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~ Anatole France

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SNHU's Parks, Smith Receive 2009-10 NCAA Sportsmanship Award



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Tyler Parks and Mike Smith deservedly received this prestigious award.

Michael Ghika
Sports Editor

Tyler Parks and Mike Smith of Southern New Hampshire University's men's cross country team have been honored as the male winners of the 2009-10 NCAA Student-Athlete Sportsmanship Award. The award comes as a result of their courageous act during a race last October in which Parks and Smith assisted another runner who had collapsed and fallen unconscious

to the ground.

The NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct (CSEC) had narrowed it down to six finalists before announcing back in late August that the award would go to the pair of Penmen athletes.

The annual award is given by the CSEC in recognition of student-athletes who have exhibited acts of sportsmanship that emphasize the highest level of respect and integrity and have a positive impact on their teammates as well as their opponents.

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Obama Delivers Speech from Oval Office

Marissa Twombly
News Editor

President Obama's latest Oval Office speech declaring an "end" to the war and stating how plans to revive the economy are taking place.

According to WMUR, the "central responsibility as President is to restore the nation's fragile economy and to help put the millions of people who lost jobs back to work." The plan to restore the economy is to strengthen the middle class -- which is working harder for less -- by giving children an

education that they deserve and providing workers with the skills they need to be able to compete in a global economy. In an effort to help the people understand the restoration plan, Obama stated that "for too long we have put off tough decisions on everything from our manufacturing base to our energy policy, to education reform."

In order to alleviate the problems plaguing the United States, Obama is asking that we create industries to make jobs, end our independence on foreign oil, allow the innovation for

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Letter from the Editor

Tim Callahan
Editor in Chief

Welcome back, everyone! The school year has begun in grand fashion with a mammoth freshmen class and updates to campus. Coming to terms with the transition from summer to the upcoming semester can be jarring for some (especially for those people whose summers were so great that they must tell everyone about them). Anyway, whether it were to be measured in life changing moments or cups of coffee, my summer was relatively uneventful. Hopefully, the same can't be said for everyone else.

With the exception of some updates to the campus (e.g. a new Wellness Center), those who are coming back to campus know what to expect. Freshmen, however, are faced with the relatively unfamiliar task of balancing their social, academic and professional lives, which can be rather daunting. Though my words may sound trite, it is crucial for new students to make time for both study and personal enjoyment (which will hopefully include reading this paper).

Everyone involved in the Observer dedicated a great deal of time in this issue, and I can only hope that it is reflected in the quality. Regrettably, Aimee Terravechia, our Layout Editor, will no longer be with us since she has started a new job. We all wish her the best and thank her wholeheartedly for the countless hours she spent working on the paper. Without her, the Observer would not have progressed as far as it has.

The Observer is always looking for new writers, and we welcome those who are interested in the paper to our meetings on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. in Robert Frost Room 301. For now, I will see you there, or I will see you on another time!

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Spotlight @ SNHU : Julie Baker



Julie Baker

Julie Baker, Director of Creative Writing and Advisor of The Creative Writing Club and The Manatee.

Marissa Twombly
News Editor

Julie Baker has been an instructor at SNHU for several years, but has taken on the role of Director of the Creative Writing Department. She will also be the new advisor to the Creative Writing Club and The Manatee. From her publications of textbooks, young adult nonfiction, scholarly articles and short stories for television, to her dedication to education by receiving a Master of Fine Arts in Writing, Master of Education in Education, Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and her Teaching Certifications, Julie Baker has entrenched herself as a pinnacle of higher learning at SNHU.

For as long as Julie Baker can remember, writing has always been a major part of her life. The inspiration to become a writer emerged during her childhood from her seventh grade

teacher, Mrs. Phillips. Julie had written a short story for her class, and the teacher called her up one day before lunch to discuss the story.

"In a voice softened by her dedication as teacher and strengthened by her passion as a reader, she spent her lunch break complimenting me on sections of my story that flowed well and challenging me on sections that did not," said Baker.

The confidence that Mrs. Phillips showed discussing Julie's characters, plotline and setting showed that Mrs. Phillips cared about Julie's work as much as Julie cared about it.

"It was the first time in my writing life someone had shown such genuine interest."

As her writing career has flourished, her favorite style of writing is fiction and nonfiction about American life in the 19th century.

As her writing career surfaced, receiving many degrees
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The “Right” Schools

Kyla Natali
Opinion Editor

When we were young, most of us can agree that we had aspirations of becoming successful doctors, lawyers, or business tycoons. Our parents assured us that we could be the “next big thing” as long as we went to the right school. So, when linking what school would garner the most success, did any of us ever picture it being in the place we are now?

Recently, US News released its annual list of the top colleges to attend in the United States. The order is calculated based upon graduation rates, faculty, academic offerings, campus life, and sports culture. Of course, it is no surprise to see the scholarly institutions of Harvard, Princeton, and Yale command the top

three spots of the poll. Other widely known schools such as Duke, Stanford, and UCLA are among those in the top twenty-five rank.

While schools like Harvard, Princeton, and Yale are some of the best schools to attend in the country, it cannot be guaranteed that one will have the most successful career by simply going there. It seems that many people still rely on reputation, not perseverance, when it comes to career planning. Being an alumnus of a prestigious institution is a nice touch to the resumé, but it does not seal the deal. In the end, it is what a people exemplify in their ability to do the job that puts them in the front running.

So, why is it that we associate the idea of going to the most reputable school and career success? Many Harvard alumni were past

United States Presidents such as John F. Kennedy and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. But not every person who has impacted our society graduated from an Ivy League school. Former Mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani, attended Manhattan College, and obtained a Juris Doctor from New York University School of Law. It just shows that not every success story was born within the Ivy League walls.

As the late John Wooden said, “Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.” In this competitive job market, it can be said that it does not matter where you learned the knowledge, but rather how you use it.

Can We Just Discuss: *Burning Wrath*

Chad Marden
Photo Editor

Few things get my dander up quite like cultural intolerance. The idea that someone could alienate one person, or group of people, based on differences of beliefs of social structure is so offensive to me that I can’t fit it in my head. So, when I heard that Florida Reverend Terry Jones was planning an “International Burn-A-Koran Day,” I spiraled into a dimension of rage.

Even if I ignore the offensiveness of Jones’ plan, the logistics of it baffle me. He’s going to buy a book he hates and burn it, but the money spent on said book goes back to making more books. I fail to see the point of it all, sir. That money could be going to something more useful

and meaningful than your hate mongering.

