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- Burtrand Russell



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*Happy Valentine's
Day from everyone at
The Observer*



(Photo provided by Daniel Smith)

Metis Clan Recognized

Daniel Smith
News Editor

On Saturday, January 26, the Metis Clan of the Cherokee nation gathered in Walker Auditorium to announce its recognition by the State of New Hampshire. The gathering consisted of members of the Metis Nation of North America (MNNA) as well as participants from SNHU.

The day started off with drum circle and singing, which was followed by an opening saying by Chief Robert Ross (Chief of the MNNA) and a prayer by Dan Stauffacher. The majority of the day was spent going over the bylaws of the Metis nation and voting on them.

The proceedings were interrupted by an outburst by members of another Metis Clan when Robert Ross made a statement about the MNNA being the only recognized Metis Nation in New England. The Members who made the outburst were asked to leave and were escorted out.

After the opening proceedings Chief Robert Ross and Dan Stauffacher presented the Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Donald J. Brezinski, with a picture. The picture depicts a landscape and spirits floating above it. This was presented to

Brezinski, in place of President Paul LeBlanc, in appreciation of the use of SNHU facilities and its support of the Metis Nation.

Dan Stauffacher also presented on the project he has been working on for several years now, which consists of a large section of land for Native American use including a Native American burial ground. It is one of the only places in New England designated for Native American use. If you would like more information on this project please contact Dan Stauffacher, adjunct faculty member.

Actor Heath Ledger Dies at 28

Ashley Manley
Staff Writer

January 22, 2008.

Heath Ledger was found unconscious on the floor next to his bed in his Manhattan apartment that Tuesday afternoon by his masseuse and housekeeper. They attempted to wake up Ledger who was unresponsive; 911 was soon dialed.

On February 6, the Associ-

One may remember him from "10 Things I Hate About You" or "Brokeback Mountain." He has received numerous awards, as well as a very enviable Oscar nomination. Tragically, movies will no longer demonstrate his talents due to the abrupt end of his life and successful career on Tuesday,

~ See **Heath Ledger**, Pg. 10

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Letter from the Editor

Katlyn Morin

Editor in Chief

It's cold, rainy, snowy times like these that make me dream of warmer places. Do you realize Spring Break is in a month? Are you going anywhere? This is the first time in two years I won't be headed to Florida. Bummer. All I can think about is how pathetically pale I am and how bad I want to catch a couple ball games over Spring Training. Such is life! Academics, people! Of course, books over baseball! We're just beginning our second semester, after all. How are classes? Overcrowded? I sat on the floor in one of my classes, first week back. No joke. I guess that's a good thing for SNHU. Already a month into the semester – what have you done? Can you sense that I'd love to hear from you? Club Day wasn't so popular this semester as it was in the fall, but kudos to those who put it together. I adored the ants on the tables. As I walk around Club Day every semester, I can't help but be reminded of how many clubs and organizations are recognized by the Student Government Association. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe there are over 50 different clubs and organizations operating in the student body. We're all required to sponsor or co-sponsor different events throughout the school year. That's a whole lot of stories, people! The Observer works very hard to cover events on campus, but if we don't know about them we can't report on them! So I leave you with this – if you're a member of a club, an executive board member, or have just recently attended a really cool event, let us know! Have a representative from your organization write to us with requests to cover your events. Perhaps you have someone you know willing to contribute to the Observer; we'd love to hear from you! Oh, one more thing. I realize there's a lot of snow out there. It's even taking over parking spaces, which makes it even harder to find a place to park before class. I think I speak for a lot of people here, but, PLEASE – if you're asked to move your vehicle to the commuter lot and/or Robert Frost for snow removal and you're a resident, please move it back! You'll save me frustration and you'll save yourself a ticket. =)

Public Safety
Logs

Complied by:
Steven Wardynski

Friday 1/4/08 -9:50 AM

A SNHU professor called PS and reported leaving his office around 9:00 AM and when he returned his laptop was missing. He later reported his graduate assistant's laptop was also missing.

Monday 1/7/08 – 9:30 AM

A SNHU professor called PS to report the theft of her laptop computer. She claimed to have left it in her locked office before Christmas break and it was gone when she returned.

Tuesday 1/8/08 – 12:40 AM

PS was called to Spaulding 20 for a noise complaint.

A PSO went to the front door and asked them to quiet down. The PSO then went around to the back door where a female student was sitting in the stairwell with two cans of beer. After trying to hide the beers the student's ID was taken.

Sunday 1/22/08 – 6:00 PM

PS received a call from a Washington Hall RA stating that a resident reported a white male between the ages of 18-22 wearing a black hooded sweatshirt exposing himself outside of her window. PS responded to the incident but was unable to find the man.

Tuesday 1/22/08 - 10:30 AM

A female student came into the PS office to report an incident that occurred in lot 10. She said a “college aged man

Letter to the Editor - Finally!

Dear Observer Editor,

The Inter-Greek Council would like to address some issues that we found in the article “Greeks Battle over Greek Games,” that appeared in the November 2007 issue. This article made multiple generalizations about attitudes and feelings of the Greek Community, mostly regarding Greek Games. The Greek Community is made up of three fraternities and three sororities, each of them did not come from a cookie cutter. They are diverse with different structure and beliefs, and this holds true for the people in those organizations. The Inter-Greek Council feels that the generalizations made in the article are the feelings of the few and not the many. This article also uses the opinion and direct quotes of the writer's significant other as a credible source, we feel that if other people had been asked their opinion then there would have been a much broader view. This article was also placed in the Clubs and Organizations section of the paper which made it seem like it was not opinion based. In this issue a sorority picture was incorrectly placed directly below this article making it seem like this opinion either came from this organization or was an overarching feeling for the Greek Community. Due to the way the article was written and where it was placed, it took away from the great things that the Greek Community does for the University and the community. The Greek Community and the Inter-Greek Council feel that anyone can and should freely express their opinion and we will continue to read and support the Observer.

-Elizabeth Goff, President, Inter Greek Council

Response:

Being a student-run paper, the Observer welcomes contributing writers whenever it can. The Observer is written, put together, edited and read by students. We welcome anyone who has interest in writing for the Observer whether or not they are journalistically skilled.

The article you have addressed was written by a contributing writer, and I, not knowing the author, was unaware of the relation between said writer and their source. If this fact you're stating is true, you are correct – this story may appear bias. The reason it appeared in the Clubs and Organizations section is because it dealt directly with IGC, one of SNHU's largest organizations. The article may be taken as opinion, but honestly – a majority of the articles featured in the Clubs and Organizations section are just that. To say that none of these articles are bias would be false.

As for the picture improperly placed, I will agree this is misleading. The November 2007 issue of the Observer was a big transition issue as we were in the process of training for layout. We will try and avoid this in the future.

I apologize that you feel the addressed article has taken away from the Greek Community, but I agree with you; “anyone can and should freely express their opinion.” It just happens that the opinion you feel tarnished IGC came from one of your own representatives.

Thank you for your continued support.

-Katlyn Morin, Editor in Chief

in a small, dark, box shaped car” stopped and asked her if she could help him. The man said he was looking for someone and showed her a pornographic magazine. The student said that she could not help him and walked away while calling her friend. The man then drove away behind Washington Hall.

Thursday 1/24/08 – 6:30 PM

A man pulled up to the gatehouse with expired parking stickers and told the PSO on duty he was going to use the computer lab. After the PSO informed him the lab wasn't open to the public, the man demanded that the PSO was wrong. He was told to leave or else the police would be called.

~ See PS Logs, Pg. 3

PS Logs — Cont. From Pg 2

Friday 1/25/08 – 11:45 PM

A PSO observed a female student fall in the quad near Greeley. The PSO approached her and found that the student was extremely intoxicated. She needed assistance walking and was escorted to her room in Washington Hall where a bottle of vodka was removed from her bag. An ambulance was requested and she was taken to Elliot Hospital for alcohol poisoning.

Friday 1/25/08 – 1:05 AM

A PSO was patrolling the Eastside Apartment area and noticed a student walking suspiciously around the Windsor area. The PSO asked to see his ID and asked the student to open his bag which contained seven Budweiser beers. It was confirmed he lived in Windsor and although he was of age, the student was ordered to get rid of the beers.

Saturday 1/26/08 – 10:50 PM

A PSO watched two females get into a car and leave lot 10. The PSO then saw several flashes of light and approached the car to find one student holding a glass pipe with a small amount of burnt marijuana. Both were extremely polite and cooperative.

Sunday 1/27/08 – 1:05 AM

PS was called to assist RAs in Greeley. They were told there was a smell of marijuana coming from an apartment. PS entered and the room was full of smoke and there was a strong smell of marijuana. Four students in the apartment admitted to smoking a joint and gave PS the remaining marijuana.

Opinion: What Are Stocks?

Adam Mead
Staff Writer

The word 'stock' conjures up images of Wall Street for some. Maybe when you hear the word you think of pieces of paper that are frantically traded around everyday worldwide. You might think of some stocks you hold via mutual funds or that you will hold in the

Microsoft Second Fiscal Quarter Profit up 81 Percent

Holly Bundy
Copy Editor

Microsoft Corporation reported recently that profits during for the second fiscal quarter were up 81 percent with a net profit of \$4.8 billion.

Increasing sales of Microsoft's Vista operating system, Microsoft's Office 2007, and Xbox software titles were strong due to high demand during the second quarter, which helped bring in a sizable profit in spite of the slowing economy, which caused returns on many other software companies to be disappointing for the quarter.

Chief Financial Officer Chris Liddell told analysts during a recent conference call that Microsoft did not experience any significant impact from the slowing U.S. economy. Liddell also said to Reuters, "You have to look really hard to find any weakness in our results."

Microsoft Office 2007 experienced a 20 percent gain in revenue and Xbox added 3 percent, boosted by the sales of the popular shooting video game "Halo 3" in addition to the strong sales of Windows to make the quarter's profit. Microsoft stated to Reuters that strong computer sales during the second fiscal quarter helped increase sales.

