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## SNHU HELPS FIGHT CANCER WITH RELAY FOR LIFE

Addison Thyng  
Staff Writer

One of the leading causes of death in the United States is cancer. It can strike at any moment and can come in many forms. While some have won in their battle against the disease, many have unfortunately been lost to its curse. That is why not only should we rejoice in the wins over cancer, but we should never forget those who have lost their lives to it. This is the goal of Relay For Life.

Since 1985, this event has been held annually nationwide and has raised over \$5 billion to go towards cancer research. Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is hosting its own run this year and is asking anybody and everybody to come and participate to help fight cancer.

The event is being con-



Penmen walking in support of the 2014 Relay for Life.

ducted at SNHU on Apr. 8, beginning at 6 p.m. and going until 3 a.m. on Apr. 9. Activities will be held on the green space on campus, with the rain-out locale being the second floor of the dining center.

Throughout the night

there will be activities organized and sponsored by participating SNHU clubs, offices, and organizations. These festivities include everything from arts and crafts to a dunk tank.

At different points

throughout the run, there will be small ceremonies held to help remind people why they run and to remember those who may have been taken by the disease.

At the time of this publication, there are already 22 groups signed up for the event. Collectively, these teams have raised a collective \$9,000 towards cancer research. Donations are always welcome with all proceeds going towards the American Cancer Society.

Everyone is invited to attend and run against one of the hardest things to fight. For information regarding donations, volunteer opportunities, or simply Relay for Life, visit their website at <http://relay.acsevents.org/>.

The SNHU community is ready to work together to make this year's relay for life one of the biggest and most successful events yet.

## FLASHBACK FRIDAY BRINGS 90'S FASHION BACK

Bryan Creevy  
Editor in Chief

Style Club hit the runway again this year as they hosted their Sixth Annual Fashion Show on the second floor of the Dining Center on Mar. 25.

The theme this year for the event was the 90s, and they deemed the event "Flashback Friday." They showcased fashion from various popular areas of the nineties while using the event to help fundraise money to donate to CHaD (Children's Hospital at Dartmouth-Hitchcock).

"The entire show is inspired by 90s fashion coming back recently," said Courtney Caccavelli, a senior SNHU student and the President of the Style Club. "The big hair, the necklaces, the color, everything."

CHaD is ranked one of the nation's top children's hospitals and research facilities, and Style Club has partnered with them again this year to help raise funds to support the research and treatments administered at their facilities. Funds



Erika Welter strutting down the runway.

raised from admissions and raffle tickets will go towards this cause.

When asked what her favorite part of the event was, Ashley Paré, a freshman SNHU student, said, "Getting the chance to be a model and that all the money is going towards helping the children at CHaD."

The night started off with

a video presentation showing CHaD patients, doctors, and nurses dancing and singing to Katy Perry's "Roar," to show the audience exactly who the night was for.

Style Club members followed up by walking the runway in famous 90's TV show fashion starting with "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," and

going into "Sister, Sister." Other segments of the show showcased 90's music, streetwear, and formal finishing off with SNHU professors showcasing SNHU apparel and then the Style Club members walking with some CHaD patients.

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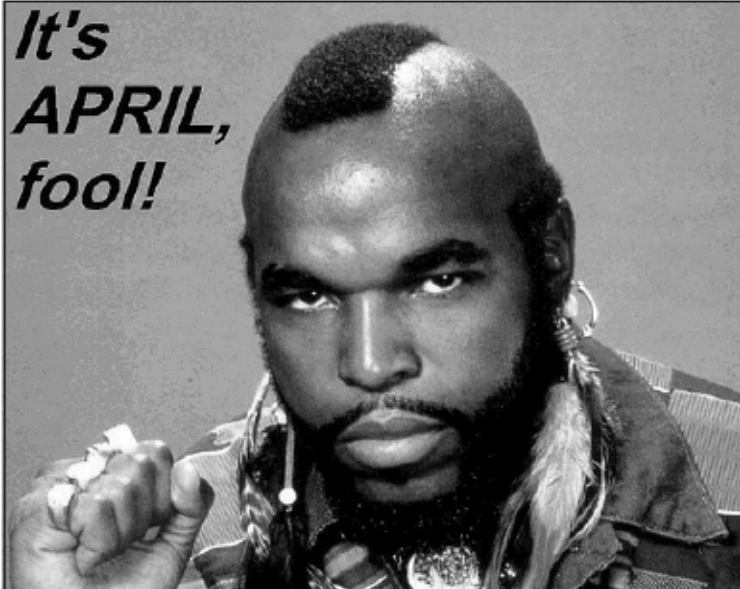
## WE'RE NO APRIL FOOLS

April Fool's Day is our yearly time for pranks and good natured jokes. It's what people in the media look forward to all throughout the year, and we at the Penmen Press are no exception. We love thinking of jokes about our campus, and poking a little fun at the big guy. Sorry Paul, but it's all in good fun.

Some of the April Fool's articles this year are ridiculous and others seem as though they could actually be true, but we're happy to say that every April Fool's article is held up to the standard that our usually published articles are held to from week to week: we didn't sacrifice quality in favor of making these jokey articles.

We didn't write any of the articles in our April Fool's issues with the goal of tricking students, faculty, and visitors to our campus. In fact, we hope that everyone that picks up this edition and future April Fool's issues of the Penmen Press is able to recognize the jokes and get a good laugh or two out of

*It's  
APRIL,  
fool!*



it. It's always a learning process for us, though. Last year's layout was not entirely obvious about being in jest, leading to some confusion. This year, we tried to make it very obvious that there was a fake news section for April Fool's Day.

Nothing that we printed in

the April Fool's section of this edition of the Penmen Press is meant to offend in any way. Our writers tackled a variety of topics on campus and made them humorous in their own ways and we hope that you will laugh reading them just as much as we laughed while we were writing them.

## FLASHBACK FRIDAY

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The show had an intermission in between streetwear and formal where senior SNHU student Matt Richardson performed singing several songs starting with Ed Sheeran's "Thinking Out Loud," and ending with Justin Bieber's "Sorry."

In the third segment, not only did students walk the runway in streetwear, but they were accompanied by SNHU students Zack Ryan and David Altmore who provided vocals to help rev up the atmosphere and get the audience really engaged in the show.

"It's fun; it's with a good group of people and even professors are coming out," said sophomore transfer student Briana Diaz. "[My favorite part is] showing off the 90's hair and the look. We honestly kick butt."

Caccavelli has been working on the preparation for this event for around a year now, and the club has been preparing for it's shot at the runway since September by practicing every Sunday night.

All of the clothing that was



Matt Richardson performing during the intermission.

worn for the night was donated to Style Club local businesses such as Dress Barn, T.J. Maxx, East Coast Casual, and George's Apparel.

The Style Club even ac-

quired their own "Flashback Friday" filter on Snapchat for the night, and encouraged the members of the audience to put it on any and all pictures that they took throughout the show.

# NEWS

## NIGHT AT THE CURRIER

Laurelann Easton  
Staff Writer

CAPE is sponsoring a tour of the Currier Museum of Art on Thursday, Apr. 7 to attend the Currier After Hours: Wearable Arts Program. The evening trip, running from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., will include food, a talk from shoe designer Zack Lo, and live music performed by Bradford Bog People.

There is also an optional 15-minute tour of the Killer Heels exhibit, which will be paid for by CAPE. This exhibit will showcase 300 years of the footwear, including about 100 examples of contemporary heels and 50 historical ones.

The bus will leave from the Student Center at 5:30 p.m., and students can plan to be returned to campus by 9:15 p.m. Students will tour the museum and then have free time to walk around and browse the artisan fair.

Though the trip is free to students, students must reserve their place by getting a ticket on SNHUTickets before Apr. 4. Students must be sure to indicate in the appropriate box on SNHUTickets if they are interested in attending the Killer Heels exhibit in addition to the regular tour.

For any additional questions about this event, contact CAPE's Late Night Chair, Justin Terlisner, at [justin.terlisner@snhu.edu](mailto:justin.terlisner@snhu.edu).

## PRESTON PUGMIRE ROCKS SNHU

Katerina Wilhelm  
Creative Editor

Musical guest Preston Pugmire performed in front of the Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) Miles Room in the Dining Center on Tuesday, Mar. 22. The event was sponsored by CAPE and ran from 12-1 p.m. SNHU Senior Alicia Frazier was the orchestrator of the folk-music event.

The event gave students something different to experience while dining.

Freshman Arianna Woodward was one of the many students in attendance. "He was really good! It was such a good experience to have during lunch."

A large crowd gathered around Pugmire as he played some of his original love songs. He also performed a few covers such as Ed Sheeran's "Give Me Love" and Justin Timberlake's "Cry Me a River."

Many in attendance sang along to his songs and picked up on his looping technique. Pugmire would first record a beat, play it back, and then add a few other instrumental parts before singing.

Many people would first pass by, then sit down to listen to Pugmire's rich crooning.

In between his set, Pres-



ton would crack jokes with members of CAPE.

While Pugmire performed, members of CAPE stood at a table handing out take-out boxes to promote the upcoming Timeflies concert. These boxes con-

tained fortune cookies and coupons. For one lucky winner, there was a free ticket to the concert inside.

For many, the performance was a welcomed change to a regular dining experience.



## LEGALLY BLONDE PROVED A POINT IN THE PUB

Bridget Downey  
Staff Writer

Many students were so busy gearing up for midterms and looking forward to Spring Break that they forget that March is Women's History Month. Student Involvement worked with the Women's Center to remind the student body by showing "Legally Blonde" in The Last Chapter Pub.

Legally Blonde is a comedy film from 2001 about a beautiful college girl from Beverly Hills who finds herself desperate to win back her (now ex) boyfriend who broke her heart based on his

dreams of entering the political world after graduating from Harvard Law. In her desperation, she applies to law school as well, despite her major being fashion. She gets in and realizes she can't be taken seriously because of her looks.

Many students showed up to see the film and found the Pub decorated from floor to ceiling in pink. There were pink tablecloths, pink balloons, pink peeps, pink cookies, pink bunny ears, pink iced cupcakes, pink plates, and pink napkins.

Harry Ames, an attendee on a study break, said

"I think I know where the movie's going, but I hate the stereotyping it."

Richie Oliver was also present and said "I haven't

seen the movie before. It's pretty funny and I think it sends an important message."

"Legally Blonde" sends

the message, "don't judge a book by its cover." Learn more about SNHU's Women's Center on their Facebook page.



# NEWS

## GARY GREENBERG SET TO PSYCH UP STUDENTS AT SNHU

Nicole Kenney  
Staff Writer

Psychotherapist, author, and journalist Dr. Gary Greenberg is set to speak at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) on Apr. 7 at 5:30 p.m. SNHU's own Psychology Student Association (PSA) will be welcoming Dr. Greenberg to give a Psych Talk on psychotherapy and the placebo effect at the Mara Auditorium in Webster Hall.

