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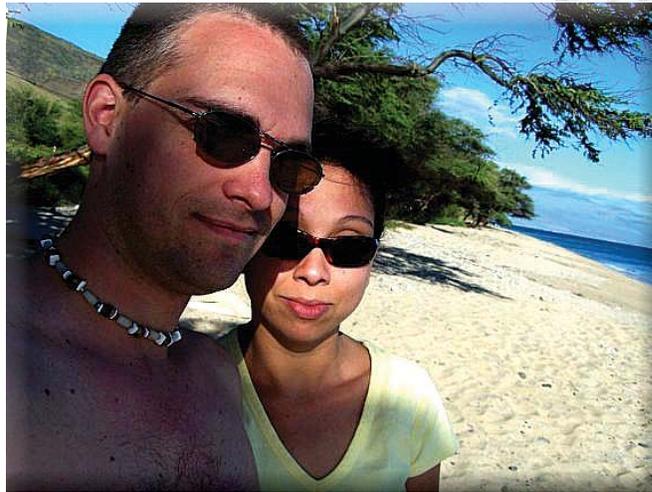
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## **CIS Grad is at Home in Maui**



**Jason Lewis '00 enjoys the sand and surf his wife Marisol, and their dog Kaya.**

**J**ason Lewis is a long way from the NHTI campus these days. The 2000 graduate of NHTI's Computer Engineering Technology program now calls home the Hawaiian Island of Maui.

After graduating from NHTI's Computer Engineering Technology program, Jason worked at Zeta Electronic Design in Hooskett for five years before moving to Makawao, Hawaii, in 2004 with his wife, Marisol, and dog Kaya. "We just bought our first home here on Maui," says Jason, "and life couldn't be better!"

In Makawao, Jason founded his own contracting company, Embedded Maui, LLC. But, raised in a family of woodworkers, he was intrigued by a classified ad for a company called Maui Custom Woodworks and their sister company, Studio Snaidero Maui, and decided to respond.

Jason's grandfather was an "old school" woodworker, and he has a brother and uncles who build custom homes. He did finish carpentry himself, and was a foreman and prototype developer for Kinderworks, a childrens' furniture and toy maker in Somersworth.

"Although I was raised a woodworker, I never thought that I would return to that field after achieving my degree," says Jason. But his vocation and avocation have dovetailed well. He now serves as Project Manager and IT Director for the company, while continuing his contracting business on the side.

Born and raised in New London, Jason is appreciative of his time at NHTI and the support he received during his education. "My parents (Jim and Claudia Lewis) provided me with lots of support and a roof over my head and actually were the ones that encouraged me to go to NHTI in the first place," says Jason. "They were incredibly supportive."

## Irvin Nickerson '80

### Notes from Down South

After 15 years of state service at Laconia State School and Training Center, Irvin Nickerson, class of 1980, retired—sort of. He shares with us some of his adventures since leaving New Hampshire.

"I moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and worked two plus years for a contemporary artist as an assistant and general maintenance man at both his gallery and home," says Nickerson, who earned a degree in mental health at NHTI. "I built canvas stretchers and stretched canvas, cleaned up as necessary and played part time receptionist, installer, typist and associate."

Irvin summered in Rogersville, Tennessee, an area renowned for its Arabian horses. He worked remodeling an old farm house and upgrading a 130-acre farm, and learned the horse training business, too.

"The horse training business was short lived for me as the late 1980's were an economic disaster," he says, so he took his newly learned skills to Mendota, Virginia, where he ran a horse training and breeding operation that proved much more successful over the following five or six years.

"There were many competitive successes at the regional and national level during that time," he says, which led him to start his own horse training business. "For nearly eight years I ran a relatively successful breeding, training, showing business, mostly single handed."

In 2005, worn out from the 24/7 nature of running his own business, he closed down and has since made his living buying, fixing up and reselling properties. Now downsized to a farm house on three acres, his interest in Arabian horses has not diminished. "I still have two registered Arabian horses," he says, and plans to return to the human services field, which first led him to NHTI.