Microsoft announced that it has sold over 100 million licenses for Vista since its release and over 4.3 million Xbox units.

Liddell stated to Reuters that Windows Vista sales were helped in part by improvements in fighting software piracy. Kevin Johnson, President of the Platforms and Services Division at Microsoft, said, "We are pleased with the progress of Windows Vista in the market. We've hit our stride with partners and customers and are looking forward to the release of our first service pack later this quarter."

Microsoft is experiencing that the demand for the software from corporate customers is showing no signs of slowing as unearned revenues have increased \$2 billion compared to the prior year. Although outlooks for Microsoft are strong, Liddell expressed that he was "a little cautious" about future fiscal quarter sales in North America.

Industry	Company	Symbol	Price	Percent Change: Last Six Months	
Retail	Best Buy	BBY	\$48.46	11.1	
	J Crew	JCG	\$44.04	1.9	
	Lowe's	LOW	\$24.78	-6.9	
	Target	TGT	\$54.05	-5.7	
	Wal Mart	WMT	\$50.07	12.4	
Financials	Capital One	COF	\$52.65	-15.4	Crude Oil: \$90.02 per barrel
	E Trade Financial	ETFC	\$4.75	-68.8	Gold: 909.40 oz.
	Lehman Brothers	LEH	\$63.82	18.3	Natural Gas: \$7.870 per 1,000 cubic feet
	MasterCard	MA	\$216.00	64.1	
	Morgan Stanley	MS	\$48.03	-20.4	
Internet	Amazon	AMZN	\$73.95	-2.8	National Average for a Gallon of Unleaded Gas: Year Ago \$2.98 \$2.18
	Ebay Inc.	EBAY	\$28.81	-13.5	
	Google	GOOG	\$495.43	2.6	
	Rediff	REDF	\$9.55	-37.5	
	Yahoo Inc.	YHOO	\$29.33	23.8	
Oil and Gas	Conoco Phillips	COP	\$79.76	3.6	Dow Jones Industrials: 12,635.16 Year Ago 12,661.74
	Diamond Offshore Drilling	DO	\$117.46	20.8	
	ExxonMobil	XOM	\$85.44	4.7	NASDAQ Composite: 2,382.85 Year Ago 2,470.60
	Halliburton	HAL	\$34.71	-1.6	
	Sunoco Inc.	SUN	\$63.40	0.7	
Healthcare	Aetna Inc.	AET	\$53.23	7.9	S&P 500: 1,380.82 Year Ago 1,446.99
	Boston Scientific	BSX	\$12.85	-5.5	
	Eli Lilly	LLY	\$52.08	-4.6	
	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	\$63.47	4.6	
	Pfizer	PFE	\$23.63	0.3	

Data from 2/4/08. Source: www.MSNMoney.com

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Commodity Prices Continue to Soar

Frank Rubino
Managing Editor

Prices of commodities such as gold, silver, wheat, soybeans and corn have been on the rise for months now, with some up over 30 percent from three months ago.

According to Stocktrak.com, a portfolio simulation website, the price of silver as of February 2 was \$16.87 an ounce, up 28.95 percent from three months ago. As of February 2, the price of gold stood at \$913.5 an ounce, a gain of 33.3 percent over the last three months.

Gold's original all time high was \$850 an ounce set on January 21 1980. The high was just recently broken on January 3, 2008 when it hit \$865.35. However, adjusted for inflation, gold would

have to move above \$1,200 an ounce to be worth more than it was in 1980.

While the metals market has been performing well, agricultural commodities such as soybeans, corn, and wheat have also been soaring in price. According to Stocktrak.com, the price of soybeans as of February 2 was 1287.25 cents per bushel, up over 45 percent in the last three months. The price of wheat was 943 cents per bushel, up 40.2 percent from three months ago, and the price of corn stood at 500.5 cents per bushel, and increase of 43.83 percent from three months ago.

Many analysts are predicting that the run up will continue well into 2008. In a February 4 Reuters article by writer James Macharia titled Investors to Push Gold Above \$1,000 an Ounce in 2008, the subprime mortgage crisis, US recession fears, and the weak US dollar, are all cited as reasons for the run up in gold and why gold will continue to rise in price. Many investors consider gold to be a safe haven in times of uncertainty.

The use of corn in the alternative fuel ethanol is part of the reason behind the surge in corn prices. The US has been continuing to explore alternative fuel possibilities in an effort to curb use of fossil fuels such as oil and gas. Higher prices in commodities such as soybeans, wheat, and corn also have an effect on consumers at the supermarket. Wheat is used to make bread and certain types of cereals. Corn is used not only as a vegetable, but also as feed for chickens. The numerous ingredients containing corn syrup are also affected by corn prices.

~ See Stocks, Pg. 8

Subprime Mortgage Crisis Affecting College Students

Holly Bundy
Copy Editor

The subprime mortgage crisis is having effects on college students as shown by Sallie Mae's recent reported loss of \$1.6 billion for the fourth quarter due to subprime credit borrowers defaulting on college loans. The lender stated to the Chicago Tribune that it would no longer make loans to students that are subprime borrowers.

Chief Executive Albert L. Lord told investors and the Washington Post that the lender had ignored its own precepts by issuing loans to students who had poor prospects of paying them back.

The Washington Post stated that the same loose lending practices that are causing the subprime crisis in the mortgage industry have also become common in the student loan industry.

For many students that do not receive enough federal aid, private loans from Sallie Mae cover the tuition expense gap left. The College Board stated to The Chicago Tribune that private loans made up 24 per-

cent, an increase of 6 percent from a decade ago, of total education loans in 2006-2007 that is increasing as tuition cost rises and federal aid fails to keep up with tuition increases.

Student loan experts stated to The Chicago Tribune that many for-profit colleges would be hurt by the loss of private loans to subprime borrowers, since they rely on those loans more than non-profit colleges and universities. The Chicago Tribune stated that for-profit schools like Career Education are exploring alternatives to help their students finance the increasing costs of education.

Robert Shireman, executive director of the Project on Student Debt, an initiative to raise awareness about excessive student debt, said, "I think on a balance it's a good thing," and that, "It will drive colleges and students to look for better ways to finance college education that don't involve so much expense and risks for the students."

Sallie Mae in reaction to the losses started around of employee layoffs. Sallie Mae is also working on a plan to cut 20 percent of expenses from operations.

US Senate Debates Economic Stimulus Packages

Dr. Gregory Randolph
Contributing Writer

As economic concerns continue to mount for the U.S. economy, the White House and the House of Representatives have worked jointly to construct a \$146 billion economic stimulus package that the Senate is currently weighing against a \$159 billion economic stimulus package of their own.

Under the House's bill, about two thirds of the package would be distributed in the form of rebate checks while the remainder would be used as incentives for businesses to purchase new plants and equipment.

Taxpayers would receive up to \$600 for single individuals and \$1,200 for married couples. The rebates would start at \$300 for individuals who earned more than \$30,000 in 2007 and would gradually phase out for individuals that earned over \$75,000, or married couples that earned above \$150,000 in 2007. Additionally, individuals would receive \$300 per child.

~ See Senate Debates, Pg. 5



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Sallie Mae Study Shows Too Many Families Are Not Applying for Financial Aid

RESTON, Va.--(BUSINESS WIRE) More than 60 percent of parents of incoming college freshmen began discussions about the best way to pay for college after the student entered high school, and 32 percent said the thing they would do differently would be to begin saving for college earlier. These are some of the key findings of the 2007 Survey of Parents of College-Bound Freshmen released today by Sallie Mae, the nation's leading saving- and paying-for-college company.

The study, conducted by Aspen Media and Market Research and previously known as the AMS College-Bound Freshman Survey, found that more than half (56 percent) of parents believe that college is not affordable, a trend that persisted across low-, middle- and high-income categories. Despite this finding, 82 percent of all respondents believed that a college education is worth the cost.

These findings come as students who plan to attend college next fall begin to apply for financial aid. As of Jan. 1, families may submit their Free Applications for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2008-09 academic year. The FAFSA is

required to qualify for federal financial assistance for college, as well as some state and institutional aid. The survey revealed that while 80 percent of parents have submitted a FAFSA, 10 percent have not submitted one and do not intend to do so. That may be a costly decision, as much financial aid is available to only those who apply.

While the vast majority of parents surveyed (81 percent) discussed tuition payment with their students at least twice during the summer before it was due, 11 percent never discussed the tuition bill.

"There are many tools available to help you pay for college, and it is important to develop a game plan that is right for your family's financial situation," said Martha Holler, spokesperson, Sallie Mae. "Finances can be a sticky subject for parents and children, but the earlier the dialogue starts, the better off you'll be when it comes time to pay the tuition bill."

The study demonstrated that paying for college is a family affair, with expectations of shared responsibility. Almost three-quarters (73 percent) of survey respondents think paying for college is the responsibility of

both the parent and the student. In addition, location of school was identified by 34 percent of respondents as the top priority when their student was applying for college (the most frequently selected choice) while "cost of school" was the top concern of 15 percent of respondents (the fourth most popular choice).

Among other findings, the 2007 Survey of Parents of College-Bound Freshmen revealed that the college payment option most frequently used by respondents was cash/savings (54 percent), followed by federal loans such as Stafford or PLUS (40 percent). Twenty percent of all respondents reported using private loans.

Cash-strapped lower income students are more likely to work during school than their higher-income peers. Eighty-seven percent of parents in the lowest income group reported their students would work compared to 59 percent of those in the highest income group.

Key Findings of the 2007 Survey of Parents of College-Bound Freshmen are available online at http://www.salliemae.com/content/html_emails/pdf/2007ParentStudyKeyFindings.pdf

Senate Debates _____ Cont. From Pg 4

Under the Senate's bill, their \$159 billion economic stimulus package would include additional unemployment insurance, tax breaks for renewable energy, and heating aid, among other proposals. The Senate bill would also extend the tax rebates to cover many senior citizens and disabled veterans that would not receive rebates under the House bill.