Even the symbolic message is lost in the act. After some research, I discovered that, according to Islamic tradition, the burning of a Koran is one of the most approved methods of disposal. So, incinerating all of these Korans is a completely pointless act. It’s like trying to perform vector calculus by chewing stale Big League Chew; it doesn’t do anything!

My point is this: if you’re going to stage a protest, make sure it actually makes sense. Otherwise, you’ll just look even more stupid than you already are... Plus it helps if your protest isn’t blatantly offensive.

Too Many Students?

Samantha Cohen
A & E, Clubs & Orgs Editor

As students trickle their way back to school, many have noticed the changes on the campus of Southern New Hampshire University. Maintenance has been working hard to make everything just right for when students return. Additionally, the new Wellness Center is finished, and the coffee shop in the SNHU Student Center has been reinvented. However, one of the most noticeable things is the incoming freshmen class.

If the campus has seemed busier already to you in the first few days, then you are not mistaken. This year’s freshman class

is one of the largest SNHU has ever seen. At first, this may seem like a negative change due to present conflicts. As if parking wasn’t difficult already on campus, this year it will be even harder with a heavy flow of freshman vehicles. The school has even run out of parking permits to give to the students. Not to mention, the lines at the café will be longer throughout the day, and so will the wait to get food. Lastly, SNHU is known, and well liked, for having a small teacher to student ratio. This year, the classes will be filled to the walls with students to accommodate everyone.

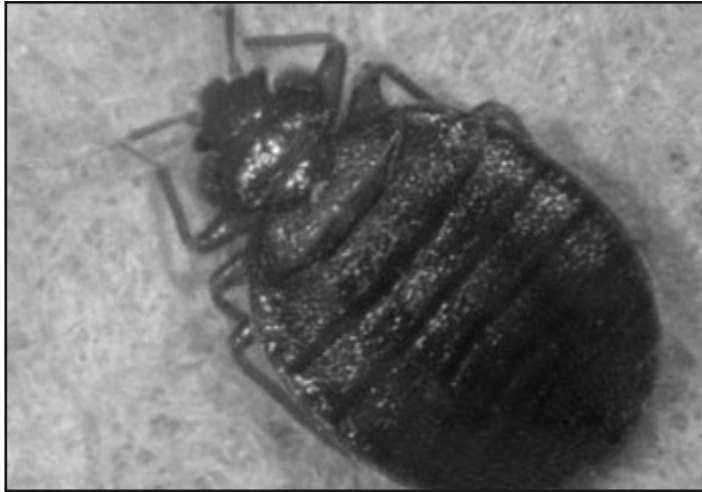
Aside from the small inconveniences of the population rise,

the large number of students attending could be a positive change for SNHU. For one, it gives students a chance to meet more people than they normally would. SNHU is obviously gaining great financial benefits, which will be great in the long run for future renovations and resources. Also, being a small school can be looked upon as a negative aspect. With a larger community here at SNHU, it may be more appealing for prospective students.

Overall, there will be some adjustments for this year for faculty and students. Besides a few bumps in the road, we should all lend a hand in making it work and welcome the class of 2014.

Have an opinion?
Write a letter to
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always looking for
more opinion
submissions.

Resurgence of a Parasite



Bed bugs are undergoing a baffling resurgence.

Tim Callahan
Editor in Chief

Bed bugs, parasitic insects that dine on human and animal blood at night, have officially reemerged after decades of comparative inactivity, and complaints regarding the bugs have skyrocketed in cities such as New York.

To inform the public about bed bugs, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a joint statement addressing the emerging problem. According to this statement, bed bug bites leave skin irritation (not unlike a mosquito bite) that can cause allergic reactions and skin infections. Mental health issues may also emerge in individuals living in an infested area (e.g. anxiety and insomnia); however, the parasites do not seem to spread disease. Bed bugs often travel on clothing and luggage and typically hide in the seams of beds or in the clutter of a room during the day. As a result, hotels and the like have become a hotbed of bed bug infestations.

As bed bugs become ever more prevalent throughout major cities, entomologists are left with the questions of how

these bugs have reemerged and why they don't seem to spread disease. Unfortunately, there don't seem to be any clear answers since research regarding bed bugs is decidedly limited, the New York Times reports. Additionally, scientists have conceded that there aren't many legal pesticides available that can effectively exterminate the pests. Thus, the most effective means that the average person has of dispatching bed bugs is to keep sheets and living spaces clean and vacuum the insects up.

Sharon Dyer, the University Nurse in the Wellness Center, shed some light on the subject as it relates to campus and the students living there. Although there haven't been any incidences of bed bugs on campus this year, Dyer offered some advice on controlling these parasitic insects. To determine whether or not bed bugs are present in a room, Dyer suggested checking the seams of a bed and behind the headboard for the critters or their characteristic molting and red stains. Dyer also recommended that people "keep sheets clean, wash them in hot water, remove clutter and vacuum frequently." Furthermore, she pleaded individuals to never purchase a pre-owned mattress and to delay before bringing luggage back into their homes.

Above all, Dyer empha-

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and instructing many students on writing, Julie Baker showed students that everyone has, "promise for creativity in writing." She believes that "creativity flourishes in environments that promote confidence, courage, and connections." As a teacher of writing, her goal is to provide just that kind of setting in the classroom to help students gain the creative tools they need to be successful.

According to Julie, when "creativity is planted" it is "when a student feels confident he has something to say on paper and believes he is the best person to say it." When "creativity is nurtured," it is "when a student finds courage to expose his written

work to the scrutiny of teachers and classmates, and knows those readers share a passion for his work to succeed." And when "creativity is produced," it is "when a student realizes he is part of a community of writers, and opens himself up to the encouraging support of like-minded souls."

Since she is a faculty member, Julie had to answer the obligatory question of why she chose SNHU out of all the colleges and universities in New Hampshire. After she had finished schooling from Boston College, earning her Master of Education degree, she had heard from instructors many "wonderful things about the dedication and commitment of SNHU's faculty, staff, and

students." She decided to apply to SNHU, and she received her Master of Fine Arts degree in fiction and nonfiction. She can now say from her experiences that, "it is a great place to teach and learn about writing."

Serving as the director of the Creative Writing Department, the advisor to the Creative Writing Club and the advisor to The Manatee, Julie Baker will show great leadership and help provide SNHU with more potential writers. If anyone is interested in joining The Manatee they can contact Julie at j.baker@snhu.edu and for students who wish to see his/her work published in The Manatee can find it at <http://the-manatee.net>.