"I interviewed for two positions and was offered a Residential Counselor II job at Highlands Community Services in Abingdon, Virginia," he says. "I have been very successful with the men for whom I work. Actually, the week before last I was nominated for Employee of the Month."

He credits his time at NHTI as giving him the work ethic to achieve his goals.

## College mourns loss of student Krystal Boucher

The campus mourned the loss of Krystal Ann Boucher, 19, of Rochester, who passed away suddenly on Jan. 14.

She was a graduate of Spaulding High School, Class of 2005 and was attending NHTI, majoring in visual arts, where she was on the Dean's List. Born May 11, 1987, in Dover, she was the daughter of Steven Boucher and Melissa (Morin) Milione.

She enjoyed many outdoor activities, including running and fishing, with her family. She enjoyed art and loved all animals.

"Krystal was a bright, energetic, outgoing and talented young woman," says Susan Haas, head of the visual arts program at NHTI. "She was an excellent student and was excited about pursuing a newly found passion for art. We'll miss her terribly."



Krystal Boucher, 1987-2007, a self portrait

Haas, President Lynn Kilchenstein, several students and others represented the College at Krystal's funeral.

## High Rollers at Mohegan Sun

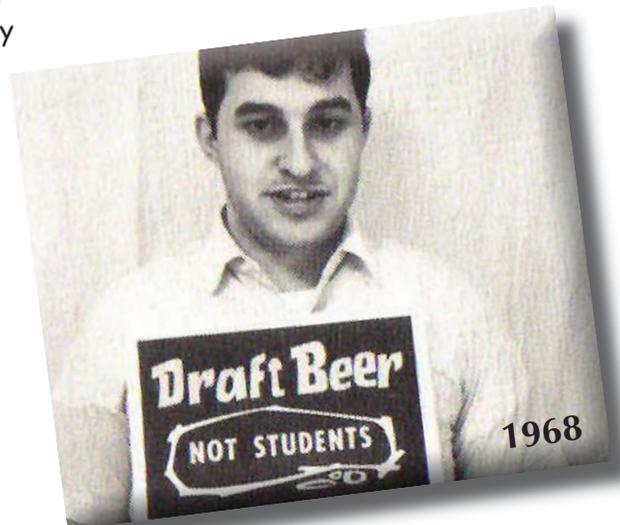
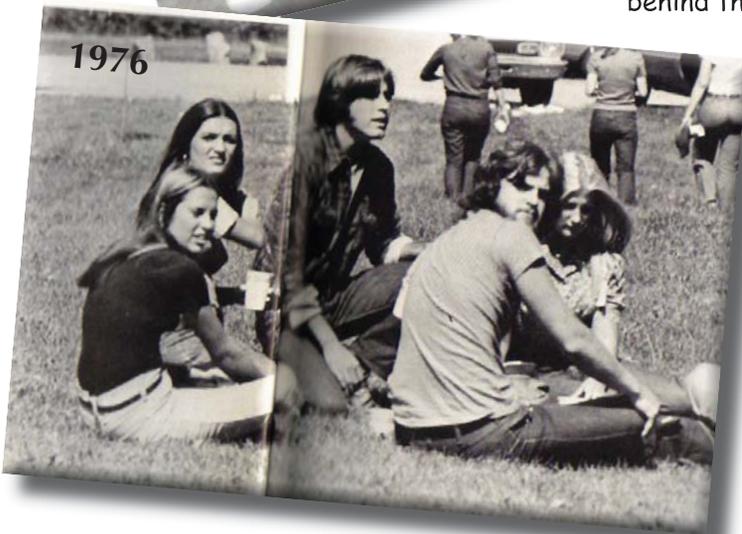
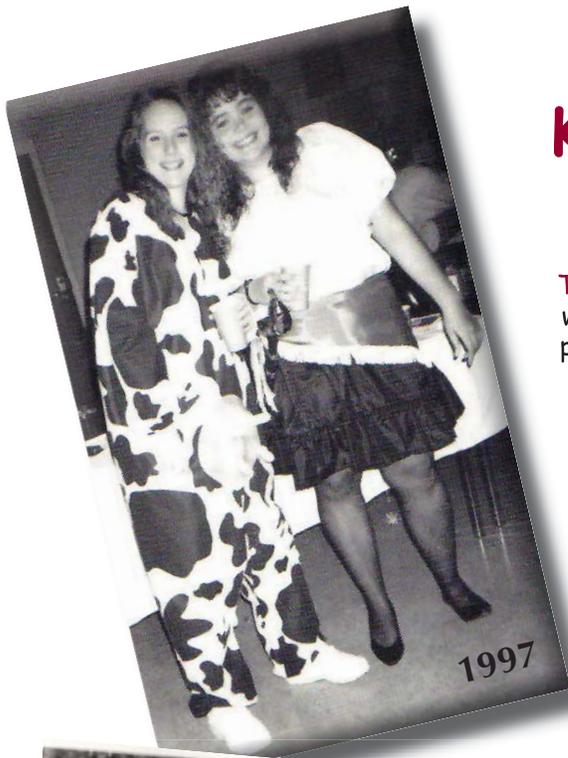
The first-ever Alumni Club-sponsored trip saw 40 alumni, faculty and staff travel to Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut. Marie Favaloro '02, John Park '02 and Mando Kangarloo '03 enjoy the buffet lunch (below), while Robin Fedion, Michelle Rollins and Marsha Bourdon '03 show their winnings (above).