The purpose of an economic stimulus plan is to bolster consumer spending and confidence. The ultimate goal is to create a cycle of increased demand that leads to increased production and job creation. In order to be successful, the plan must be implemented in a timely fashion. If congress takes too long to act, the rebates may not arrive until the economy has already entered into a recession, or alternatively after the economic slowdown has ended. Additionally, the individuals that receive the rebates must spend the money in order to possibly jump-start the economy. If people save the rebates or use the money to pay off debt, the plan will not have the desired effect.

Studies of the 2001 tax rebates found mixed results. Research by Shapiro and Slemrod from a 2003 American Economic Review, found that individuals planned to spend just under 22% of their refunds, while a study by Johnson, Parker, and Souleles from the National Bureau of Economics Research, concluded that households spent roughly two-thirds of the rebates within six months.

While economists' opinions on the possible effectiveness of such a plan vary greatly, it appears certain that a variation of the economic stimulus plan is on the way as the government could begin sending checks as early as May.

Opinion: Management vs. Leadership

Frank Rubino
Managing Editor

Leadership and management are concepts that people from outside the business world, and sometimes even people within the business world, often take as being synonyms that don't have separate distinctions.

In truth, managers and leaders are very different people. Management guru Peter Drucker, author of *The Practice of Management*, once stated "management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things." However, managers and leaders do have one thing in common: they are extremely valuable to organizations.

Managers are experts in organizing, planning, controlling and directing an organization's resources, most importantly time. A person cannot be a good manager if they waste time. Everything a good manager does with their time is done for a reason. But perhaps what most separates a manager from an individual contributor is their uncanny ability to take initiative. Managers don't ask "What needs to get done?" managers say "Here's what needs to get done."

Managers are needed in organizations because without them, the organization has no structure of organization and it is extremely difficult for anything to get accomplished efficiently. Without management, quality of production, processes and output also suffers because it is not being measured and controlled.

Leaders are experts in motivating and inspiring, setting goals and achieving them. Leaders always have people that are willing to follow their vision

and ideas. While managers have subordinates, leaders have followers. Leaders are needed in organizations because in order to survive, organizations need to continually evolve and make positive changes. Leaders often want to take an organization to greater places and new levels of success. Perhaps

what most separates a leader from an individual contributor is their unbridled commitment and excitement for the organization.

Leadership is about elevating the organization to new heights. Management is about preventing the organization from going downhill. Which one is better? All organizations need both managers and leaders. But the great managers also lead, and the great leaders can also manage when necessary.

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Can We Just Discuss... One of the BIGGEST upsets in sports history?

Libby Parent
Advertising Editor

Who ever would have thought that the Giants would be responsible for destroying the Patriots perfect season? Not even a Giants fan could have predicted such a fantastic end to the 2007-2008 NFL season.

With so many records on the line, it is not surprising that Tom Brady crumbled under the pressure. There is no doubt in my mind that the sheer disappointment Patriots fans are experiencing is due to his lack of play, and the fact that Eli Manning was responsible for putting Patriots fanatics back in their seats.

The game itself was boring

to say the least, 7-3 Patriots heading into the fourth quarter. Thankfully, the G-men were able to pull it together and Eli sent a beautiful Hail Mary touchdown pass to Burress with 35 seconds left. I think I may have seen the tears in Brady's eyes, and most definitely in his worshippers.

See the problem with perfection, is that there is none. And I know every single fan took the Giants lightly, and who wouldn't? With a rough start to the season, it wasn't looking good for Big Blue. But see, the Giants had nothing to lose, and the Patriots had everything to lose. And yes, they lost it.

~ See **BIGGEST Upset**, Pg. 16



Fireworks light up the New Year in Taiwan
(Photo provided by Madeline Wu)

How "Goodness" Vacation

Madeline Wu
Staff Writer

Coming home for an International student is very important and brings happiness. Every International student from a different country at SNHU might enjoy living in the U.S. generally, but people still miss their country and everything such as friends, food, parents and environment. On December 10, I went back to Taiwan for the one-month vacation; I felt so excited and couldn't sleep before I went back, because my mind always brought back much memory in my country.

Since I came to SNHU, I didn't go back to my country for one year, I really miss everything in Taiwan. Unfortunately, I spent almost 23 hours on a flight to my country, the flight made me have a headache, and also my body ached. The air was so dry and not circulating, also someone was sick, at the same time; I couldn't sleep in the airplane. Interestingly, I observed many people's

~ See **"Goodness"**, Pg. 14

Welcome 2008

Titan Yu
Staff Writer

I really believed I was much more mature than before, especially as I am one year older in this new year. However, this illusion was absolutely destroyed as I arrived at Manchester Airport. In that moment, I just felt really sad like an eight-year-old student who doesn't finish his homework and tomorrow is his first class. Fortunately, I didn't have any assignments for vacation but the sad thing is tomorrow is not my first class but second one. It means I have a good chance to practice my proud talent, making perfect excuses -

no matter what excuse I'm going to make. When I looked at the airplane leaving the airport, I realized my wonderful winter vacation is also flying away.

"Welcome back," I said to myself when I got home and two hours later, I also said to my dear car after saving, I mean digging, it out of a snow bank. Though many things happened, I still remember a proverb from my mom, after a storm comes a calm and I do believe some thing good will happen. However, until I strained my waist when I was washing toes, I understand those events happened before are just the calm before the storm.

How wonderful is 2008. I still keep this belief in my mind and I promise I will find a suitable parking lot, not grave, for my car.



A welcoming 'Frost' upon student return.
(Photo provided by Titan Yu)

How to be Successful at a Job or Internship Fair

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What is the easiest way for you to meet multiple employers, learn about lots of interesting jobs, secure an internship, or possibly even be hired for a

position in less than two hours? That is easy! Attend a job fair! It is true! Employers enjoy coming onto campus to speak with students and exchanging information about their company while attempting to fill their internships, part-time positions, or

entry-level positions with students of all majors and backgrounds. In addition, job fairs are not just for job seekers looking for immediate work either. Many students will go to fairs just to meet employers and make a connection with them, so in the future when they are actively looking for a position; they have a name to follow-up on. Additionally, many students may just want to learn about companies directly from the people that work there, practice-meeting people, and work on their interviewing skills. There are as many reasons to attend a job fair, as there are students! But for most students, you will be going because you want an internship or a job in the coming months. Therefore, here is a list of tips and ideas to make

sure you leave a good impression with the employers and get the most out of your time.

1. Make sure you go! Don't make the excuse that you didn't know or you were too busy. You know you will need the work experience for your career in the future,

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ing as to the outcome of short-term fluctuations, which are often difficult or impossible to predict. The other side of course is holding on to shares of a company because of the long-term economic prospects of the company behind those shares.

As an investor in common stocks, and thereby in companies, you should look at buying stocks as a businessperson would when buying a whole company – rationally and with a long-term time horizon. The only difference between you and the businessperson is the businessperson is looking to acquire 100 percent of the company whereas you are looking for a smaller percentage of ownership.

Benjamin Graham wrote in the Intelligent Investor back in 1949 that, “Investing is most intelligent when it is most businesslike.” These words still hold true today. Ask yourself why would a businessperson buy and sell his company on a year-to-year or even month to month basis. When you ask yourself this question the idea of buying and selling stocks frequently doesn’t make much sense either. On top of that, buying and selling costs money in commissions and dealer spreads.

So when it comes to investing in the stock market remember that owning stocks means owning companies and trading frequently only makes one person rich – your broker.

What’s Up, Phi Delta Beta?

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Phi Delta Beta has been, and continues to be, an active member of the SNHU community. During the fall semester, we sponsored Winter Wonderland, a daylong event of crafts, snacks, and door prizes for children and their families of the Manchester, Hooksett, and Concord areas. The Sisters also volunteered for various events, including The Homeless Sleep-Out and The Friends of Forgotten Children, earning a total of over 450 hours.

Recently, Phi Delta Beta held our winter-themed rush, club day, and Pasta Dinner for all interested girls. Currently, Phi Delta Beta is working on several upcoming events. On Thursday February, 21, they will hold a live acoustic show in the Pub featuring Chris and John, two local musicians. This event is open to all students, faculty and friends. Starting March 3, Beta will hold a sports raffle in the student center featuring sports memorabilia and tickets to the Lowell Devils and Manchester Monarchs.

If you are interested in joining the sorority or just want to find out more about Phi Delta Beta, visit our website at www.phidelta-beta.org or email us at pdb@snhu.edu.

Opinion:

Go Greek. Be Friends. Be Family.

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Being Greek is personal; it is about making friends, helping others and improving not only the school and your organization but also yourself. Greeks offer something no other organization possibly could, a family and network of friends who will be with you not just for those four years of college but will be there

for a lifetime. No matter the letters or the colors of your fraternity or sorority, there is a bond; this bond is present at Southern New Hampshire University. When two people of different sororities or fraternities walk down the hall they give each other a smile, and there is an instant connection that you can’t find otherwise.

People join Greek life for many different reasons, some people may be looking for close friends, others want to participate in philanthropy, or to become better leaders and a whole host of other reasons, but it doesn’t matter why you join its about who you are and what you bring to the table that makes the Greek community so diverse. Greeks are residents and commuters, they are international students and graduate students, Greeks are honor students and resident assistants, there is no one definition to who is Greek.

This Year’s Major Concert Announcement Soon to Come

C.A.P.E. Representative

Contributing Writer

At about this time every year, the campus starts to buzz with speculation about the major concert or comedian. This spring tradition at Southern New Hampshire University always promises an exciting event with a big name artist put on by the Coordinators of Activities and Programming Events (C.A.P.E.). In the past, names such as Tracy Morgan, Dane Cook, Lifehouse, and the Gym Class Heroes have provided the entertainment for

this huge event. Different styles and tastes in music create the consistent difference in opinion about the quality and choice of these artists. “It is virtually impossible to satisfy everyone’s taste with only one performer. Everyone has different opinions about music and comedy, so we survey the student population and really take these results and turn them into the deciding factors about our event,” says Christine Spindler, C.A.P.E.’s current Vice President responsible for this year’s major concert/comedian.

