January 2002 while writing a story about Richard Reid, who was billed "the shoe bomber." On Feb. 21, 2002, the State Department revealed that Pearl was dead after it received a videotape from his

kidnappers that documented his execution. Three men were later sentenced to life imprisonment and one man to death for the kidnapping and murder of Pearl.

"Journalism is no longer a privileged profession, in the sense that journalists were once thought to possess a certain amount of immunity," said Communication Prof. Henry Breitrose, who taught Pearl when

he was a communication major at Stanford. "It's made journalism a much more dangerous profession, which means that . . . what the public will know will be managed by both our government and our enemies."

After Pearl's death, an anonymous alumnus established an endowed fund in the Department of Communication to commemorate his work and ideals. The Daniel Pearl

Memorial Fund was established as an endowed undergraduate scholarship with a preference for students majoring in Communication. Vauhini Vara, a junior majoring in international relations and minoring in economics and creative writing, is the first Daniel Pearl Memorial Journalism intern. She will work in the Hong Kong foreign bureau of The Journal this summer.

"Once upon a time there was an old woman. Blind. Wise.

In the version I know the woman is the daughter of slaves, black, American, and lives alone in a small house outside of town. Her reputation for wisdom is without peer and without question. Among her people she is both the law and its transgression. The honor she is paid and the awe in which she is held reach beyond her neighborhood to places far away; to the city where the intelligence of rural prophets is the source of much amusement.

One day the woman is visited by some young people who seem to be bent on disproving her clairvoyance and showing her up for the fraud they believe she is. Their plan is simple: they enter her house and ask the one question the answer to which rides solely on her difference from them, a difference they regard as a profound disability: her blindness. They stand before her, and one of them says, "Old woman, I hold in my hand a bird. Tell me whether it is living or dead."

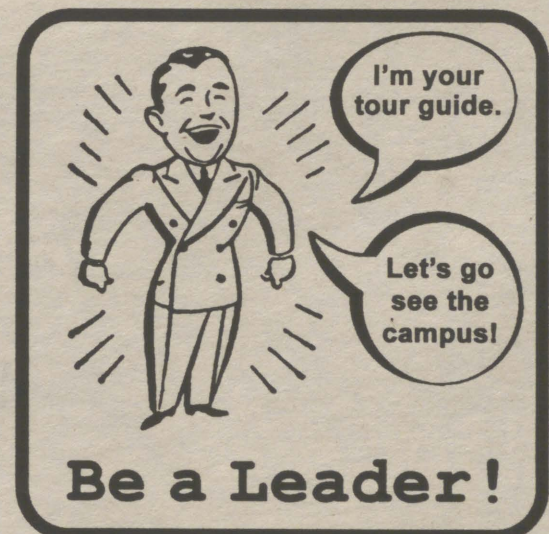
She does not answer, and the question is repeated. "Is the bird I am holding living or dead?"

Still she doesn't answer. She is blind and cannot see her visitors, let alone what is in their hands. She does not know their color, gender or homeland. She only knows their motive. The old woman's silence is so long, the young people have trouble holding their laughter.

Finally she speaks and her voice is soft but stern. "I don't know", she says. "I don't know whether the bird you are holding is dead or alive, but what I do know is that it is in your hands. It is in your hands."

~ Author Tony Morrison, from her acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize in literature in 1993.

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# Norah Jones nabs five Grammy Awards

By Brian McCollum  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Usually we complain when the Grammy Awards act too grown up.

But Sunday night, pop music's top honors managed to pull off a classy affair that stayed on the good side of the line between stylish and stuffy.

Norah Jones emerged as the night's big winner, a young artist making a name with vintage music. The 23-year-old crooner, daughter of Indian sitarist Ravi Shankar, walked home with five awards for work from her finely cultivated trad-pop album "Come Away With Me." Jones' trophies included album of the year, best new artist, record of the year and pop album.

All told, her album was responsible for eight wins, including song of the year for composer Jesse Harris, who wrote her hit "Don't Know Why." Jones, whose following was built last year through steady word of mouth, is certain to see her record sales skyrocket following her Sunday night triumph.

"I never thought the music I made would be considered 'popular music,'" a flush-faced Jones said while accepting the pop album award.

Bruce Springsteen helped provide the kind of poetic symmetry the history books love. With New York hosting the Grammys for the first time in five years, the New Jersey rocker grabbed three awards, thanks to "The Rising," a record memorializing Sept. 11.

Country trio the Dixie Chicks, who have helped put classic country sounds back on the radio, earned three of the gramophone statuettes, including best country album.

The national broadcast opened with



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Norah Jones poses with the 4 Grammys she won at the 45th Annual Grammy Awards at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

another Big Apple touch: Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel, together for the first time in 10 years, performed a sublime "Sounds

of Silence," occasionally wobbling out of sync but stirring up enough rich harmony to elicit an extended standing ovation.

Their duet aptly anticipated what would be a tasteful showing all around, packed with top-grade performances and gracious acceptance speeches from an eclectic parade of winners.

It was a sober show befitting a sober era. For one night, at least, the post-Sept. 11 seriousness foretold by culture-watchers seemed to kick in. If not quite hip to be square, the Grammys seemed to say it's OK to be adult and not out of touch.

Even the bubblegum popsters in 'N Sync managed to look good, delivering a gentlemanly tribute to the Bee Gees and the late Maurice Gibb.

Conspicuously missing was the barrage of anti-war pronouncements many expected. When Limp Bizkit's Fred Durst lofted a quick

diatribe against action in Iraq, he garnered only scattered applause from the Madison Square Garden crowd.

Detroit dependably got its hand into the picture. It was a big night for the Funk Brothers, the Motown house band that spent decades buried in the back pages of pop's annals. The group scored a pair of wins — best soundtrack and traditional R&B performance — for its work on the documentary "Standing in the Shadows of Motown."

Reached by cell phone in the Grammy audience, drummer Uriel Jones said he and his five surviving bandmates were thrilled — decked out in tuxedos and primed to party.

"We're in heaven here," Jones said with a laugh. "It's a big feather in the cap. Something to behold. We're getting ready to crank it up."

Eminem earned a pair of wins, for rap album ("The Eminem Show") and music video ("Without Me"). The Detroit rapper has now won the rap album trophy each of the three times he's been nominated. But Eminem, last year's biggest seller, once again failed to snag the big ones, including album and record of the year.

If nothing else, the Grammys symbolized this age of pop parity. The night had launched without a clear theme; eight artists went in with five nominations each, and the biggest categories were evenly distributed among rock, hip-hop and country acts.

On the performance side, it turned out to be one of the most memorable Grammy shows in memory, with top-shelf sets from Jones, the Dixie Chicks and Eminem, who delivered a striking reading of "Lose Yourself" with live support from the Roots.

## PROTEST, from front page

tion on Iraqi war propaganda following the protest.

There will also be open mic time for anyone in the community who would like to voice their concerns.

Organizers encourage anyone who has questions surrounding the current standoff between the United States and Iraq to attend the protest in order to listen to the speakers and learn some of the arguments against

the war.

"Everyone is involved with this war, and I think it's incumbent upon us to at least analyze the merits of the arguments of going to war," Perch-Ahern said. "If you're at all hesitant to give your undivided support to our government, you should

come to this protest."

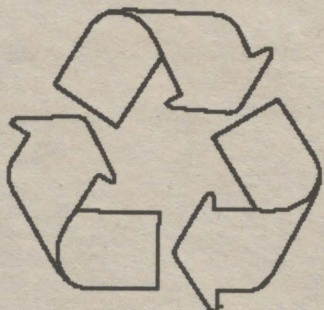
Although it is unlikely, in the event that the United States goes to war before Thursday, the protest will still be held.

"Just because we go to war doesn't mean we give up our voice," Perch-Ahern said.

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# SHARPP, from front page

ciples for future SHARPP spaces. As soon as this list is drafted, the move will happen.

"The purpose of the panel has never been to review other spaces, because there are no other spaces," Charles said. "The reason we stopped was out of a sincere concern that survivors were getting hurt by all the publicity and the negative feelings that were out there, and the panel was put together to seriously respond to those concerns."

Although the panel is slated to "respond to those concerns," that does not mean it will find an answer to the philosophical question protesters have raised. The philosophical question is whether or not Health Services could ever be the right place for a rape crisis center, because of the possible perception of it as a hospital where survivors seeking help might be categorized as "sick."

"[The panel] never was said to be or made to be the response to the philosophical question. I think maybe [it's] right that people did assume that, but they didn't assume correctly and that's unfortunate because the whole thing is just 'stop, take a deep breath, let's examine these things that are inconsistent — is there confidentiality, is there an unsafe situation, are there things that must be minimally done to make this acceptable space?' That's what this panel is about and the expertise is going to be helpful in that regard," Charles said.

The charge of the panel is to set aside the philosophical debate over Health Services to evaluate the space in terms of how to best accommodate SHARPP. In the process of doing this, the panelists will combine their expertise to generate a list of principles that a SHARPP space should meet in the future.

"If you just set aside the philosophical question for the purposes of looking at the rest of it, it becomes less cumbersome — less hard to move forward," Charles explained. "We will have a set of principles that must be adhered to. That's what will come out of this panel. If SHARPP someday has an opportunity to go elsewhere, then the principles can be brought out."

Setting aside the philosophical debate has not made it any easier for panel member and SHARPP advocate Elle Petcavage to move forward with idea of the Health Services move, though.

According to Petcavage, the panel has already given Kevin Charles more than ample reasons why SHARPP should not move to Health Services.

"After the 2,000-signature petition was given to President Hart, the students were told a task force would be assembled to help Kevin Charles evaluate the space. But once we began meeting, I was shocked to hear the move was already finalized and our task as a group was only to put together a manual of ideal principles surrounding the space," Petcavage said.

The panel is made up of

eight people: Kathleen Grace-Bishop, acting senior associate director of Health Services; Amy Culp, SHARPP direct services coordinator; Victoria Banyard, associate professor of psychology and SHARPP advisory board member; Julie Newman, sustainability education program director and co-chair of the president's commission on the status of women; Meg Dugan, program director of Americorps Victim Assistance Program, NH Coalition on Domestic and Sexual Violence; Jennifer Esmond, student senator and chair of the health and human services council; and Elle Petcavage, SHARPP advocate.

They have met three times since the beginning of the semester and have discussed a number of concerns about the Health Services space. Those concerns include questions over confidentiality, the availability of space at Health Services, and the layout of the SHARPP offices within that space.

One of the major concerns that those opposed to the move have is that the confidentiality at Health Services is not as iron-clad as it is in Huddleston. According to the petition, high amounts of student traffic in the public corridors of Health Services could be unsafe for survivors because of the potential for a victim to run into his or her perpetrator, and less confidential because of the likelihood of a victim running into someone he or she knows.