The Alumni Club is sponsoring trips to the Boston Pops and Blue Man Group in 2007. See page 7 for details.

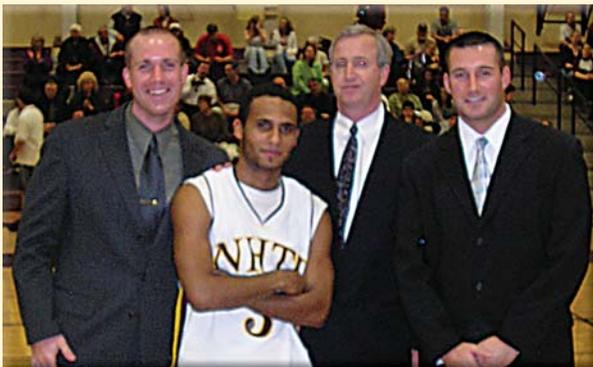


## Do You Know these People?

These blasts from the past were taken from different publications of the student yearbook "Scientia." Do you recognize anyone? Tell us who they are and win a prize! Send your response to the Office of Alumni Affairs at NHTI, 31 College Drive, Concord, NH 03301 or to [nhtialumniaffairs@nhctc.edu](mailto:nhtialumniaffairs@nhctc.edu). Be sure to identify the photo and tell us the story behind the photo.



## 'Speedy' Finish



Speedy Lawes '07 with coaches Andy Newcomb, Paul Hogan and Chuck Lloyd.

Chris "Speedy" Lawes wrapped up an impressive athletic and academic career at NHTI with his last home basketball game against Lyndon State College on February 21. Speedy has been instrumental in the men's basketball program's success during his four years at NHTI and will graduate in May with degrees in Sports Management and General Studies. "Speedy is a remarkable young man who epitomizes what NHTI is all

about," says Athletic Director and Basketball Coach Paul Hogan. "He is an exciting basketball player and a valuable contributor to the College community. We're proud of his personal growth on and off the floor."

Among Speedy's career highlights are: 1,000+ point scorer; member of USCAA 2005 national championship team; two-time YSCC first team selection; 2006 USCAA second team selection; Captain of 2006-07 team.

## • Alumni Updates •

**1974**

### **David “Curly” Curtis**

Curly is a graduate of the Electronic Data Processing program and now lives in Sun City West, Arizona. He studied health administration at UNH. “I learned the important stuff about computers (at NHTI). I’m talking bits, bytes, assembler. Makes for a really good programmer,” he says. But now, “I love Phoenix!”

**1977**

### **Mark D. Clark**

Mark is a graduate of the Architectural Engineering Technology program and now lives in Bradford.

### **Mary Mielcarz**

Mary graduated from the Nursing program and now works at Exeter Hospital.