So who will be this year’s performer? C.A.P.E. says that the performer will be announced in the upcoming weeks. Will it be rap, rock, pop, country, or maybe a comedian? Whatever it is, C.A.P.E. is the student’s voice for entertainment, and guarantees that this year’s performer was chosen based on student feedback. “Keep your eyes and ears open for an exciting announcement soon,” says Christine. With the University’s 75th anniversary this year, the student body can look forward to a great major concert/comedian for 2008.



Phi Delta Beta

(Photo provided by Rebecca Foss)

At Southern New Hampshire we are people that do not fit into one mold, and for this reason we offer sororities and fraternities that defy the mold as well. There are three sororities and three fraternities, each as unique as the next in their mission, goals and beliefs. From the outside we may look similar but it is those inside qualities of the organization that makes us special.

Greeks hold events for the

school community such as comedians and casino nights, but they also help out the community in so many ways, many of these go unnoticed but Greeks do not help others for recognition but because it is a greater good to help others and consequently it makes them better for it. These philanthropy events include

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Shining Maroon & Gold

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Springing into action with the new semester, the sisters of Phi Omega Psi sorority are ready for the new year. Already participating in Club Day with their "Sleepover" themed table, the sisters are making themselves known to the students.

Actively participating and developing campus events and fundraisers, Phi Omega Psi is trying to open other students' eyes to the Greek community. With upcoming fundraisers involving Valentine's Day treats, Yankee Candle, as well as the highly popular selling of lollipops, the sisters are overzealously trying to earn money for

their organization. They then will provide the SNHU students with enjoyable social events and educational programs.

The sorority is also proudly participating in numerous community service activities, including Relay for Life, the Avon Walk for Hunger, and visiting the elders at Mount Carmel nursing home. Once again, the sorority is hosting the Jean Drive this year, and the sisters are hoping for the same positive response they received last spring.

Phi Omega Psi is ready for the new semester and being able to show the SNHU community what sisterhood truly means. Standing strong by each other, the Phi Psi sisters are happy to be back at school with their family.



Sisters Lauren Mallory and Samantha Stevens of Phi Omega Psi
(Photo provided by Katie Perry)

SGA Replaces HOR with Organization Management Website

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On January 31, the Student Government Association (SGA) House of Representatives voted unanimously to eliminate the House of Representatives (HOR) and replace it with an organization management and communication site called Org-

Sync. OrgSync, www.orgsync.com, described by SGA advisor Scott Tierno as a cross between Blackboard and Facebook, offers a wide variety of features for students involved in campus organizations.

Students can list the clubs that they're involved in for other students to view, send text messages, emails, and hold discussion boards with club members. Club officers can post meeting agendas, club documents such as constitutions, event announcements on a calendar, and hold online surveys with other students. There is also a treasury area where clubs can keep track of their SGA budget allocations and spending, as well as off-campus checking accounts.

OrgSync will also be used as a way for SGA and Campus Pro-

gramming and Leadership (CPL) to communicate with clubs. The main goal of implementing the website is to increase efficiency, productivity, and communication between the clubs and organizations, SGA, and CPL. Club presidents no longer have to attend time-consuming HOR meetings, and SGA and CPL now have a better way of sending information and announcements to clubs.

SGA and CPL eventually want to use OrgSync as a way of automating SGA budget disbursements where a disbursement form can be filled out online, forwarded to the club advisor for approval and CPL for approval, and then forwarded to SGA for processing. A similar system is currently in place with Conference Services, where a room reservation can be requested online, and then forwarded to Conference Services for processing and approval.

The implementation of OrgSync as a replacement for HOR was first introduced at the January 22 SGA Senate meeting where SGA president Tyler Drummond made the motion to pursue replacing HOR with OrgSync contingent on HOR's approval. The motion passed with all in favor. The cost of using OrgSync is \$2,500 for a one year contract. The cost of HOR meetings for one year is roughly \$1,500.

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stocking shelves at a local food pantry, collecting articles of clothing such as jeans for goodwill, hosting a toys-for-tots drive, participating in relay for life and so many more hundreds of events members participate in each year. Each semester Greeks spend an entire week bonding with each other through shared competition. Greek Games is a week-long period of both mental and physical games, while Greeks are those that participate, the entire SNHU community is encouraged to come and cheer on your favorite Greek organization or support your friends or roommates.

If you are interested in joining a sorority or fraternity or would like to receive more information please contact igc@snhu.edu, or by phone at ext. 9767. Our office is also located in the Student Organizations Suite in the Student Center.



Student Government Association Senate
(Photo provided by Charles Crawford)

Cloverfield has its Share of Disaster

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In the months leading up to Cloverfield, I experienced many different feelings about the film and just how much I could have truly enjoyed it. At first, no one knew anything about it. Speculation had become the key to the public's desire to see the movie. By keeping the overall subject matter apart from 'something is dismantling New York and clearly tore off the Statue of Liberty's head' a secret, J.J. Abrams assured that everyone would be curious enough about the movie that they would decide to put down ten dollars just to see what was causing a big mess in Manhattan. Sure enough, I was suckered into seeing a film that people speculated could have been anything from 'Godzilla' to 'Voltron'.

Allow me to say that as my friends and I sat in the theatre awaiting the film, all we could do was to brace ourselves for what could quite possibly be the most dizzying and chaotic experience of our lives. To say that Cloverfield is a difficult movie to sit through is putting it mildly. It's likely I could have actually been experiencing a giant monster attacking and kept a better focus than I did watch-

ing the movie. We run down a staircase. The scene goes black. The camera turns back on and swerves quickly. Then we're running, with the image bouncing up and down. I was amazed that I was able to sit through all of it without vomiting.

Overall, I'm not going to lie. We're given a good story from the beginning. Michael Stahl-David plays Rob, the main character who decides to save his girlfriend Beth, played by Odette Yustman, who is trapped in the heart of Manhattan as the creature attacks. Beyond that, however, things get to be a bit more of a chore. Between dealing with a monster whose origins we are given no direct indication of (in the film, at least), and witnessing fatality after fatality that makes some, but not all, of the storylines seem almost pointless, Cloverfield had too much working against it for me. However, it could have just been the nausea taking its toll.

Cloverfield gives us an interesting, yet difficult to sit through, look at the victim's point of view in this unexplained monster movie. At the very least, this could start up a trend of American directors doing more giant monster movies.

Rating: 2.5/5



Cloverfield rates low on movie list
(Photo provided by Google)

Like talking to new people? Ever wanted to work for the Admission Office but just didn't have the time? Are you a student who would love to share your experience at SNHU with prospective students? Hopefully, you answered yes to all of these questions, then come volunteer for the undergraduate Admission Volunteer

Program giving tours. We promise a rewarding volunteer experience in a fun and fast paced environment. If you're interested come see us in Belknap Hall or contact Joe Rivera at J.Rivera2@snhu.edu or x2311 with possible days and times you'd like to volunteer.

Heath Ledger _____ Cont. From Pg 1

ated Press reported Ledger's death an accident. The New York City medical examiner confirmed Ledger died of an accidental overdose of prescription drugs that included painkillers, sleeping pills and anti-anxiety medication. A combination of these prescription drugs ultimately cut Ledger's life short at a mere 28 years of age. Heath was born Heathcliff Andrew Ledger in Perth, Australia on April 4, 1979. He began acting at the age of 10. He continued his acting career in Australia until making his U.S. acting appearance in the film "10 Things I Hate About You."

His career took off and allowed him to leave his mark on the film industry in which he did by participating in films where he portrayed a variety of characters. The last film he starred in is "The Dark Knight" portraying the Joker, Batman's rival. The movie is due to be out in July. On February 8th, doctors announced the cause of his death was due to a drug overdose involving several prescription drugs including sleeping pills and pain medications.



Heath Ledger
(Photo provided by Google)

Success or Privacy, Which is Worth More?

When is it Okay to Photograph a Celebrity?

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When a celebrity becomes successful, is their right to privacy lost? It seems as though it is in today's age. When a celebrity becomes a part of the "Hollywood spotlight" they lose their ability to peacefully go out to get a simple cup of coffee, take their children to the park, or go to the grocery store without being photographed, followed and

speculated. Celebrities not only give us entertainment from their movies, music, or television shows, but from their everyday lifestyles as well. The act of paparazzi has become somewhat of a sport for the photographers resulting in entertainment for the ordinary people who become infused with interest in celebrity gossip and news. A celebrity can rightfully be photographed at a movie premier, awards dinner or other professional event. However, when that celebrity is home, running errands, or attempting to enjoy time with loved ones, such as their children they should not be followed, photographed, and then analyzed with speculation.