Dr. Greenberg is the author of four books and is a contributing writer and editor for "Mother Jones" and "Harper's," respectively. His writings circulate around mental illnesses, psychological theories, and his own theories based on societal views and treatments of mental illnesses. Dr. Greenberg's most recent work is "The Book of Woe: The DSM and the Un-

making of Psychiatry."

His book "Manufacturing Depression: The Secret History of a Modern Disease" touches upon the topic of the placebo effect as a treatment for major depression. This Psych Talk will delve further into theories about the placebo effect and the power of psychotherapy to treat mental illnesses like depression.

PSA President and senior Elizabeth Worth said "PSA is thrilled to have Dr. Gary Greenberg come this year since he is very well-known in the field. We are holding a raffle of his signed books at the event and all of the proceeds will be going to Jayme's Fund, a local nonprofit that we work very closely with. We hope to get many students involved since Dr. Greenberg has made so many great contributions to the field."



Dr. Gary Greenberg will discuss psychotherapy and the placebo effect at PSA's next Psych Talk Event.

## LEARNING CENTER PEER EDUCATORS DO MORE AS SNHU LEADERS

Melanie Friese  
Copy Editor

Peer educators at Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Learning Center do much more than tutor and mentor students. Many peer educators are leaders in the university community, which allows them to act as role models in both academic and social life of the university.

Several of the student

clubs on campus have tutors on their executive boards. For some examples, writing tutor Hallie Semmel is the president of History Club and business tutor Caroline Fleming is president of the Student Government Association. These are just a few examples of how peer educators act as leaders in the SNHU community.

Many peer educators are involved in multiple activities in addition to tutoring, and

some tutors even have multiple leadership roles. As one example, writing tutor Cody Harlow is the secretary of Psychology Student Association, a Peer Advising Leader, a Jumpstart Mentor, the vice president of Club Baseball, and an intern for the Concord Police Department.

Many peer educators have multiple jobs and titles, and go above and beyond being students and tutors. Because of the variety of activities they are involved in and their leadership roles, peer educators are role models for the students that they work with, and can provide a lot more support than just assistance in one particular academic area.

Peer educators bring what they learn from all of their experiences to the Learning Center and make SNHU's Learning Center an interesting and diverse place. Being a tutor is just one way that they contribute to the greater SNHU community.



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## GAMING CLUB MADE ROOM BY THE HEARTH

Mustapha R. Price  
Staff Writer

Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Gaming Club is a hub for gamers to mingle and play games with others.

On Mar. 5 Gaming Club hosted a Hearthstone Tournament, where students were able to bring their decks and challenge each other in Blizzard Entertainment's "Warcraft" themed digital card game.

The tournament followed the "conquest" guidelines, allowing three decks per player in a best of five series. In order for a player to progress, each of the three decks would have to win one match. Winning allowed competitors to progress through the bracket, while losing moved players to the Loser's Bracket, where they could try to work their way back into the ranks.

Losing while in that

bracket resulted in permanent elimination from the tournament.

Hearthstone is a digital card game where two players face off in a battle of strategy, minions, and spells as they fight to see who can lower the other player's health points to zero. There are nine different classes, and more than 700 cards for players to choose from to build themed, well organized decks.

The tournament lasted for three hours, with Pizza 911 and soda provided for participants and spectators alike.

The Hearthstone tournament was one of many events where Gaming Club allowed for gamers of all kinds to come together.

With meetings once a week in the Corcoran Conference Room in the Student Center on Saturdays from 12-3, the club is always looking for new or interested members.

# NEWS

## SNHU'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WAS A SUCCESS

Melanie Friese  
Copy Editor

Many students, faculty, staff, and members of the community celebrated International Women's Day on Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) campus throughout the day on Mar. 8. Brooke Gilmore, director of the Deborah L. Coffin Women's Center, began the celebration with a luncheon. President LeBlanc addressed the guest speaker, Professor Emeritus Eleanor Dunfey-Frieburger.

Dunfey-Frieburger began her speech by speaking about her childhood and how she was the only girl in a family of many boys. She spoke about her experiences with gender inequality as a way to encourage the audience members, seated at tables, to discuss their own stories. After her speech, the attendees ate lunch and spoke about their experiences with successful women at their tables.

After the luncheon, a tabling was set up in the Student's Center. Some clubs participated in the tabling, including the International Student Association (ISA) with a table about important women from some of their home countries, Outreach



Eleanor Dunfey-Frieburger giving a speech at the International Women's Day Luncheon.

with a donation table, Student Activists for Gender Equality (SAGE) with a pledging for parity banner and live music by Richard Oliver and Melanie Friese, and History Club with a trivia game about different successful women in history.

The Diversity Initiative's

Office had a table with a photo campaign in which people could get their picture taken with a professional camera holding a sign with a woman (or two) that inspires them. Photos were posted on the Facebook page.

While the tabling was happening, there was a pre-

sentation and community service event in the Hospitality Building. With the donations, attendees were able to make donation baskets to benefit the refugee groups in Manchester.

Rachael Straehle and Youssaira Akennad gave a presentation on their alter-

native break trip to volunteer and help in Kenya. They spoke about their experiences and the access that girls in Kenya have to education.

The final, and the most emotional part of the day was a panel of international students speaking about their limited and discouraged access to education in their home countries and their journeys to the United States. Three of the students were from Afghanistan and the fourth was from Saudi Arabia.

The panelists agreed that girls are discouraged to continue their education, and they rarely obtain master's degrees. When trying to get higher education, women are sometimes threatened and injured to force them to stop.

The students were joined by SNHU Board of Trustee and wife to the former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Janet Breslin-Smith, and Anne Barry, Executive Director of the World Affairs Council, who facilitated the panel.

After the panel, the audience saw the documentary "He Named Me Malala" about Malala Yousafzai, a girl who was shot in the head by the Taliban in Afghanistan for standing up for her right to receive an education.

## SAY CHEESE FOR FACES OF PRIDE BY LGBTQ+ ADVOCACY

Katerina Wilhelmi  
Staff Writer

Ready for a close up? The President's Commission for LGBTQ+ Advocacy will be hosting the Faces of Pride event from 2-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Apr. 13 at Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Academic Center Complex Learning Commons.

The event will show the diversity that SNHU has to offer and how the SNHU community is inclusive. It will show that there is a lot of support on campus. The event will allow people to have their pictures taken to signify their part of the LGBTQ+ community.

Currently there are pictures on display in the Student Center from past events.

Gavin Telfer, Associate Director of Student Involvement describes the event as being "for all members of the SNHU community (students, staff, and faculty) to participate in by having their picture taken and celebrating their personal identity as part of the Faces of Pride campaign."

The pictures done at the photoshoot will include the name of the people photographed. They also list what identity they would like included on the prints, as well as some basic information on their personal

story, which is optional.

Examples of the identities that can be listed include: lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, queer, and ally.

A person may share their journey of how they came to identify their gender or sexual orientation, and how this event benefits them.

Once all of the pictures are taken, prints will be made. Then, the pictures will be displayed at various times and locations around campus. These pictures empower many students, staff, and faculty on campus.

Participants in this event with help to empower the SNHU community.

SNHU on Campus



Paul LeBlanc's portrait for the 2014 photoshoot.

# PENMEN ABROAD

## SPRING AND SPRING BREAK AND DISNEY WORLD

Jingyin Wen (Wyndee)  
*Spring Breaker*

I, as always, have complicated feelings about spring.

It is a season of vitality: new leaves growing, blossoms are blooming everywhere, and animals are awake from hibernation. But every year back in my hometown, it can get really unpleasant during this period.

As spring begins in the southern coastal area, the humid climate makes everything watery, plus the intersection of the warm and cold air masses makes for continuous rainy days. The moisture in the air causes stuffiness and an unpleasant feeling. Water accumulates from the walls and floors which make everything sticky and gross. I remember in the news last year someone reported that there was a family who had mushrooms pop out of wallpaper.

Also, the clothing and fabric can get moldy and stinky. There was this one year after spring where I found my books and they were infected. They must have gotten soaked during the spring

time and the pages all stuck together. I tried to unfold them apart reluctantly, but the content was ruined and I had to throw all of them away.

protected. The whole drenched ambience was quite upsetting to me and I would fantasize about how nice it would be if there were an enormous dryer for the city to

here except for the melting of snow and ice.

After a three-hour flight to Orlando, Florida, it felt like the changing of seasons. I went from

of visiting Disney World has always been on my mind. I've heard so much about Disney and making a trip to there is like pilgrimage for me.

Three days were totally not enough to wander around the whole park for us, it was a bit tiring but exciting to explore different theme parks in this giant land. I was surprised to find out that despite its tremendous area they celebrate many less popular characters even the villains at this park.

Usually, they just celebrate the popular characters in Hong Kong Disneyland. The people who visit there mostly just think the characters are cute. These people might have watched a few of the most popular commercial flicks, but they don't know the other works from Disney.

In Disney World in Florida the staff is very involved by acting out characters and having a good time. A bunch of tourists sang out the theme songs together with the characters which made it so exciting to see. That makes me love Disney even more and I can't wait to visit it again in the future.



Wyndee (Jingyin Wen)

After that, I would wrap up every single book with a plastic cover each year before spring and would uncover them after the season was over to keep them

use.

This year, I have received a totally new experience with the season of spring. It is nice to know that nothing wet happens

the cool New Hampshire air to the tropical climate in Florida.

I got to wear a short sleeve tee shirt on a bright sunny day at Walt Disney World! The dream

## SO YOU WANT TO BE A TOURIST?

Megan Palmer  
*Not a Tour Guide*

With Spring Break come and gone, the routines are settling in. Class, work, meetings, digging cars out of the snow, but one day the sunshiny time will come when you're planning a trip. Whether you're in the states or across the pond, whether you're planning a road trip or a Spring Break or a ten month backpack haul through the mountains, here are some things I've learned in the crazy world of easy access that is Europe.

When it comes to packing, the Internet offers a thousand perfect packing, you've been doing it wrong you're entire life sites. Is there a fool proof answer, probably not; however, if it fits, if you can carry it, and you can avoid paying to check a bag (thanks Ryanair), then you've done it.

For most the biggest anxiety is airports. Or maybe that's just me, but who's asking. When it comes to all things airport, get

there early, bring something to keep you entertained, and try real hard not to lose your boarding pass.

Now you're at your destination. Know in advance whether or not the people there will be speaking your native language. If not, try to learn some phrases before you go. Knowing how to say please, thank you, and where is... are a good place to start. It's polite, and as the world traveler you are, you want to make a good impression wherever you go. Plus, it's fun and will make you feel just a little less like a tourist.

Now, yes, you are a tourist. Personally, I don't like feeling like one, and I don't like sticking out. Do the touristy things wherever you go because they're popular for a reason. If you want to dive more into the local flavor, sometimes it's as easy as taking a few turns off the main roads. That's often where you'll find the most authentic places or the locations that only the residents know. If you don't feel comfortable just getting a little

lost, another way to find those hidden gems is to ask a local about their favorite places. They know the city inside and out and will be more than happy to throw you farther into their city.