**1978**

### **Theodore R. O’Neill**

Theo graduated from the Electrical Engineering Technology program. He earned his bachelor’s in business from New England College and went on to complete an MBA with honors from Indiana University Graduate School of Business in 1989. He is currently a Wall Street analyst, where he won two “Best on The Street” awards from the Wall Street Journal and is president of The Holley Manufacturing Company, Lakeville, Conn. ([www.holleyknives.com](http://www.holleyknives.com)) He married Leslie in 1986 and the couple have a 6-month-old son David.

**1979**

### **Mark David Souch**

Mark graduated from the Nursing program and is now an assistant professor in the Department of Family Nursing Care at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

**1980**

### **Mike Dupuis**

Mike is a graduate of the Computer Information Systems program and attended the University of Maryland, where he earned his MBA, summa cum laude, in 1986. He is vice president of development/executive director of the SHARE Foundation, in El Dorado

Arizona, where he lives with his wife, Dr. Cindy Dupuis, whom he married in 2001. They have three children, Taylor, Catie and Dane.

“As a result of playing on the men’s basketball team, I was able to lead the country in scoring as well as set at least five school records,” recalls Mike. “Those accomplishments drew attention from other larger schools, which afforded me opportunities to receive scholarship dollars and continue my education. I am proud of my NHTI days!”

**1984**

### **Gail (Desrochers) Bartz**



Gail with her mom, Nina.

Gail, a graduate of the Computer Information Systems program, now works at Fidelity Investments. She married Roy Bartz in

1986 and the couple have two children, Kristina, 17, and Nicholas, 14. The family lives in Salisbury.

### **Keith Thibault**

Keith graduated from the Radiologic Technology program and is now the diagnostic imaging program manager at the VA Medical Center in Manchester. He resides in Weare.

**1985**

### **Sharon (Bristol) Gaines**

Sharon graduated from the Business Management program and now works for IBS (Intelligent Banking Solutions) in New London as a support manager. She attended the University of Hartford (Connecticut), has two children, Jamie and Alexa, and lives in Newbury.

**1987**

### **Randall Becker**

Randy is a graduate of the Business Accounting program and works as chief systems architect at CBE Systems. He and his wife, Jennifer, live in Loudon with their 7-year-old son Jack.

**1988**

### **Sally Becker**

Sally graduated from the General Studies program and is now a member of the College’s paramedic advisory committee. She resides in Webster and her son, Randy, is a 1987 graduate of the accounting program at NHTI and lives in Loudon.

**1990**

### **Marsha Cloutier**

Marsha is a graduate of the Dental Hygiene program and now works as a hygienist at a general practice in Newport, Vt. She lives in Barton, Vt.

**1992**

### **Mike Tutko**

Mike, a graduate of the Business Management program, is now the Associate Vice President of Community Lending at Laconia Savings Bank’s Concord branch. He also serves on the College’s business department advisory committee.

**1993**

### **Thomas LaRochelle**

Tom, a graduate of the Nursing program, now resides in Londonderry.

**1994**

### **Richard A. Ruck**

Richard graduated from the Criminal Justice program and is now a police officer/investigator in Bangor, Maine. He recently entered a graduate study program at California University of Pennsylvania in law and legal studies. He married Kerri in 2000 and the couple has two children, Victoria, 4, and David, 13. The family lives in Roseto, Penn. “NHTI allowed me to be successful in my educational pursuits,” says Richard. “This has assisted me in my employment and professional goals.”

### **Michele (Derosier) Turgeon**

Michele graduated from the Radiology program in 1994 and then from the Ultrasound program in 1996. She earned her bachelor’s in biology from UNH in 1998, graduating summa cum laude, and now is the lead sonographer at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield, Mass. She married Duane Turgeon, who

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graduated from NHTI's Mechanical/Manufacturing Engineering Technology program, in 1995. The couple lives in Westfield, Mass.

**1996**

### **Charles Ermer**

Charles is a graduate of the Criminal Justice program and currently lives in Salem.

**1998**

### **Amber (Copson) Burke**

Amber graduated from the Human Services program and now lives in Littleton.

### **Kate Lacasse**

Kate graduated from the General Studies program and earned a bachelor's in early childhood education from SNHU. She is a childcare teacher and resides in Concord.