Another major concern is a lack of available office space for SHARPP at Health Services. The original plan was to make more office space for SHARPP by extending a balcony on the second floor of Health Services to make a new room. That room will now be turned into a conference room instead, however, because a feasibility study ruled that the place where the conference room was supposed to be was too small.

Because of the constraints on the office space available in Health Services, the spaces that are allocated for SHARPP may not be side-by-side, which poses more challenges for the organization in terms of staff support and confidentiality.

Part of what the panel will be doing prior to the move is discussing those concerns and coming up with possible solutions within Health Services.

"I think confidentiality can be maximized," Charles said. "[The panel] has looked at the space and if we look at from the outside in, where do people enter the building, what stairwell would they take, who would they run into, what does confidentiality mean in this particular space, and then also they should factor in their expertise on other kinds of spaces," Charles said.

But the bottom line is that whether or not those concerns make Health Services inadequate is a non-issue anyway, because there is no other space available for SHARPP, according to Charles.

"I'm honestly, completely, 100 percent unaware of any

other possibility on campus, so if there is such a possibility, that escapes me," Charles said. "Someone said to me 'well if we were at Dartmouth we would' and I said 'well if we were at Dartmouth we would have the ability to build another building but we don't.' We're at UNH and we're in trouble. We only have a limited number of options."

Merton disagreed that Health Services is the only option.

"I just find it astonishing that a university of this size cannot come up with an appropriate space to accommodate a department as vital as SHARPP is, and I would say 'look harder,'" Merton said.

For those like Merton and Petcavage who oppose the move, time for disagreeing is running out. The Huddleston space where SHARPP currently resides has already been reallocated for the College of Liberal Arts, whose staff is waiting patiently to move in.

Liberal Arts Dean John Kirkpatrick was not clear about exactly what that space had reallocated for within liberal arts, but did say "pressing space needs have been at play for several years and have only grown more urgent as time goes on."

The move was put in motion last March by Charles and Leila Moore, former vice president of Student Affairs. Immediately thereafter, conversations were started with a construction team. Since then, over \$50,000 has been spent in getting Health Services ready for SHARPP, according to Charles. The construction itself was completed over the summer, but the move itself was pushed back from August, to November, to January.

Now the move will happen as soon as the panel of experts drafts its list of principles, which will definitely happen before the end of the semester, according to Charles.

"I don't want to let the timeline make the decision for us, but I'm kind of in between the fact that the Huddleston space has been allocated and has a very important use in liberal arts," Charles said. "It's just as soon as possible ... once we get the principles nailed down, there's really no other reason to delay that I'm aware of."

Although the move will go ahead as planned, Charles does still expect there to be resistance.

"What I really want to just ask is, can we look at Health Services in a different way? Yes, they are medical services. That's a fact. However, there are other prevention, healing, positive, well-being services there too — that's the part that SHARPP fits into and the philosophy behind that is about caring to the survivor at that level. If we can get there, and I agree that it's a tough road, but if we can get there, I am 100 percent certain in my mind that a year from now, two years from now, whatever, SHARPP is going to be a very strong, very positive part of this community and they're going to be doing great stuff," Charles said.

## Key players voice views on SHARPP move

### University President Ann Weaver Hart

I am very supportive of the work of the SHARPP Review Panel currently working to address issues raised by the UNH community last fall... The panel will provide two things: 1.) it will evaluate the space set aside for SHARPP in Health Services and address the issues raised last fall about that space, and 2.) it will develop a list of principles against which any space devoted to SHARPP will be assessed in the future. When these two tasks are completed, we will have a professional and thoughtful basis upon which to make decisions moving forward. I am confident that Vice President Kevin Charles is prepared and able to make appropriate decisions on the basis of the evaluation and principles that result from the process.

### Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Kevin Charles

Health Services is their only option. I would like it to be wherever they're happy, I really would. But we don't have that many options on this campus. Huddleston is not an option so what are we going to do? That's the problem. There's a pushback that's coming from not wanting to go to Health Services, but there's not another viable option that I'm aware of. So not only that, but I believe, in my heart, that this will be O.K.

### SHARPP Advisory Board Chair Andrew Merton

My impression was the panel was going to evaluate the space at health services and have the freedom to make the determination of whether that space was appropriate or not. Given what Kevin [said], I'm wondering if this was just an exercise in going through some motions in order to defuse the very clear anger of those 2,000 people who signed the petition back in November and December.

### Peace and Justice League member, and petition organizer, Mark Knights

I had always suspected it was a way to ward off more negative press. The university is not really a democratic institution. The people who got the ball rolling are still really opposed to the move. I don't think we're going to stand back and just say our hands are tied

### Interim Associate Dean of Liberal Arts, John T. Kirkpatrick

The other occupants in Huddleston in addition to SHARPP are academic departments and programs in the College of Liberal Arts. Other college programs throughout the campus are in need of space and have been searching with the larger University for additional space on the core campus, to ensure student access to them. Those pressing space needs have been at play for several years and have only grown more urgent as time goes on. The good news is that University space planners are helping to locate additional space. Probably this is related to finding additional space in Huddleston. The decision as to who goes where, however, is the University's to make, and I believe they are wrestling with the many competing demands on core campus space. What impresses me about the process is the degree to which University planners understand the sensitivities of any choices made to satisfy the many interests in need of more and space that better suits their individual needs. All of this is a tall order. I am confident, however, that the University community will work collaboratively to find the optimal plan for all involved.

### Director of Facilities, Design and Construction, Paul D. Chamberlin

I have a project manager who was involved in preparing space in Health Services as offices for SHARPP. That work is pretty much complete. However, we understand that the actual relocation of the SHARPP office is on hold. At present, we have no active work going on and no plans for work to resume.

### SHARPP advocate and Panel of Experts member, Elle Petcavage

First of all, my newest concern is that less space has been given to SHARPP's office area than previously planned due to new structural information on the health services balcony. Second, I personally feel we have shared with Kevin more than ample reasons why SHARPP should not move. Thirdly, after the 2,000-signature petition was given to President Hart, the students were told a task force panel would be assembled to help Kevin Charles evaluate the space but once we began to meeting, I was shocked to hear the move was already finalized and our task as a group was only to put together a manual of ideal principles surrounding the space. Finally, SHARPP is an excellent program and I hope students and faculty continue to utilize the program for information support education and advocacy.

### Psychology Professor and Panel of Experts member, Victoria Banyard

I would really hope that whoever is making the decisions would really work to the utmost to find a space not based on convenience but a space based on the unique needs of an organization like SHARPP and find a place that would meet all of the criteria we are outlining in the committee... My hope would be that this committee is meeting in such a way that this can be part of the dialogue and data they're using to make the decision... My hope is that it's still an open discussion about where SHARPP's going to move.



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## Relatives of club dead, missing mourn at scene

By Jill Zuckman and Mike Dorning  
Chicago Tribune

WEST WARWICK, R.I. — Relatives of the dead and missing placed roses and teddy bears at the burned-out ruins of a Rhode Island nightclub on Sunday as the state's top law enforcement official suggested the club's owners were resisting authorities' attempts to investigate the conditions that contributed to the conflagration.

At an evening news conference, Rhode Island Attorney General Patrick Lynch tersely indicated that club owners Michael and Jeffrey Derderian had failed to provide complete answers to investigators probing the fire.

"There are questions that all of us want answered," Lynch said. "There are outstanding questions that they have not responded to."

The Derderians are engaged in a fierce public conflict with the band Great White about whether the club's management had approved a pyrotechnic display as part of the band's performance Thursday. The fireworks ignited the fast-moving blaze that killed 97 people and injured another 187.

The Derderians have vigorously denied that they had any advance knowledge of the pyrotechnic display and in the days following the blaze the managers of several clubs elsewhere in the country said the band also had used fireworks at perfor-

mances without notifying the venues in advance.

But the band has adamantly maintained it received verbal approval from the club's management to use fireworks and a Boston band has asserted that the club permitted it to include a fireworks display at a performance last summer. Pyrotechnic displays are not permitted without a permit in Rhode Island and local officials have said no such permit was ever issued to the Derderians' club, The Station.

Authorities in Rhode Island also have raised questions about whether the club was crowded beyond its capacity and about the soundproofing material used at the club. The material appeared to ignite quickly in a video taken by a cameraman for a local television station who was in attendance.

Jeffrey Derderian, who is also a local television reporter, gave a tearful statement to the news media Saturday night denying any advance knowledge that

fireworks would be used or any other reckless behavior by the club's management.

Lynch pointedly contrasted Derderian's news conference with his cooperation with law enforcement authorities.

"I would hope Mr. Derderian is as cooperative with



Steve Szydlowski -KRT  
**Workers sort through debris Friday, Feb. 21, at a nightclub where a fire killed dozens and injured more than 150.**

the law enforcement agencies as he has been with the press," Lynch said.

Kathleen Hagerty, an attorney for the Derderians, did not respond to messages left at her home and office Sunday evening. Michael Derderian did not respond to a message left on his home voice mail, and a recording at the home of Jeffrey Derderian indicated his answering machine had been turned off.

Earlier in the day, the families of the dead and missing made a pilgrimage to the site of the fire, a practice that has become a common rite of mourning in America.

With media kept at a distance and a 5-mile no-fly zone ordered around the club to assure privacy, a line of 11 buses carried family members through a steady rain to the ruins.

One passenger lowered her head into her hands as the caravan passed an encampment of journalists.

A 6-foot wooden cross stood beside a chain-link fence surrounding the site. Many families tucked photos of the victims and notes of grief into the fence.

As the families made their

pilgrimage, a team of medical examiners went on with the work of identifying the dead. By noon, they had identified 31 bodies, in most cases using dental X-rays because the many victims were burned beyond recognition. By early evening, 42 bodies were identified.

Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri announced that investigators going through the wreckage had discovered an additional body on Saturday, adding one more casualty to the list of victims that had been circulated.

Carcieri said that authorities hoped to identify "the vast majority" of the dead by Monday night. Doctors in Boston also were able to ascertain the name of the last of the unidentified "Jane Does" among the injured.

The mother of the injured woman had spent much of her time during the past few days among the hundreds of relatives of missing club patrons gathered at a local hotel. According to a Red Cross official, applause broke out among those gathered at the hotel when the woman announced that her daughter was alive. But the news effectively quelled any hope that relatives of the others could have survived.

In effort to avert any similar tragedy, Carcieri announced a temporary ban on indoor pyrotechnic displays and ordered fire and building inspectors to re-examine all public venues in the state to check for safety problems.