The biggest piece of advice I can offer to anyone on the verge of traveling: don't panic. It sounds simple and stupid and you're saying, "Well diddly darn gosh Megan, I've never panicked a day in my life," but I mean it. Don't stress about the things you cannot control and, don't let the small things get in the way of the adventure. If you do stress, take a moment, breathe, and keep going.

Traveling is an amazing experience, and if you ever find yourself on the other side of the ocean, it quickly becomes incredibly easy. You can be a hop, skip, and a train ride from next to anywhere. A whim and \$50 can bring you to a new country for the weekend. Travel widely if you can, and if the other side of the world isn't an option, go a city over and experience the world that's in your backyard.



Megan Palmer

# PENMEN ABROAD

## STAYING AHEAD OF THE TRAVEL GAME

Anna Boghigian  
Exhausted Traveler

Traveling can be tricky, but tips from someone who has travelled to five countries in less than three months may prove beneficial. That's where I come in. I would like to let you know some of the things I learned while traveling and studying abroad.

First off, double and triple check the deal you are getting for tickets and hostel/or hotels (and if you are not getting a deal, look harder). We found that it takes some time to find the cheapest plane tickets.

There are many websites such as opodo.com and kayak.com which are helpful and usually have cheap tickets. Those two are my favorites, but there are dozens out there.

Something to be aware of when buying plane tickets is the fact that the more times you look at certain tickets on certain websites, the higher the prices will be. For example, if you want to buy your tickets on Sunday and keep checking on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to make sure they are still there, it is likely that by the time you get to Sunday, the tickets will be

more expensive. When that happened to me, it seemed that the more traffic going to specific tickets made the tickets more expensive.

Another tip I have is to book plane tickets before hostel or hotel tickets. My friend and I made the mistake of booking our hostel for certain dates and then realizing we had to get plane tickets to get us there for the night before. We landed in Ireland with no place to stay and resorted to calling hostels that night to see if they had room. It worked out, but I do not recommend it.

I used the website hostelworld.com when booking hostels. It is easy to use and does not require payment (besides a deposit) until you arrive at the hostel (tip: Be sure to check the ratings of the hostels. I recommend looking for ratings with an 8.0 out of 10 or higher in most categories).

Lastly, this is not something I always stuck to but when traveling in Europe, or anywhere really, I suggest traveling to places that are not large tourist areas. I had wonderful trips that included Dublin and London which are rather large tourist destinations but sometimes it was nice to travel somewhere that was not bustling with tourists. Other trips, however, such as Dover, United Kingdom, and Cardiff, Wales (which are less touristy) were incredible. Some of those trips I will remember forever.

Traveling is amazing and there are so many different possible destinations. While they can be incredible, I think it is important to remember that you are not home and you are not in familiar areas. It is crucial to stay vigilant and stay smart. Planes may land late at night or pub crawls may leave you out past dark which can be dangerous. Whenever I travelled, I had never been to the area or city before, so I always traveled with a friend and made sure to make smart decisions.

Stay safe and good luck with your travels!

Anna Boghigian

View from Annie's plane ride to Rome.

## GET DUNKED

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April 8th, 2016

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# PENMEN CORNER

## THE WEIRDEST THINGS YOU'VE SEEN AT SNHU?

**George Aaron:** The wierdest thing I've seen at SNHU was a freshman trying to fire bend the library fireplace.

**Dana Bell:** Regina George punched me in the face once. It was awesome.

**Andrea Berlin:** I once saw Petey the Penmen pull the still beating heart out of another college's mascot. It's what convinced me to come to SNHU.

**Jerry Bloomquist:** This one time I was in the Athletic Complex after a work-out watching Paul LeBlanc play a student at racquet ball. The student was winning, then Paul started talking a lot about his financial aid. Paul won that game.

**George Elliot:** After a long night of studying in the library, as I was walking back to my dorm. I swear, I saw someone atop the Student Center surveying the campus dressed as Batman. I had also been awake for 36 hours cramming for finals though, so...

**Sarah Fuller:** I walked out of my dorm on Easter Sunday and saw a person dress in a bunny costume run by my door. He waved at me. I turned around and went back to bed.

**Anthony Hansen:** I saw some dude climbing on the statue outside of the library in a monkey suit.

**Jose Ingram:** Danny Devito once tried to sell me his watch.

**David Jonathan:** When taking along the tree line, you know the one on the way to the commuter lot, for sure I saw Bigfoot. I called the Discovery Channel and everything. They never got back to me...

**Peter Jones:** I saw Petey the Penman's twin brother Peter the Penman.

**John Lewis:** While wandering through the woods by the tracks, I saw a man on a unicycle bagpiping the theme from "Thomas and Friends."

**Kelly McGinnis:** One time, I saw a girl drop a burrito in the Dining Center, pick it up of the floor, and eat it. Oh wait, that was me.

**Erica Miller:** Nobody believes me but I swear, one time I walked into the Dining Center and they were selling steak dinners for under \$10.

**Mable Parrish:** In the middle of a snowstorm, three students sat in a circle on the Green Space while singing "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town." It was March.

**Michael Russell:** In the Webster parking lot, someone's car caught on fire. They were simply roasting marshmallows over it.

**Darren Thompson:** I once saw four guys dressed as Harry Potter characters doing an Abbey Road photo shoot at the crosswalk across from the Dining Center.

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# OPINION

## APRIL...

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Copy Editor

April Fool's Day is a lighthearted holiday filled with kicks and giggles. Practical jokes run rampant through the streets, in the classrooms, the work place, and the home. Not only is it a perfect day to prank your friends and family, it's a great time to prank your significant other.

You can kick off this day of fun early by changing the time on your significant other's phone as they sleep. Make sure to change it back an hour to make your dearest early to everything. Changing it ahead an hour would simply be cruel. Then, just lay back and watch as your significant other frantically shuffles to an 8 a.m. at the wee hour of 7 a.m.

To watch your bae struggle even more to make it "on-time" to class, pair all of their socks incorrectly. That's right; put the ankle socks with the tall socks, the Adidas with the Nike, the argyle with the striped... Either your poor fool will struggle to find a pair that won't look ridiculous together or spend time matching them all correctly.

Next, when your significant other is in the bathroom, swap your dorm keys. Between the many dorms on campus, the keys have min-

iscule, unnoticeable differences. Watch as your April fool becomes frantic when his/her key all of a sudden doesn't work.

It is important to make jokes believable with a slight twist; otherwise, nobody would fall for them. President Paul LeBlanc often visits campus and has a huge image here. So, if you casually look out your window and claim you see him standing in the parking lot, secretly picking his nose, it sounds believable and you may just get your significant other to take a look outside.

On April Fool's Evening, you should present your significant other with a wrapped up box of nothing, complete with a bow on top. You can easily fool your forgiving boo into thinking it is an apology gift for all the pranks you played throughout the day. It'd be totally believable! To make up for this cruel prank, make sure to actually have a good, sincere gift for your April fool on hand.

April Fool's Day is about eliciting laughter and ensuring that all parties are having a good time. You definitely don't want to jeopardize your relationship with your significant other by taking a practical joke too far. This is a day of fun as long as you know where the line is and are sure you don't cross it.

## THE UGLY TRUTH

## ...CRUEL

Tyler Leighton  
Editor in Chief

Some holidays have presents, some others have candy, but April Fool's day is the only holiday that endorses pranks.

Once a year, the opportunity arises to pull off a huge practical joke without consequences. The holiday takes on another significance when you're in a relationship. Pulling off the perfect prank is all the sweeter when the victim is your significant other.

The best way to start off April Fool's Day is to go in with a great game plan for your pranks; that's right multiple pranks. You might not be in this relationship come this time next year.

Pranking one person all day long isn't easy. You must realize that after your first prank, they'll be expecting antics for the rest of the day.

That's why you need to start strong, with a prank that's almost unbelievable: a fake proposal, the details of which beg for creativity. Put a fake ring in your significant other's breakfast, make a big sign asking, "Will you marry me?" for them to wake up to, or just get down on one knee and say, "April Fool's!"

This is where pranking gets difficult. If you've seen a practical joke on Facebook, it would be best to avoid it. You don't want your significant other to recognize your plan; then the prank war advantage is in their

hands.

So, what are you to do in this situation? You need to pull a prank double-cross. What you do is after they've calmed down from your fake proposal, ask your significant other to help you prank a mutual friend. This is the trap.

A classic prank is jumping out of a trash can and scaring somebody. Put your significant other in the trash—it can be as smelly as you choose—and stand as the lookout for your friend.

Have a predetermined signal that you can give for them to jump out when your friend arrives. Then, once they jump out and scare your friend, your friend will fall to the ground faking a heart attack; the older the friend, the better. This is when you pretend to have no inclusion in the prank at all, leaving your significant other to wonder if they may have killed a close friend.

But those are only two minor pranks that could be pulled on the joyous first day of April. Pulling these pranks, you have the opportunity to fool the hell out of whoever you're currently in a relationship with, the key word being currently. That's why you need to take full advantage of April Fool's day.

Those magic words "April Fool's" mean that whatever pranks you pull have a get out of jail free card. So if they decide to leave you, they'll at least have to wait until the second.

## INEVITABLE NEW ENGLAND WEATHER

Jesiree Carrera  
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Even though it is technically spring, Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) was still partly targeted by the Spring Nor'Easter.

The Nor'Easter was supposed to bring around a lot of snow fall, especially to the southern region of New England. NH was only supposed to bring in around one to three inches, but students were still amped up for the snow.

Students hoped for an extended Spring Break as the snow started falling around

midnight on Mar. 20, but then complained about classes not being cancelled the next day, despite the possibility that classes would probably have still gone on.

While students trudged their way to their classes, they began complaining about it being too cold, and it being the first day of spring.

My one comment to them: you live in NH. You chose to go to school where the air hurts your face. Do not complain when you have to walk through three inches of snow, at max, and that you didn't wear enough clothing so you're

cold.

It's New England. No matter what, it's completely possible to have snow fall. Don't be a baby.

You should always plan accordingly and dress properly for the weather. I get that it's already after Spring Break, and it's easy to get adjusted to the taste of summer, but it doesn't mean winter can't rear its ugly head around again.

Just drag yourself out of bed, put on a winter coat, and grab a coffee or something warm from the Student Center. The snow won't bother you that much.



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# SPORTS

## PENMEN SOFTBALL RUNS OUT OF THE BOX AHEAD OF COMPETITION

**Matt Martin**  
Sports Editor

The Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) Softball team is off to a red hot 11-5 start so far this season. In those 16 games, the Lady Penmen have a combined Batting Average (BA) of .305, they've hit 12 home runs, and have scored a team total of 82 runs.