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new products to surface, as well as inspire new ideas from entrepreneurs. According to President Obama's statement, men and women serving in Iraq have meet every test they have faced; now, it is the American people's turn. It is their responsibility to honor the troops by coming together and making a better life that awaits those willing to work and reach for it.

So far, \$1 trillion have been spent on the war, often borrowed from overseas. Has this helped? Many speculate and have different opinions -- especially former President George W. Bush. Although both presidents disagree about the onset of the war, they are united in appreciation for those who are in the service.

As of September 1st, 2010 Obama declared that the war is over and it is "Time to turn the page." Although troops will still remain in Iraq, they have a different mission: to "advise and assist Iraq security forces." Through a bilateral security agreement, the American troops have a deadline of 2011, when 50,000 soldiers will be coming home.

Bed Bugs

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sized that there currently isn't any such problem with bed bugs on campus; however, students must remain diligent in the maintenance of their living areas. "Nobody is going to fool around with bed bugs," Dyer said. "We make every effort to keep the rooms and public areas as clean as possible."

If anyone discovers bed bugs in a living area, then he/she should notify the nearest RA or alert facilities. Bed bugs remain a nuisance that cause irritating bites, allergic reactions, and skin infections on rare occasions. There is no need to panic, however, and people must remember to keep clean.

More News in the Gulf



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Wild bird saturated in oil

Maranda Twombly
Creative Editor

On Thursday, September 2, 2010, WMUR posted news of an oilrig in the Gulf of Mexico that claimed to have had an explosion on board. Officials on board later determined the explosion was a fire that occurred on the top deck. According to WMUR,

no oil has yet discharged into the ocean. All crew members who fled into the ocean were safely exported from the water, flown to nearby hospitals, and released the same day due to lack of injury.

Late afternoon on Thursday, September 2, 2010, BP's operation of removing the cap from the ruptured well was underway, as posted by CNN. Jessie Baker,

spokeswoman for BP, stated, "The operation was the first step in removing the blowout preventer." The blowout preventer is the piece of the oil well that exploded causing the spill of oil into the ocean.

Signs in the news, according to CNN, show that the worst of the oil disaster is over with and the majority of the oil was either cleaned up or naturally dissipated. Statements claiming that the worst is over were proven wrong early in the week with the development of another oil rig explosion. "This is only the end of the beginning," said CNN.

BP's current efforts in cleaning the gulf are to burn sections of oil in the water, while other

sections naturally dissipate. Crew workers for the company are also working on the beaches to clean up oil washed onto the sandy beaches. Volunteers in the area are also helping clean up oil in the gulf.

While much of the wildlife in the area use the gulf as an area of migration, the world is seeing how the oil disaster is harming the wildlife. Birds, such as pelicans, are landing in the water and becoming saturated in the oil. Most birds target fish in the ocean for food, which results in these birds swallowing the oil.

Ocean life is also being affected by the oil spill. According to The Daily Green, dolphins, fish, and whales are washing up on the shores of the gulf. Shallow drilling in the ocean is unsafe, and BP has proven this fact to the world on several occasions. Efforts to help save the wildlife and beaches of the gulf are in affect. Now we must wait to see what will happen next.

New Amenities on Campus

Marissa Twombly
News Editor

Southern New Hampshire University has been extremely busy providing us with many new changes to campus. The Dining Center, Campus Technology, Wellness Center and campus housing have all faced great changes.

The Common Grounds Coffee Shop and convenience store in the SNHU Student Center now have extended hours. They have also provided students with a larger variety of items to purchase where they can stock up their room or just have a quick snack. As for the

River Road Café in the Academic Building, it will be open for breakfast and lunch helping students who cannot make it to the cafeteria before classes. In addition, the Dining Center has added new menu items to each station as well as a new station for Mexican food, which can be purchased for lunch and dinner.

Campus Technology has provided students with additional Internet capacity, increasing it by 20 percent. In our classrooms, several new projectors were installed to replace the old ones. Computing Resources is adding a full-time staff member to better help students who face technology problems.

For campus e-mails, new spam filtering devices, which will help eliminate unidentified e-mails, have been implemented. They have also expanded wireless networks, added a new gaming lab and student portal, and installed new computers in the library as well as purchased new laptops to check out when in the library.

The Wellness Center has been moved to a new location in the Student Center. They have provided a Wellness library where weekly relaxation sessions will be held. As part of the Wellness Center, they will be providing students with an e-mail for Student Health 101.

As for the campus itself,

there have been many renovations to better our SNHU community. All bathroom/shower rooms in Washington hall were renovated, including new carpets and furniture in all common areas of New Castle and Washington Hall. There is a new green space between the Academic Building and Dining Hall which includes a waterfall, flagpoles and additional seating. There were fifty exterior trashcans replaced around campus and restriped speed bumps and crosswalks throughout campus.

All of these new amenities will undoubtedly help SNHU transition into the upcoming school year.

Creative

The Final Act

Maranda Twombly
Creative Editor

Dedication to
September 11, 2001

The curtain is rising
A hero was born
It was daddy's birthday
This left his family in morn

His little girl had spoken
She spoke of the truth
There was only a memory
And a little of the proof

"My daddy is gone
but he is still with me
He's my shining star
I hope you all can see

Every night I pray
To see him one last time
He died from the Twin Towers
This star was a special kind."

The curtain is falling
His act is nearly done
He was a great fireman
He was number one



Maranda Twombly

Elk

One Moment

Maranda Twombly
Creative Editor

Lying under the stars
The lights glisten and gleam,
There's a thought in my mind
Of an adventure it would seem.
Not too long ago
I met the boy of my dreams,
He made me laugh and smile
Like the ray of a sun's beam.
Living each day thinking of him
Was it something we didn't mean?
I am so ecstatic that we chose to meet
Each other; we make such a great team.

What a journey it is to have come
This adventure has taken us far,
Holding hands under the sky
We stare and reach for a star.
Staring at the fireflies slowly pass by
Watching them to catch them in a jar,
To remember and reminisce in this moment
We're ready to leave; take off in the car.
We arrive at the end
And we stare at that star,
For we knew that moment is over
And the next seems way too far.

When I'm Gone

Lyman Hancock
Contributing Writer

This poem is dedicated in remembrance of
Michael Zarba

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget if you can, that I ever frowned
And remember only the smile.

Forget unkind words I have spoken;
Remember some good I have done.
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
And sometimes fell by the way.
Remember I have fought some hard battles
And won, at the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going,
I would not have you sad for a day,
But in summer just gather some flowers
And remember the place where I lay,

And come in the shade of evening
When the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember only my best.

