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"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."  
-Theodore Roosevelt

## SNHU Announces Major Concert

### FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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**Tim Callahan &  
Fred Whittle**  
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As announced during Club Day, 3OH!3 will be this year's major concert at SNHU, having tallied the majority of the votes in an online survey. The concert will be Sunday, March 20 at 8 p.m.

3OH!3 (pronounced three-oh-three) is a band made up of two members: Sean Foreman and Nathaniel Motte. They named the band after their home area code, 303, in Boulder, Colorado and came together in 2004.

Their popularity in the last few years has sky rocketed. 3OH!3 had the fifth most hits that reached the billboard charts in 2010. "Starstruck" and "Don't Trust Me" are two of their most

popular songs. They gained lots of recognition with a single "My First Kiss," which featured the fairly new and popular artist

Ke\$ha. They have also teamed up with Katy Perry and Lil' Jon. Mary Kayajanian, president of CAPE, seemed pretty

optimistic about the concert. "People seem pretty excited," Kayajanian said. "They're definitely a bigger name than we've had in the past couple years." Perhaps the apparent success of the pick was a result of student feedback. As Kayajanian explained, "We do try to have it based on what people want."

Thus far, the reaction around campus has been characterized by mixed reviews, but a good portion of people asked were excited. Briana Giannelli, a junior at SNHU, said, "I love 3OH!3! They're fun! I personally would have preferred Sam Adams, but I'm good with this band. The concert will be a good time." Junior Ryan McDermott was a little less enthusiastic,

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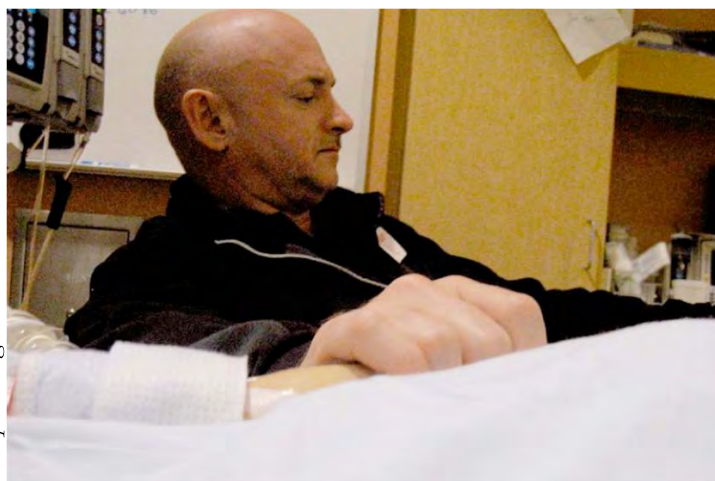
3OH!3 Streets of Gold Album Cover

## Representative Giffords' Chances Good Despite Head Wound

**Samuel Doe**  
*Staff Writer*

House of Representatives member Gabrielle Giffords, wounded almost fatally in the January 8th Tucson shooting, was moved out of intensive care and into a rehab facility on Wednesday, January 26.

Jared Lee Loughner, the alleged shooter, in addition to firing a bullet through Giffords' brain, shot 18 other people, six of them mortally. Among the dead were U.S. Federal Judge John Roll, nine-year-old Christina-Taylor Green, and Congressional aide Gabriel Zimmerman, who had been engaged to be married. Things initially looked bleak for Giffords as well; when brought from the political event



Giffords' husband, Mark E. Kelly, keeps vigil by her bedside

she had been hosting to the University of Arizona medical center, Giffords was not able to talk and was only able to respond to some simple commands.

Giffords, however, survived brain surgery and has appar-

ently been steadily regaining motor control. MSNBC reports that she is able to raise both of her legs on command, as well as dangle them over the edge of the bed, and is opening her eyes in response to visitors more

frequently. Shortly before being transferred to the rehab facility, a stent was removed from Giffords' skull which had been draining excess fluid around the brain, and her status has been boosted from "serious" to "good." She remains on a breathing tube, and her doctors plan to appraise her ability to speak once she is taken off of it.

Giffords' recovery is expected to take at least several months and may be as long as a year. Her doctors, though, are for the moment very optimistic about the chances of that recovery. Dr. Dong Kim, one of Giffords' neurosurgeons, has said that "Gabby's" condition has been improving with "lightning speed."

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## Letter from The Editor

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*Editor in Chief*

Good news, everyone! The semester has finally begun, and the first issue of the Observer is out. Be excited! I hope that everyone's break was particularly restful. Second semester tends to be a bit more eventful as seniors try finding their next step, a frightening proposition at the very least.

Thankfully, things continue to go relatively smoothly for all of us at the Observer. I'm blessed to have such a great staff to work with, and I'm glad that we can all share our hard work and diligence with the entire community at SNHU. Nevertheless, the Observer could always use new staff, especially as the paper begins to transition into a new year.