Senior Katie Caruso leads the team in hits with 25, BA with .446, home runs with three, and Runs Batted In (RBIs) with 12. Behind her is senior Mo Hannon who's batting .358 with 19 hits, two home runs, and 10 RBIs. Some more notable stats come from senior Lindsey Bolduc who's BA to this point in .305 with 18 hits, nine doubles, three home runs, and nine RBIs. Sophomore Sarah Lavallee has contributed three home runs and 11 RBIs.

The softball squad has tallied five wins and no losses in their last five games. They beat New Haven on Mar. 19, three to zero. Hannon

went two for three at the plate with an RBI and the other earned run came off a Katie Horiuchi base hit. Junior Nicole Gubellini was lights out on the mound pitching seven innings, allowing only three hits and striking out two batters.

On Mar. 24, the team played a double header against Post. Their first game was a hit parade. The team notched a total of 16 hits in the game and 17 runs. Bolduc, Lavallee, and Erin Garczynski all hit one over the fence, but the real run producer was Caruso. She had two home runs and brought home six runs. Gubellini pitched five and on third innings with four strikeouts. The final score was 17-11.

The second game was also a win for the softball team where they outscored Post seven to one. Runs were driven in by Garczynski, Lavallee, Gubellini, Jessica Torsiello, and Mo Hannon who had a home run in the game. Lavallee was also stellar on the mound pitching seven innings, allowing five hits and one run, while striking out five batters.

Two more wins came in the Penmen doubleheader home openers against Merrimack on Mar. 26. The first game resulted in a three to two win. Hannon, Horiuchi, and junior Erin Morrissey drove in runs for Lavallee who pitched another strong game. She went seven more innings and struck out eight batters.

Game number two resulted in another win. Hannon once again homered and knocked in three runs. Lavallee also hit a home run and she also had three RBIs. Caruso, Torsiello, and Horiuchi also brought runs home. Gubellini pitched the first four innings in which she gave up five runs, but struck out four batters. The last three innings were pitched by Lavallee who gave up only four hits, surrendered zero runs, and struck out five batters. The final score of this contest was 12-5 in favor of the Penmen.

Next up for the Penmen is a double header at home against Franklin Pierce on Wed, Mar. 30, at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.



Garczynski hits a round tripper against Post.

## MEN'S LACROSSE HITS SPEED BUMPS IN LAST FOUR GAMES

**Aleisha Bourgault-Callahan**  
Staff Writer

The Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) men's lacrosse team's season is underway. In their past four games, their record is 1-3.

In the first game, the team suffered a loss against Merrimack 19-12. Senior Cameron Joyce had a career-best 10 points, with four goals and six assists. Juniors Daniel Trainor, Keifer Heckmen, Zach Jacobs, and sophomore Corey Cairo scored in the game as well. Sophomore goalie Michael Brawley stopped 15 shots.

The second game against Molloy showed SNHU suffering another loss, this one 15-8. Trainor scored four times. Joyce, junior Patrick Goff, Heckmen, and sophomore Dan Malave each scored once, but it proved to not be enough.

In the game against Georgian Court, SNHU came out victorious with a 23-9 win. Among those who scored were Joyce, senior Eric Johnson, Trainor, juniors Cameron McGuire, John Marcone, Jacobs, and Nicholas Ouellette. Also

scoring in that game were sophomores Devin Calkins, Zach Tanner, Chris West, Cam Rewucki, Cairo, and Malave. Freshmen Tom Schutz and Sal Lo Medico also scored. Goalie Michael Brawley got his first career win, stopping five of the six shots he faced in net.

Most recently, against Adelphi, SNHU suffered a 21-8 loss. Heckmen scored a career-high four goals, while Joyce got his third hat trick in four games and classmate Johnson also scored. Goalie Michael Brawley stopped 12 shots in the loss.

As it stands now, Joyce leads the scoring with 12 goals and 10 assists this season, with Heckmen in second with 9 goals, followed by Trainor with 8 goals and 5 assists. Goalie Michael Brawley leads in goal with a 40.5% save percentage and a 17.82 goals against. Junior goalie Matt McIntire comes in second with a 50% save percentage and 16 goals against.

The Penmen's next home game will be against Bentley at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Mar. 30.



Keifer Heckmen battles against a St. Anselm Hawk's player.

# SPORTS

## WOMEN'S LACROSSE HAS A HOT START

Brianne Torre  
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Women's lacrosse at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) this season has started off on a good foot with an overall record of five wins and two losses.

In their first game against Dominican, the Penmen led with a 20 goal deficit on Larkin. Starting off on the right side of success, being away at Adelphi took their early going momentum away with a 13-3 loss.

The next week, the lady Penmen started with a Saturday win at home against Saint Michael's 16-3. Freshman Kristin Wilder scored six goals, a career high, leading the Penmen to victory, along with Junior Ellen Decker, senior Alexa Allen, and Sophomore Alexa Bedell racking up points as well.

Women's lacrosse then went for a road trip to North Carolina where they took a hard win, 20-12, against Catawba College. Bedell, Decker, Wilder, and Allen again, all took strides upon the win for the Lady Penmen.

Finishing their road trip up,



Alexa Bedell tracking a ball in the air.

lacrosse stopped at Pace University to pick up another win 14-10. Along with Wilder, Allen, Bedell, and Decker contributing to the score, Nicole Kennedy made her career high 21 saves to help the Penmen come out with a win.

Last Tuesday, March 22, the girls lost in a hearty battle against the Queen City Cup Rivals Saint Anselm, 16-8. Bedell had 3 goals to start the game off, yet the Penmen soon lost their lead to eight to three in the second half.

With an overall of five wins and two losses, the penmen lead

their season with a best seven-game start since 2007. Freshman Kristin Wilder at the moment leads the NE-10 in goals with an astonishing 32, and points 35, while Alexa Allen is the second in league, in assists with 18. Junior goalie Nicole Kennedy is also leading the NE-10 with her 69 saves so far this season.

The Penmen get ready for their next stretch of games starting with Le Moyne College at home on Saturday, Mar. 26, at 1 p.m. Next, on Mar. 30, the Lady squad travels to Merrimack for a game at 4 p.m.

## SNHU'S BASEBALL STATS STUFF THE SHEET

Aleisha Bourgault-Callahan  
Staff Writer

The start of the spring sports season is proving to be successful for the Southern New Hampshire University's Men's Baseball team. In the past 17 games, the Penmen are 15-2. They've brought in 152 runs and have a team batting average of .317 with 15 team home runs. Juniors Manny Cruz and Zach Goldstein lead the team in runs with 20 runs each. Graduate student Ryan Gendron and junior Carson Helms are tied for second with 18 runs each, and graduate student Mike Mastroberti and sophomore Sean Webster are tied for third with 15 runs each.

Mastroberti also leads the Penmen in runs batted in (RBI) with 23, while Carson Helms is in second with 19. Junior Derek Bauer is in third with 14.

Leading in homeruns is Bauer with five. Close behind him

is Helms with four homeruns. Mastroberti has the lead for hits so far with 27 and his batting average is .360. Second to hits but first in batting average is Goldstein with 24 hits and a batting average of .381.

On the base paths, Gendron and Goldstein have stolen 10 bases. Sophomore Sean Webster ties them for the same amount and the team lead.

On the mound, sophomore Justin Valdespina leads pitchers with 29 innings pitched and has an earned run average (ERA) of 3.41. Senior Tim Viehoff is in second with 28 innings and a 3.54 ERA, and junior Ben Criscuolo has 24 innings logged and a 1.50 ERA which earned him an NE-10 Pitcher of the Week award for this past week.

The Penmen continue their hot start when they play their home opener of 2016 on Thursday, Mar. 31, at 3 p.m. against NE-10 Rival Saint Michael's College.

## PENMAN PROFILE: BASKETBALL ALL-STAR RODNEY SANDERS

Brianne Torre  
Staff Writer

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) athletes play a major role in our campus community. Each athlete deserves recognition for his/her efforts on and off the field, court, ice, etc. Rodney Sanders is in need of such recognition in this issue's Penman Profile.

Senior Rodney Sanders, from Linden, New Jersey, had a high school record to be proud of. After taking the Linden High Tigers to a Championship and being named NJ All-State First team, Sanders took to a Prep school to take an extra year to better himself before his college career.

In his 2012-2013 season, Sanders took a slot on the All-Rookie team. He was the team's second leading scorer, and also was ranked second in the NE-10 for his three-point percentage of 44%. With 29 starts and 30 total games played, Sanders was named the Most Outstanding Player of the NE-10 Championship. His freshman season was an accurate foreshadow to the next 3 years he would play for SNHU.

Sophomore year Sanders gave



Sanders knocking down a three during the season.

more of a reason to respect him with his accolades and as an underclassman again. With 26 games started in the season, Sanders received an NE-10 Honorable Mention All-Conference Selection. This was the guy SNHU needed for next year's squad, but didn't know it just yet.

As an NE-10 first team selec-

tion and a Daktronics 2nd team All-Region selection, Sanders led the Penmen in scoring with 17 points per game. Number 24 reached his 1,000 career point on Jan. 17, of the 2014-15 season. As one of the elite players on the court for the Penmen, Sanders help take the squad to NAAs, where they fell short after making it all the way to the NCAA



Sanders with Coach Stan Spirou.

Division II Elite Eight.

This year, after another fantastic season, Sanders is currently in Frisco, Texas, representing SNHU in the Reese's College Division II All-Star game. He was also recently named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches' Division II East All-District first team. The Co-captain of the Penmen also helped

take the NE-10 Championship to SNHU's winning circle.

Sanders is an incredible athlete and overall great person. His charisma for basketball shines in his face when talking about the game, and is so humble with his talents. We at SNHU wish Sanders the best of luck as his Senior year comes to an end.

Thank you, Rodney.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## DISNEY DOES IT AGAIN WITH ZOOTOPIA

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With the mega success of "Frozen" and the surprise hit "Big Hero 6" (not to mention "Inside Out" by Pixar), many eyes were set on "Zootopia" with many people believing it could not hold up to past few films released by the company. Well, I'm glad to say that "Zootopia" lives up to the past films released by Disney.

"Zootopia" is filled to the brim with creativity. Its setting is that humans never existed so the planet is inhabited by animals as if they evolved in a world without us. This leads to a lot of creative visuals and ideas. The city of Zootopia in the film is one of the most creative things I have seen in animation; from the foreground to the background, there are interesting ideas everywhere.

The characters are also well written. With Ginnifer Goodwin as a police officer rabbit and Jason Bateman as a



con-artist fox, they work well off of one another and are the heart of the movie. While we may have seen these characters before, the setting and way they are acted make them just as enjoyable as the first time I saw these character archetypes.

If there are any real issues with "Zootopia," it is the predictability of the film. While it is a good mystery and moral for children, chances are most teens and adults will figure out each twist before the movie tells you. It's a story of racism and prejudice, but that doesn't

mean the film is any less enjoyable; it is done so well and differently than the norm that it doesn't matter, and you find yourself enjoying the movie regardless.