Untitled

Maranda Twombly
Creative Editor

Staring eyes of amazement
Gazing as far as the eye can see,
Watching so closely in mine
It's the only thing that can be.

I wish that you could understand
The way I feel for you,
I wish that you could understand
And hope you feel it too.

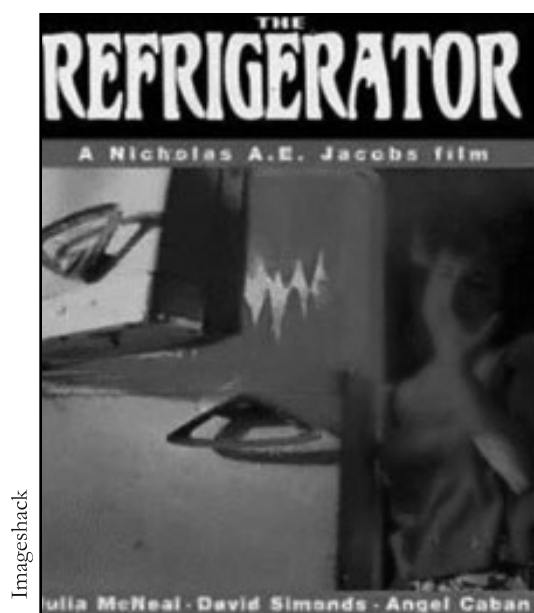
I watch you like a Hawk in the sky
Wishing you were mine,
Hoping you would see me
It's only a matter of time.

Soon it will all be over
Time has rapidly past,
Nothing would make it happen
Nothing would make it last.

Why don't you see me?
In the way that I see you,
Like rolling clouds passing by
There's nothing else I can do.

Arts & Entertainment

Cult of the Classic: The Refrigerator (1991)



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Blech! I hate cold cuts!

Chad Marden

Photo Editor

Few things get a worse reputation in horror films than household appliances and power tools. With movies like "Texas Chainsaw Massacre" and scenes like the zombie in a blender from "Dead Alive," I'm surprised that I'm not terrified of my dishwasher. What's worse is that, after a while, death by appliance just starts sounding silly. Take, for example, the case of "The Refrigerator."

Steve Bateman (Dave Simonds) gets a new job in Brooklyn causing him to move into an apartment with his wife, Eileen (Julia McNeel), who is studying to be an actress. Little do they know that a strange curse looms about their new room that has caused previous tenants to disappear without a trace; a curse centered on their demonically

possessed refrigerator.

There's very little material to work with in this film; most of it consists of boring filler scenes in an attempt to stretch it out to eighty-six minutes. The music is also no joy as the salsa soundtrack just doesn't belong in a horror film. The only two good parts of the movie were one touching scene with Eileen and her mother (Nena Segal), and the occasional appearances of Juan the Plumber (Angel Caban), who looks like something out of an action movie parody. Of course, neither distract from the fact that a killer fridge is a REALLY STUPID IDEA!

There's a distinct difference between "Camp Classic" and just plain B-movie schlock. If there was ever a prime example of that difference, then this is it. If you want evil refrigerators, just stick with "Ghostbusters"; at least that fridge has a cool demon dog in it.

A Smashing Summer Hit

Samantha Cohen

A&E, Clubs & Orgs Editor

A real life Grey's Anatomy, Boston Med, a documentary that premiered this summer, featured non-fiction drama that occurs every single moment in three of Boston's biggest hospitals: Children's Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Brigham and Women's. In the eight part series, producer Terrance Wang showed America just how hard medical professionals have to work day in and day out.

Each week, the hour-long show displayed several anecdotes of patients and their medical emergencies. Patients both young and old shared their stories with the world, the good the bad and the ugly. A high risk pregnancy, a heart transplant, and everything else in between were showed to illustrate the importance of the staff at all three hospitals. Patients' families were also involved in the series to gain the sympathy of viewers everywhere.

The emotional aspect of the series was very prominent and caught the audience's attention right away. One minute you might be laughing, and the next

crying. The documentary did an excellent job at putting the viewer in the patients' shoes. Some documentaries might cut out the bad happenings to spare the audience from graphic material; however, this was not the case for Boston Med. Unfortunately, not every case was successful, but that's what made it so realistic.

In addition to taking a look into the lives of patients, the nurses and doctors were also on display. Each week a new doctor or nurse was featured and the audience got an inside look at their day to day lives: their twenty-four hour shifts, their lacking social lives, and how they're personally affected by each of the cases they deal with.

The coolest part of this documentary is that, if you live in the area, chances are you have seen or at least walked by one of these hospitals. It makes you realize that Boston has some of the best medical care and resources in the world and provides a sense of pride. Some of Boston's bravest work endless hours to give the best possible care, as shown in the show.

If you haven't had a chance to watch the series, some episodes are available online on abc.com.



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Bob Marley Hits SNHU



last.fm

Bob Marley took his act to SNHU.cold cuts!

Lauren Head

Web Editor

The Student Government Association's first event started off with a roar of cheers and laughter as SNHU students welcomed comedian Bob Marley Wednesday, September 8.

While the house may not have been full, everyone was laughing from start to finish. Bob Marley, who is from Portland, Maine has had appearances on Comedy Central Presents, the Late Night Show with Conan O'Brien, and in the movie "The Boondocks Saints". The topics of his jokes ranged from the typical college experiences to ranking on New England, to embarrassing family incidents.

Due to the fact that Bob Marley is from Maine, he connected with students who are from New England not only talking about the crazy weather, but also poking fun at the slang we all know and use so well. Bob Marley was a hit that kept students entertained, and he was a nice addition to starting classes.

Ending Gets Lazy in “The Last Exorcism”



fearnet.com

Nell (Ashley Bell) has something seriously wrong with her.

Patrick Trouve
Copy Editor

In the conclusion of a relatively slow summer movie season, the horror genre saw its fifteen minutes of fame in Daniel Stamm's "The Last Exorcism." Produced by horror mastermind Eli Roth, the man behind *Hostel* and this summer's *Piranha 3D*, the last exorcism exposed audiences to yet another shaky handheld camera approach at portraying a truly horrific story.

The film stars Patrick Fabian as reverend Cotton Marcus, a silver-tongued preacher whose disconnect with his religion has led him to try and prove that exorcisms, a career that he has made good money performing, are, in fact, a hoax. Marcus invites a film crew along with him to film "the last exorcism" he plans to perform, intending to show the tricks he employs to convince customers that they are free from demon possession, something he thinks is a sign of simply mental instability in some capacity.