## IRS encouraging electronic returns

By Sam Diaz  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The Internal Revenue Service wants you to think twice before dropping your income tax return into a mailbox this year.

For the next few months, the IRS will be trying to persuade taxpayers across the country to file their federal tax returns by computer, instead of through the U.S. mail.

To sweeten the prospects, the feds — along with a list of private tax preparation companies — are publicizing free e-filing services for some taxpayers.

You'll see commercials, billboards and newspaper ads telling you how electronic filing increases the accuracy of your return, reduces the time it takes to process your tax forms and speeds up the time it takes to send out a refund check. Some of you, the campaign will say, may be eligible for free electronic filing.

All that was enough to convince Shane Carter, a San Jose, Calif., husband and father of three, to give it a try. Carter, 37, was out on disability for a part of last year, which resulted in a significant drop in his adjusted gross income, making him eligible for the free services.

In early February, he logged on, pre-

pared his return and filed over the Internet — all in less than one hour.

"It was easy," he said. "It was pretty user-friendly. I'm no computer guru, so for me to be able to do it says a lot."

Within 24 hours, the IRS notified him that the return was accepted and that a refund check should arrive within 10 days. "I would do it again," he said. "I was happy with it."

Last year, about 47 million returns were filed electronically. But that only accounts for about 36 percent of the 132 million total returns filed, a far cry from the congressional goal of 80 percent by 2007.

That's why the IRS, partnered with 17 private online tax preparation companies, has launched the Free File campaign to entice specific groups of taxpayers.

The campaign targets young adults, senior citizens and taxpayers whose AGI — adjusted gross income, not to be confused with gross income — falls under a certain level, usually in the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range but as high as \$50,000.

In most cases, those who can file the 1040EZ form would qualify for the free service.

The Free File Web site — found by a link at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) — explains the rules by

listing each of the 17 companies and a quick breakdown of their specific guidelines.

H&R Block Online ([www.hrblock.com/taxes/partners/govff/](http://www.hrblock.com/taxes/partners/govff/)), for example, offers free e-filing to individuals and families that either qualify for the Earned Income Credit or have an AGI of \$28,000 or less. TaxAct.com ([www.taxactonline.com](http://www.taxactonline.com)) will prepare and e-file your taxes free of charge if you qualify for the 1040EZ form or have an AGI of \$50,000 or more. At other sites, you need only be under age 20, over age 50 or active duty military to qualify.

Some sites even make the free service available to those living in a specific state.

The overall goal, said IRS spokesman Terry Lute, is to show taxpayers that e-filing is a better way to file and to change the annual filing habits.

H&R Block, which started offering e-filing in 1986, the same year the IRS started accepting electronic returns, e-filed about 85 percent of its customers' returns last year. In most cases, e-filing was included in the tax preparation fee.

"Now, that's pretty much the way returns are handled," said Eddie Feinstein, vice president of Electronic Administration for H&R Block. "Some taxpayers are

resistant to change, though. They want to file on paper."

Those are the folks the IRS wants to sway toward e-filing.

Already, the IRS is coming up with new incentives to introduce taxpayers to e-filing. Next year, for example, the filing deadline for those who file electronically is expected to be pushed to April 30, a penalty-free extension beyond the traditional April 15 deadline.

"Unlike many companies, we have to target every person in America," Lute said. "We're trying to organize around the role of the taxpayer, whether it's an individual or a business. We're working diligently with innovations like this."

The IRS's motivation partially comes from the federal Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, which was passed by Congress to reduce the burden of paperwork on individuals, businesses and government agencies. The other part stems from the IRS trying to become a more efficient agency.

"There are a lot of services that taxpayers need," Lute said. "We want to provide more support in our walk-in offices, for example. But we need to move our resources away from people sitting there keying in numbers off paper returns."

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# Horoscope time!

By Linda C. Black  
Tribune Media Services

**Today's Birthday (Feb. 25).** Both recent and current changes upgrade your status and lead to new friends. Don't be dismayed if some things are left behind. Learn from the past and have it propel you into a new and even brighter future - and into more fun, too.

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

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** — Today is a 6 — A little more caution is advised for today. You're not just out to impress your friends this time. Someone important to your career is watching.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** — Today is a 7 — Your best investment is still in your own



education. Discuss the possibilities over lunch with a good friend.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)** — Today is a 6 — If you're tearing down the old to put up something new, expenses can escalate quickly. Set priorities that allow you to stretch limited resources.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22)** — Today is a 7 — Just when you were feeling squashed, a partner offers to help. Don't be too proud to share the load. You'll find that you enjoy the relief.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Today is a 6 — The objective is to accomplish the goal without digging into your savings. That's easy. All you need to do is more work.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Your fame precedes you, but don't despair. What everyone's saying is good. Keep pushing yourself,

and you'll make it one day - and that day may be very soon.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — Today is a 7 — Let loved ones give you a shove in the right direction. You'll have to follow their advice, of course, but that's not a bad idea.

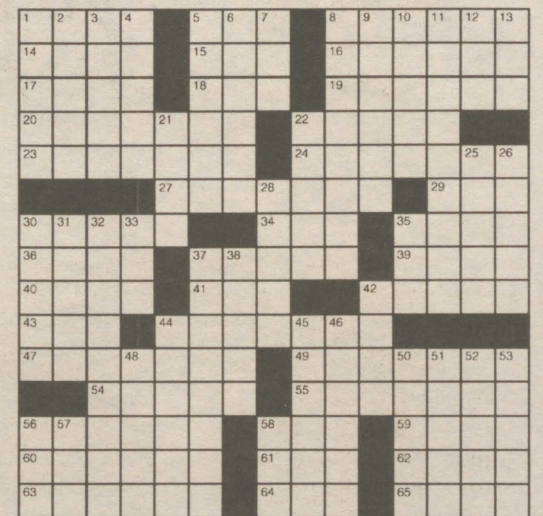
**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Today is a 7 — Once you set a goal and put your mind to it, you don't let go. If you don't know how to get there yet, no problem. You'll learn.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — Today is a 7 — The truth must be told, and you're often the one who gets to tell it. Do it with love so that it won't be so startling to one who thought otherwise.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Today is a 7 — You'll soon be feeling much better, even energized. So you'll be forgiven if you wait till tonight to make your decision.

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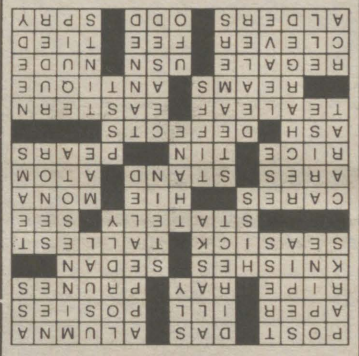
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by Sean Carroll



# What is your opinion on the new meal plans?

## On the Spot



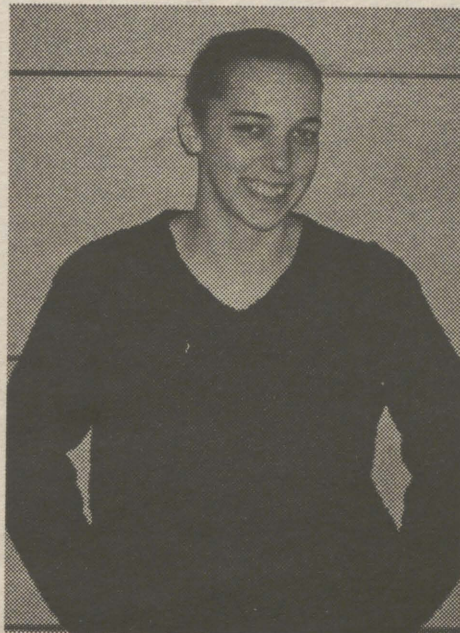
With Cory Levine

Paul Henderson  
junior  
history



"It sounds like it would be to the students' benefit."

Amanda Hooper  
senior  
mechanical  
engineering



"Because of the new meal plans, I'll be cooking a lot next semester."

Caitlin Bossio  
sophomore  
animal  
science



"No me gusta."

Heather Roy  
sophomore  
psychology



"I think they're gypping people."

Aimee Cammilleri  
junior  
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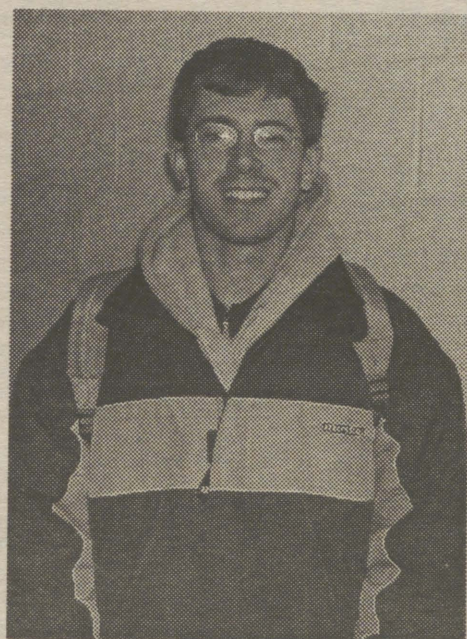
"I think it's ridiculous for commuters, because as a commuter I don't often go to the dining halls."

Candice Desrosiers  
sophomore  
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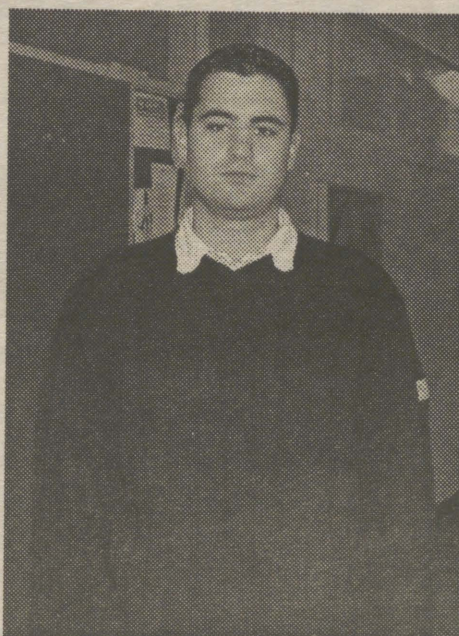
"Ou est l'argent?"

Benny Hoy  
junior  
English



"I like the meal plans they have now."

Matt Schroettng  
senior  
philosophy



"I think they're lame. They're pigeon-holing people."

Nick Chamallas  
junior  
hospitality



"I think it's way too complicated."