Why join? Well, you can develop your writing skills and keep up with general goings on in this crazy world in which we live. You might even be able to take an editorial position (commence oohs and aahs). However, writing and editing aren't the only things we do at the Observer. Advertising, layout, photography, web design, accounting, anything at all, we've got it! At the end of the year, staff writers and editors have the opportunity to submit a portfolio to earn as many as three credits for their work. Finally and most importantly, you would be privy to the stand-up of Prof. Chambers (at least for this semester). It really doesn't get much better than that.

This call doesn't just go out to students; we hope that faculty members will encourage their students to join. In all honesty, the Observer is a multidisciplinary project that includes communication, English, political science, graphic design, creative writing, business, advertising, etc. Please encourage your students to join. That includes you, Prof. Barresi! We always need more political coverage. (I figured my request would be more effective if I called someone out, so I apologize in advance for doing so.)

Aside from the need for new staff now and in the future, we are also hoping to hold another event. Currently, we're drumming up some ideas as to exactly what we want to do, and we are certainly welcoming input. If there's anything in particular you would like to see us do, then please let us know!

Sean Dansro, the web editor for the Observer, is currently working on getting the website up and running. Last year, we seemed to lose track of updating that, and we apologize for it. Soon enough, we will have the site completely updated with articles from new issues, so please bear with us. (I almost typed bare, which may have created a bizarre and unfortunate misunderstanding.) At this time, I cannot give a particular timetable for its completion, but it is currently in the works.

We are always looking for ways to improve the newspaper, so feedback is greatly appreciated. If you have a new idea, a complaint or some words of encouragement (those are our favorite), then please shoot us an email at [observer@snhu.edu](mailto:observer@snhu.edu). Finally, because I'm an ardent Patriots fan, go Packers!

## Life on the Outside: Keep Your Eyes (and Ears) Open

**Adam J. Mead**

*Contributing Writer*

Being a business major has its advantages – even for soon-to-be graduates in today's high unemployment environment.

Think about it – how many majors can claim to have something in common with virtually any organization that exists? Be it for-profit, non-profit, and volunteer or charity work, all of the above have ties to the business world. Sure each may have different ends, but all need people to run them and have customers to serve.

Even if you don't find that dream job after college – which is a good possibility these days – you can still learn and develop your skills and understanding of the business world considerably. Need to take a part-time job at a fast food restaurant to make ends meet? Don't sulk and just earn a paycheck, pay attention! How does the order get communicated to the kitchen clearly and without chaos and yelling? How do the line cooks manage to put everything in the correct order

quickly and efficiently? Someone designed the system; while you're there, you might as well learn how it works and why.

Say you're really unlucky and end up at a not-so-great company with a not-so-great boss. Decide to make the most of it and learn what you can. What would you change to make the operation operate more efficiently if you were in charge? What classic management mistakes has your boss made and what would you do differently if you were in his/her shoes?

Key point: there's always something to be learned! Make the most out of your time and keep your eyes (and ears) open. When you finally land an interview at that dream job you'll be prepared to communicate what you've learned and show that you can turn any situation into one with a positive outcome.

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# News

## Giffords' Recovery

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Loughner has been indicted for the attempted murder of Giffords and two of her aides, though no other charges have yet been filed against him. In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, some commentators searched for some sort of political agenda to blame for his attempted murder of Blue Dog Democrat Giffords, with many theorizing that Loughner was an extremist Tea Party acolyte. The evidence suggests that this is not true, however. A high school friend of Loughner said that "he disliked the news... didn't listen to political radio... didn't take sides" and wasn't on the Left or the Right.

This assertion is backed up by the statements found in Loughner's own YouTube account, which was full of unfocused political musings that are hard, if not impossible, to join into any coherent philosophy. One of the dominant themes seems to be a belief that the United States government is brainwashing and mind controlling its citizens by controlling English

grammar. He mentions in his *About Me* that he greatly enjoys "conscience dreaming," and lists among his favorite books "Mein Kampf," "The Communist Manifesto," and "Alice in Wonderland." Some have speculated that Loughner may have been a paranoid schizophrenic. Another friend of Loughner likened the alleged gunman's attitude to that of the Joker in the movie "The Dark Knight": "he just wants to watch the world burn."

Loughner's grievance with Giffords appears to have originated at a political event in 2007 when Loughner was allowed to personally address a question to Giffords: "What is government if words have no meaning?" Giffords did not answer this question to his satisfaction, and he seems to have held a grudge against her since that incident.

Gabrielle Giffords' road to recovery will be long and hard, but it seems that she, at least, will escape the fate Loughner had planned out for her. But for six others and their families, the damage wrought by Loughner's rampage cannot be repaired.