### **Jamie Monteiro**

Jamie attended the General Studies program, earned a bachelor's in economics from PSU and is now a financial analyst for Hewlett-Packard in Austin, Texas. He married Kathy in January 2003 and the couple has two children, Jamison Brien, 2 and Gabriella Rose, 6 months. "Though I never got a degree from NHTI, the experience had a lasting impact on my life and the success I've had in my career," says Jamie. "We're living in Austin, Texas, and lovin' it!"

**1999**

### **Amy Joyce**

Amy graduated from the Business Management program and now lives in Pittsfield.

**2000**

### **Jessica (DeMaggio) Beckwith**

Jessica graduated from the General Studies program and is now working on her master's degree in social work at UNH, where she is also employed. She married Jonathan in August 2002 and the couple lives in Pittsfield.

### **Beth (Innarelli) Froehlich**

Beth graduated from the Business Management program. She has been married for 3 years and has a 9-month-old son, Logan. She works in marketing and lives in Manchester.



Beth Froehlich and Logan

**2003**

### **Melissa Libby**

Melissa graduated from the Criminal Justice program and is now a security officer in Dover. She lives in Somersworth.

**2004**

### **Candace M. Ames**

Candace, a graduate of the Early Childhood Education program, is working at the Whole Village Child Care Center, where she is the lead teacher in the preschool, toddler and infant room. "I am responsible for developing and implementing meaningful lessons and creating a good learning environment,"

she says. "I oversee assistant and associate teachers' work and lesson plans, and provide assistance to the director." She earned a bachelor's in early childhood studies from PSU in '06 and lives in Wentworth.

**Donat Fevre**

Donat graduated from the Computer Information Systems program and now lives in Van Nuys, Calif.

**2005**

### **Katherine M. Dominic**

Katherine graduated from the Business Management program and is now the admissions department assistant at Elliot Hospital in Manchester. She earned her bachelor's in business administration from SNHU in January 2007 and made the President's List. She lives in Manchester and is engaged to Jason Paul of Henniker. A September 07 wedding is planned.

**2006**

### **Leah Lavoie**

Leah graduated from the Dental Hygiene program and is now living in Rochester.

## • Weddings and Engagements •

### **Cormier-LePage**

Sheila Cormier and Albert Page were married October 22, 2006. Cormier, an NHTI graduate, is a marketing and technology coordinator at Bow Mills Bank. The couple lives in Concord.

### **Mercado '98-LaClair**

Brenda Mercado and Jay LaClair were married on September 3, 2006. She is a 1998 graduate of the Dental Assisting program at NHTI. The couple lives in South Easton, Mass.

### **Bean '02-Greenwood**

Carol Bean and Dale Greenwood Jr. were married August 5, 2006. Carol graduated from the Radiologic Technology program at NHTI and is an x-ray technologist at Concord Imaging. The couple lives in Manchester.

### **Denauw-Garland '04**

Laurie Garland and Tyler Denauw were married in 2006. Laurie is a graduate of the Computer Information Systems program at NHTI and works as a staff accountant for Denron Plumbing and HVAC in Manchester. The couple lives in Laconia

### **Little-Poirier'05**

Angela Poirier and Seth Little were married September 30, 2006. Angela is a graduate of the Dental Hygiene program at NHTI and works as a hygienist for the Center for Contemporary Dentistry. The couple lives in Epsom.

### **Olmstead-Brightman'06**

Danelle Lynn Brightman and Blaine Amos Olmstead were married in 2006. Brightman is a graduate of the Dental Hygiene program at NHTI and is a hygienist at Hudson Family Dentistry.

## College Awarded \$300,000 for Health Education and Academic Center

*Capital fund drive at 92% of \$3 million goal!*

**N**HTI has been awarded \$300,000 in tax credits from the NH Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) to support construction of a Health Education Center on campus. The award brings the capital campaign to \$2,768,350, or just over 92% of the \$3 million campaign goal.

The project is designed to help reduce the critical shortage of nurses by increasing enrollment in the NHTI nursing education program by 50%. This will put an estimated additional 46 nurses per year into high-demand jobs that will fill a critical need and, at the same time, are personally and financially rewarding. The College typically receives 250-400 applications to the nursing program and had capacity to accept only about 100 students each fall.