## Editorial

### An unSHARPP move

Due to the vastly different answers gathered from asking a variety of sources the same basic questions while reporting the latest in the SHARPP move to Health Services, it is clear to us at *The New Hampshire* that not everyone is getting the same story. Some think the panel of experts will be able to stop the move if it finds that Health Services poses too big of a threat to the quality of SHARPP services. Others think the list of principles the panel will draft will be factored into the official decision on whether or not SHARPP will be moved to Health Services. Unfortunately, however, the buck stops at Kevin Charles, and what he is saying loud and clear is perfectly logical. The story is simple. SHARPP must move out of Huddleston. Health Services is the only place SHARPP can move to. Therefore SHARPP must move to Health Services.

For those of you who felt that the panel might have the authority to override that decision if it found that Health Services could not meet SHARPP's needs, you were sadly mistaken. For those who were skeptical about what was really going on when the move was put on hold in December after the petition was delivered to President Hart, congratulations, 'cause you were right to feel that way.

The panel is not supposed to be asking the philosophical question, but this is impossible. It has been an integral part of the debate from the beginning and by just asking people to ignore it, it isn't going to go away. The bottom line is that no matter how confidential the offices are in Health Services, no matter which entrance or elevator a survivor can take to get there, if the stigma is attached to SHARPP once it moves to Health Services that only "sick" people go there for help, no survivor is going to want to go there, anyway. This defeats the purpose of the organization. It is supposed to be a sanctuary for people in need. Unless people on both sides of the issue are in agreement over the philosophical questions, is it impossible to ever truly craft a sanctuary for SHARPP out of Health Services, no matter how hard a well-intentioned panel of experts attempts to manipulate the space.

The truth is that the panel will merely figure out the best configuration possible within Health Services. To give Kevin Charles the benefit of the doubt, this may well be the best this poorly funded state university can do in these hard economic times. It may be a compromise situation in which SHARPP has to make do with a less than ideal space, just like many other organizations on campus have to do.

In the meantime, the least we can all do is make an honest attempt to get on the same page about what's really going on. At this point, there are still members of both the panel of experts and the greater UNH community who believe that the decision to move to Health Services is not final. It is clear from what Kevin Charles has said, however, that this is only a hope, not a reality. Baring a miracle, SHARPP will be moved into Health Services by the end of the semester - most likely sooner rather than later. We at *The New Hampshire* hope to think this will not be done without a valiant fight. It's high time for everyone to either start facing reality or start fighting it.

## Letters

### Iraqi invasion would kill thousands

#### To the Editor:

Six thousand coffins for American military personnel, along with 100,000 body bags, have arrived at Sigonella, the U.S. Naval Base in Sicily. And the U.S. anticipates a loss of 15,000 American soldiers in a U.S. invasion of Iraq. So reports Archbishop Renato Martino, long time Vatican Observer at the UN and now president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace (as reported in the Feb. 14 issue of the National Catholic Reporter, pp. 3-4) - an interesting source of information, to say the least. "60 Minutes" on CBS reports Defense Department plans to bury U.S. military personnel in mass graves in Iraq if they have been killed by biological or chemical warfare, rather than return them to the U.S., in order to protect remaining troops. You

might ask your members of Congress, House and Senate, most of whom signed the war resolution in November, if they accept responsibility.

General Nash (U.S. Army, ret.) says the number of U.S. Military required in Iraq to establish and staff garrisons there is much greater than the number needed to invade the country. The monetary cost of all of this is beyond calculation and thus the impact on our economy is incalculable. What does this mean for UNH students, today and after graduation? Perhaps there is value to that string and obstinate German - French position at the UN. Something to think about. And what will you do?

**John E. Carroll**  
Professor of Natural Resources

### Abortion is not murder

#### To the Editor:

In response to the Tuesday Feb. 18 opinion article "Abortion is Murder," we would like to point out that the author is in no position to make judgments on the subject of abortion as he will never be faced with the decision to have one or not. Women should absolutely have sole possession of decisions relating to their bodies. Secondly, it is insulting and ignorant to compare pregnant women, often young and confused, to heroin addicts. The author's argument here is shallow and empty. Legalizing abortion did nothing to promote abortions. It offered safe medical aid for young women who otherwise could potentially have seriously injured themselves performing self-abortions or been similarly injured or killed by a black-market abortion.

As someone who so proudly labels himself "pro-life," the au-

thor should be able to see how legal abortion can indeed save lives. Women who choose to abort their child will, despite the legality of it. Thirdly, we would like to point out that even if "the cases of incest and rape related abortions are less than one percent," they do, in fact, exist. Additionally, one percent of all abortion cases is a fairly significant number, what is the author's stance here? One can't be "pro-life except for rape and incest" - hence the definition of "choice."

In conclusion, we would like to suggest that the author spend less time at the tattoo parlor and more time talking to real women who are victims of rape and incest who are brave enough to share their stories.

**Leah Crosby**  
Junior  
**Pat Wells**  
Junior

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## Op-Ed

## A Time for a Space: An Exchange in Philosophy

### Promote the causes that cause emotion

By Bryan Proulx  
TNH Columnist

Volunteering is a major building block of civil culture. It also brings to life the noblest desires of humankind - the pursuit of opportunity, well-being, and happiness for all people. Those volunteering exhibit unselfish camaraderie for strangers, meaning those who receive benefits directly or indirectly will be honored strictly for their being, and nothing else.

Volunteering through group action is a way in which human values of society, caring and serving can be continued and strengthened, individuals can exercise their rights and responsibilities as members of communities such as UNH's own Circle K International.

UNH Circle K works close together with many other Circle K clubs around the Northeast through individual participation and club representation. How very extraordinary is it to be presented with opportunities in which help solve a much greater shared challenge (helping terminally-ill children) as well as to shape our collective club members destinies.

All people in the world should have the

right to freely offer their time, talent and energy to others and to their communities through individual and collective action, without expectation of financial reward. Myself, as well as many others at UNH, currently do so through the Circle K club, which offers not only immediate friendship between my fellow Circle Kers, but individual efforts can also be recognized internationally.

I firmly trust that the goal of each human is to strive toward individual perfection, our most tabooed possibility. I am not referring to strict perfection, which indeed is our most popular impossibility; so impossible it is like the shadow of the sun, nonexistent, unfeasible at least for our kind. However through acts of unselfish service, which are best publicly rewarded through group projects, I believe such an impossibility can seem, at least during its present moments, achievable. And through its memories-genuinely unregrettable.

I now wish to compare volunteering to a stream finitely long in length, and less than an inch in height. Pick any spot and step in it and I will guarantee its height will rise. That will be your impact. The pebbles around your feet and the sand and dirt between the toes represent your established ground of down-to-earth stability. Tall efficacies in the distance, surrounding trees, thorn bushes scattered in view begin to create wonderful thoughts. Visiting birds make up your only audience. Who one really is can be understood in seconds, and a certain inner peace will be overwhelmingly realized. Miraculously through service, true happiness can ultimately be achieved simply by bringing one single stream to new heights.

I have in the past on many occasions

volunteered my time for others. Currently, as president-elect of our own Circle K here at UNH for 2003-2004, I still consider my personal volunteer journey in early-trot. Nevertheless, I believe myself an established part of a history rich in earthly timelessness, and as pure as the water that allows its existence.

Volunteering is an option that will always be there- Absolutely! But I recommend getting your feet wet NOW. As well as a *TNH* columnist, I am also the president-elect for our UNH Circle K for the 2003-2004 term and excitingly wish all those who felt even remotely stirred by this article, to drop in to MUB room 338 at 7 p.m. tonight or any Tuesday in which you are available, if not simply to check it out, allow yourself to comprehend and appreciate an event many already consider a passion.

Circle K seeks the development of volunteering that enables people to acquire new knowledge and skills and to fully develop their personal potential, self-reliance and creativity. In that case, all are welcome. No commitment is needed and hopefully I will see you there in the near future. Thank you.

Point of Information: Why did I join? In addition to the huge passion I

previously had concerning volunteering, and the emotional benefits I have gained and will currently be building through the Circle K family, I had one other important motive for belonging. I have, as many as all of you, aspirations of continuing our higher education further even after our career as a UNH student is through. My goal is to go on to medical school and continue on helping others. I still am upset that I just can't volunteer. I am aware MD's get paid for their services. I guess I can deal with that transition. I hope you understand I was being very cynical about my last comment.

Please believe the following or just simply apply common sense to its truth. I, or should I show respect and say, my father (a world renown Radiation Oncologist, and current non practicing surgeon, chairman of Guthrie Hospital in Sayre, Penn., a graduate of Harvard Medical School, etc) is close friends with many medical school admissions board members, if you will. These individuals are affiliated with the likes of John Hopkins, Harvard, Dartmouth, Yale and many others respectable medical schools. Here is the killer! Each and every one of them seconded my decision to join Circle K, which is an internationally recognized organization. Nineteen out of 28 admissions board members were previously knowledgeable about the club as well as intimate details about its volunteer efforts before my dad spoke a word about it. I quote one individual in particular in saying (to my father), "that may very well be your son's ticket In and another qualified applicant's Out, it shows character above and beyond mere book smarts." And so on that note I conclude. Volunteering, what a darn good philosophy! Thank you.



Bryan Proulx

# embodiment

## Rediscovering the male body

Andrew Smiler is a doctoral candidate in the Psychology Department. His research focuses on masculinity among adolescents and young adults.

Sitting in my dorm room one night with eight or nine of my friends, one of the women in the group asked everyone what they liked most about sex. Among the guys, the vote was almost unanimous for orgasm (and it was nice if our partners had them too). The girls' responses were more varied and ranged from kissing to orgasm. They also lamented guys' general indifference to the broader variety of physically intimate activities and asked why we were so focused on orgasm. We didn't know then, but I have a better response to that question now.

As males, we'd all grown up with movie images of soldiers being told to "eat the pain" and not cry out (in "Platoon") so that the enemy wouldn't find them. We also watched the absurd decapitation of Lancelot, who continued to defend his territory, accompanied by claims that it was "but a flesh wound" (in "Monty Python and the Holy Grail"). Above all, there were the professional athletes who were praised for their ability to play with pain/injuries (or recover at a highly accelerated rate). The athletes were sometimes called "machines" because of their ability to tolerate or create injury. They didn't seem human any more.

We learned that males should continue to do "manly" things regardless of the condition of their bodies. "Minor" injuries - anything less severe than a broken bone or bleeding that does not stop within five minutes - were to be tolerated and overcome. I lived up to this ideal and was praised by my peers (as a child and as an adolescent) for continuing to play despite skinned knees and other wounds. Girls, I was told, would not have continued. As I got older, I learned that ignoring my body also extended to work - men go to work unless they need to go to the hospital.