## 3OH!3 Concert

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but was pleased nonetheless: "3OH!3 is not my favorite, but I look forward to attending the concert."

Not all students were happy campers, however, and many rumors regarding the choice persist. "I think there were much better choices. I don't see myself attending this show but who knows. I heard they were cheaper which stinks that it's driven by price and not really our vote," said junior Lauren Hawkins. "I'm not excited about it. I wanted Wiz Khalifa," junior Jordan Elliot said

Despite a few unsatisfied students, most people seem to have reacted favorably to the choice, as 3OH!3 will bring its unique blend of electro-pop and crunk to campus. 3OH!3's upbeat, party style ought to create a great atmosphere and exciting concert for SNHU.

Tickets go on sale through [snhutickets.com](http://snhutickets.com) on February 4. Prices are \$15 for students, \$20 for faculty and staff, and \$25 for the general public. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for the concert, please contact **CAPE** at [cape@snhu.edu](mailto:cape@snhu.edu).

## Health Care Bill Repealed in House

**Marissa Twombly**  
*News Editor*

Last fall, Republicans promised their constituents to "repeal and replace" the Health Care Bill, which they are now going into the second phase of. The Republicans pushed legislation to repeal the nation's year-old Health Care Bill through the House of Representatives. On Wednesday night, the vote was largely upon party lines, finishing 245-189. The Republicans went along with the vote, disregarding the opposition in the Senate and a veto threat from President Obama.

Now in the upcoming months, according to GOP officials and WMUR, congressional committees will propose new changes to the legislation, hoping to call for elimination of the now requirement of individuals to purchase coverage. In addition to these changes, "Republicans also intend to try to reverse

many of the changes Democrats made to Medicare Advantage, the private alternative to the traditional government-run health care program for seniors."

Just like the bill itself, this new repealed bill will require Senate approval--even though they were in opposition of it in the first place--and the signature of the president who threatened to veto it.

Many first-term Republican lawmakers could not deny the significant excitement of the Republicans who now have a chance to speak and vote on the house floor against the law they tried for months to repeal. Rep. Jeff Duncan said that this piece of legislation produced by President Obama and Democrats was a "job-killing, socialistic" approach to health care "[and was] misguided, and in need of repeal."

Rep. Steve Southerland of Florida said, "the law imposes a crushing tax burden on busi-

nesses, and predicts 1.6 million jobs will be lost by 2014 due to this mandate to require many businesses to provide coverage for employees."

Democrats did try to challenge this, even stating "politically popular elements of the bill that would be wiped out if repeal took effect," WMUR reported. There was, however, a Republican, Jim Moran, who accused some Republicans of being hypocrites because they repealed the law yet went and bought health care coverage for their families through a government-organized program.

This issue is now being brought to the Supreme Court because more than half the states have filed suits against the bill, and one judge ruled that it was unconstitutional to require people to purchase insurance.

In the coming months, Republicans will be sharing their concerns and try to sway people to repeal the bill.



*The Chicago Tribune*

*President Obama signing Health Care Bill*



## Obama's State of the Union Address

**Marissa Twombly**  
News Editor

On Tuesday, January 25, President Barack Obama gave his State of the Union Address. He opened by pointing out to the members of Congress and those watching it on television that there was an empty chair where he acknowledged that Gabrielle Gifford would be sitting if she hadn't been in the shooting that killed six people and left her very badly wounded in Tucson, Arizona. President Obama then asked for everyone to start by giving her a moment of prayer in her honor. A shock of the night was when the President decided that, due to the events that occurred in the shooting, Democrats and Republicans are going to sit together and not in separate sections during the speech. I believe that this was due entirely to the shooting, but to show that solidarity with less confrontation in America's politics.

The effort to try and not increase government spending will be hard to accomplish, but according to President Obama, he called for sweeping bipartisan investments in science, education and infrastructure without increasing government spending. In order to help reach this goal, Obama asked for the houses to "cool" the tensions between them so they can work together

in order to hopefully reach this goal. Many of the Republicans and Democrats laughed knowing that is a long shot when the President stated that America is indeed facing a crossroads where the demand for cooperative effort on this is "bigger than party and bigger than politics," reported NBC News.

During this speech, President Obama stated that he would like to propose a freeze on "annual domestic spending for the next five years." While he stated that this funding "like Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security, whose funding is determined by law" would be frozen, according to Alex Johnson of NBC news, he did not say how the government would be able to invest in the sectors of education, biomedical research, information technology and clean energy if the spending is indeed going to be frozen.

Many topics were discussed or mentioned by President Obama during his speech where he touched upon setting structural goals, including simplification of the tax code, doubling of U.S. exports by 2014 and reorganization and consolidation of overlapping federal programs

In the coming months, we can expect to hear a proposal from President Obama on how he and Congress plan to solve certain problems like investment in innovation.