The College plans to combine the \$3 million from the capital campaign with a \$4 million state capital budget request to develop a 35,000-sq.-ft. Health Education

and Academic Center on the existing soccer field between I-93 and McRury Hall. The proposed three-story building will include state-of-the-art nursing education facilities on the first floor, as well as a 170-seat lecture hall and lobby. It will also include a computer lab, student lounge, 9 classrooms, 2 lecture halls, and faculty offices.

“This is a big boost to our building fund and goal of expanding the nursing program,” says Lynn Kilchenstein, president of NHTI. “We’re very grateful to the organizations that have committed to purchasing the tax credits for their support of the project, the College and our students.”

Schematic drawings for the building have been completed and plans are to begin



Architect's computer rendering of the proposed Health Education and Academic Center by Duene Cowan, NHTI class of 1977, whose Concord firm is the project architect.

construction in the Fall 07 or Spring 08.

You can support the building project with the purchase of a brick for the Health Education Center Courtyard with a customized message. Bricks are \$75 and \$125 (\$1,500 for a granite bench). Go to [www.nhti.edu/alumni/development/index.html](http://www.nhti.edu/alumni/development/index.html) to download a brick form or contact the Development Office at 271-8904 or [ablake@nhctc.edu](mailto:ablake@nhctc.edu). All proceeds go toward the nursing program.

### • Weddings and Engagements •

#### Greeley '07-Lord '04

Jenny Allyn Greeley and Nicholas Aron Lord have announced their engagement. Greeley is currently a student at NHTI's dental hygiene program. Lord graduated from NHTI's General Studies program and is currently a self-employed sub-contractor.

#### Wheaton-Thresher

Ashley Wheaton and Denis Thresher were married in 2006. Wheaton graduated from NHTI. She is an electrical

engineering technician and is studying electrical engineering at UNH. Thresher is a student in NHTI's computer engineering technology program. The couple lives in Manchester.

#### Cote-Peightell

Diana Cote and Chris Peightell have announced their engagement. Peightell is a student at NHTI and works as a parts adviser at Lovering Volvo in Concord. A June wedding is planned.

### • In Memory •

#### Peter A. Dudek '95

Dudek, a 1995 graduate of the Electrical Engineering Technology program, passed away November 11, 2006. The lifelong Manchester resident earned his bachelor's in electrical engineering from UNH and was a senior technical associate in product engineering at OSRAM Sylvania in Hillsborough for the past 11 years. He was an avid photographer, traveler and outdoorsman, and an auto enthusiast who restored antique cars.

#### Richard A. Nye

Nye passed away on November 13, 2006, at his home in Hooksett. He graduated from Central High School in Manchester in 1950 and was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. He attended NHTI, graduated from Keene Teachers College and earned a master's degree from Northeastern University, and attended the Ph.D. program at Florida State University. Mr. Nye retired in 1990 from Winnacunnett High School after 31 years as an industrial arts teacher.

### • Births •

**James and Veronica Stewart** proudly announce the arrival of Lukas John Stewart, 8 lbs., 6 oz., 21 inches, on November 18, 2006. James is a 1992 graduate of the Manufacturing Engineering Technology program and Veronica graduated from the Architectural Engineering Technology program in 1993. The family lives in Oakland, Maine.



Veronica Stewart '93 and son Bryce welcome newcomer Lukas.

## 2007 Alumni Trips



### *Boston Pops at Symphony Hall*

**Friday, May 11**

Enjoy this Baby Boomer theme performance and dinner at one of Boston's finest! From hula hoops to hi-tech gadgets, baby boomers have shaped the world we live in. Hear exactly how with songs from the Beatles to the Village People, classic themes from television and film and an unforgettable audience sing-along with the Boston Pops Orchestra in Symphony Hall! We'll start with dinner at Skipjack's, voted Boston's top seafood restaurant in 2004. Choose from a special group menu (advance choices not required!) Motorcoach leaves NHTI campus at 4 p.m. and returns around 11:30 p.m. All for just \$119. Limited 1st balcony seating. Reserve tickets by April 23. [www.bostonpops.com](http://www.bostonpops.com)