This all seemed to work quite well. I was adopting the behaviors that were expected of me and I was being praised/accepted for doing so. Eventually I had my first orgasm. It felt very, very good. Suddenly, the idea of ignoring my body didn't seem like such a good idea. I mean, who wanted to ignore that?! I made the adjustment that most American men make: I paid attention to my penis and continued to ignore the rest of my body. I believe this is why the guys in that dorm room were so focused on orgasm.

Like most American boys, I was taught that kissing and touching were for getting my partner excited and ready. Real men didn't need that stuff, they just needed to "get off." That was my story and it seemed to be the story of every guy in that dorm room. I never really noticed what my partners were doing to my body except when they were touching my penis. In some ways, my penis

was my body and the only thing that mattered was how my penis-body felt. During sex, I ignored the rest of my body, the same way that I'd been taught to ignore my body in order to get through the school day, work shift, or game.

One day, partially in response to a girlfriend's question, I started to wonder why her body reacted so strongly to so many things when mine didn't. After all, almost every part of our bodies were identical, so why should a kiss on her neck feel any different than a kiss on my neck? The anatomy and physiology are the same.

Exploring my body with her help, and later on my own, I've discovered many places on my body that can make me feel good. I've learned, for example, that a kiss in just the right place on my neck can send shivers down my spine. I've also noticed that once my partners discover this, they start to do it more (sometimes as a sexual thrill without intercourse), thus increasing my pleasure. I think that this has helped me become a better partner because I'm more interested in doing the things that the women in my dorm room said they most enjoyed.

The challenge for me was to notice how my body felt and how it responded. It sounds easy - the sensation was there, I just had to pay attention to it. The hard part was retraining myself to notice what was going on in my body instead of just ignoring it, unlearning what I'd been taught. So, during sex, I focused on what was occurring right now and not what my penis might become involved. I also started to make finer distinctions about being touched. I knew about being tickled, and then realized that being almost-tickled felt good. After a little practice (alone and with partners), noticing that good feeling became 'natural' and 'automatic,' so I turned my attention to other sensations.

I also learned about my body by watching my partners' reactions more closely and experimenting with their bodies. Noticing how different touches of mine lead to different reactions by my partners, I increased my partner's pleasure and my own body knowledge. (Same physiology, right?) Paying attention to my partner in this way increased my connection with my partner, adding a different element of physical intimacy to my relationships. I no longer saw my partners as someone to make love to, a one-sided description that highlights my pleasure, but rather as someone to make love with, recognizing that the strength of our pleasures are linked.

By noticing what was going on in my whole body, I discovered pleasures that I hadn't expected and gained new respect for this "machine" that we call a body. I learned that my whole body, not just my penis, was a tool for receiving and providing pleasure. I also realized that the more I recognized the pleasures of both our bodies, the more intimate our connection became.

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## Op-Ed Week in Greek

### Alpha Chi Omega

To start this week's update, the sisters of the Alpha Tau Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega would like to congratulate Danielle Trvelyn for being inducted into the National Greek Honor Society, Order of Omega. Last Wednesday, Trvelyn was honored along with 27 other new members who displayed excellence in academics and community involvement. Trvelyn has been a member of Alpha Chi Omega since spring of 2001. Since then, she has been an active member in our house, holding a variety of distinguished positions. One of her most challenging chairs was vice president of finance. Trvelyn's positive attitude and support has influenced all of the sisters here at Alpha Tau, and we are pleased to know that we aren't the only members of this community who have noticed. Congratulations to Trvelyn, and keep up the good work!

With steady workloads and a variety of philanthropies being organized, the Alpha Chi's have also been working hard to keep up our standards academically. With a great improvement in our intellectual development program this semester, the sisters would like to formally thank Carris Transue for all of her hard work and support. Alpha Chi has always been proud to

report our high academic ranking, and we know that this semester will be one of our most successful yet. We encourage all women and men of the UNH community to up the level of academic integrity and excellence associated with the University. Let's make it more of an honor to be here!

Lastly, we would also like to remind all interested women on the UNH campus that Spring Recruitment activities will begin on March 3 and will last until March 8. We invite bright young women who are focused on academic excellence, leadership, and character to come tour the different sororities in Durham and see what the Greek system here at UNH has to offer. On behalf of the sisters at Alpha Chi Omega, we would like to wish Alpha Phi, Alpha Xi Delta, Kappa Delta and Chi Omega luck during the recruitment period. Have a great week everyone!

### Kappa Delta

The Sisters of Kappa Delta Sorority would like to thank Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, Alpha Chi Omega and Alpha Phi for a wonderful time at the All-Sorority Slumber Party this past weekend. We had a great time meeting all of you and look forward to many more all-sorority events. To the Sisters of Alpha Phi, we thank you so much

for opening up your house to all of us and planning such a fun event.

Penny Wars start Monday for Kappa Delta's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Greek God Competition. Help support your favorite Fraternity by adding pennies to their jar. Silver change and dollar bills, while greatly appreciated, take points away from the total score. Feel free to add these to your biggest opponents' jars. The house with the most points gets an automatic spot in the final round of competition.

Greek God is to be held in the Granite State Room of the MUB this Friday Feb. 28. There will be one judge from each Sorority as well as a Faculty judge. Participants will be judged on their talent, eveningwear, and beachwear. Proceeds benefit Prevent Child Abuse America. Tickets are \$5 and are available through the MUB Ticket Office or any Kappa Delta Sister. We look forward to seeing you all there.

We would like to remind everyone that National Pan-Hellenic Badge Day is Monday, March 3. Here at the University of New Hampshire we will be celebrating it on Tuesday, March 4 along with the Fraternities, so look out for all of the Greek community displaying their pins with pride. All sororities throughout the country, as well as internationally, will be dressed up and wearing their pins to honor their membership in these organizations as well as to honor friendship in women's fraternal organizations everywhere.

### All sorority slumber party

Saturday, February 22 at the Alpha Phi sorority house, members from all five sorority houses gathered for a night of food, fun and bonding a week before spring recruitment. Set up by the Panhellenic Social Chair, Corinne Poirier, the night started off with everyone meeting at 9 p.m. at Alpha Phi and socializing for about an hour until people were split up into teams of two and played an ice-breaking game, followed by an intense search for fraternity brothers willing to down gallons of milk and a shaving cream/snowball fight. We hope that this gathering becomes a tradition among the sororities on this campus and want to thank everyone who participated, especially the sisters of Alpha Phi who opened up their house to us.

### Alpha Xi Delta

This past Friday, many of the sisters of

Alpha Xi Delta joined up with the four other sororities at Alpha Phi for the Sorority Sleep-Over. After a "spa" session and an entertaining game of charades we had a chance to catch up with friends from other houses as well as form new friendships. We would like to thank Corinne Poirier, the Panhellenic Social Chair for all of her work planning it and the sisters of Alpha Phi for opening their house to us.

This past week we also were informed that we had won Circle K's Can Tab Contest! Thanks to all the sisters for all their work collecting the tabs. Their cash value will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House to help families of children who are hospitalized. And congratulations to sister Michelle Beadle on being named alternate on the UNH Equestrian Team! We are all very proud of you and know you will do well.

### Alpha Phi

The sisters of Alpha Phi would like to thank the sisters of Kappa Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Xi Delta, and Chi Omega for the great turnout and enthusiasm at the All-Sorority Sleep over this past Saturday. The event really emphasized the importance of unity among the Greek community and proved to be a great success.

The sleep over also contributed to the excitement the Greeks are feeling for Spring Recruitment, which will take place on March 3 through March 8. We here at Alpha Phi are getting ready for recruitment week and are looking forward to welcoming new sisters into our home. Come and get a glimpse of what Greek life is all about and Go Greek!

### Pi Kappa Alpha

Three Pi Kappa Alpha Brothers from the Gamma Mu Chapter were initiated into the Order of Omega last week. The Gamma Mu brotherhood is deeply proud of President Andrew Turbide, past president and this year's recruitment chair Timothy Gibb and IFC Vice-President of Academic Affairs Nick Morwood for achieving this distinguished recognition. Coinciding with this honor, the Brotherhood had a 2.76 cumulative GPA, one of the highest among the Fraternity Chapters and just under the all male average of 2.77 at the University of New Hampshire. With both of these noteworthy accomplishments behind us, the chapter looks forward to the future and is motivated to continue its pursuit of academic excellence and leadership on the UNH campus.

### TKE Profile: Matthew Reitan

Since becoming a brother at Tau Kappa Epsilon in the fall of 1999, there are so many words that can do no justice to the commitment Matthew Reitan has put into the house. There are no adjectives that can truly give anyone reading a clear picture as to what he has meant and continues to mean to the brothers of Alpha Nu. The one word I can give is indispensable.

To everyone on campus he is another face. The guy that works in the Whittemore Center. The guy that you've probably seen come in and out of Kingsbury, AKA "The Dungeon," from all hours of the day. A mechanical engineer in his senior year, he is looking to find a job just like all of the other graduating seniors. But yet he stands out to me and many others as a guy that isn't just another person. To the people that know him and what he has done on campus, in the house and in the community he has undoubtedly meant much more.

Reitan has always been the type of person in the house that has been the first to step up when something needed to get done. When someone is having a problem or needs help with something, Reitan can always be counted on. A philanthropy chair for two years, Reitan spent over 50 hours working with young children in the Seacoast Reads program which is a program dedicated to the mentoring and tutoring of young children. When it comes to special people in the world that make a difference, they're a rare breed. All of Reitan's friends are truly lucky to have him around.

## "It's All Greek to Me!" The Weekly Column of Greek Affairs

### NGLA 2003: Pittsburgh welcomes UNH Greeks!

Steve Pappajohn  
Coordinator of Greek Affairs

On Thursday, Feb. 27, representatives from the Office of Greek Affairs, Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils will travel to Pittsburgh, Penn. to attend the annual Northeast Greek Leadership Association conference. Each year nearly 100 campuses attend this awesome conference. In addition to educational sessions, sharing best practices and building relationships; the conference also hosts the annual awards banquet, where UNH stands a good chance to be recognized for the outstanding efforts and achievements that the Inter-

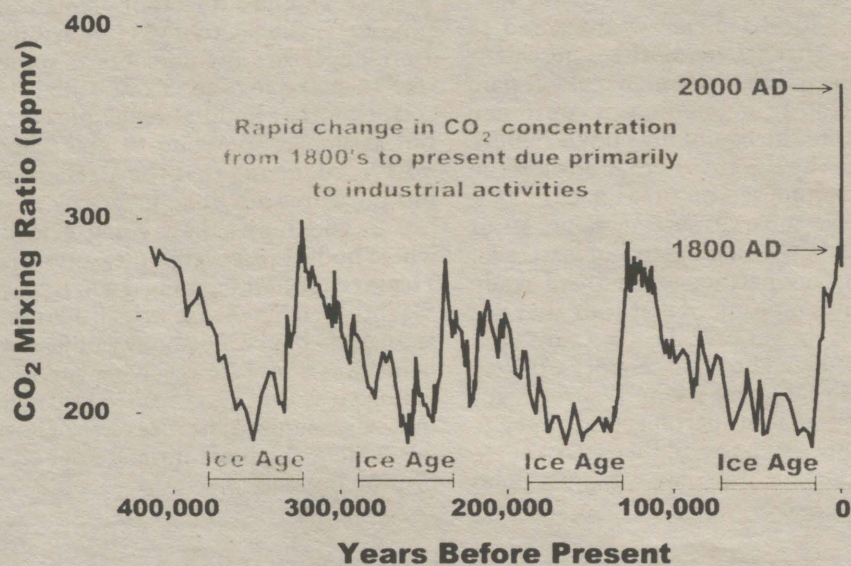
fraternity and Panhellenic Councils have put forth over the 2002 academic year.