President Barack Obama giving the State of the Union Address

## China's President Makes a Visit to United States

**Marissa Twombly**  
News Editor

The White House spent most of the last couple weeks getting ready for the arrival of China's President Hu Jintao, a 67-year old hydro-electric engineer who has represented China since 2002. President Obama held a state dinner for Hu because during his last visit, five years ago, he was denied a dinner at the White house. According to WMUR, this state dinner should hopefully help relations between these two leaders of the world's largest economies.

During the speech that Hu gave, he stated that, "the people of both China and the United States want to see further progress in [their] relations, and people around the globe want to see greater prosperity in the world."

Since Hu's last visit, China has become the world's second largest economy, and its auto market is now the biggest.

Even the rank of internet users exceeds the entire population of the United States. During this same time, "the U.S. has shed five million jobs, suffered a grave financial crisis and seen its unemployment rate double. It's been a tale of two divergent economies," WMUR reported.

During Hu's visit, he made one stop to Chicago to appear at another dinner held in his honor by Mayor Richard Daley. His long efforts to build ties with the world's second largest economy did pay off. During the dinner, Daley stated, "Our long range goal is to make Chicago the most China-friendly city in the U.S."

Many credit Daley for his efforts in visiting China four times since 2004, showing that Chicago is "a global transportation hub with large manufacturing and industrial sectors friendly to Chinese business."

Upon the knowledge that President Obama would be holding a state dinner in honor of Hu, one that George W.

Bush denied Hu in 2006, Yuan Peng, director of the Institute of American Studies, said, "The U.S. needs China to help deal with all the challenges it faces. The financial crisis and Great Recession shifted the economic balance between the two nations. While the United States struggled during this time with slow job creation and high unemployment, China barely faced even a dent."

However, according to WMUR, "The U.S. economy is still more than twice the size of China's. But the gap is narrowing. The U.S. economy rose about 16 percent from 2005 to 2010. China's more than doubled."

China reported that its economy grew by 10.3% in 2010 alone; the United States grew less than three percent in 2010.

Hopefully while President Hu is visiting Washington, he will discuss with President Obama hope for our future and the future of China to make our relationships grow stronger.



Photo Caption: China's President Hu Jintao and President Obama



## Fallen Firefighter

**Maranda Twombly**  
*Creative Editor*

Sunday was a very sad day for the Sandown Fire Department when a longtime paramedic and firefighter, Harold Frey, passed away just before noon on January 16, 2011. Frey, along with the Sandown Fire Department, was engaged in a cold ice and water rescue training program in the Exeter River when he had an unfortunate heart attack.

According to WMUR, Frey had gone into the water for the training as part of his requirements for the Fire Department. As he was exiting the freezing water around noon, after being in there for a half hour, Frey began to show signs that he could not breathe. As paramedics neared the scene, they attempted to revive him, but unfortunately, none were successful.

Frey was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. The cause of death was discovered as a heart attack triggered by the frigid waters. Police are still investigating the case to make sure every possible lead is ruled out, but the cold ice water

could probably give anyone a heart attack.

At the age of 46, Frey had only been with the Sandown Fire Department for a few short months before his death during his training, as reported by MSNBC.

"He was employed as a paramedic by Care Plus and was a volunteer for the Epping Fire Department before joining the Sandown Department two months ago," WMUR reported. As a former Marine, Frey was beloved by all, including his two daughters.

When the police chief and the firefighters who had to witness the horrible event were asked to say a few words, nothing came out. WMUR reported that the police chief said that it was just too painful to talk about.

WMUR discussed that funeral services and arrangements had been scheduled. On Thursday, January 20, a service was planned to remember the dedicated fire fighter. On Friday, January 21, hundreds of family, friends, firefighters, and other personnel attended Frey's funeral located at the Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen.



*Firefighter helmet*

## New Hope for Hepatitis C Cure

**Marissa Twombly**  
*News Editor*

This summer could change many people's lives that have to suffer with the liver-attacking disease Hepatitis C. For years, scientists have been trying to find a completely effective cure for the disease, but so far they have only been able to discover a two-drug treatment that cures about 40 percent of those using it, as well as having very gruesome side effects.

The people who are most at risk of obtaining the disease are the baby boomers "who've [possibly] harbored [it] since their younger, perhaps wilder, years," WMUR reported. The reason that the baby boomer generation may be soon facing the disease now is because it can take two to three decades for it to do its damage.

But the good news is soon to come; WMUR reported that major studies have shown that adding another drug, "either Vertex Pharmaceuticals' telapre-

vir or Merck & Co.'s boceprevir," will actually boost the cure rate to 75 percent. This new drug will also allow patients using it to cut their treatment time in half where they only need to use it for six months. There will, however, still be the side effects and maybe even more, but the patients only have to suffer for six months and not longer.