Cotton's final job brings him

to a backwoods town in Louisiana at a farm occupied by the Sweetzer family: Louis (Louis Herthum), Caleb (Caleb Landry Jones) and, the supposedly possessed, Nell (Ashley Bell). Marcus performs his exorcism, utilizing all sorts of props from a smoking crucifix and even speakers reverberating demonic noises throughout the room. Everybody believes Nell is saved, and after Louis forks over some serious cash for Cotton's services, the crew leaves for a quiet night in a nearby hotel.

The horror begins with a shot of the camera man sprinting for Marcus's hotel room where Nell is found in a trance—how she got there is a mystery to Marcus and his crew. They return the girl to her home where the remainder of the film plays out with the main question being whether or not Nell was really possessed by a demon.

The flick was creepy on its own; it did not have to use too many sudden loud noises or horror clichés to get the audience to jump. I was in love with the movie at first, satisfied with the truly scary storyline and excellent character development.

Then, the ending happened.

It seemed to me that during filming, someone said, "Hey guys, we're at an hour and fifteen minutes. Let's wrap this thing up." The ending was lazy, unimaginative and downright ruined the realistic approach that the acting and camera style served to create. Although it is difficult to find an appropriate ending to that style of movie, the way Stamm did it gets two thumbs way down.

My major problem with the film in general is that there is never any portrayal of Cotton questioning his faith. He attempts to perform the exorcism believing that demons do not exist, but when it becomes obvious that the girl is probably possessed, he acts completely calm. Who is calm in a situation like that? A closer focus on his personal battle with faith would have done the movie good.

If you are able to accept the fact that the ending was horrendous and appreciate the other hour-or-so of the movie, you will enjoy "The Last Exorcism." Although it was nothing groundbreaking, it was worth a watch for any fan of the genre.

Top 10's: MUSIC

Songs

1. Just the Way...
by Bruno Mars
2. Teenage Dream
by Katy Perry
3. Just a Dream
by Nelly
4. Dynamite
by Taio Cruz
5. DJ Got Us Fallin' In...
by Usher
6. I Like It (ft. Pitbull)
by Enrique Iglesias
7. Clup Can't Handle Me
by Flo Rida
8. Love the Way You Lie
by Eminem
9. Take It Off
by Ke\$ha
10. Magic
by B.o.B.

Albums

1. Kaleidoscope Heart
by Sara Bareilles
2. Recovery
by Eminem
3. Sigh No More
by Mumford & Sons
4. Interpol
by Interpol
5. To All My Friends...
by Atmosphere
6. Asylum
by Disturbed
7. Audio Secrecy
by Stone Sour
8. iTunes Session
by Train
9. The Suburbs
by Arcade Fire
10. Stand Up to Cancer 2010
by Various Artists

*According to iTunes



Maranda Twombly

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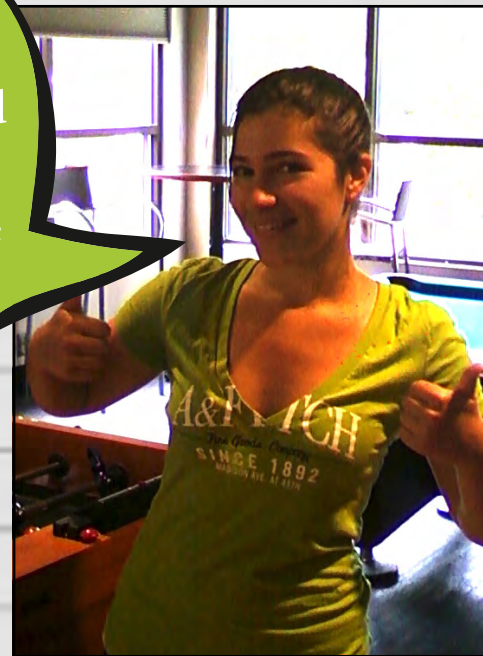
Voices & Faces:

What advice do you have for our incoming students?



Jackson Lein:
“Go to all of
your classes and
stay out of trou-
ble to avoid has-
sles.”

Aimee Smith:
“Stay organized
and on top of every-
thing. Once you lose
track of one thing,
everything goes
haywire.”



Shana LeClair:
“Everyone’s easy
to talk to; even the
seniors. Don’t be
afraid to reach
out.”

Corbin Bogert: “Be nice
and don’t get people
mad.”



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Clubs & Orgs

Making the Most of Your College Career

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Contributing Writer

By joining or pledging to a Greek organization, you will benefit from the involvement you have on campus: demonstrating leadership and social skills while giving back to the community. Networking is huge, and being a part of a Greek organization will connect you with alumni from various fields of work. Being in a Greek organization is always a great thing to have on a resume, particularly if you are looking to hold a high leadership position. You will be able to grow as an individual in ways you cannot as a typical college student. Being part of our community provides some of the fondest memories and some of the most life chang-



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ing experiences.

Phi Delta Psi was established on Sunday, February 6, 1966. We were the first established fraternity at Southern New Hampshire University, making us the oldest Greek organization on campus.

Our mission is to foster an environment for friends who want to become closer, like brothers, for life. We like to have a good time and we enjoy doing many activities together. It is our goal to make the campus and local community a better place by putting on school activities and donating our time and money to local charities. Phi Delta Psi is committed to the idea of excellence in Greek life by living to a

higher standard according to our four points: intellectual awareness, social responsibility, integrity, and brotherly love.

Intellectual Awareness means that being part of a fraternity is about more than just

activities and having a good time. School is important too; after all, it's what we're all at college for.

As a fraternity we have an obligation to better the social environment on and off campus – this is our Social Responsibility. We do this by putting on events during the year for other students, participating in community service and raising money for charity. All of these efforts help to promote a better campus and community.

Integrity is a virtue that reflects the character of an individual. It signifies the consistent basis of an individual's actions on a set of principles or standards. Being a part of our fraternity demands an integrity that is upheld by our brothers and a

consistent attitude and respect for our four points as a way of life and a way for treating each other.

One of the most important elements of our fraternity is brotherly love. Brotherhood is one of the chief reasons men join our fraternity -- to make lifelong friends that are as close as brothers. Showing and maintaining that brotherly bond is part of our mission and one of our most important goals.

To learn more about our events and what it's like to be a brother in our fraternity, as well as some frequently asked questions about Greek life, please visit our website at phideltapsi.net.

The Spotlight's on You!

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Contributing Writer

Everyone is aware that the SNHU Student Government Association (SGA) exists; however, many people do not understand what the organization does. The association is made up of the Senate and the Executive Board. The SGA provides funding of the Activities Fee for all recognized clubs and organizations through the Budget & Finance Committee.