So, while it may be predictable, "Zootopia" is funny, heartfelt, and beautiful, and I

suggest it to anyone who thinks they may enjoy the film even a little; you won't be disappointed. I enjoyed it even more than "Frozen," and if Disney keeps this up then there is a good chance that there is another Disney Renaissance not far in the future. 10/10

## 10 CLOVERFIELD LANE IS A DISCONCERTING THRILL RIDE



Gabriel Carrio  
Staff Writer

"10 Cloverfield Lane," released on Mar. 11, is the first film by director Dan Trachtenberg, and was produced by JJ Abrams. It stars Mary Elizabeth Winstead (Scott Pilgrim vs. the World), John Goodman (yo u know who he is), and John Gallagher Jr. (known primarily for stage acting) as our only characters.

Taking place almost en-

tirely underground in a fallout shelter, "10 Cloverfield Lane" is an incredibly cramped and uncomfortable film, but it was definitely the intent of the director and cinematographer to get those feelings across.

Almost anything I can say about the film would be spoilers, as everything that happens is pretty much essential to the plot, which is a good thing.

Instead of a summary, I'll just sing praises. The film is very well put together. Every

scene matters, and almost every element introduced is connected in some way that makes them more important down the line.

John Goodman gives an excellent, if not a little over the top, performance as a creepy and demanding conspiracy theorist, Mary Elizabeth Winstead gives one of the most realistic performances of a woman in her position that I've probably ever seen in a film, and John Gallagher Jr. plays a loveable

guy who acts as support for Winstead and as comic relief in this very serious and very tense film.

Running at an hour and 45 minutes, and only about 15 of those minutes being spent above ground, the cast and crew have little space to work with to present a compelling story. They absolutely succeeded. I was wrapped up in nearly every moment and was waiting to see what would happen next.

From start to finish (and

the opening scene before the title card is one of the most intense scenes in the film) I was captivated. The only time the film might lose some audience members is in the last ten minutes. Again, no spoilers, but the end is the only connection to the first "Cloverfield" that the movie has.

"10 Cloverfield Lane" is not a sequel nor is it a prequel. If anything, it runs parallel to the first film but in an entirely different part of the country. Narratively, visually, and thematically, the movies share very little in common. Don't go in expecting to see another "Cloverfield," because that's not what it is. Treat those two extra words like they mean something, because they do.

I thoroughly enjoyed "10 Cloverfield Lane" and now would really like to see another film from the "Cloverfield" universe because of it. It might be too creepy and unsettling for some viewers, and the ending might ruin it for a few as well, but for this reviewer, "10 Cloverfield Lane" gets an 8.5/10 and is well worth watching.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## GABE'S JAM SESH: TWO FOLD PART TWO

Gabriel Carrio  
Staff Writer

Last issue I covered Haywyre's "Two Fold Pt. 1" album and why he makes me feel like a worthless human being. This time it's the "Pt. 2" and a little more of why I'm a worthless human being.

Released this year on Feb. 8, almost a full two years after "Pt. 1," "Two Fold Pt. 2" shows Haywyre's growth as an artist, and the genres he's currently experimenting with, or at least was at the time of production. The second album bears virtually no similarities to the first apart from one piano interlude towards the end, and it still manages to amaze me every time I listen to it.

While "Pt. 1" was more of a journey through different lands to an unspecified location, "Pt. 2" is reaching the destination. The second album is much more dance heavy, with deep, punching kick and snare hits, and dubby, groovy bass lines and synths.

Something I was excited to see was Haywyre's go at future bass on the track "I Am You" which comes right after the short intro track "I Am Me." His go at deep house-esque music on the track "Do You Don't You" is possibly my favorite song on the entire album, because it's actually impossible not to dance to.

With every track seemingly focused on being dance-worthy—except for "Transient," an emotional piano track dedicated to his grandfather who passed away during production—it's easy to think that Haywyre might've lost some of his originality and uniqueness.

In "Pt. 1," minor social philosophy was explored, and we were meant to feel as if we were crossing through different cultures throughout the album. In "Pt. 2," we're meant to dance and get lost in the pulsations of the music.

But if you listen to the vocals, which are heavily distorted and sometimes hard to understand, Haywyre is ex-



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ploring philosophy again. For example, there's a 47 second interlude after "I Am You" called "Restraint." With an airy backing track of static and a light piano tune, a deep pitch shifted voice (presumably Haywyre's) speaks about how "every concept, every notion has a counterpart... yet, every idea's opposite is just the absence of the idea

itself." It might sound a little like babble, but the voice and the instrumental make it all sound interesting.

The album concludes with "Endlessly," a song seemingly about the butterfly effect and how every idea is infinite. Maybe. I honestly have no idea. But it's one of the best tracks on the album, and there's a live performance of it

on Haywyre's YouTube channel that's worth watching.

"Two Fold Pt. 2" is an excellent and very different follow-up to "Pt. 1." Consisting of nine tracks and running for about twenty-nine minutes, it's a short listen. But it's not one I'd pass up. You can stream it on Spotify or purchase it from Monstercat or iTunes for \$8.

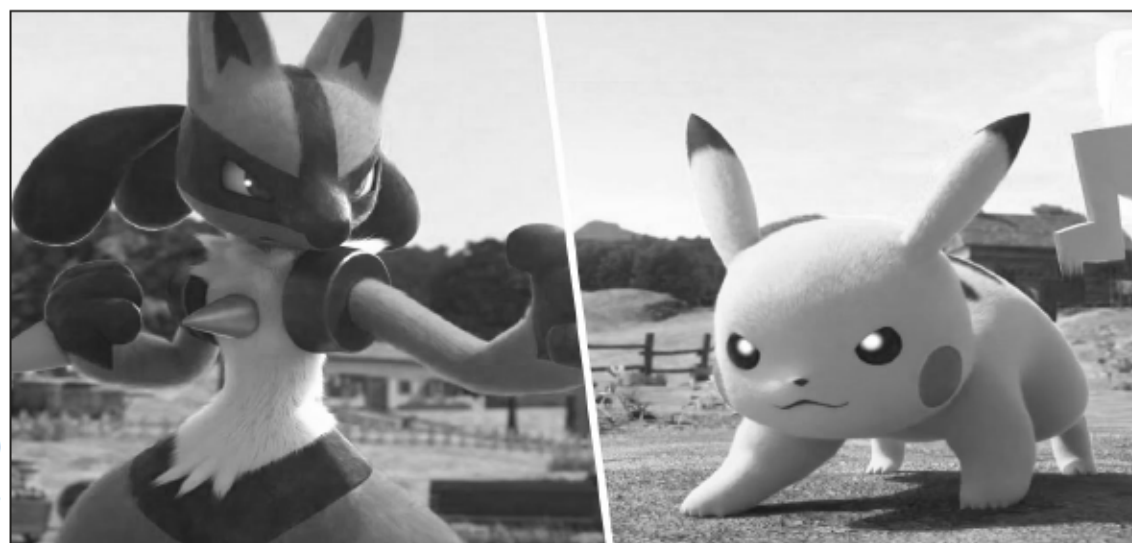
## POKKEN TOURNAMENT CHANGES HOW POKEMON TRAINERS BATTLE

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Pokémon battles have been brought to a whole new level with Bandai Namco and The Pokémon Company's release of "Pokkén Tournament," a fighting game based off of the Bandai Namco's game franchise "Tekken."

"Pokkén Tournament" is a spinoff title where players travel to the new region of Ferrum to compete in the Ferrum League. Upon arrival, players select their partner Pokémon out of 14 available Pokémon, customize their character, and then are brought through a tutorial by the in-game character Nia. After that, the world is open for exploration.

There are six locations players can visit in game: "My Town" where you can customize your player; "Online Battle" where you can battle other players online; "Local Battle" where you can play with a friend using a second controller; "Practice" where you can practice your moves;



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"Single Battle" where you can battle CPUs; and the "Ferrum League" where you can progress through the games story.

In the Ferrum League, players start off as a Rank D trainer and have to battle through League Matches to level up their rank until they can enter the tournament at Rank 8 or lower. If gamers successfully beat the tournament, they can go on to fight the Promotion Test Leader. If

players beat them as well, they can rank up to Rank C, Rank B, and so on.

There are several Leagues starting off with Green League. If players complete all of the leagues, they will become the league champions.

Battling in "Pokkén Tournament" is good for a first time fighting game; however, things could be improved. When player's Pokémon are knocked down, there is no way to safely

recover and get up. The best players can do is try to guard before the opponent can land a hit. Because of this, players can spam certain moves that stagger opponents, making it so they get stuck in an infinite loop of damage with barely any way to escape.

Each player can choose a Support Team to help them throughout the battle. Each support team comes with two support Pokémon. Players can

choose one per round, and once their support gauge is full, they can call them in in order to perform a move to either knock back a foe, stun them, lower their attack or defense, along with many more varying effects.

"Synergy" is a new term utilized throughout this game. Players collect synergy throughout a battle, and when their Synergy Gauge is full, they can either mega evolve their Pokémon or have them get an increase in power depending on whether they have a mega form or not. When in Synergy Mode, a player's Pokémon will have increased stats, new move sets, and they are allowed a Burst Attack where, if it hits, a cut scene starts where they perform their ultimate move.

Overall, "Pokkén Tournament" is a decent fighting style game that is sure to be a lot of fun for long time fans of the franchise. It puts a different perspective on Pokémon battles and really immerses gamers into the battle.

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## FIREWATCH: AN EMOTIONAL ADVENTURE

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The first-person, narrative-driven exploration genre has become one of gaming's go-to mediums for effective storytelling, thanks to successes like 2013's "Gone Home." This trend continues in "Firewatch," developed by Campo Santo. Through masterful art direction and a believable world where the player

connects with real human emotion and reaction, "Firewatch" is one of the most emotional and thought-provoking games to hit the market in years.

"Firewatch" opens by presenting the main character, Henry, who is introduced in a miniature text adventure that quickly turns his world from laughter and love to sadness and frustration. Henry decides to spend the summer of 1989 as a fire

lookout in a Wyoming national park, armed with a walkie-talkie (and little else) through which he communicates with his boss and fellow fire lookout, Delilah.

"Firewatch" is told in chapters that span the summer's 90 days, starting with a pair of no-good teenage girls causing trouble for Henry. Things quickly change when the girls go missing and Henry and Delilah realize they may not be alone in these

woods.

There's not much to do in "Firewatch" aside from exploring the forest; those expecting a confrontation between Henry and vicious park goers or wildlife will be disappointed.

This exploration, though, is what gives "Firewatch" its immersive charm. Diving deeper and deeper into the forest and its mysteries propels the plot forward and introduces new areas that quickly become staples on the map that you'll return to time and time again with a new perspective each time as events unfold. Getting lost in the woods is a common frustration with just the map in hand, but extra tools like the compass and climbing gear, the game's only "power-ups," help ease the pain.