The conference gives our Greek-scholars a chance to meet peers who are working hard, just like them, in leading their Greek communities to success. The opportunity to let peers connect is truly the greatest benefit of this conference. The conference also allows the councils from various campuses to showcase outstanding programs or events to share and model their successes to the conference participants.

I hope that sometime after we return, I will be able to share with you all, the fruits of our efforts; regional recognition awards! Wish us luck!

## New England Responds to Climate Change

Carbon dioxide is one of many critical greenhouse gases, others include methane, water vapor, and nitrous oxide. Human activities are increasing the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere (see graph below) and contributing to climate change. Global warming has the potential to cause shifts in regional climate, along with flooding of coastal regions.



Recently the New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers have developed a Climate Change Action Plan. The short-term goal is reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2010. The mid-term goal is to reduce emissions to at least 10% below 1990 levels by 2020. The long-term goal is designed to sufficiently eliminate any dangerous threat to climate by reducing emissions to 75-85% below current levels.

### Should nuclear power plants receive emission credits?

The state of New Hampshire has awarded credits for fossil-fuel burning and hydropower plants for reducing emissions of several pollutants including carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxide. The NH cap and trade program allows companies in the Northeast to trade emissions credits. Because the US. is not part of the Kyoto protocol, these credits are not eligible for international trade. The Seabrook nuclear power plant is the first power plant being considered for receiving nitrogen oxide credits, since the plant itself has no emissions. This proposal is controversial because it 1) does not take into account emissions involved fuel rod production and 2) does not take into account the hazard of nuclear waste or the routine release of radioactive isotopes.



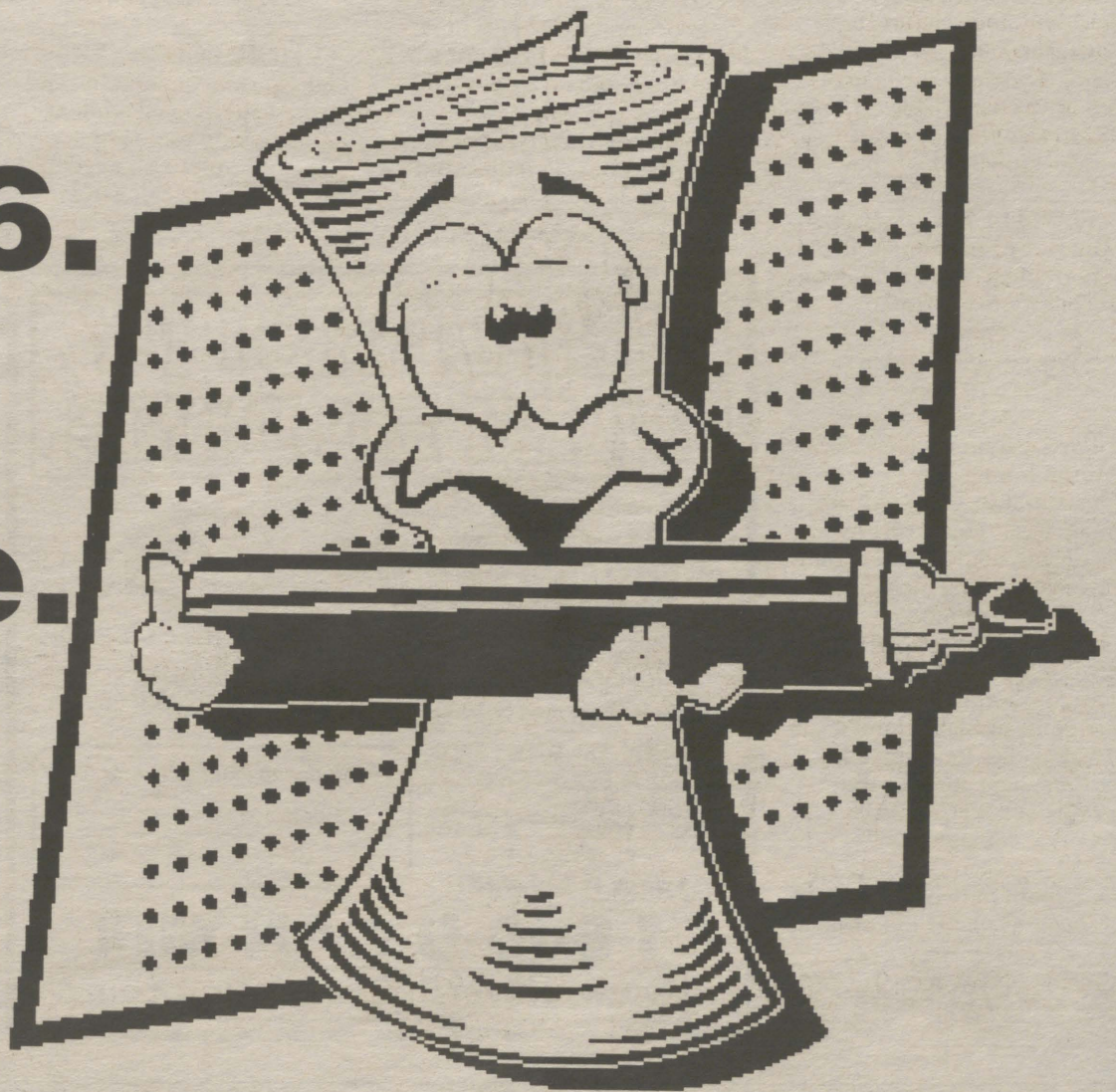
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# Wildcat briefs

## From Staff Reports

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE GETS SEASON OFF TO SLOW START

Jessie Groszkowski scored her fifth goal of the game to tie the score at 10 with 3:45 remaining in regulation, but Cal's Leanne Zilioli broke the deadlock 21 seconds later and it proved to be the game-winning goal in the Golden Bears' 11-10 women's lacrosse victory Sunday afternoon against the University of Hampshire.

UNH is now 0-2 and California Berkley is 2-0.

The Wildcats trailed 7-6 at halftime and fell behind 8-6 before rallying to tie the game, 8-8, on goals by Jess Burnap at 37:23 and Groszkowski at 43:43. Cal regained the lead on Emily Edwards' third strike of the day with 15:09 to play. Meg Marshall scored her second goal at 49:15 for the fourth tie of the game, 9-9, but Kally Perkins scored 15 seconds later to give the Golden Bears their fourth lead of the game, 10-9.

Groszkowski's fifth goal of the game - and team-high eighth of the season - then tied the game and Zilioli netted the game-winner moments later.

UNH goalkeeper Danielle Martin was credited with 14 saves and Cal's Eden Coelho stopped 11 shots.

The Wildcats took a 2-0 lead in the first half on tallies by Kelly Blaney and Groszkowski. The Golden Bears pulled within one goal on two occasions (2-1 and 3-2) before consecutive goals by Marshall and Sarah Cahill gave New Hampshire its largest lead of the game, three goals, at 5-2.

Cal responded with four consecutive goals in a two-minute span to take its first lead of the game, 6-5. Groszkowski potted her third goal of the first half to tie the game but Molly Brady scored with 3:52 remaining in the opening half to give the home team a 7-6 halftime lead.

New Hampshire returns to action March 1 (1 p.m.) at Dartmouth. UNH is scheduled to play its home opener March 5 (4 p.m.) against Yale University.

### FOUR WILDCATS NAMED TO ALL-EAST TEAM

Kate Underwood placed second in the 15K Classic race to lead a group of four Wildcats who were named to the All-East teams in the University of New Hampshire's fourth-place finish at the Eastern Championships, which were hosted by Middlebury College this past weekend. The Wildcats compiled 769 points in the 15-team carnival to place behind Vermont (859 points), Middlebury (845) and Dartmouth (839). UNH head coach Cory Schwartz was named EISA Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year and fourth time overall

(2003, 2002, 1996 and 1985).

Underwood, an All-East First Team Nordic selection and NCAA qualifier, covered the Rikert Ski Touring 15K Classic course in 53 minutes, 1.2 seconds to finish 10 seconds behind the winner. Her second-place finish is the best individual performance by a Wildcat at the Eastern Championships since 1997, when Meghan Connelly placed second in the slalom. Underwood is one of 10 New Hampshire student-athletes who will compete at the NCAA Championships, which are March 6-8 at Dartmouth College.

Eeva Pregitzer will also represent UNH in the women's Nordic competition at the NCAAs, while Matt Schadow, Chris Mallory and Tom Keefe give the 'Cats a full complement of skiers in men's Nordic. The women's alpine will also have three skiers - Alice Milu, Sydney Mikkelson and Jodi Curry - compete and both Greg Blaisdell and Joe Dunn will participate in men's alpine at the NCAAs.

Underwood's efforts, as well as that of Jenn Conant and Pregitzer, led New Hampshire to its highest point total in any discipline with 105 points. Conant finished in ninth place (55:41) and Pregitzer was 13th (56:57.4). Margaret Maher also earned a top-20 finish, in 20th, with a time of 58:01. Blaisdell, a three-time All-American and 2003 All-East Second Team Alpine selection, earned his fourth consecutive berth to the NCAAs with a fourth-place finish in the giant slalom. The next UNH competitor was Dunn in 22nd place.

In the women's giant slalom, Mikkelson was the top Wildcat with a ninth-place finish. Stephanie Vaughan was the team's other top-20 skier in 17th place and Milu also earned points with a 23rd-place finish.

Gretchen Czaja led a strong trio of Wildcats in the women's 5K Free Technique with a clocking of 14:41.2 for 10th place. Underwood was time in 14:46.1 and was the 13th skier to finish while Conant followed 1.8 seconds later for 14th place.