### *NHTI Night at Fishercats Baseball*

**Tuesday, August 21**

Enjoy Double AA baseball action at Merchantsauto.com Stadium in Manchester. See the NH Fishercats play the New Britain Rock Cats and get a Hot Diggety Dog meal all for just \$11 each! An affordable family outing for the kids. Meal includes hot dog, chips and beverage. Plus, it's NHTI logo baseball night! [www.nhfishercats.com](http://www.nhfishercats.com)



### *Blue Man Group at the Charles Playhouse*

**Saturday, November 10**

Blue Man Group is a creative organization perhaps best known for their successful theatrical productions which combine comedy, music and multi-media artistry to create a form of entertainment that is totally unique. Kids enjoy the lights, color and spectacle. Adults enjoy the humor, social commentary and depth of the character. A great family outing opportunity! (Not recommended for children under five.) Motorcoach leaves NHTI campus at 3:15 p.m. Dinner is on your own. The show starts at 7 p.m. and we return to NHTI around 10:30 p.m. Just \$89. Limited "poncho" seating! Reserve tickets by October 19. [www.bluman.com](http://www.bluman.com)

## College Charters NHTI Alumni Club



NHTI Alumni Club officers are (left to right) Vice President Jim Black, former student and current adjunct faculty, President Keith Graham '01, Treasurer Harold Hart '75 (faculty), and Secretary Anthony Petriello '08.

The new NHTI Alumni Club was chartered by the Student Senate in the spring of 2006! Our mission is to foster relationships that will last a lifetime, develop valuable contacts in your field and give something back to your alma mater and your community. The Alumni Club is comprised of both current and past students.

Club members raise funds for the Alumni Scholarship Fund, organize trips and events, and represent the College at orientations, open houses and other campus functions, and serve as ambassadors to the College.

The Alumni Club has already is making a splash on campus and off! Last November, we took a day trip to Mohegan Sun Casino (photos on page 2) and on April 17, 2007, the Alumni Club is sponsoring the College's first Career and Job Fair. Last fall we awarded the first ever Alumni Scholarships; two students received \$1,000 each (see page 8).

To learn how you can make a difference, contact the Alumni Affairs office at 271-8904 or [nhtialumni@nhct.edu](mailto:nhtialumni@nhct.edu).

To reserve your tickets, contact the Alumni Office at (603) 271-8904 or [nhtialumni@nhct.edu](mailto:nhtialumni@nhct.edu), or return the attached form.

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**Boston Pops** \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$119 = \_\_\_\_\_

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## Alumni Club Awards \$1,000 Scholarships

The NHTI Alumni Club has awarded its first Alumni Scholarships to Ryan Kane of Exeter and Beth Corrigan of Hudson. Both received \$1,000 awards toward their tuition, fees and expenses related to attending NHTI.

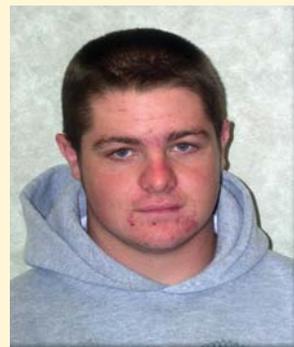
Ryan is in the criminal justice program. He wants to obtain a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and become a law enforcement officer like his father, who has been chief of police in Exeter for 25 years. Beth is a 2004 graduate of NHTI's paramedic program and is now in the nursing program. She plans to pursue a bachelor's degree and become a certified nurse anesthetist.

First-year and returning students are eligible for the Alumni Scholarship, with preference given to the dependents of NHTI alumni. The deadline for applying is August 1 for scholarships awarded the following September of each year. For an application go to [www.nhti.edu/alumnidevelopment/waysalumni.htm](http://www.nhti.edu/alumnidevelopment/waysalumni.htm) or the Financial Aid office.

The Alumni Club is looking for members to help with the scholarship program and coordinate alumni events! For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 271-8904 or [nhtialumni@nhctc.edu](mailto:nhtialumni@nhctc.edu).



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