"About 3.2 million Americans, and 170 million people worldwide, have chronic hepatitis C," WMUR reported. In the United States, the rate is dropping in new infections but has been named one of the leading causes of liver transplants and kills nearly 12,000 people a year. According to WMUR, this number is expected to triple in the next 20 years. With this new cure, we could control that number.

Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus and is stigmatized as a risk to those who do illegal drugs. But blood transfusions before 1992 could have started the disease when testing of the blood

supply began. When these new drugs enter, they will block "an enzyme named protease that's key for the virus to reproduce. But they must be taken together with standard medications - ribavirin pills plus injections of interferon-alpha - that are thought to boost the immune system," WMUR reported.

In a recent medical meeting, 67 to 75 percent of the patients that used either Boceprevir or Telaprevir had what doctors called a cure. Doctors determine that a treatment is a cure when patients have no sign of the virus six months after the last dose taken. The side effects of the drugs are flu-like symptoms and others from the existing treatment. If you use Telaprevir, the main side effect is a severe rash, and the side effect for boceprevir is anemia.

The hope is that the Food and Drug Administration will hopefully approve the drugs in the summer and change the lives of many people who have to suffer with Hepatitis C.



*Be sure to get a routine check at your doctors!*



# Opinion

## Why Do You Need a Label?

**Kyla Natali**  
*Opinion Editor*

Friends/dating. Coach/Louis Vuitton. Nike/Adidas. Whether we choose to think about it or not, our life is consumed by labels. The choices that some of us make are indeed influenced by labels: what clothes to wear, what athletic equipment to use, or what products to use on our bodies. However, the labels that society should truly be concerned with are those that we put in our bodies, considering an extensive amount of our country struggles with a weight problem. Trust me, looking at the back of the Oreos package to discover I have eaten half of my day's calories in five cookies is extremely disheartening. Yet, it's not about the calories anymore; it's about the sugar, sodium, and saturated fats that some of us are blindly consuming.

Recently, the Federal Tax and Trade Bureau proposed a bill to soon give nutritional labels to alcohol. Surely, major beer companies such as Budweiser, Miller or Coors have taken a step in that direction by announcing how many calories their beer contains. In my opinion, this is just some marketing tactic to gain more sales by people who are somewhat concerned with their health. Some may argue that, as long as it's consumable, who cares if there is a label or not. Currently, 31% of our country is considered obese, so maybe the label on the bottle wouldn't hurt. Furthermore, people should have a right to know what they are putting in their body. Even fast food chains like McDonalds have started placing labels on their Big Mac boxes.

Having a label on the back of a beer can, or bottle of vodka,

could do more good than harm to our country. So what if you don't want to be reminded about what you're drinking? It's only fair to know what goes in your body. I began to list the reasons why people would or would not like the label. Of course, common sense settled in and I realized how people these days need something to remind them of what they are putting into their body.

As we all know, alcohol is the only consumable product on the market without a nutritional label. So, exactly how many calories, sugars, or fats is one person really taking in? A one-ounce serving of Absolut Vodka is sixty-nine calories, with no sugars or carbohydrates. While one serving is nothing to worry about, consuming five or six servings packs on the calories quite fast. Bud Light is a common preference for college students. In one can of Bud Light, there are 110 calories, and 6.6 grams of total carbs. When thinking about it, one can of beer has the same caloric value as a healthy Special K Bar. Unfortunately, how many college students can stick to "one and done"? And the next time you get iced, just think about 253 calories and 38 grams of carbs trickling through your body.

I know many of us have all been told the same song and dance about how damaging alcohol can be to the liver and how people are incapable of making smart decisions while drinking. This talk is almost as annoying as the talk teachers and parents give you about sex being the equivalent of the devil. Not to sound cliché, but nothing is bad when it's done in moderation. 59 million people in this country are obese... was the night you blacked out really worth it?

## Can We Just Discuss: Golden Silence

**Chad Marden**  
*Photo Editor*

One of the things I've been hearing around campus from RA's is that there were a lot of complaints about noise last semester. As a result, they are now being told to place stricter enforcement on noise laws and "quiet hours" in and around their respective buildings. As one of the more busy people among my circle, I am happy to see that the school is trying to make for a peaceful study and work environment.

I only have one question for my fellow returning class: was the noise really that bad? I don't

think I've heard one complaint from anyone. Bear in mind that I've been asking a lot of people about this, and nobody had any grievances last semester. On top of that, I've spent most of my life in the silence of suburbia and the countryside, so I notice noises easily. Despite that, I didn't think it was too bad.

My only complaint would be the many parties that happen on the weekends. Granted, I like most people, and I don't worry about things like study, sleep, or anything else that excessive sound would normally interfere with on the weekend. It would be nice if people could tone it down so that I can have my per-

sonal heavy metal-fest in peace without having to compete with my neighbor's grating rap and hip-hop that he just wants to share with the rest of the floor. I don't try to deafen you; I ask that you follow that example.