The men's Nordic team also fared well in the Free Technique race, as New Hampshire placed five skiers in the top 16 on the 10K course. Keefe, an All-East Second Team Nordic selection, led the quintet with a ninth-place finish in a time of 26:38.3 and Schadow, an All-East First Team Nordic honoree, finished one-tenth-of-a-second behind Keefe to capture 10th place. Mallory earned 12th place (26:53.9) while Michael Stemp and Justin Novak finished within .4-of-a-second of each other to place 15th and 16th, respectively.

UNH's Nordic contingent in the men's 20K Classic race was led by Keefe's fifth-place finish in 57:11.6. Schadow crossed the finish line with a time of 58:47.4 to place 13th. Mallory also recorded points with a 21st-place

finish.

Back on the slopes of the Middlebury Snow Bowl, Mikkelson once again recorded the best performance for the women's Alpine team by placing eighth in the slalom competition. Kelly Dowding finished in 15th place and Jodi Curry also earned points for UNH with a 21st-place finish.

A trio of Wildcats, led by Dunn in 12th place, earned a top-20 finish in the men's slalom. Dunn was followed by John Martz and Bryn Carey were 14th and 18th, respectively.

### STUDENT-ATHLETES HONORED AT BANQUET

The University of New Hampshire women's soccer team celebrated a highly successful 2002 season at its banquet Feb. 16 and gave special recognition to four student-athletes on the squad.

The Student-Athlete Award, which is presented to the team member earning the highest grade-point-average during the fall semester, was presented to freshman midfielder Debbie Newman. Newman, an America East All-Conference Second Team and All-Rookie Team selection, immediately stepped into a starting role. She recorded two points, both on assists.

The Player's Award, which is presented to the Wildcat who the players select as deserving of special honor and distinguishes the individual as someone who has earned the respect of her peers, was given to senior goalkeeper Kristen Ouellette. Ouellette, who led the league in both GAA (0.78) and save percentage (.885), was named America East Goalkeeper of the Year. In eight conference games, she recorded a 0.33 GAA and a .947 save percentage.

Senior forward Courtney Papaz was presented the Honor Award, which is bestowed upon the player who the coaching staff finds to have made significant contributions to the team and deserves special recognition for her efforts. Papaz played in 16 games and recorded two points (goal), but a true measure of her contributions was through that of an inspirational leader.

Junior back Amber Radzevich was honored with the Gold Medal Award, which is presented to the team member who, through strength of character, will and commitment, has overcome obstacles and challenges to maximize her potential and become a positive role model to the team. Radzevich was a physical presence in the Wildcat backfield despite nagging injuries.

New Hampshire earned the No. 2 seed in the America East Championships with a 5-2-1 conference record and ended the 2002 season with a 10-7-1 overall record. The 10 victories are the most since the 1998 team went 11-9-0.

# Club briefs

## From Staff Reports

### MEN'S VOLLEYBALL STAYS STRONG IN DIVISION

The UNH Men's Volleyball had no idea that it could be this good, but soon discovered out when the Wildcats swept the weekend interdivisional tournament hosted by Boston University to keep claims on their hold on first place in the New England Collegiate Volleyball League North division.

UNH (8-1) showed that it can play with the top ten teams as they defeated Stonehill College in the first game (2-1), Army (2-1), and Marist College, (2-0). UNH moved on to pool play for the first time in three years and defeated Plymouth State College (2-0). This was the first victory versus PSU in three years. UNH advanced to play Army in the finals where they struggled in the first game but then rallied to win the next two. Prior to that match, Army was ranked 10th in the

### NECVL

The team was led by strong performances from freshman outside hitter Jason Stein, who recorded 52 kills on the day including a team high 24 against Army in regular play, and junior outside hitter Matthew Larrabee, who recorded 38 kills on the day including leading the team in the final verses Army with 15 kills. Other strong performances were by senior middle Manuel Ortiz, freshman middle Dave DeGrace, Junior outside hitter Brian Myers, and senior setter Brett Sayer. Sophomore back up setter Tim Garceau had a break out tournament with his tremendous performance at libero.

UNH heads into next weekend's final divisional tournament looking to secure the top seed from the North Division of the NECVL.

### ICE CATS PREPARE FOR NATIONALS

The UNH Synchronized Skating team participated in the Hamden Syn-

chronized Skating Classic and competed against Columbia University in the collegiate division. The Ice Cats took home first place by sweeping all events. This event helped prepare the Ice Cats for their National Championships in Huntsville, Alabama on March 3-9.

### UNH WRESTLING TO HOST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The UNH Wrestling team has the honor of hosting the Regional Collegiate Wrestling Association Northeastern Conference Championships on March 1 in the Hamel Recreation Center. There will be 22 teams competing to earn qualification into the National Championships on March 13-15 at Lafayette College. Teams that will be attending the Regional Championships are Baptist Bible College, Bryant College, Bucknell College, Dartmouth College, Lafayette Col-

lege, Longwood College, Northampton Community College, Radford University, Rowan University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Southern Virginia University, The Apprentice School, Tidewater Community College, University of Albany, University of Delaware, University of Rhode Island, University of Richmond, Valley Forge Military College, and Yale University. Wrestling begins at 10 am and spectators are welcome!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26-Dance Team-Performance at Women's Basketball Game, which starts at 7 p.m.

February 28-Men's Volleyball Alumni Game at Hamel Recreation Center, UNH-7:30 p.m.

March 1-Wrestling Team- Regional Collegiate Wrestling Association Northeastern Conference Championships at Hamel Recreation Center, UNH-10 a.m.

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event for the 'Cats, as his distance of 14.33 meters in the triple jump earned him a spot in the IC4A's and gave him first place honors in the event. William Field grabbed a fifth place finish for the 'Cats in the event, as his jumps totaled 13.86 meters.

The pentathlon also showed some success for the 'Cats, as junior Craig Lange took second place with a score of 3402 and teammates Robert Whitten and Tyler Danen finished in fourth and sixth places, scoring 3230 and 3053 points, respec-

tively.

The 'Cats will return to action on Feb. 28 and wind up the season on March 1 during the New England Indoor Track and Field Championships at Tufts University.

**For the upcoming spring season, writers are needed to cover sports. If interested, please e-mail us at [tnhsports@yahoo.com](mailto:tnhsports@yahoo.com). Thanks!**



# No holds barred

By Matt Doucet  
Staff Columnist

You know it's going to be an interesting day when you wake up and you're ticked off that the University of Missouri didn't try and make a trade for Gary Payton.

I don't care if you have 53 tests and a couple surgeries scheduled for this week, there is nothing that should keep you from going to check out "Bowling for Columbine" this week at The Music Hall in Portsmouth. Just a phenomenal movie, one of those rare films that will, undoubtedly, change your view of the world. And who couldn't use that?

The one thing I hate about Spring Training is the fact that, year after year, I have to deal with at least 10 stories about how Lou Merloni can't believe that he has to battle for a spot on this team. First, the fact

that Lou Merloni does anything short of call time out in the middle of the game, get down on his hands and knees, and thank God that he isn't working at Quizno's in Framingham bothers me. Second, the fact that someone actually green lights these stories with the thought that anyone actually wants to read about Lou Merloni totally baffles me. If someone decides to run the "Nomar's please keep Merloni on, Eckstein off 40-man roster," I'm in. But until then, I don't want to hear it.

It may surprise you that, as big a fan as I am of women's basketball, I love what Annika Sorenstam is going to attempt to do this May at the Colonial. On one of the toughest courses on tour, she is going to go out there and do her best to compete with the best on a level playing field. You've got to respect that. But, at the same time, I can't help but think, "Shouldn't this have been the goal all along?"

I dare anyone to look at Rod Stewart without at least

cracking a smile.


One of the worst things about having a column is when you need 70 words to hit your quota and you have to play the "Syracuse is this year's Final Four sleeper" card, thus losing any advantage you may have had in the March Madness pools. I mean seriously, is anyone playing better than the 'Cuse right now?

It's only a matter of time before Hideki Matsui drives me completely insane.

I officially hate this year's Bruins. How is it even possible to go from having a 10-point lead on the entire conference to, two months later, battling for the eighth and final playoff spot? I would have liked it better if they had just played like this the entire season, because then I wouldn't be sitting around semicatatonic, watching Bryan Berard turn the puck over once again in his own zone.

## Look at the dogs in the funny hats

# Wildcats' late attack not enough for win



**Women's  
Hockey**

UNH: 4  
Providence: 7

By Michael Cooper  
Staff Writer

With one of the most important games of the season occurring this weekend, the University of New Hampshire women's hockey team knew that they would need to beat Providence College in order to win the Hockey East division. Before Saturday night, each team had won a game in their two previous meetings. With Providence only above UNH in the division by one point, UNH knew this could be their time to shine. In the end, one point wouldn't intimidate the Friars enough to beat the Wildcats. In front of 326 people in Providence, Rhode Island, the Friars got off to a great start which helped them lead their way past the Wildcats, 7-4.

Only 2:30 into the game, senior goaltender Jen Huggon was already faced with a huge challenge. Forward Katelynn Laffin scored on a slap shot from the red line. UNH kept their composure but that just wasn't enough when Providence added another one with 3:15 remaining in the period forward Danielle Culgin stopped a shot from defenseman Rush Zimmerman and shot it right between the legs of Huggon. UNH went into the locker room lacking the team chemistry that has been so successful lately.

Early into the second period, junior forward Carolyn Gordon made a costly interference penalty that would result in a Providence



Graeme Marcoux - TNH Photographer

**Sophomore forward Stephanie Jones in a game earlier this season. Jones scored one of the four Wildcat goals on Saturday night.**

goal. Forward Meredith Roth took advantage of Huggon who was screened at the time and simply took a shot from the high slot and Huggon didn't get a chance for a save until it was too late. A few minutes later, UNH got the scoreboard rolling when junior captain defenseman Kristen Thomas passed the puck across the zone to sophomore forward Stephanie Jones. Jones hit the shoulder of goalie Jana Bugden and the puck rolled right in. That concluded the scoring for the second period and UNH went into the locker room down in points, with the mentality that this game is far from over.

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. This might not have been what senior captain forward Annie Fahlenbock was thinking but whatever she thought worked. With only 1:08 into the final frame, Fahlenbock had a breakaway on a pass from senior defenseman Nicole Stefanilo and made a great move past Bugden for the goal. Although they were trailing 3-2, the momentum began to shift towards UNH. Not for long. 20 seconds later, forward Emily Gryp skated right into UNH's zone and took a shot that Huggon just couldn't come up with for the save. With 6:50 gone in the period, Provi-

dence forward Jenn Butsch was called for hooking which gave UNH a chance to get that goal back. Not this time.