As the main voice for the student body at SNHU, the Student Government Association

maintains an open line of communication between the administration, faculty and students. The SGA encourages student input regarding university policies, facilities and events. The students' voice is represented at all levels of the institution's administrative structure. So this year, the "Spot Light" really is on you.

We began the year with our Welcome Back Comedian Bob Marley and handed out keychain lights to promote, "The Spot Lights on You" campaign. If there is something bothering you on campus, something you feel

strongly about changing, or any opinion you would like to voice, do it by joining the SNHU SGA or attending the Senate meetings which are open to the campus every other Tuesday, beginning on Tuesday, September 14. Applications for the Senate become available at Club Day, and they are due by September 27. Elections will start on October 5, so get your application and start voicing your opinion. The spotlight is on you to make the change. Contact sga@snhu.edu with any questions or concerns.

Y.E.S. Wants You

Katelyn Allard

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The Young Educators Society (YES) is an education-based club here on campus. Its purpose is to inform the SNHU community about the field of education. This club tries to get involved with local schools in the surrounding communities, as well as provide community service. YES tries to hold an event each month, or co-sponsor events

with other clubs and organizations. Some of the past events include Camp Sunshine Pumpkin Festival, Hunger and Homelessness Week, Math Night at local schools, and SNHU Stock. Although this club revolves around education, anyone is welcome to join. YES is looking to expand its membership, so feel free to attend a meeting, which are held on Wednesdays from 5 PM to 6 PM in the School of Education, located in Belknap Hall.

Crew Club

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Want to get in shape, travel, meet new people and be part of a close-knit team? Then join the SNHU Crew Team! All skill levels welcome, boys and girls teams!

As stated on the school website, crew is the organized sport of racing boats. Boats are powered by rowers and directed by coxswains. Crew boats come in a variety of sizes and hold two, four, or eight rowers plus the coxswain at one time. The SNHU Crew Team has been

growing since the first team of rowers banded together in 1980.

The team is dedicated to introducing and enhancing the sport of rowing to all students of all skill levels. This is done by practicing in and out of the water, hosting campus events and competing in regattas. The crew team also allows students to work on teambuilding, physical fitness (builds strong core balance as well as physical strength and cardiovascular endurance), community involvement, making friends, traveling, building confidence and, most of all, having fun.

You can get involved by

going to one of our practices to try it out, email us at crew@snhu.edu or check out our Facebook page. New members are welcome anytime! The SNHU Crew Team practices four times a week (Monday-Thursday) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Practices are on the water during the warmer seasons and consist of indoor workouts during the wintertime. The Crew Team enters in four or five week-end races a year. Races are held in Hooksett, N.H., Worcester, Mass., Saratoga, NY and other locations depending on the race event. Racers are given living accommodations, uniforms and



Garret Brandes

The Crew Club gets ready.

meals during races that involve far distance traveling.

The first meeting of this

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Hospitality Student Association

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The Hospitality Student Association is an academic club/association on campus. The goals of this association are to educate and provide opportunities to be enriched in the many categories of hospitality, and there are many different ways that these goals are reached.

The Hospitality Student Association provides unique experiences through providing knowledge, learning something new, and by experiencing an event/tour. Some events we have done in the past were tours of the Verizon Wireless Center, the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and also restaurants. This gave our members the opportunity

to experience different aspects of the industry. Last spring, we held a business etiquette class which provided an assortment of skills, manners, and tips for being professional in a business setting. In the future, we hope to continue our goals. Also, we hope to provide important experiences through tours of different types of restaurants, hotels, and events. Every tour is decided based upon feedback from each member of the association. It is a great learning opportunity as well as an entertaining one.

The Hospitality Student Association is looking forward to welcoming new members as well as new ideas. Please stop by on Club Day on September 15th for more information. Also, for additional information, feel free to e-mail us at has@snhu.edu.

Clubs & Orgs

Outreach: Building a Stronger Community

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Contributing Writer

The purpose of the Outreach Association is to bring students together who have a common interest in service and like to plan and execute group service projects, educate and provide awareness of social issues, and work towards creating a better community.

There are many onetime service projects the group plans and participates in each semester. Most of these projects derive directly from members' interests and ideas. Last year's onetime projects included decorating gingerbread houses for Families in Transition, doing light raking and yard work for senior citizens through Seniors Count, providing three events to SNHU's Pumpkin Fest, and coordinating a Wii tournament at an independent living facility through Seniors Count. In addition, there are two big, annual projects that Outreach sponsors: Hunger and Homelessness Week and the Good Stuff Campaign.

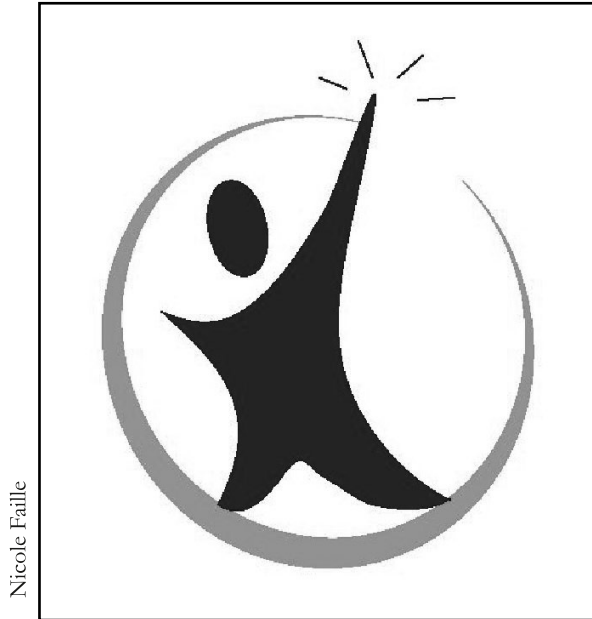
Hunger and Homelessness Week is held every November and many clubs co-sponsor. The Good Stuff Campaign is the end of the year collection drive, and

all donations are given to various, local charities including the Way Home, the Greater Manchester AIDS Project, Friends of Forgotten Children, Landon Mills, and left over items to the Goodwill. Also, in the spring semester, a few members are given the opportunity to participate in the annual, national IMPACT Conference for service and social activism.

The Outreach Association would love to hear your ideas and see you at meetings and

projects. The first weekly meeting of the semester will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in Hospitality 202 (location subject to possible change). Don't forget to visit our table at club day, September 15th, for information, free giveaways, and free food! Hope to see you there.