The paparazzi have spiraled out of control causing feelings of unsafe situations, car accidents, and even speculated death. Actress Nicole Kidman testified in November of 2007 stating, "I was frightened and I was worried there was going to be an accident." (www.people.com) Kidman was involved in a paparazzi car chase in January of 2005 on her way to a dinner date at her parents' home in Sydney. A similar incident occurred with actress Lindsay Lohan in November of 2006 when Lohan's car was rear-ended by a paparazzo in Los Angeles. Incidents such as these

Juno: A Movie Review

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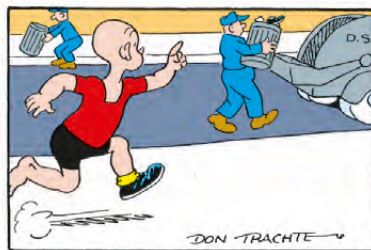
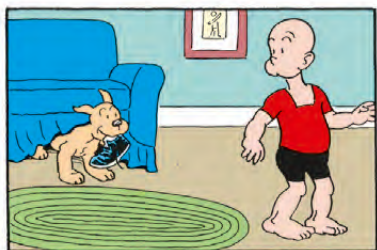
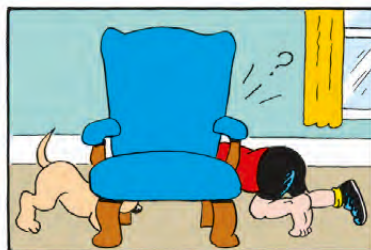
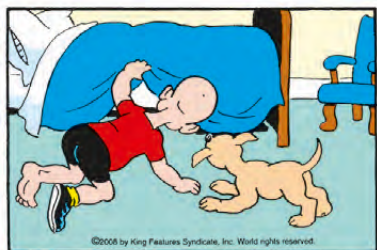
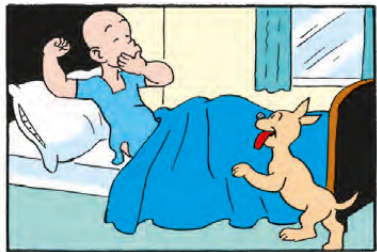
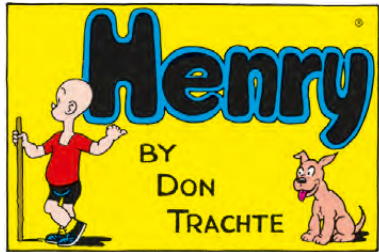
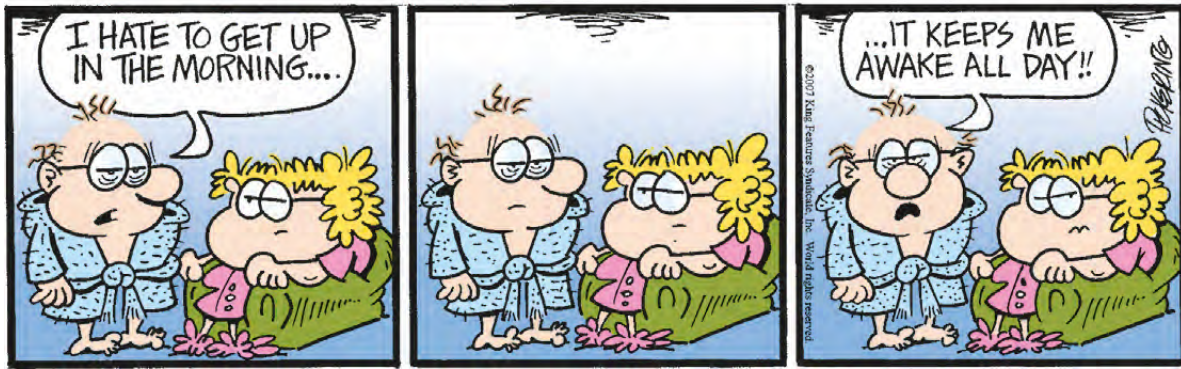
Every so often a movie comes along that blows me away. Not because of its acting or set design, but because of its originality and selection of actors. Juno has done just that. I was excited to see this funny movie everyone had been talking about for a week. What I saw was not the hilariously funny movie I was expecting, but an incredibly complex story about a pregnant teen that struggles to figure

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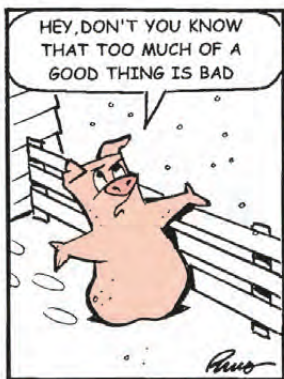
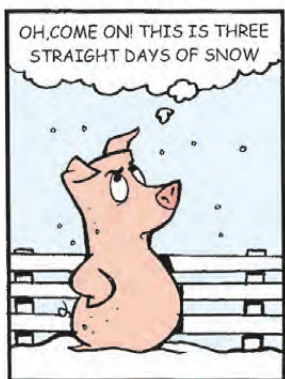
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by Gary Kopervas



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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Arts & Entertainment

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are reasons that the paparazzi need to have limitations. Both situations endangered the celebrity at hand along with surrounding citizens and the paparazzo themselves.

When the paparazzi get out of control they not only endanger the celebrity they are hounding, but themselves as well. Two incidents have occurred with paparazzi injuries involving Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears. In May of 2007, Lindsay Lohan was accused of injuring a paparazzo with her car and in November of 2007 Britney Spears was accused of running over the foot of a photographer with her car. However, one must question if it was solely the fault of the celebrity, which based on the history of the paparazzi being intensely pushy, it was most likely instigated by the paparazzi leading to an unsafe situation.

Hounding and suffocation by paparazzi must be overwhelming, but is it the cause for some of the actions taken by celebrities? Some may argue that the paparazzi are somewhat responsible for celebrity occurrences. For example, actor Owen Wilson experienced a suicide attempt in August of 2007. Well-known Anna Nicole Smith died of an accidental overdose in March of 2007. Is the pressure of stardom and the infuriation of overwhelming paparazzi a possible cause for these incidents? Possibly, but not proven, which is why the paparazzi need to distinguish their boundaries between providing celebrity fans with photos from events and crossing that line through invasion of privacy.

Ordinary people experience DUI arrests, serve jail time, get divorced, battle the custody of their children, and deal with teenage pregnancy, but when that person is a celebrity, circumstances change. That is wrong!

Drinking and driving is a huge mistake with no question. There are no excuses for driving drunk, especially when you are a celebrity. Ordinary people should call a friend or a cab, but a celebrity...they can call a cab, call a friend, or have a limo pick them up, have their driver arrive in a Hummer, and so on. The options are available they just have to be used. However, when the mistake is made the punishment should be the same whether one is a celebrity or an average person.

Teenage pregnancy is something that occurs everyday. If precautions are not taken, unexpected situations happen, errors occur, it happens. Jamie Lynn Spears announced her pregnancy at age sixteen in December of 2007 and the criticism immediately began. Yes, she made a mistake, but so do many other teenage couples. The only reason that she was on the news and a headline on www.people.com along with other celebrity sites is because she is a star. If she was an average teenage girl it would just be dealt with and all would move on. She is taking initiative and responsibility for her situation... she should be condemned for that, not scrutinized because she is a celebrity.

We have all heard of the famous Britney Spears/Kevin Federline custody battle, but why is it so speculated? It would probably be surprising to know the number of families experiencing a custody battle on an average day, yet gossip-savvy Americans are so focused on this particular case.

The truth is that celebrities are average people who have become successful in their careers. They have signed contracts to act on big screens or sing in fan-filled venues, but they have not signed anything to lose their privacy and life. So the next time you are scanning the magazines at the checkout remember that those people too are ordinary people who go out to dinner, run errands, and sometimes make mistakes just like the rest of us.

SNHU's VITA Program

Date: 01/28/08-
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Free Tax Help!

VITA Program Hours and Locations

The VITA Program is housed at SNHU in Manchester.
Please be advised, the program will not run March 24-28, 2008

Webster Hall	Room 107
Tuesday	3:30 PM– 6:00 PM
Thursday	3:30 PM– 6:00 PM
Friday	11:00 AM– 1:30 PM
Hospitality Building	Room 314
Monday	5:15 PM– 7:15 PM
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The VITA program offered at SNHU has offered free tax services since 2002 to the elderly, disabled, and low-income tax payers. The VITA program was established by the IRS in 1969 to assist those for whom professional services may be out of reach.

For more information about the VITA Program please visit:
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out what she should do with her baby.

Juno finds a nice couple that wants a baby and seems to be very nice people. As the story progresses, the husband leaves the wife and leaves Juno feeling like she has nowhere to go. This is exacerbated by the fact that Juno's guy friend who she was in love with asked another girl to the prom. Juno feels that true love does not exist, but when her dad reminds her that its not about staying together forever, but loving someone for who they are, Juno decided to give the baby to just the wife.

In the end Juno makes a good decision by giving the baby to the wife and Juno's guy friend finally comes around and becomes her boyfriend. My expectations of this movie were completely wrong with the exception that Juno herself was very funny and quick witted. The movie showed me that there is still some originality left in this world and I truly loved it. I would highly recommend this movie to everyone and I would not wait until it comes out on HBO or DVD.

Grade: A



Juno hits big!
(Photo provided by Google)

The Kite Runner: Not gonna lie...

Nicole Doane
Freshman Essay Winner

To many, the definition of lying is one's intention of deceit toward another even when he or she (the deceiver) is aware of the truth. In Khaled Hosseini's best-selling novel, *The Kite Runner*, the reader is subjected to this issue. This compelling novel is centered around the act of lying, and how that very act severely affected the lives and friendship of two young Afghan boys, separated by class and religion. Told from the point of recollection, *The Kite Runner* is an inspirational and provocative story of how lying and thievery are intertwined, resulting in what could be described as one of the cruelest for a person to learn a lesson. Throughout the novel, Amir recalls his father saying that, "lying is the greatest sin one can commit," and that "when you lie you steal a man's right to the truth." This statement is explored and tested throughout the entirety of this novel; however, interestingly enough, Hosseini also touches upon a universal debate; what exactly does it mean when a person lies? Are there always repercussions for that act? One must ask one-

self, is it ever okay to lie? Are certain lies acceptable given the circumstances? Are there different levels of lying?

Within this novel there are various situations that occur which adequately illustrate the act of lying and how it robs the person or persons of their own ordained right to know the truth. For example, the reader is told that the two main characters, Amir and Hassan, share a friendship, a special bond that is like no other; however, it is not until later in the novel that Hosseini elaborates on the exact level of depth that the bond holds. The reader finds out later that Baba had an affair years ago with Hassan's mother Sanaubar, and is indeed Hassan's biological father. Instead of confessing to such an immoral act, he decided to keep it a secret; thus through lying by omission, he stole three other people's right to know the truth (Amir, Hassan, and Ali). This is just one of many acts of selfishness that shows the reader that this is not simply a reminiscent story about childhood friendship, but more so how their friendship was laced with lies, and deceit.

Another situation that brings significance to this quote is when Amir decides, out of fear and disappointment in himself, to not tell anyone about Hassan getting raped. By Amir's selfish refusal to tell anyone of the horror that Hassan had been subject to, the reader not only sees that Amir stole his friend's right to help, but also that Amir himself was not as loyal of a friend to Hassan, as Hassan was to him.

"Did something happen to him, Amir agha? Something he's not telling me?" (Ali).