PC forward Darlene Stephenson scored a shorthanded goal to extend the lead to 5-2 and an even bigger lead in momentum. Freshman forward Lindsay Hansen wasn't ready to give up just yet though. Junior defenseman Allison Edgar initially took a shot on the 'Cats power play which was stopped by Hansen and shot again to Bugden's stick side for the goal. 2 minutes and 48 seconds later, Gordon was found behind the Providence net and made a great centering pass to sophomore forward Randi MacMaster who simply chipped the puck in for a goal. The Wildcats pulled the Friar lead to 5-4 and once again the momentum began to shift. Providence made a smart move and called a timeout to get the team back in check and that timeout paid out in the end. UNH was given a minor penalty for delay of game after the penalty and PC took full advantage. Only 19 seconds into the power play, Zimmerman and forward Kelli Halcisak were on a two-on-one and Zimmerman capitalized on her scoring opportunity to extend the lead to 6-4. With a little under five minutes left, UNH head coach Brian McCloskey decided to pull Huggon in hopes of getting a great offensive attack. Halcisak took advantage of the open net and scored to extend the lead to 7-4 and end the scoring for the game.

"Going on the road is always hard for a team," said Huggon. "Our ice is very different than Providence and it takes a while to adjust."

"Our girls play tough, I will always give them that," said McCloskey. "We just need to execute on both sides of the ice every period."

With Providence now ahead in the division by three points, the Wildcats road to the top is still possible but much harder than before. They are guaranteed at least second place in the division, which is still a great accomplishment for their season. This Tuesday, UNH hosts Quinnipiac University at 7 p.m. This weekend, the Wildcats host the Eagles of Boston College in two intense division games on Friday and Sunday. Friday's puck drops at 7 p.m. and Sunday's drops at 2 p.m.

# UNH girls help UNH get fourth in a battle



**Indoor  
Track**

UNH captures  
fifth place

From Staff Reports

Senior Katie Litwinowich placed first in the 800-meter run and anchored the four by 800

meter relay team to an America East Championship record time of 9:06.11 to lead the University of New Hampshire women's indoor track and field squad to a fifth place finish at the America East Conference Championships on Saturday at the Boston University Track and Tennis Center.

The UNH men's team, led by wins from Dan Hocking and Greg Taylor totaled 94 points to notch a fourth place finish at the meet. The Wildcat women compiled 63.5 points en route to their finish. The Northeastern women won their first conference championship in 15 years, scoring 163 points, while the University at Albany men took the men's title,

scoring 148.25 points

Litwinowich's victory in the 800-meter run came in 2:11.58 as she edged out Northeastern's Joane Merlain (2:11.63) and teammate Leighann Carpenter (2:13.50) to take the title. Her win in the 800-meter marked her third win in that event for the season and her time qualified her for IC4A Championships, which are to be held in early March.

The 4x800 relay team's record-setting time came in 9:06.11 to shatter the previous conference mark of 9:10.38 set in 2001 by Boston University. The team finished more than seven seconds ahead of their nearest competitor, as BU took second

place in 9:13.77.

Also winning for the 'Cats was senior Lesley Read, who took home the gold in the 1000-meter run. Read finished with a time of 2:56.16 as she edged out Vermont's Christina Gingras (2:57.14) and at the same time qualified for the IC4A's. Read also scored points for UNH in the mile run as she finished in fourth place with a time of 5:01.80.

Junior Megan Hepp enjoyed success in the 3000-meter run as she took second place honors behind Stony Brook's Leonora Joy, finishing in 9:56.87.

Hocking led the way for the men's squad, as he won the 5000-

meter run and placed second in the mile. The senior captain blew away the competition in the 5000 meters, beating out his nearest suitor by more than 13 seconds, finishing in 14:24.52. Hocking, who owns the school record in the 3000 meters, also ran the mile run at the meet and finished behind BU's Jochen Dieckfoss by less than one second (4:11.92 to 4:11.52) to take eight points for the 'Cats. Freshman Tony Truax and junior Mark Goszta took fifth and sixth places, respectively, for the 'Cats in the event.

Taylor won the only field

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## UNH relies on records to upset Wolfpack



### Gymnastics

UNH: 195.900  
N.C. State: 195.450

By Danielle Houston  
TNH Reporter

Break the school's team score record . . .check.  
Break the school's all-around record . . .check.  
Get four gymnasts to place all-around scores of 39 or better . . .check.  
Beat out the top team in the East Atlantic Gymnastics League . . .check.  
Head Coach Gail Goodspeed checked off several items on her "to do" list Saturday night after the University of New Hampshire women's gymnastics team beat out the top-ranked North Carolina State Wolf Pack by a score of 195.900 to 195.450.  
The 'Cats broke two university records in the upset. The 195.900 beat a university team score of 195.825 that was

set in 1997 against Central Michigan. Meanwhile, senior assistant captain Jen Dickson (all-around score of 39.425) not only set a new personal record, but also broke the school record set in 1999 by Cara Lepper (39.400).  
"The fun thing is that I know we can do better," Goodspeed said. "We had some little mistakes here and there, but because we only have to count five out of the six performer's scores, we got by. This was the first time that we have really put it all together, though."

The Wildcats started out their rotation on vault, where freshman Bethany Stork paved the way for the meet with a 9.500. And the 'Cats only got better from there. Junior Tara Philips was the star of the event, tying for first with NC's Adina Stock with a score of 9.850. After completing the event, she ran to her teammates with a smile on her face and her hands in the air, ready for the train of high-fives that awaited her, a ritual done after every competitor completes an event. Dickson captured the team's second-highest score with a 9.825.

UNH continued their second rotation on the bars, an event that hurt them at last weekend's Fox Run Invitational. But a week of extra practice on the apparatus paid off, and the gymnasts were able to put together one of their best performances of the season. Dickson helped her own cause ending the event with a season high and a tie for first place with a score of 9.875. Senior captain Michelle Harley put together a routine that would earn her

a 9.85 and a third place finish in the event. Sophomore Vanessa James and junior Mellory Giberson both had season highs with scores of 9.700.

"We did work a lot this week on the bars," said Goodspeed, "Winning and losing is not a factor for us. We are just focusing on improving as a team."

On beam, the 'Cats put together another solid performance. Trailing NC by one and half tenths of a point, James got

the floor, dancing her routine along with her, McNamara ended with a 9.825, a score beating her own season high and worthy of a fifth place finish overall. Dickson was the high-scorer for the 'Cats, finishing a stellar performance with a 9.875, another personal season high, and a second-place finish in the event. James rounded out the top five finishers with a 9.850.

Throughout the meet, the 'Cats only grew stronger. On vault, they ended with a 48.800. They completed the bars with a 48.950. The team executed their third rotation on beam with a 49.050, and their 49.100 finish on the floor exercise sent the Wolf Pack home licking their wounds and wondering how they let their narrow lead slip away.

"This team really stepped it up tonight. There was a lot of pressure, but everyone went out there and performed well," Goodspeed said.

After a night of teamwork, four UNH gymnasts walked away with the top four all-around titles. Dickson took first with her record 39.425, Harley took second with 39.200, Vanessa James ended with a 39.025, and freshman Amanda Hall placed fourth with a score of 39.000.

"I keep saying that this is the best team ever. After this meet, I hope that they have the confidence to realize that," Goodspeed said.

The Wildcats travel to Connecticut to compete against Bridgeport next weekend before returning home to take on Towson on March 8.

**"This team really stepped it up tonight. There was a lot of pressure, but everyone went out there and performed well."  
— Gail Goodspeed, Head Coach**

things started with a 9.750. Sophomore Jayne Propert earned herself a second-place finish with her solid 9.875-caliber performance. Harley was the champion of the event though, with a tie for her own season high and personal best of 9.900.

Moving on to the floor exercise for their final rotation, the 'Cats knew they needed to get things fired up in order to overcome another deficit of one and a half tenths of a point. This time, junior Brie McNamara was called upon to start the rally. With her teammates lined up along

## Umile stuck on 299, 'Cats stuck in second

Last place UMass-Lowell survives blistering start by UNH, tie up game with power play goal



### Men's Hockey

UNH: 4  
Lowell: 4

By Joe Kennerson  
Staff Writer

The University of New Hampshire men's hockey coach Dick Umile will have to wait another week for his shot at 300 wins, and the Wildcat hockey team will have to wait another week in hopes of capturing their second consecutive Hockey East crown. The 'Cats gave up three goals in a span of three minutes midway through the second, and

ended up tying last placed UMass Lowell Riverhawks on Friday night 4-4 at Tsongas Arena. The tie, alone with a pair of Boston College victories over Northeastern puts UNH two points behind the Eagles in the Hockey East standings.

The 'Cats had things going in their favor early on in the contest. Junior forward Steve Saviano scored a rare goal to break a scoreless tie midway through the first to get things started. Team scoring leader Lanny Gare tacked on another goal in the period for an early 2-0 lead. The second period was a downward spiral.

UNH lost control of that lead, and the game halfway through the second period when Lowell busted out for three goals in under three minutes. Quick strikes from Stephan Slonina, Bobby Robins, and Anders Strome all got past UNH goalie Mike Ayers.

Down 3-2, the Wildcats got some more help from the senior

class as Josh Prudden scored his seventh goal of the season. The 'Cats took their second lead of the game when sophomore forward Justin Aikins scored his first goal in 20 games dating back to Nov. 24 against UMass Amherst.

Up 4-3 with just five minutes away from securing the victory, UNH ended up giving a power play goal to Ed McGrane late in the third to notch the score at four. The 'Cats would battle in overtime, out-shooting Lowell 7-3, but couldn't come up with the win. Junior goalie Mike Ayers stopped 34 shots, while his counterpart freshman Dominic Smart also turned away 34 shots.

Now this is where things get interesting. UNH (20-7-5, 14-5-3 in Hockey East) are in second place in the conference and trail first place Boston College (21-8-3, 16-5-1) by just two points. The interesting part is that the two teams meet this weekend in a home and home series. UNH will go down to the Conte Forum



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**Senior defenseman Kevin Truelson (22) skates into the offensive zone. Truelson sat out the game with a leg injury. His status for this weekend's games against Boston College is unknown.**

Friday night in hope of a victory. If they lose, then BC will lock up first place. If they win however, the Saturday match-up at the Whittemore Center will be the final game of the season with the

regular season championship up for grabs (pending on what Maine does against Boston University). The 'Cats have BC's number, winning the last five games against the Eagles.



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"No holds barred"

Resident columnist Matt Doucet thinks Lou Merloni should be selling sandwiches.