The forest truly comes to life through amazing art direction. Beautifully sculpted environments and dynamic lighting help each location shine. Day and night create different moods with the colors they paint the environment, at times eliciting feelings of peace and tranquility while at other times representing isolation and fear.

Outstanding performances

by "Firewatch's" voice actors further immerse the player in the world, with real, emotional, and frequently humorous dialogue between Henry and Delilah. I spoke with Delilah on my walkie-talkie whenever I could, which added an extra bit of interactivity to an already gripping story.

I reached "Firewatch's" ending after five or six hours. Opinions on the ending will differ, as a consistently thrilling story comes to an undeniably anticlimactic conclusion.

At first, I didn't understand how the ending could make such few waves, but, over time, I've come to appreciate the ending for being grounded in reality and not giving in to what gamers and viewers of any story have come to expect from an ending, all while still delivering a poignant message that I'm still thinking about weeks after finishing the game.

"Firewatch" becomes less of a traditional game narrative and more of a view into human nature and real human emotion which made me appreciate it and think about it more than many other games I've played in recent years.



Firewatch

## GET OVER HERE AND PLAY MORTAL KOMBAT XL

Mustapha R. Price  
Staff Writer

"Mortal Kombat X," the tenth installment in the critically acclaimed fighting game series, launched last January on PS4 and Xbox One, and now Netherrealm is launching the XL edition of the game. "Mortal Kombat XL" is now available for Xbox One and PS4, sporting more content than ever before. But is it worth the purchase?

"Mortal Kombat X" was among the most critically acclaimed of last year's releases, sporting a very diverse cast of characters with exceptional powers and abilities and varying fighting styles to allow numerous ways to control even a single character. This versatility keeps fresh, unique, and stylized gameplay while still being comfortable and familiar to longtime fans of the series.

Unlike most other games in the genre, "Mortal Kom-

bat X" offers something that most fighting games don't. The game features a deep, immersive, narrative driven story mode, picking up where its predecessor left off. The story chronicles Johnny Cage and Sonya Blade, along with many others, in their attempt to defeat the Elder God traitor known as Shinnok. The story features full motion captured cut scenes, and some spectacular sequences, translated into quick time events which makes even the cut scenes somewhat interactive.

Perhaps the thing that this series is most well-known for is its impressive amount of sheer brutality and gore. "Mortal Kombat X" is one of the most graphic games available right now, not sparing any quarter when it comes to showing exposed intestines, spinal columns, and much much more. This game is not for the faint of heart, and should be approached by the squeamish only with the ut-



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most caution.

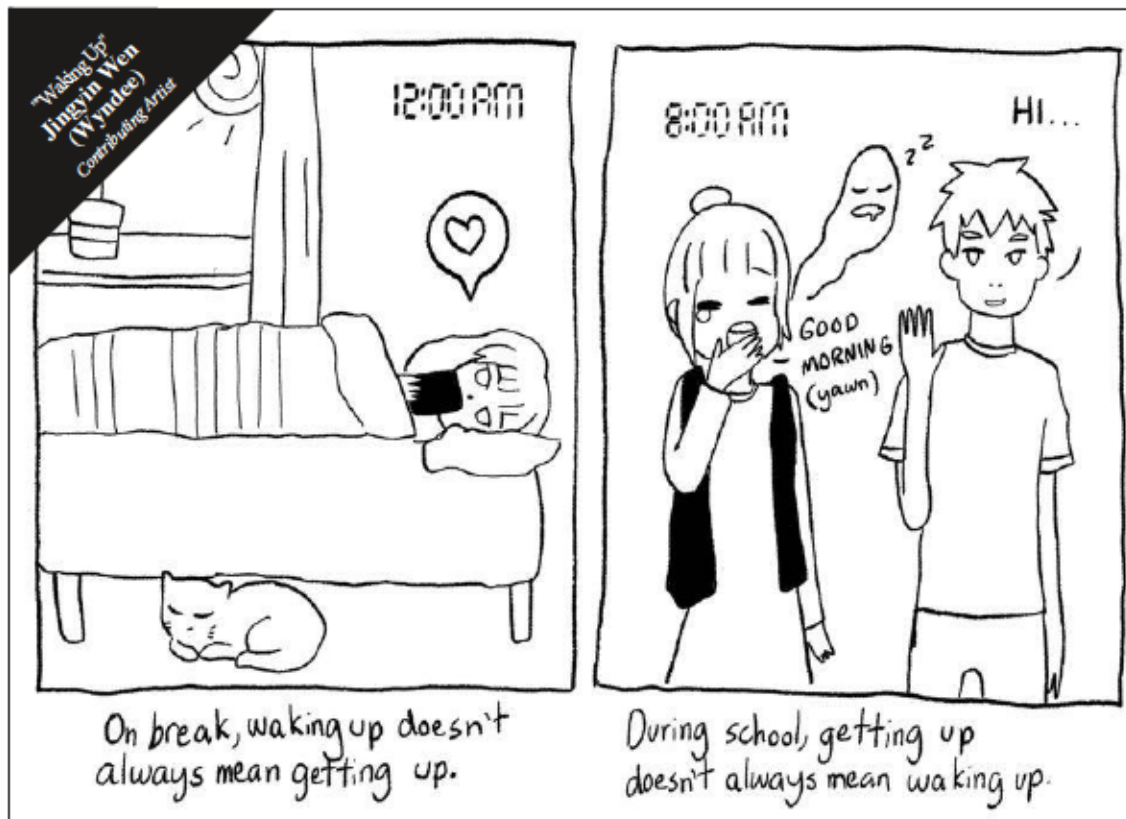
"XL" offers quite a bit more in the way of content. All Downloadable Characters are included with the game, as well as extra costumes for your playable fighters. Characters like Triborg, Jason, Predator,

and even Goro are playable.

For players with less interest in the downloadable content in this game, perhaps purchasing the original might be more preferable. This also affords the player the opportunity to only purchase cer-

tain characters if they see fit. For any player who would like to be considered a "Mortal Kombat" super fan, "Mortal Kombat XL" might be a game worth trying. "Mortal Kombat XL" is available now for PS4 and Xbox One.

# CREATIVE



## "Darkness"

Bridget Downey  
Staff Writer

There's no escape  
I can't get out  
I want to leave my mind  
And the broken memories  
That haunt my days.

There's no shutting down  
I can't stop feeling,  
I want to slow my heart  
And the burning pain  
That I welcome every moment

Nowhere to run  
Darkness captures my fire  
And dims it to an ember  
That is a constant struggle to keep alive.

No way out  
Fear constricts my life  
And keeps me in a box  
With no light or hope.

I see it, I know it's bad.

My eyes are dead  
My friends are worried  
My dreams turn to terror  
My smile is faded and fake  
My problems are growing.

My guilt grows stronger  
My voice is quiet  
My breathing is shorter  
My colors are muted  
My memories don't make sense

And I hate myself  
I hate my life  
And I have no right to.



## "The Tables Turned Again"

Melanie Friese  
Copy Editor

Up! Up! My friend & quit your tech toys!  
Look 'round the world and embrace the joys  
of nature and life and all that is good.  
Let your eyes delight in the hazels of wood!

Forget the pixels that cramp up your mind;  
curiosity will wrap your spirit in a bind.  
Spend time each day with your head up high;  
relearn to see with your mind's inward eye.

Up! Up! My friend & see the flowers sway;  
You'll learn more from Earth than gizmos anyway.  
Be done with internet and recharging stations,  
turn off the glowing shells, and electric relations.



## "Feeling"

Bridget Downey  
Staff Writer

I feel it  
I feel the blood pulsing through my veins  
I feel my lungs struggling to take in and release air  
I feel my heart beating out of time with the rest of  
the world  
I feel time ticking by like a clocked lodged in my  
stomach  
I feel the pain of the last decade rotting me from  
inside  
I feel the spin of the Earth around

I feel the waves off the Atlantic crashing upon the  
core  
I feel the atoms of the table vibrating  
I feel you forgetting me  
I feel me still loving you  
I feel every nerve in my body  
I feel it all the time  
I feel it every moment  
I feel it all  
And it's killing me

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## FEEL THE BURN WITH BIKRAM YOGA

Katie Schmelzer  
Staff Writer

Ever feel like an exercise routine becomes boring after a while? Interested in trying something new, challenging, or different? Bikram Yoga can be described by each of those adjectives, and may be worth a try.

Bikram Yoga is an intense, whole body workout that trains both the body and the mind. Sometimes called "hot yoga," Bikram Yoga works by exercising the body through a series of 26 postures and two breathing exercises in a room heated between 97 and 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

The practice is designed to safely warm and stretch muscles and ligaments, massage organs, and promote the circulation of fresh oxygenated blood throughout the body. Those who regularly practice could achieve their ideal shape, a healthy weight range, and increased muscle



tone.

The Bikram Yoga instructor guides the class with detailed direction through each pose. Bikram Yoga cannot be offered anywhere other than certified studios, and has been studied and practiced for over 40 years in the United States to ensure the safety of participants. Anyone can participate regardless of gender, age, athletic ability, or flexibility.

Ready to try it out? The

closest studio, Bikram Yoga, is located at 70 Foundry St., Manchester, NH. They even offer a discounted drop-in rate (\$12) for students with a SNHU ID.

It is highly recommended to drink plenty of water throughout the 12 hours before attending a class, and bring a full bottle to class. Bring your own mat and towel, or rent them for a few dollars at the studio.

## SPACE TRAVEL IS A STRUGGLE

Kayla Durant  
Health & Wellness Editor

In light of recent space themed movies such as "The Martian," "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," and the upcoming "Independence Day: Resurgence," the universe seems to be a hot topic as of late.

People all over, have been obsessed with the prospect of space travel. But what does that mean for those in the space suit? What are the innumerable stresses put upon the human body?

The astronauts' mental health and stability are the most essential aspects of mission success. Hallucinations are often reported and are just as often detrimental to the mission itself.

In the 1976 mission, Soyuz-21, the entire crew was brought home early due to a pungent smell that could mean there was a dangerous fluid leak aboard. However, in Vaughan Bell's article "Isolation and hallucinations: the mental health challenges faced by astronauts," Bell reports that there



were no traces of such a smell. Other scientists suggested that the smell was a hallucination brought about by overwhelming stress.

Space does not come without its challenges. Among other struggles, astronauts must overcome both mental and physical obstacles, such as available oxygen, unbearable stress, and violent atmospheric changes.

To prepare an astronaut for the lack of atmosphere in space,

NASA provides two years of training to prepare candidates for outer space. Such training includes the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory (NBL), a huge pool filled with over six million gallons of water, where potential astronauts practice space walks and other mission tasks.

For such astronauts, an education is merely the foundation to their training. It takes years to prepare a person for the intense conditions of outer space.