"You would tell me, nay? Inshallah, you would tell me if something had happened?" (Ali).

"Like I said, how should I know what's wrong with him? I snapped. 'Maybe he's sick. People get sick all the time, Ali...' (Amir) (pg 81). We learn through reading this novel not only of the lies, and friendship but of just how much stress, fear, and change that class-roles and their expectations place within people.

Lying is a universal issue. Everyone, in every part of the world has been lied to, or has lied at least once within their lifetime. Unfortunately for most, lying is an everyday occurrence. From the time one becomes adamantly aware of their surroundings and how to manipulate them to meet their needs, the web of deceit begins. Chil-

Nicole Doane was one of fifty freshman students who contributed to this year's Freshman Essay Contest.

"As a hopeful English teacher, it is motivating to win such an award as this," said Doane.

Doane's essay won first place and a \$1000.00 scholarship toward her sophomore year. She is also named "Montaigne Scholar" and will hold a voting seat on the Common Book Committee during her sophomore year at SNHU.

English Department Chair Dr. Andrew Martino supports the essay contest as it is "really a major step forward in promoting the intellectual atmosphere on campus."

The contest was open to all incoming freshman day school students this past fall and contained four essay questions to choose from. The essay was not mandatory and revolved around the 07/08 common book, *The Kite Runner*.

dren, even those who cannot fully articulate a sentence tell small lies, "Joey did you spill your milk?" Young Joey, afraid of his mother's reaction, shakes his head no in her direction. Though this is a relatively small and painfully insignificant example of lying, it proves that each person, no matter how mature they are, has an innate reaction to lie in order to protect their well being. As we get older, the lies become more and more complex; and thus, potentially hurtful. In my own personal experiences with this subject, I have come to find that I am a very convincing liar. Even though in many moral ways, being a talented liar is not something to be proud of, sadly, in this world, it is at times a necessity.

People lie for various reasons, but for one simple outcome: to benefit themselves in some way, whether it is for protection, happiness, or simple enjoyment of it. With understanding that being dishonest in any manner always hurts someone (or yourself), it could be argued that there are "different levels of deceit"; that is to say some lies may not be as detrimental as others. In no way is this a consolation.

~ See **Freshman Essay**, Pg. 15

However it Happens, it Happens

Dillon St. Jean
Staff Writer

"Fight something you hate with as much strength as you can," he said to me. "Bring everything you can to the table, because whether you need it or not, it can be good to show off your strengths from time to time. It tends to look good with the ladies, you see." All I did was nod in agreement, because he refused to let me get a word in. "Don't just fight for little things you believe in, stand up for the big, important stuff, too. Don't

back down. Don't show weakness, unless it can work to your advantage." I couldn't really listen to Mr. Watson's 'helpful' advice; I was too distracted by Faye and just how beautiful I thought she looked that afternoon. The pen she held grazed across her lips slowly as she rested her back to the counter. Of course, I would never try to talk to her. I couldn't. "Leo, are you even listening to me?"

"Of course I was sir," I replied hastily.

"Then what did I just say?" I stared up at the tall, mustached Mr. Watson, and I managed to speak up through the uncertainty.

"Look before you... beat a dead horse?" He pressed his thumb and index finger together and looked down with his eyes closed tightly.

"Leo... I'm just worried about you. You're twitchy, nervous, and don't think I haven't seen you staring at Faye." This instantly caused me to twitch a bit and send my arm flying into a stack of files I had just put into the correct order. Mr. Watson looked down at me and sighed deeply. "Kid, I just wish you would try harder to stand up for yourself. All too often, I see guys like you get pushed

around by others into doing their work for them. I know for a fact that Anderson did that to you last Friday."

"How did you know?"

"Because you spelled 'document' correctly." I bent down to begin picking up the files as Mr. Watson leaned against my desk. "If you don't make a move at some point, you'll never make any progress." I slowly stood up and hit my head against Faye, headbutting her in the nose. The blow wasn't too hard, but it was enough to cause her to stumble back. Quickly, I caught her before she could trip. "I am so sorry," I said urgently. With her hand over her face, she replied in a muffled tone. "It's alright, I'm fine," she said calmly. She looked towards me and for the first time I was face to face with Faye. Before my panicky demeanor could set in, she spoke again. "I'm sorry, you're Zack, right? The guy who reworked our website? I am so glad you did that; I couldn't find anything on there before you got to it. My name is Faye." She reached out her hand and I nervously shook it. Mr. Watson walked off as she and I spoke, muttering something about 'dumb luck' as he left. At the very least I was able to keep the conversation going by having confidence in myself, even if I did headbutt her in the face.

CAPE Events: February 2008

The Coordinators of Activities & Programming Events (CAPE) is a student run organization committed to enriching the campus life at Southern New Hampshire University. By working with other clubs, organizations, and departments, CAPE provides social, recreational, educational, and cultural programming on and off campus.

Wednesday, February 6:

BINGO @ 7 p.m. in the Pub

Come test your luck! Up to \$100 in cash prizes

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**Life's a Beach
Winter Week 2008**

Tuesday, February 12

Beach Photos

Ewabo Steel Drum Band

Student Center @ 11am-3pm

Bring some friends and relax to the tunes of the islands.

Wednesday, February 13:

Island BINGO @ 7 p.m. in the Pub

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Thursday, February 14:

**Valentine's Day – Relaxation Day
11:30am - 3:30pm**

There will be massages and an Oxygen Bar in the Pub.

Friday, February 15:

**Mentalist Duo: The Evasons @
7p.m. in Walker**

Come witness the amazing talents of this phenomenal couple!

Sunday, February 17:

Coffeehouse performer: Sean Fournier @ 7pm in the Pub



Monday, February 18:

CAPE Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Last Chapter Pub

Missed last week's meeting?

It's never too late to join CAPE!

Thursday, February 28:

Comedian:

Ronnie Jordan @ 8:30 p.m. in the Pub

Show Starts @ 9 p.m.

Bring your friends & laugh the night away from the humor of New England's own Bob Marley.



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sleep posture. There are many sleep postures in the airplane such as someone sleeping without closing their eye, someone sleep without closing their mouth and someone asleep on someone's shoulders. Additionally, I really want time to go fast; I don't want to stay in the airplane anymore. I told myself: I want to go home without 23 hours flying on an airplane.

I am engaged in my vacation in Taiwan, I went party with my friends, ate a lot of traditional food, and drank some special cold drinks. In Happy New Year that day, I went outside with my friends to welcome 2008 coming. There are a lot of people assembled in big square to wait for the New Year. In Taipei, Taiwan, the 101 building (101 floors with department stores and offices) have very pompous firework from one floor to 101 floors and the firework were aflame for 188 seconds. Nevertheless, the firework were not only beautiful and shiny, but also fearful, because I am so afraid the building will come down or blow up. Lucky thing is everything is fine and everybody is safe. I think that is a fortunate start. I would like to travel everywhere that I have never been before. What do you want to do in this "amazing" New Year? Don't just stay at home, watch TV, if you are, the happy things will go away.

Want to write for the paper? Ofcourse you do... why not start now?

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So, do you know what the C.A.P.E. event of the year is going to be? Do you have a friend on the inside? Or maybe they haven't decided on one yet. Whoever it is, will you be ready? Will you be ready to get in line 2 hours before to get a good seat? Will you like the performance so much that you'll want to tell everyone about it and maybe write an article about it? Okay, I won't go too far, but it's possible, I guess. Whatever happens, know that we as the Observer are always open to contributing writers. Look around, there are a few of them in this issue. And to professors out there, know that your voice is welcome as well. If you like to write, let us know; the more the merrier.

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tion. That being said, my own experiences on either end of the spectrum have taught me how to decide when lying is necessary and when it is not, how to tell if someone is lying or being truthful, and sadly, the consequences of lying and being lied to.

For example, at the start of this past summer, two of my good friends started dating. One of them was looking for a steady relationship, and the other was not. Though I knew this, I decided that it was not my situation to advise, so I stayed out of it. As the summer continued and it was obvious that one was developing serious feelings, while the other was still on the fence, I began to wonder if I made the right decision by not telling my friend, who was becoming more emotionally attached by the day, how the other truly felt. Though I was not technically lying, I was knowingly withholding information that I knew my friend did not know; more plainly, I was lying by omission. Still, I said nothing. Then came the bombshell, the disinterested friend began to have relations with another person. I was now put into a position for which I was no longer comfortable; however, again I came to the conclusion that it was not my business, and therefore was not my place to get involved. Again, I stayed silent. For months this proceeded, and I was getting more and more afraid that my other friend would find out about what was going on and question me about it. Of course, like all good predictions, this exact thing happened. When faced with this dilemma, I did not know what to do. Should I give them the information? Will they get mad at me for not telling them before now? With all of these questions running through my head, I braced myself for the interrogation.

When it came time for my answers, my friend already knew what I was going to say. I could never explain how it felt to sit there and watch one of my closest friends fall apart. Though I was not directly involved with this situation and could not be blamed for my other friend's actions, I did withhold information that could have prevented the longevity of the situation. My friend understood my situation, stating that, "You are friends with both of us, and I understand that you did not want to betray either of us." Even with that I still felt that on some level I had chosen; however, I did not choose either of my friends, I chose myself. Selfishly, I did not want to lose either of them as a friend, and knowing that if I betrayed one of them for the others benefit, I would surely lose; I decided to stay neutral. In the end, however, someone was hurt, and I did play a part in that process. I learned from my experience that we will always, as individuals, try to protect ourselves first before anyone else; it is human nature.

When asked if some lies are worse than others, at first I think to myself that the obvious answer is, "yes" of course, some lies are worse than others. Such as telling one's parents a little "white lie". Lying about having their homework completed when they do not seems less harmful when compared to lying about cheating on one's boyfriend or girlfriend. Though, when given more thought, I start to wonder, "Is it all the same?" "Are not both situations being deceitful in some way?" Take the first example, when the child lies about having their homework done, does not that lie help to establish an undeserved a level of trust between parent and child? Thus, if that is true, then is it not the same as when a person lies to their boyfriend or girlfriend of cheating on them? Are not both situations on the same level with one another?