So what's my point? I'll be danged if I could tell you. I just thought it might be an act of civic duty to warn people to be more considerate of their fellow students and to keep others out of trouble. Oh, and as a side note, could the people party hopping past people's rooms please stop howling like inebriated werewolves while the rest of us try to sleep? Thanks.

## Do Hospitals Have Valet Parking?

**Marissa Twombly**  
*News Editor*

In Lowell, Massachusetts, Sonia Desousa went to the hospital because she was having her baby, and a fake valet parking attendant stole her car. What's sad about this is that the man who claimed to be the valet parker was wearing a uniform; what a scheme!

Desousa drove herself to the hospital at 3 a.m. to have her baby and parked outside the emergency room doors. A man told her she could not park there, and offered to drive her car to the parking lot claiming that he was a parking lot attendant. Figuring the man was legitimate by wearing a uniform, she gave him the keys and went into the emergency room; the man drove off with her car.

Desousa didn't know that this man had stolen her car until while she was being admitted. When she told a hospital associate that a valet parking lot attendant parked her car, they told her they don't offer valet parking at their hospital. This poor

women must have been going through so much with labor pains and on top of everything now has to find a way to get her baby home.

Captain Kelly Richardson of the Lowell Police Department told the Boston Herald that the car has been found, but the suspect was gone. They were doing everything they can in order to fingerprint the car and look for clues to help find the suspect who stole it and the investigating seemed to work. Police issued an arrest warrant for 42 year old Steven Vaughn but have yet to take him into custody.

WMUR has issued char-

acteristics of this man and ask anyone with information to call the Lowell Police at 978-937-3200. The man is 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 250 pounds. He has a tattoo of a rifle on the backside of his head, stars on the right side of his neck, the word "Vaughn" on his right forearm and "Mill City" on his left forearm.

This man went through all the trouble to steal Desousa's car and the next day just ditched it. How ridiculous to put her through all that trouble and emotions and then leave the car like nothing ever happened. The world is a cruel place!



markwatsondj.com

Lowell General Hospital



# What's Ophiuchus?

Marissa Twombley  
News Editor

What is Ophiuchus? Well it happens to be the new Zodiac sign, meaning everything that we have come to know about our original zodiac signs is wrong (according to a professor from the Minnesota Planetarium Society). All of a sudden, 2011 has brought on a new astrological sign. But how?

Well apparently the sun has moved into a new constellation, meaning we are about one constellation off from what we are used to. The sun travels from the constellation Scorpius and directly to Sagittarius. But now for a few days, the sun is entering the constellation Ophiuchus, the Serpent Holder.

This new sign is the only zodiac sign that has ever been linked to a real man. Some of the attributes of this new sign are good luck, lofty ideals, peace

and harmony, medicine or science, higher education, a large family and secret enemies.

Personally, I do not like the new sign and apparently some astrologers do not either because of one man's opinion. It is true that the Earth is changing, and according to the professor who determined this—Parke Kunkle—the Earth was facing the North Star, which is why the zodiac signs were the way we know them to be. But in 3,000 BCE, it was facing a different direction. Now things have moved again, and the sun is in a different constellation.

I have to say that I was a Sagittarius and now I am a Scorpio. It bothers me because I grew up knowing that I was a Sagittarius, and I loved it! Now I have to go around and say to everyone that I am a Scorpio ... I do not like this. But I guess it is something that we have to live with now ... if we choose to believe it.

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Check out how the new zodiac configuration affects the various signs.

Sign	Old Dates	New Dates
Capricorn	Dec. 23-Jan. 20	Jan. 9- Feb. 15
Aquarius	Jan. 21-Feb. 19	Feb. 16-Mar. 11
Pisces	Feb. 20-Mar. 20	Mar. 12-Apr. 18
Aries	Mar. 21-Apr. 20	Apr. 19-May 13
Taurus	Apr. 21-May 21	May 14-June 19
Gemini	May 22-June 21	June 20-July 20
Cancer	June 22-July 22	July 21-Aug. 9
Leo	July 23-Aug. 21	Aug. 10-Sept. 15
Virgo	Aug. 22-Sept. 23	Sept. 16-Oct. 30
Libra	Sept. 24-Oct. 23	Oct. 31-Nov. 22
Scorpio	Oct. 24-Nov. 22	Nov. 23-Nov. 29
Ophiuchus	Not a Part of the Zodiac	Nov. 30-Dec. 17
Sagittarius	Nov. 23-Dec. 22	Dec. 18-Jan. 8

New Zodiac Dates and Signs

Cyan Magenta Yellow Black

# One Stop for Long Lines

Lauren Head  
Layout Editor

When One Stop opened last semester, it was met with excitement from many of the students. The idea behind One Stop is that it combines the Bursar's Office, the Financial Aid Office, and the Registrar's Office. This way, students would be able to get things done quickly and only have to go to one place. That was the idea, anyway. James Koble, a student at SNHU, said that One Stop has both positive and negative points.