For more information e-mail outreach@snhu.edu or find us on Facebook, The Outreach Association at SNHU, to see pictures from events!



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Show Off Your Creativity with AdGroup

Rebecca Scalera

Contributing Writer

Are you a highly motivated student whose ears perk up when you hear the words Advertising, Marketing, Public Relations, Graphic Design or Social Media? Good. As members of AdGroup, ours do too. AdGroup, a student run program affiliated with the nationally recognized American Advertising Federation, is comprised of students who are hard working,

talented, incredibly entertaining, studious and determined. The only thing we are missing in our AdGroup wolf pack is you.

AdGroup is not a club that you join because you want to do nothing but put something on your resume. I call these clubs "Fluff Clubs." Meetings are mandatory; we meet for about an hour, every Monday at 5:00 p.m. in the AdLab. Members of this club will leave with more confidence and knowledge of a subject that the majority of us are already passionate about.

Do you need a leadership role? AdGroup is currently looking for a reliable, efficient, trustworthy Vice President for this year. The Vice President role is normally a junior since that individual is expected to take over the role of President the following year. The duties of the Vice President include managing the AdGroup Facebook page, being present at all of the meetings, attending Club Networking Nights on the first Tuesday of every month and attending the American Advertising Fed-

eration annual Advertising Conference from October 21-23 in Dallas, Texas with the rest of the AdGroup Executive Board.

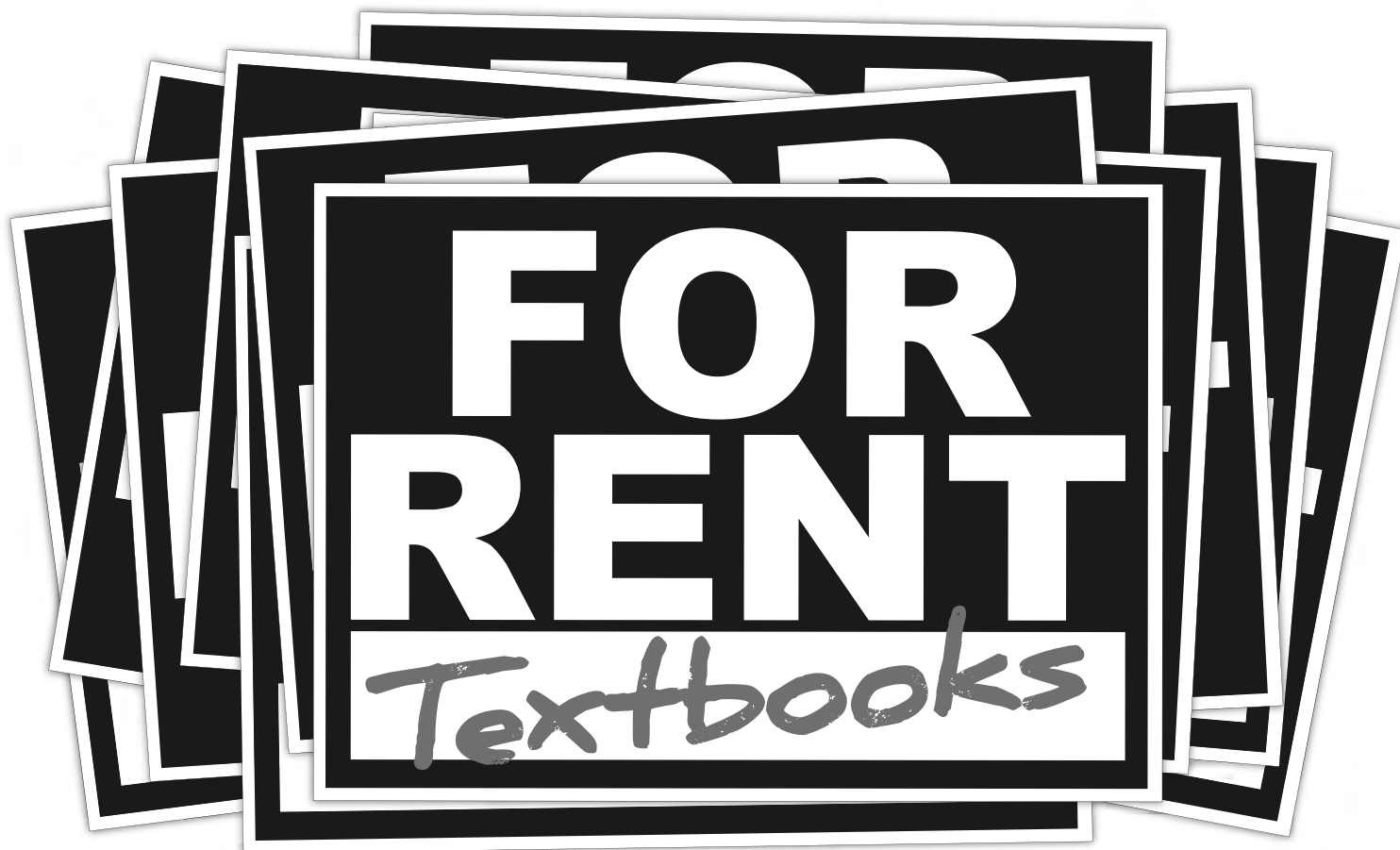
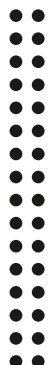
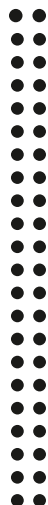
As students between the ages of 17 and 24, most of us are exposed to thousands of advertisements a day. They are everywhere and constantly changing. It's an exciting and challenging field, but when understood, companies could have the opportunity to change the minds of consumers in a second. This club has the privilege of inviting speakers to campus who are

professionals in the field, mostly graduates of SNHU who give great insight on why SNHU provided them the resources needed to become successful in the Advertising/ Marketing world. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity.

Join AdGroup today! Look for us during Club Day September 15, 2010 at 2:00 pm in the Field House. For more information e-mail adgroup@snhu.edu or follow us on our Facebook AdGroup page. See you at Club Day!