I understand that many may see a distinct difference in these two examples of lying; however, I question those people if it "is less of a big deal" that one did not complete their homework, then why tell the lie in the first place? The answer to this question is simple. We as people lie because, in retrospect, everything in the end forms into a much larger situation then from whence it came. It could be said that by telling a bunch of "white lies" and "fibs" one is creating a huge "serious" lie. In my opinion, all lies serve the same purpose; to save oneself from some sort of uncomfortable situation, or potential pain. I do not believe in the idea that there are differing levels of lying, but I do believe that, depending on the lie, there are differing levels of reaction and consequence. Using the same example, a person who lies to their parents about doing their homework and then finds themselves caught in that lie would simply get grounded or spoken to. If a person is found to be cheating on their significant other, however, the consequences are much more severe. In many ways, I believe that people mistakenly measure and categorize the "level" of the lie based on the supposed repercussions and lose sight of the fact that, no matter the situation or the topic, they are still lying. Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner* is on a superficial level a semi-autobiographical tale about the trials and tribulations of a childhood friendship; however, on a deeper level, this novel is a book based around the concept of lying and the repercussions caused by those lies. It serves as somewhat of a confession and as a lesson to those who do lie; in the end all the small lies one tells that are seemingly irrelevant to their life do affect them in the end. On the more superficial level, this novel is not relatable for most who read it but, when taken to the more intricate level, the experiences within this novel are universal.

Get Your Sticks Out, Field Hockey is Back at SNHU

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You may have seen them around. They have been raising money for their club, sharpening their skills at practices, and hosting events in the Pub. The SNHU Field Hockey Club is now reestablished and recognized here on campus.

Starting in September of this past year practices began. Since chilly weather moved in quickly, practices have been cut down to once a week in order to prepare for weekly indoor games.

Currently, they play every Sunday in a competitive indoor field hockey league at New Hampshire Sportsplex located

in Bedford, New Hampshire. They play 6 on 6 games against surrounding varsity teams. They played against Laconia in the last game and won 10-4.

SNHU field hockey has been busy both on and off the field. In the progress are plans to organize a game held at SNHU on the turf against another college club team. They also have been on the search for a goalie as well as anyone else who is interested in playing. If you're thinking about playing or would like to know more information contact Sarah Avedisian at Sarah.Avedisian@snhu.edu.



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Overcoming Giant Odds

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Sports Writer

In the history of sports' surprises and miracles seasons, the 2007 New York Giants season has to rank pretty high. Before the start of the season, 8-8 would have been a reasonable (perhaps even optimistic) projection for the then turbulent Giants, but they now find themselves in defeating the "perfect" New England Patriots in their first Super Bowl in seven years.

From the end of last season, the Giants faced continuous adversities and the odds seemed to stack up against them. Losing their best player in all, pro running back Tiki Barber left the Giants with a major void. Barber then criticized the team, specifically Head Coach Tom Coughlin, saying he was the reason he retired, and criticizing quarterback Eli Manning. Coughlin almost lost his job after a disappointing 2006 season, and this added to his negative image as a coach. Barber said it was "comical" when Manning tried to lead and that he would not make a Super Bowl any time soon.

To add to the stress, team leader and defensive force Michael Strahan failed to report to training camp and warned he was mulling retirement. Strahan did finally join the team after missing the entire pre-season, only to catch a 0-2 start to the season.

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The holes were filled, with 6-4, 265-pound running back Brandon Jacobs, and the season was placed in Manning's hands. Amazingly, the Giants then went on to win six straight games, turning the season optimistic. The offense found a rhythm in Manning, Jacobs, and Plaxico Burress, despite a lot of the same mistakes from Eli Manning (interceptions) while the defense gelled into an elite core (#1 in sacks) thanks to a pass rush that became the best in the league due in part to a turnaround season from Osi Umenyiora (13 sacks).

However, injuries crippled the Giants every week, including a season-long torn ligament in Burress's right ankle, constant injuries to the running backs (which led to the emergence of Ahmad Bradshaw). Although not pretty at times, the team continued to win despite every obstacle they faced each week. A combination of a quarterback growing in confidence, strong veteran leadership, and a cast of rookies and new faces ready to step in and contribute when the starters went down (Bradshaw, Steve Smith, Aaron Ross) amounted to a 10-6 record and a playoff berth.

Little did the Giants know, after all the obstacles they conquered just to make the playoffs, the magic was just beginning. The team had come a long way from their 0-2 start when they battled the Patriots in week 17 in perhaps the greatest spectacle of the year, where Eli Manning had one of the best games of his career and the team followed suit, giving the undefeated Patriots their toughest challenge yet. Although the team fell just short (3 points), the matchup seemed to inject the Giants with destiny, as they have played championship football and defied the odds ever since. After throwing 20 interceptions during the season, Manning did not throw one throughout the first three games of the playoffs leading up to the Super Bowl.

The defense too has emerged as a stone cold force, holding strong and giving Eli the chances he needed to pull four straight upsets. The Giants showed many weaknesses at times this season, but they seemed to be clicking at the right time. Still, many people had them done in the first round against the Buccaneers but the Giants showed up and advanced, only to look forward to the first and second best teams in the NFC. The Cowboys were favorites along with the Packers to go to the big dance, but in both games the Giants managed tremendous upsets. If it wasn't amazing enough that they beat #1 ranked Dallas in the final seconds after falling twice this season to them, that they defeated the Packers in the third coldest game in history, and against a Brett Favre that seemed to have fate in his corner.

The three wins made it 10 straight road wins for the Giants, the longest road win streak in NFL history, and it also showed that the Giants care very little about the odds stacked up against them. Nobody was more criticized than Eli Manning, the brother that would never be good enough, and Tom Coughlin, the coach that was bound to be fired, and each of them are in their glory now after the New York Giants win in Super Bowl XLII.

BIGGEST Upset _____ Cont. From Pg 7

The Giants played an unbelievable post-season, not to mention setting a record of their own with their eleventh consecutive win on the road. The wild-card wins, against unbeatable odds, and as a Giants fan I will soak it up and rub it in for much longer than any Patriots fan would want.

And the best part of this whole season, has been every announcer's, writer's, and sports expert's obsession with the Patriots and kissing Tom Brady's butt. Regardless of the game, announcers found some way to bring up Brady. And now, they won't be talking about Brady, but Manning, Eli Manning. I love it.

Now I'm not trying to say the Patriots aren't good, that they didn't have a good season, or that they did not deserve the spotlight in regular season. I'm just saying they aren't Super Bowl Champions. But hey, 18-1 isn't too bad.

Back-to-Back Mannings

Nick Tasso

Sports Editor

The New York Giants became Super Bowl XLII champions after defeating the previously undefeated New England Patriots on Sunday February 4, 2008.

Eli Manning led the Giants offense to an opening drive that lasted almost ten minutes. Although the drive didn't end up with a touchdown, the Giants still put three points up on the board.

From offensive play number one for the New England Patriots, Tom Brady was under pressure, throwing an incomplete pass low to Lawrence Maroney. Timing for Brady was not there at all, which was mainly disrupted by the pass rush of Osi Umenyiora and Michael Strahan. Despite the lack of timing, the New England Patriots took a 7-3 lead on a short run by Maroney in the second quarter, which was set up by a pass interference call in the end zone.

The game stayed pretty much the same until the fourth quarter except for a 4th and 13 that wasn't converted by the Patriots and a halftime show that displayed a bearded Tom Petty.

When scoring continued, Eli Manning connected with David Tyree for a touchdown and a three-point lead, 10-7. Still down by three, the Giants punted the ball to Wes Welker with about 8 minutes left. With some nice throws, the Patriots were at 1st and Goal. Tom Brady and the rest of the offense marched down the field scoring a touchdown. After failing the first two times to get a touch

~ See Manning, Pg. 18

Eli Manning
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Philadelphia, the Home of Major League Soccer's 16th Team?

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The full attention of the MLS is on Philadelphia, after last week's announcement, stating that an 18,500 seat multi-purpose stadium was in the process of being built. The new state of the art stadium will be located on the waterfront in Chester, Pennsylvania, right outside of Philadelphia. The city is competing with St. Louis to be the 16th and potentially final MLS team.

The new stadium is just the tip of the iceberg, as the development will also include 186 townhouses, 25 apartments, 335,000 square feet of office space, a 200,000 square foot convention center, and more than 20,000 square feet of retail space. This is only phase one of this massive development plan, in the second phase another 200 apartments, 100,000 square feet of office space and another 22,000 square feet of retail space will be built. Although all of this development appears to be excessive, it is actually a very common theme being seen throughout all of



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professional sports. Patriot Way, a development being built outside of Gillette Stadium (The home of the New England Patriots and New England Revolution) is another example of where the future of stadiums are heading.

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Santana Finally Lands in the Big Apple

Nick Tasso
Sports Editor

In a saga that seemed like it was longer than the Star Wars double trilogy, Johan Santana was officially traded to the New York Mets on Friday February 1, 2008 from the Minnesota Twins. Regarded around the league as one of... if not... the best pitcher in baseball, there were several teams vying for him to lead their rotation for the next six years, but it was the Mets, the team that was willing to give the Twins the best package of prospects while making Santana the second highest paid player only to Alex Rodriguez.

Enter the New York Mets and general manager Omar Minaya. After the way the Mets slipped away so fast at the end of the season, he knew he had to retool some positions. What's better than adding a two time Cy Young award pitcher from the American League?

Adding an ace like Santana will definitely put you in considerations for a National League title. Especially adding

him to a rotation that already has former multiple Cy Young award pitcher Pedro Martinez although a much different pitcher than his Cy Young days. In addition, another year of experience with John Maine and Oliver Perez can't be bad. Depending on health, the Mets should have a solid 1-4 rotation with the likes of Orlando Hernandez and Mike Pelfrey fighting for the fifth spot.