## PINEAPPLE JUICE: DON'T FORGET TO DRINK UP

Katerina Wilhelmi  
Creative Editor

Spring is in the air! As the weather gets warmer, students start to realize two things; one is that the weather is beautiful, and the other is that they want to get into shape. Is there anything that can help shed some weight and increase health? Pineapple juice is the answer.

Very few people know that pineapple juice is actually healthy for them. This is because it is so sweet, so they assume that it contains too

Pineapple Juice," fresh pineapple juice also has a sufficient amount of vitamins, enzymes and minerals which are good for overall development of health. Some of these benefits include aiding against stomach infections, constipation, indigestion, arthritis and sinusitis.

Pineapple juice is packed with vitamins and minerals, which are really hard to come by for college students. Pineapple contains vitamin C, B-Complex, potassium, calcium, phosphorus and Manganese. Fresh pineapple



much sugar to be healthy.

Drinking pineapple juice in the morning can prevent sugar and fat cravings, which is good for combating obesity or overeating. It can also help people maintain weight or lose weight. Pineapple juice helps aid in digestion because it has a rich amount of natural soluble and insoluble fiber. The juice acts as natural diuretic and helps to release toxins from the body. It is low in calories as well, acting as the perfect diet drink. An eight ounce glass of pineapple juice contains only 35 calories. Drink it in the morning, and there is no need to stop and get a cookie later.

According to Gyanunlimited's article, "Top 10 Amazing Health Benefits of

juice can help people meet 75 percent of vitamin C of daily requirements. Pineapple juice can even help students feel more awake throughout the day. Lastly, pineapples are beneficial in curing sore throats, sinus infections, and bronchitis. The enzyme bromelain, present in pineapple juice, acts as an anti-inflammatory agent. Bromelain helps in improvement of breathing by thinning mucous in the respiratory region. Basically, it coats the throat, and breaks down whatever mucous or bad bacteria that is present.

Grocery stores all around sell pineapple juice anywhere from \$2.77- \$4.42. This is a cost effective way to benefit one's overall health.

# APRIL FOOLS

## EGG HUNT REEKS HAVOC ON SNHU

Megan Palmer  
Editor Abroad

The holiday weekend was a welcome reprieve for the Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) community to spend time with their families and get away from work for a while. But, since the return to school, students have been noticing a strange addition to the SNHU campus. It can't be seen, but its presence has been felt as it permeates all nooks and crannies of the place so many call home.

Over the Easter weekend, SNHU conducted the First Annual Easter Egg Hunt for young children in the greater Manchester community. This was met with instant delight and the turnout for what is hoped to be a continuing event was impressive. However, things seem to have gone a little bit awry.

Easter eggs were hidden all over campus, and the children were all given baskets to begin their Easter hunt. At noon on the dot, like wild animals, they were released to explore the green space, the surrounding bushes, and some of the main buildings. The children and their parents left having collected close to 500 eggs. The key word as can be assumed, is "close."



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At present, there are 50 eggs that have been "misplaced" and not found on campus. This fact alone would be no cause for alarm; however a miscommunication between programmers resulted in, not the expected plastic eggs being hidden across SNHU, but real hardboiled eggs. With the recent warm weather, it appears they have begun rotting and creating a stench that extends through the center of campus.

Event organizer E. Sterbuni

was unavailable for comment, but a reward has been placed for any eggs found and returned to the Concierge Desk in the Student Center. One egg is \$5 with the price anticipated to rise throughout the coming week as the number of missing eggs dwindles. Students are encouraged to keep their eyes peeled and return all eggs upon finding. Counterfeit eggs will not be tolerated and ramifications will ensue.

Apologies for the smell.

## PRANKS THAT WON'T GET YOU FIRED

Kathryn Schmelzer  
Staff Writer

Assuming that the people in the office you work in has a good sense of humor, pulling an April Fool's prank can make for a work day full of laughs. Sometimes though, playing pranks in the office can be somewhat like treading on thin ice. Quick and simple office pranks are funny, but it's important not to get carried away. If the temptation to pull a prank on a co-worker is too hard to resist, try one or all of these harmless jokes.

**I'm Your Biggest Fan:** Before a co-worker comes in for the morning, dress up their office space with pictures, posters, and decorations of their least favorite sports team or celebrity.

**Oh Eye See:** If a co-worker has pictures of family and friends on their desk, place googly eyes over them.

**Paper Clip Slip:** In an office that uses a photocopier,

place a paper clip on a blank piece of paper and make several copies. Then put those copies back on the top of the paper tray and get rid of the paper clip. Stick around to see co-workers search endlessly to find the mysterious and missing paper clip that's appearing on all of their copies.

**Dead Mouse:** Place a sticky note on the bottom of a co-worker's mouse covering it. Whether it's a laser mouse or roller ball, it won't work until they take it off. Don't forget to write April Fool's on the bottom.

**The Nothing Joke:** This last prank works especially well for the co-worker who's expected to pull off a huge prank. This year for April Fool's, just do nothing. Sit and smile, looking innocent as can be, as co-workers desperately try to find out the prank. Have even more fun by sliding little comments here and there like, "Enjoying that coffee?"

## FALL IN LOVE WITH THIS MARIO DATING SIM

Mustapha R. Price  
Staff Writer

Nintendo has announced the next game in their lineup of smartphone titles in partnership with DeNA. That game is the "Super Mario Bros. Dating Simulator," which will be launching in the fall of 2016.

This simulator will offer the opportunity for players to try and charm numerous characters from the glorious Mushroom Kingdom. Available characters to play will span from the beautiful Princess Peach to the plumber of legend himself, Mario.

Players will be able to take Princess Toadstool on a date to a local diner or going bar hopping with Bowser. Their options in the game are truly limitless. "Super Mario Bros. Dating Simulator" will afford players the opportunity to sync the game with their own MyNintendo account and play as their Mii Character

while heading throughout their quests.

"Super Mario Bros. Dating Simulator" has already caught the attention of many industry analysts. Industry Analyst Michael Pachter is cited as saying, "Nintendo has truly found their niche with this. I can't imagine anything more fulfilling than the opportunity to become Princess Daisy's husband. This is a company that is finally capturing the needs of its consumer base, and I will be playing this game from launch day onward."

"Super Mario Bros. Dating Simulator" will launch as a free-to-play title with micro-transactions, including downloadable characters such as Link from "The Legend of Zelda" and Samus Aran from "Metroid."

"Super Mario Bros. Dating Simulator" will be arriving on Google Play, Apple Store, Windows Store, and Steam in the fall of this year.

## STARBUCKS TO START DELIVERING

Laurelann Easton  
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Starbucks will begin to deliver coffee to students in their dorms as needed on Monday, Apr. 18. This free delivery process will be available at all hours from the Student Center.

The addictive drink will be available to be ordered online through a new service that will be set up through mySNHU where students can indicate the specifications of how they would like their drink prepared for them. The service will be available through finals week and two weeks prior to it.

To fill out an order, students can find the link on the main page of mySNHU under "Other Services" on the left hand side, under a new listing on the website: "Student Center Coffee," which will be added between the "Academic Information" and "Financial Aid" tabs.

Students will be able to pay online using their student I.D. numbers.



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Some test deliveries have already taken place.

Though this service includes coffee, it is limited to the regular, decaf, dark roast blends, and espresso drinks. Students will be able to order the popular double dark lattes and have them hand delivered to their dorms. All regular flavors available in the Student Center Café will also be available to choose from. Food items, such as bagels, muffins,

and sandwiches, will not be available for delivery.

It is possible that this optional delivery service will continue full-time in the semesters to come if enough people utilize it, but it will likely become available again close to finals week each semester when students need their favorite caffeine drinks the most.

# APRIL FOOLS

## WEeping ANGEL SET FOR NEW ART INSTALLATION

Haley Corning  
Staff Writer

After multiple comments were left in Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) suggestion boxes requesting changes in décor on campus, it was decided that additional sculptures would be placed outside of Robert Frost Hall.

The new sculptures have been confirmed to be four statues of angels crying. One angel will stand on each side of each of Frost's two doors facing away from the other. Each of these weeping angel will hold its head in its hands.

While ideas for the new additions were bounced around for a few days, the final decision was made when SNHU received an offer that they could not refuse from a self-proclaimed artist Steven Moffat, who would build the statues for free.

Moffat is most known for his work in television; however has turned to artwork as another creative outlet. The work he has done in the world of sculpture is interesting, if nothing else, though still just as confusing.

"I think it's very important that the youth of today's society are exposed to varying art culture," said Moffat. "Every time a student passes one of the weeping angels, I want them to really think about what they symbolize. Life is short, no matter what we are given. If we blink, our whole lives disappear before us. These angels do nothing but hide their faces."

Some of Moffat's other clients such as Matt Smith refer to the angels as "just creepy," instead. "When you pass them, they feel too lifelike," says Smith. "I bought a bunch of them one year, but sometimes I could swear they moved a bit. Too quickly to catch though."

Another familiar with Moffat's work, who prefers to remain anonymous and go by the pseudonym 'John Smith' commented, "There's something eerie about them. Not right." When further prompted about his dislike for these statues, the only statement made was, "Good luck."

The sculptures of weeping angels will be titled "Blink," and installation is set for June 15 of this year.



Concept art of the Weeping Angel Sculptures.

## FAST FOOD FILLING THE DINING CENTER

Brian Creevy  
Editor in Chief

Due to more than a few stray hairs found in several students' meals, Sodexo will no longer be Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) meal provider, and President LeBlanc had an unheard of idea to fix the problem. Starting in the Fall of 2016, several fast food franchises will be moving into the Dining Hall.

McDonalds, Burger King, Wendy's, KFC, Taco Bell, Sonic Drive-In, Duchess, Subway, Dairy Queen, Popeyes, and Dunkin Donuts will be serving students their meals for at least the duration of the 2016-17 school year.

"Popeyes shrimp is honestly the only reason why this is happening," said LeBlanc. "It's a personal favorite of mine, and once I decided to let them become a part of the SNHU community, McDonalds and all the other companies starting blowing up my email until I told them they could come too."

Each company will be serving their entire menus so no student will be deprived of their personal favorites.

"I'm afraid of this change," said Freshman Jebediah Dimetrius. "It took all year for me to remember the schedule for each meal from Sodexo; now I'm going to have to remember it for a dozen different companies?"

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You may have already noticed the logos.

An official time schedule has not been released for the Dining Hall on whether there will be universal hours of service for each meal or if each franchise will have their own. However, 24-hour service has been confirmed for McDonalds, Taco Bell, and Dairy Queen.

Junior student Denice Yenaldo is excited about these changes. "This will save me from the risk of driving late at night on the weekends when I'm having a craving for a taco or a Big Mac," Yenaldo said.

The inclusion of Sonic Drive-In is also marking for the first one of the franchise to open in New Hampshire. It will even have Skating Carhops to deliver

food to students out at their cars or on the Green Space. They will carry portable devices for students to swipe their cards at, so students can still include their food as part of the meal plan.