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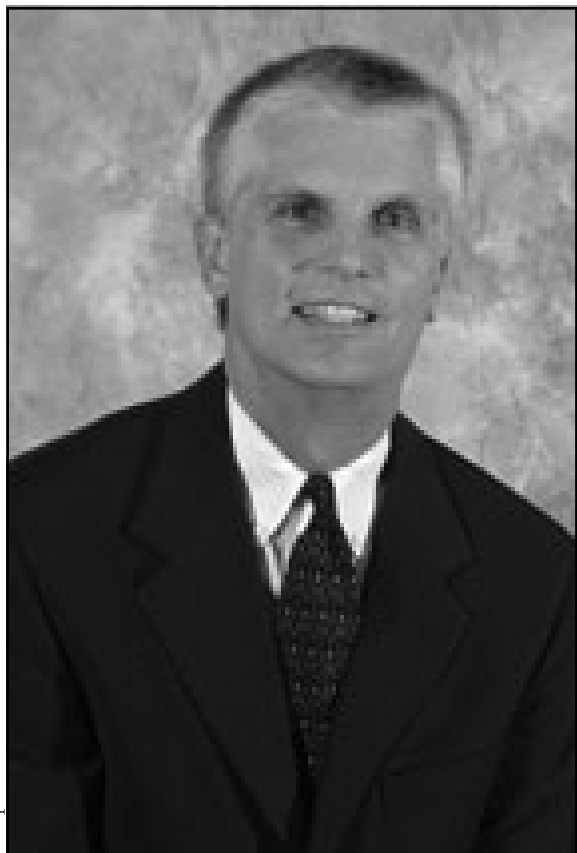


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Sports

Q&A: Joseph "Chip" Polak, Director of Athletics



Joseph "Chip" Polak

Michael Ghika
Sports Editor

The Observer checks in and catches up with Chip Polak, who is currently entering his 35th year at SNHU and 26th as the university's Athletic Director.

Q: There are a number of storylines headed into the upcoming athletic year, but the success of the men's soccer team over the last two seasons under head coach Marc Hubbard has reestablished the program as one of the best in the country. How rewarding has it been to reach that elite status once again?

A: The last two years we've certainly gotten back to where we want to be. It's nice to be at

the top of the conference, and I just feel as if that's our rightful place within the NE-10. Marc came aboard in what was really one of those right place at the right time scenarios, and he added his style and some of his players and it all just clicked.

Q: Following two conference championships in 2008 and 2009, the team has started strong again already in 2010. What is expected of the team this fall after being selected as the NE-10 preseason favorite and opening the season ranked No. 8 nationally?

A: I feel that being named the pre-season favorite is important because after all that is decided upon by the coaches. But with the national poll, there's really no clear cut way to tell where a team

should be ranked. The national ranking is great for the players, but it can also put a target on their backs, but I feel our guys are mature enough to handle the load that comes with it. And that sort of demeanor and positive outlook begins with the coaching staff.

Q: Switching gears, Tyler Parks and Mike Smith of the men's cross country team recently received the 2009-10 NCAA Sportsmanship Award for helping an unconscious runner during a race last October. In doing so, both athletes failed to finish, but the story has since gained momentum on a national level. How proud are you to be able to say the university has individuals like that within the Penmen program?

A: To be honest it's just outrageous – of course in a good way – because this involves the two most unassuming and mild-mannered kids because that's just how Tyler and Mike are. As great as the story is, it's still unfortunate because 100 or so runners probably passed without helping until Mike and Tyler came along. But it all goes back to how both were raised by their parents and how they're coached by Jaime [Gratton].

Q: In fact, both the men's and women's cross country programs have added a number of athletes to their respective rosters for the upcoming campaign, and Emma Lundberg of the women's squad now holds the top three fastest times in school history. What are you expecting from each team this fall?

A: Well for the women,

Emma is simply the best runner we've ever had, and she only continues to get better. They were just that fifth runner away from becoming really successful last year and they've brought in a number of freshmen to further build. The men are at a different stage in their development, but just as well, they've built up the program and are progressing quite nicely with a lot of camaraderie, and I've seen it happen before where any year can be a breakthrough year.

Q: You served as assistant coach of the men's basketball team for ten years here before taking over as AD, so it's safe to say that hoop season is exciting for you as it is for everyone here on campus. What hopes does the team hold this winter, especially considering that Stan Spirou has nearly all of last year's players returning in 2010-11?

A: Well, I think it will be interesting to see where we're picked. Last year, we were 15-14 but if you ask the players I bet they'll say they were disappointed even though we're in such a tough

league. We were just inconsistent for the most part, but then we got hot in the tournament and nobody wanted to play us. Plus of course Stan is knocking on the door at 500 wins, which is a tremendous accomplishment at any division level.

Q: Lastly, what are some short- or long-term goals that the athletic department has in store for the future?

A: At some point down the line, we'd like to light both the baseball and softball fields, and maybe even a retractable bubble over the tennis courts and possibly additional locker room space in the complex itself. We're just so grateful that the administration takes such good care of us and puts us in the best possible position to succeed. For right now, I'm going by the short-term slogan "Let's get better," and if we can do that collectively as a staff and also as individuals, hopefully we can win another national championship with a lot of hard work put into it.

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Sportsmanship

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"Tyler and Mike helped a fallen runner because it was the right thing to do. It was truly a selfless act," said SNHU Director of Athletics Chip Polak. "They never anticipated or expected to receive recognition. To receive the NCAA's highest honor makes this simple act extraordinary. I am extremely proud to have Tyler and Mike representing SNHU."

The story first appeared on the SNHU athletic website last fall and was then picked up by the official sites of the Northeast-10

conference and NCAA. Parks and Smith have also received the Northeast-10 Conference Male Sportsmanship Award and the SNHU Male Sportsmanship Award before garnering the honor on the national scale. Cod Rock Media Productions also came on campus and put together a feature video on the story.

"I'm shocked that the recognition has gone as far as it has," said Smith. "No one really expected it to go past our school's award ceremony back in

the spring, but it feels amazing to receive such an honor on the national level."

"It feels very surreal," added Parks. "It's a great feeling not only to represent athletics but also the entire university with this award. It truly is one of the greatest moments of my life."

The incident occurred last October 10 at the New England Championships at Boston's Franklin Park. Nearly three miles deep into the course, Smith came across a Boston University runner who was unconscious

and lying motionless on the ground.

After trying to get him to respond, Smith began helping the runner up at which point Parks entered the scene to lend a hand. They ultimately escorted the weakened runner to the nearest medical tent where he made a full recovery and as a result, neither Smith nor Parks finished the race.

Amazingly, it is estimated that the runner had been on the ground for three to four minutes, which means that more than 100

runners had likely passed before Smith and Parks removed themselves from the race for the more worthy cause.

A firm date has not yet been set, but Smith and Parks will be presented with the award in an on-campus ceremony early next month in recognition of their efforts. In addition, a CSCE committee member is expected to be in attendance for the event.



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