"It's good, but creates traffic because it's all in one; but if you get there at the wrong time, you have so many people trying to do so many things that it gets clogged up," Koble said.

Many of the students have the same complaint that the lines are too long. Another problem is that the line is in the middle of the hallway in Exeter. This not only causes trouble with the students waiting in line, but for traffic coming through Exeter.

While students do enjoy the idea of One Stop, the actual setup needs some work. Some students have suggested that there should be a waiting area so there are no lines in the hallway. Another idea is having all the windows staffed, instead of what seems to be just one or two individuals there. Whether or not students like One Stop, the setup needs to change especially if the school decides to keep expanding.

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# Creative

## The Easel

Maranda Twombley  
Creative Editor



During the Early Renaissance, Donatello created some of the world's most prominent sculptures that shaped artistry for future generations. Born in 1386 in Florence, Italy, Donatello's inspiration aroused from working in a goldsmith's workshop. Donatello's sculptures seemed to come to life. Full name Donato di Niccolo di Betto Bardi, Donatello inspired great artists such as Michelangelo and Giovanni Bernini. Some of his most famous works include *St. George*, in 1415; *Feast of Herod*, in 1439; *Gattamelata*, in 1444-53; *Annunciation*, in 1435; and *Mary Magdalene*, in 1457. Donatello passed away at age 80 in Florence, Italy, in 1466. Depicted left is *David*, and to the right is *Mary Magdalene*.

*Donatello*

### "Bothered From the Top Stair"

Chris Mehu  
Contributing Writer

A morning of cold.

Toes must be in the act of breaking, walking in this cold, cold snow.

In this time of night, it's care I must forget and not now show.

Loss a loss of current interest it seems.

Winters closed off closed inside of our homes.

Tired at times of all the parties, all I want is to keep warm.

Last night was a brief reminder of all the worked nights.

Morning to some was my time to shut off the lights.

Happy spirits are seen in some faces.

Because of who?

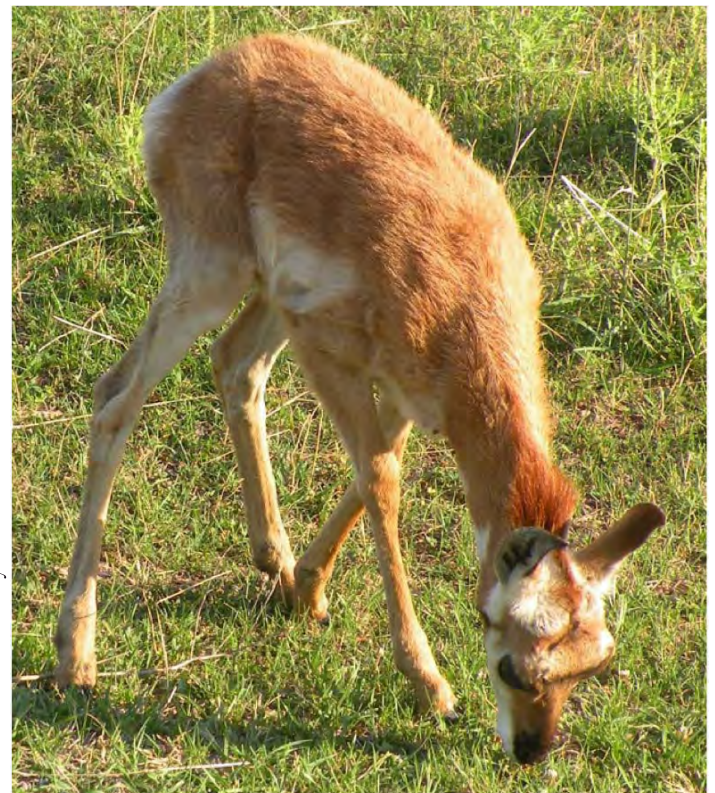
Did I share my blessings?

Rushed for a good time.

You explained how things with respect are done.

Patient I hold a small little skill.

What keeps me going is my ill will.



Maranda Twombley Creative Editor

Baby Mule Deer



## "Stuck for Every Cold Word of It"

Chris Mehu  
Contributing Writer

Things remain broke, fixes that need to be done.  
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Never can I stay sitting while others have won.  
No, I'm not content with pointless fun.  
Endure I will the losses and beatings but never  
run.

Moving is key.  
Up and over hills, hills of close dreams.

In the nights I don't see dark.  
In the day I see and feel cold.