So let's look at what needed to be extracted from New York to get a Santana. They gave up their 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th best prospect according to Baseball America. The first prospect now in the Twins organization is Carlos Gomez who is one of the best athletes New York had in their farm system and the only position player surrendered over. He had a little set back last year when he broke his hamate bone in his left hand during a check swing. He's projected to be a starting outfielder with a lot of speed waiting to be unleashed against Major League Baseball catchers.

The second best prospect in the Mets organization was Deolis Guerra who is only 19. Scouts project him to possibly be a major league starter in the future. He kept opponents to a .240 average with 66 strikeouts in St. Lucie Mets (Hi A) starting 20 games and coming in relief just once.

Kevin Mulvey was a 2006 second round draft pick who throws 87-91 fastball with sinking action. He also throws both the slider and curveball. However, there are still some needs that he will need to work on. The last player in the trade was Phillip Humber, a 25-year-old pitcher who was coming off Tommy John surgery in 2005. The big problem with Humber is that he fails to locate very well. Oh yea, and lets not forget the 157 million dollars the Mets had to dish out through 2014 (including option year).

Maybe the four good prospects that Minnesota received will be good enough players, but none of them is a guaranteed not miss prospect for one of the best pitcher in the game. It seems like the Twins could've gotten more (i.e. Jacoby Ellsbury, Jon Lester, Melky Cabrera, Phillip Hughes, Ian Kennedy) but no one really knows what goes on in discussions.

Job fair Success _____ **Cont. From Pg 7**

so make this a priority! There are two big career fairs this spring: The first is The New Hampshire College and University Council (NHCUC) Job Fair that is happening on February 21st from 10am-3pm at the Radisson Hotel here in Manchester. The other big one is the 1st Annual Career and Internship Fair being held here at SNHU on Tuesday March 11th from 11:00am – 3:00pm in the small gym. If you can, attend both!

2. Do your research. It's always easier to talk with people when you know a little bit about them. This is definitely one of those times! First of all, you should always research companies that you are interested in so that you can impress the employer with your knowledgeable questions and conversation. Secondly, it will help you determine if you actually want to work there! Where are they located? What types of positions are open right now? How many employees do they have? What are the company's goals and mission? All of this information can usually be found on the company's website, and for just a few minutes of research, you will come across as a smart, capable, and motivated candidate to the employer.

3. Dress appropriately. Of course, you could go to the job fair in sandals and your old cut-up SNHU hoodie, but why would you? You only have those first 30 seconds to make a good impression; after that, the employer may have already decided whether you would be a good fit within their company. Most people will be in conservative suits or outfits. Standing out from the crowd because you look more ready to hit the beach than take a job seriously is probably not the best way to present yourself at this event.

4. Items to Bring. You will not want to carry too much around with you at a job fair, but there are a few items you should have with you. Resumes (with enough extras just in case), pen and paper (you may need to jot down names and numbers), a portfolio (to carry it all in a professional manner), a 30 second pitch (a quick summary of your year, your major, and your goals), a good handshake, and a great smile.

5. Follow up! Most of the time, you will not have an interview or be hired for a position at the job fair. This is typically just the introduction phase. That's why it's up to you to get a business card from the employer and make sure YOU FOLLOW UP! Without the follow-up, you miss the opportunity to make your second positive impression on the employer as well as the opportunity to strengthen

Manning _____ **Cont. From Pg 16**

down pass to Randy Moss and Wes Welker, respectively, Brady went back to Moss and found him for a touchdown and another lead.

There was 2:42 left on the clock for New York to score. Manning started the drive with an 11-yard pass to Amani Toomer. After another pass to Toomer, later on the drive, the Giants faced a 4th and 1 scenario. They gave the ball to halfback Brandon Jacobs who proceeded to pound his way for another yard.

After getting five yards on first down, Manning went back to the air and tried to complete a 2nd and 5 play. He threw the ball down the field and was nearly picked off by Asante Samuel, which would have ended the game in favor of New England. The ball tipped off his hands and gave Eli Manning a second breathe.

On 3rd and 5, Manning was under pressure and was almost taken down by Richard Seymour but controlled himself enough to stay on his feet and launched a pass down the field to wide receiver Tyree on the Patriots 24-yard line. However, the Giants still needed a touchdown not just a field goal.

Another third down play arouse on the arms of young Manning and he threw a ten-yard pass to Steve Smith. On the following play, Manning dropped back and lobbed a pass to Plaxico Burress for a game winning touchdown with 35 seconds remaining on the clock. The score was now 17-14 in favor of the New York Giants.

With the perfect season in jeopardy, Tom Brady tried his best to get a deep pass down the field to either Moss or Welker in chance of putting some points on the board. On first down, he was unsuccessful. On second down, he was sacked. On third down, a long deep pass about 75-yards fell just short out of the hands of Moss. The final play for the Patriots ended up being another incomplete play ruining the Patriots perfection.

Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts won Super Bowl XLI last year and now his little brother Eli has also won a ring; something their Pro Bowl father never did in his 13-year career.

Upcoming Home Sports Action *(Compiled by: Stephanie Belida)*

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Women's Basketball vs. Pace University : 1:30 PM in the Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Pace University : 3:30 PM in the Fieldhouse (Remember to wear pink)

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

Women's Basketball vs. LeMoyne University : 5:30 PM in the Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. LeMoyne University : 7:30 PM in the Fieldhouse

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Hockey vs. Franklin Pierce University : 4:30 PM at the Ice Den Arena

that connection further. Send the employer a thank-you note. Mention something specific you talked about at that fair so they remember you. Let them know you are interested! In addition, for those of you not looking for a job in the next few months, keeping in touch with the employer will give you an edge when you finally do decide to begin your internship or start working.

Remember, these are just the basic tips. If you would like to learn more, please contact the Career Development Center to make an individual appointment or go onto SNHU Recruit to find the latest workshop that will help further prepare you as you begin walking down your own career path. Good luck and we will see you at the fair!

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Patriot Way will be built right outside of Gillette Stadium, and it will include a movie theatre, retail stores, hotels, a hospital, and several other restaurants and stores.

It is not final that Philadelphia will be the MLS's 16th team, but with the announcement of a new stadium and massive development project, it certainly has made the city front-runners. The MLS hopes to make a decision by the end of the month. To keep up to date on this and other MLS information go to www.mlsnet.com.

Think Pink!

Carolyn Rivett

Contributing Writer

The SNHU women's basketball team recently participated in the Women's Basketball Coach's Association's 'Think Pink Week' to raise awareness for breast cancer. On February 9, the host Penmen wore special edition pink SNHU women's basketball shirts; while fans were encouraged to wear pink to show their support. The Think Pink event was well received as many fans sported various shades of pink.

Aside from Think Pink, the Penmen faced a tough opponent, Pace University. The two teams fiercely battled throughout the game, but Pace prevailed 71-81 late into the second half. The Penmen led at halftime 33 to 31 thanks to tremendous post play by sophomore forward, Julia Houghtaling who finished with 25 points. Junior guard, Stephanie Houghton controlled the tempo of the game helping to convert several fast-break opportunities while scoring



SNHU's Women's Basketball Team
(Photo provided by Carolyn Rivett)

18 points. Sara Tucker was the final Penmen in double figures finishing with 10 points.

The game's atmosphere was electric as neither team led by a margin larger than 12 points throughout the game particularly in the second half. SNHU gave a valiant effort both offensively and defensively, but the Penmen simply had no answer to Pace's, Taylor Losey who hit 5 three-pointers finishing with 27 points. Stephanie Klingele added 13 points for the visiting team. Despite the loss, the Penmen kept the game close, but late game free throws sealed the win for Pace. The Penmen's next game is February 13 against top seeded Stonehill College. Tip off is scheduled for 5:30 P.M. at the Merkert Gymnasium.

Voices & Faces

Spotlight @ SNHU

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News Editor



..:Andrea Bard:..

Adjunct Professor Andrea Bard has been expanding minds for 22 years and has loved every minute of it. She is currently an adjunct professor of communications here at SNHU as well as the Interim Coordinator for the communications major. Before becoming a teacher, Andrea Bard was the Director of Admissions for a small college. She was asked by a colleague to team teach a course at the Harvard Extension School, which she still teaches to this day. That is where she developed her love for teaching. After she had her children she needed to find a job that was less time demanding, so she moved into a teaching position here at SNHU and has been here ever since.

On campus, Adjunct Professor Bard was involved with the sub-committee to keep public speaking in the core curriculum. She also participates in many of the school's open houses. Off campus she enjoys her life with her husband and kids. They often go skiing, swimming, hiking, and traveling together. When asked what she liked best about SNHU, she said that she likes the semi-entrepreneurial spirit of SNHU and she loves working with the students here. She advises many of the students on campus and she really loves being "part of the college process." The one thing she wishes she could change on campus is that she is not a full time faculty member. Andrea Bard loves teaching at SNHU and truly believes she has found her calling in life. If you would like to sign up for one of her classes, she teaches Public Speaking, Advanced Public Speaking, Intro. To Communications, and Corporate Communications. She hopes that everyone knows how much she loves working at SNHU and she feels that this is where she should be.

What is Love?

Briony Wilson, Graduate
Major: Global MBA

"[Love is] the expression of feeling you share with someone or something that goes beyond words. The passion and feeling of worth no one can explain"



Sara Litch, Freshman
Major: Justice Studies

"Giving someone the ability to hurt you but trusting they wont."



Jackie Conahey, Senior
Major: Elementary Education

"Something we all long for, but few truly find."



Christian Carman, Senior
Major: Business Administration
"Baby don't hurt me"

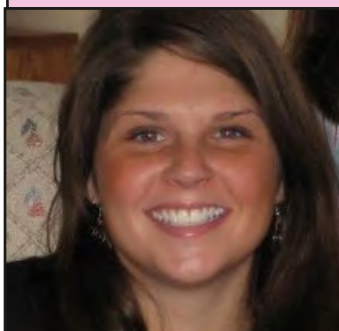


Jamie Collins, Sophomore
Major: Justice Studies
"An illusion"



Lianne Riley, Senior
Major: Political Science

"Love is unconditional. Once you love someone, you never stop loving them."



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