Rumors have sparked of a drive-through system being implemented for several of the fast food chains.

"I can't comment on the possibility of a drive thru yet," said LeBlanc. "However, there will be a drive-through of sorts for those students who ride skateboards and scooters across campus. I'm sure they'll be happy about that."

SNHU students can expect big changes in their dietary habits on campus this next semester.

## SNHU TO RE-RENAME SNHU ARENA

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Opinion Editor

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is considering new names for the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester to be able to rename it for the 2016 fall semester.

SNHU President Paul LeBlanc has been working with other SNHU administrators, Megan Sage, Patricia A. Lynott, and Steven Boucher, to come up with a name for the recently acquired arena. LeBlanc and the administrators are also working with the Manchester Monarchs, Donald Trump, and the cast of Friends.

"We just really wanted to be able to get a wide range of people to come together so we could

have a name that truly represents SNHU, our students, and faculty," said LeBlanc. "While we have come up with a variety of different names, now it just really comes down to figuring out which possibilities best exemplify SNHU."

Some of the names that were thought of were LeBlanc Space, Trump Arena, and Penmen Arena. Other names are still being discussed with administration.

"I really like LeBlanc Space," said Professor David Jonathan. "I think it's a cool name, especially since President LeBlanc is such an awesome guy."

SNHU's Young Republicans are tabling for the arena to be renamed Trump Arena.

"I think that students would

be well represented by the Verizon Wireless Arena being named the Trump Arena," said Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump. "We could tear down the ceiling for the arena and shape it in the form of my 100 percent natural hair and make University of New Hampshire pay for it."

SNHU administration is still open for other suggestions to rename the Verizon Wireless Arena. They will be tabling in the Student Center and the Dining Hall on SNHU's Manchester campus with members from the Manchester Monarchs and the cast of Friends.

A new name will then be picked out of a hat from the suggestions that are provided and approved.

# APRIL FOOLS

## SNHU BLASTING FOR MOLE PEOPLE

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Staff Writer

Early this year Southern New Hampshire University announced that there would be controlled blasting throughout the February to facilitate the eventual construction of more administration buildings on the East Side of campus, and, while all of that is true, it isn't the whole story.

Yes, the blasting is meant to make the construction of more administration buildings possible, but what was just announced was SNHU's intention for these buildings not to be used by current SNHU students, or even humans at all. The buildings are being made in order to facilitate the quick enrollment of the immense Mole Person population that lies dormant just below SNHU's campus.

It ends up that, just below the hollow crust of SNHU's campus, lay 15,000 mole people who were discovered by SNHU's resident geologist in training, Florence Bascom. She described them as, "hungry for daylight and a great secondary

education."

Bascom, went on to say in a press conference that, "These Mole People have never been observed by human eyes and it's been impossible for them to tunnel to the surface on their own."

Shortly after this discovery was made, Paul LeBlanc made a statement on the school's behalf.

"It doesn't matter if you're a man or a woman, black or white, human or mole person. You deserve the right to a great education and that is something that [SNHU] has to offer. We accept good people, and it doesn't matter how deep below the Earth's crust those good people come from."

The recent news has struck a chord with many students who praised President LeBlanc's forward think on Mole People rights.

SNHU junior, Richard Rider, said, "I'm incredibly proud of Paul and [SNHU]. As far as I know, we are the first major university in this country to allow the enrollment of Mole People."

Although some students have voiced their concerns about their new perspective classmates

who could be joining them as soon as next fall.

Sophomore, Jack Ennis said, "I don't have anything against Mole People, but they've lived below the surface of the Earth for thousands of years now. How do we know that when once we breakthrough into their territory that they won't take us as a threat? I'm just worried that we'll upset the natural balance between human and Mole Person."

Multiple gatherings have already been planned on the Green Space in order to combat Ennis' anti-Mole Person comments, as well as any other criticisms about Mole People joining human classrooms.

The breakthrough into the Mole People's winding cavern of tunnels burrowed SNHU's campus is tentatively planned for the first day of April.

It has been announced that Paul LeBlanc himself will be standing at the entrance to the cave system personally handing out SNHU's accepted student welcome boxes and extra bingo cards to any Mole Person that wanders to the surface.

## NEW SPECIALTY COURSES ADDED TO SNHU

Megan Palmer  
Editor Abroad

Creating classes that students will be interested in taking can present a challenge to any university. The question always arises about how to make General Education more appealing or how to increase enrollment in classes. There is the constant struggle for all universities to engage their students and make the college experience as meaningful as possible.

As a result, there has been a rising number of specialty courses offered at Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU). In the past, these classes have included everything from "Breaking Bad" to Fantasy Workshop.

This pattern is going to be one that is continued as SNHU reaches out to its students' wide array of interests and concentrations. Discussion commenced in the fall semester of 2015 regarding what could be added to the course lists.

Suggestions for classes included everything from "Comic Books" to "History of SNHU" to "How to Do My Taxes (Please Somebody Help Me With This)." After much consider-

ation and deliberation, the decision has been made to add a course.

With the course number FRY101, the course be titled "Can I Fry That?" as an introductory course into the world of frying. It is important to note that this is not just a class for culinary majors, but is an open door for anyone interested in the topic. The class will be conducted in primarily discussion format with students encouraged to ask the hard hitting questions.

Apples, bananas, soccer balls, nothing is off limits to the question, "Can I Fry That?" Students will be shocked to find out the answers. Ask at your own risk.

There is also discussion about adding an experiential component to this course, including field trips to see the world of frying and in class demonstrations and tests. Students will be given the opportunity to prove their hypotheses about frying by testing it out themselves!

This course is not for the faint of heart, and SNHU welcomes it as a new and exciting course to be added to the Academic Catalogues. SNHU students are going to find out if they can really fry that.

## FREEZE YOUR ICE OFF WITH STUDY ABROAD

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Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has an impressive Study Abroad program that has allowed students to travel the world while studying at partner schools in Europe, South America and Oceania. Up until now, students have been able to attend school in Belgium, Chile, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand and Spain.

The Study Abroad Office services and supports its students all over the world, creating a SNHU community that stretches across the globe. Wanting to continue their success in creating opportunities for SNHU students, Study Abroad opened discussions with other international schools on Apr. 1, 2015.

Recent negotiations have seamlessly brought another sister school into the mix: Antarctica! South Pole University And College For The Frozen

Arts (SPUACFTA) is an up and coming school that is looking to bring new students into their mix. This partnership will give students the unique experience of life in the frozen tundra. Classes offered include those such as Marine Biology, Natural Ecosystems, Igloo 101, Survival Skills and the option to take an elective in Penguin Sliding. This new program seeks to offer students a study abroad opportunity unlike anything else currently on the map.

Other unique features of South Pole University And College For The Frozen Arts make it a great fit for SNHU students looking to get away for a while. University parking is available for all students (who will be outfitted with a Snowmobile upon arrival, so no need to worry about the piling snow, or lack of parking spaces, or crazy plowing schedules anymore).

For students considering expanding their undergrad horizons, Antarctica is nothing if not the obvious choice.

The weather is great (with the recorded high being a whopping 9.9°F), and the landscape is practically blinding in its beauty. Coming from NH, it can only be assumed that students are accustomed and enamored with constant cold and snow, and for sure, at South Pole University And College For The Frozen Arts they will be sure to see a lot of it.

Upon asking President Penn Guinn about the new partnership, he was quick to comment, through only slightly chattering teeth, "We are so happy to have SNHU students joining our community. Suh-suh-suh-South Pole University And College For The Frozen Arts can't wait to welcome all study abroaders with the warmest of welcomes possible." It seems that to Mr. Guinn, warm was a relative term.

So to all SNHU students looking to study abroad in the coming semesters, check out South Pole University And College For The Frozen Arts!



Petey is waiting.

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## SNHU ONLINE PARTNERS WITH TRUMP UNIVERSITY

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Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) announced on Apr. 1 that it will be partnering with Trump University to improve the reputation of SNHU's online business program and to expand course offerings. Starting with the summer term, SNHU online students will be able to take classes at Trump University with no additional fee.

As a part of the contract, Donald Trump has agreed to be a guest speaker for every class. Trump is excited to work with SNHU students. "College students love me, and I love college students. They're going to love me if they don't already love me, but I know they all love me," Trump said.

Trump has recorded a welcome video specifically for SNHU students that can be found on the SNHU website.



An artist's rendering of Trump's Tower at SNHU.

In his welcome video, Trump explains that he's going to "make their education great again."

SNHU's online business students will now be able to take courses at Trump University including Winning 101, International Business: How

to Beat China, Advertising: A Study on Hitler's Speeches, and Corporate Financing: How to Fail Yet Still Win.

SNHU place a statue in front of Tuckerman Hall to commemorate the union. Sources say that the replacement will look similar to

the Washington Monument (Washington, D.C.).

The statue will tower over students without serving any real purpose. In honor of the partnership, SNHU will name the statue "Trump's Tower."

After visiting the campus, Trump suggested that SNHU build a wall around campus to keep the moose out and make the moose pay for it. SNHU rejected his idea, saying that the students get along well with the moose, and they have never caused a problem.

SNHU denied providing any support to Trump's presidential campaign and declined to comment but said, "He's a good businessman."

Some students have expressed concern over the partnership. One student said, "What's his specific plan for this partnership?"

Do not worry, peers, Trump has "huge" plans for this partnership.

## MATT LEBLANC OF FRIENDS IS PAUL LEBLANC'S SON

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The current President of Southern New Hampshire University, Paul LeBlanc, is well known around campus for his excellent backhand racquetball swing and his great rapport with students, but there's always been one question that he's been avoiding. Is he related to the "Friends" actor Matt LeBlanc?

They have the same last name, the same look, and the same charm. It was only a matter of time before we were able to connect the dots, and the Penmen Press have finally been able to do what no other news organization in New Hampshire has ever attempted to do before. Prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Paul LeBlanc is the father Matt LeBlanc.

After examining the birth certificates of both men proved inconclusive, Paul's record of birth has almost certainly been destroyed in the case that a certain on-campus news organiza-



The resemblance is uncanny.

tion might want to dispute his claim of only just entering his 40's recently, we're not buying it Paul, our investigators decided that the evidence must be waiting right in front of our noses.

After intense research into the pasts of both men the truth finally appeared. LeBlanc's first job in education, at the well

respected Havenhurst College which also happened to be the setting of LeBlanc's early breakout role in "Class of '96". Word has it that LeBlanc's connections within the New England college allowed LeBlanc to score an audition.

When LeBlanc was confronted with this information heading to racquetball practice

he confirmed what we had all summarized. "Matt is my son, it's true. But I haven't kept a distance between us because I don't love him. I just didn't want to overshadow what Matt has been able to do in his acting career. I think that he's done just fine for himself, I don't want him to have to be compared to me. It isn't fair for him."