What was thought to be so bad now seems okay.  
Keeping words alone I don't ask many what they  
have to say.

Soon the frost will pass over.  
Impossible to grow green in this ice.  
Looking for luck there's no where found a leaf of  
a clover.

Pages turn as life moves and flips.  
Choices to read that one book are not limited.  
Feeling lucky sometimes like a waitress that counts  
her tips.



Maranda Twombly Creative Editor

Two Elks



Maranda Twombly Creative Editor

Sea of Susans

Cyan Magenta Yellow Black

## "The World We Choose"

Maranda Twombly  
Creative Editor

We're living in a jungle of catastrophe  
Everyday civilizations struggle  
For what?  
The smoke infested skies?  
The dangerous living lives?

Mother Nature supplies Earth  
Societies consume Earth.  
Why?

Society's been told the buying lie  
To help the economy rise up high

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Smoke Stack

Ruining our natural world  
Destroying our Earth  
How?  
Throwing away useful goods  
Destroying all our valuable woods

Society has a hard time believing  
We can change our ways  
We can begin the process of relieving  
And change our future days.



# Clubs and Orgs

## Look Who's Hired

**Katie Perry**  
*Contributing Writer*

Eric Chabot, 11  
B.S. in Accounting & Finance with a minor in Sport Management  
Staff Accountant in the Audit Department at Baker Newman Noyes

How did you find this position?

I went to an on-campus recruiting event that the Career Development Center hosted and learned about open positions and the company. I was greatly interested and submitted my resume to the company.

How did you prepare for the application process?

I used the services that were available to me, such as the CDC. I also kept doing things to differentiate myself and make my resume better. Having your resume reviewed five times by roughly four different people in three years helps, too.

What advice would you give to someone who is currently applying to open positions?

Be diligent. It is a tough market right now. I got rejected before I found this position, but that happens. There is only so much you can control, so do not get too frustrated about that.

When I was applying to Baker Newman Noyes, I made many mistakes and still got the job. I was late for my interview because I could not find the office; my resume had a formatting error. The worst was when I spelled the company's name wrong in a thank you e-mail after my interview. Even with all those mistakes, I still got the job because I had perseverance.

How has your education help prepare you for this position and industry?

Accounting courses allowed me to learn the subject. The other general courses were beneficial because they allowed me to see things that I am and am not interested in. My education helped me branch out.



Eric Chabot

Eric Chabot

Joanna Sullivan, '10  
B.A. in Communications and Associates in Fashion Merchandising  
Director of Communications at styleboston

Your responsibilities?

I work on show promotion, assisting the CEO, assisting in finding interns, and much, much more.

How did you find this position?

I saw the show one afternoon and called the company. Never hurts to be a little more aggressive and make a phone call.

How did you prepare for the application process?

I had my resume reviewed, researched the show and company a lot, and met with Andrea Bard for advice and assistance.

What do you enjoy most about your position?

This is a young company and TV show; I enjoy understanding how the business is being built from a pilot to an award-winning show on one of the top stations in the country. I also have a great appreciation for all of the time and effort that goes into a television show or movie; you don't realize how difficult it is for the production team to conceptualize an idea and then have the editor take hours to cut the footage into minutes and not lose the original idea that was brought up in the early stages of planning.

What advice would you give to someone who is currently applying to open positions?

Absolutely do not give up, even as frustrating as re-writing resumes and cover letters may be. Graduating in a time when the economy is not great is a struggle, but no matter what the economy is, if you continue to work your network and not lose sight of what you really want in life, you will get there and you will get there at the right time for you. Always remember you have a support system to help you through this tedious time, whether it may be friends, family, or SNHU.



Joanna Sullivan

Joanna Sullivan

## Are You In?

**Katie Perry**  
*Contributing Writer*

On December 7, 25 students and staff members attended a LinkedIn information session in-person, while an additional 37 students attended it via live stream. These students and staff members learned how to build one's profile and network, what it means to have a personal brand, to search for jobs on LinkedIn, and proper ways to network with industry professionals. Understanding the crucial ins and outs of LinkedIn will aid students in developing their careers because they now know how to introduce themselves to others, act as a resource, and start managing their online presence. LinkedIn is a professional networking social media site that can help build careers and personal brands. If you are not on LinkedIn, then you are limiting your access to your network, industry professionals, and more.

The LinkedIn information session was a collaboration between the Career Development Center and Kappa Delta Phi. It was Kappa Delta Phi who presented the idea to the CDC because they consistently heard from professors how imperative this social media site is.

"They constantly remind us about the importance of LinkedIn; however, the brothers of Kappa Delta Phi did not know how to utilize the tool to its potential. Josh Gomez, Brother of Kappa Delta Phi, thought that other students on campus were having the same problem; so, instead of having Career Development present at one of their meetings, he had the idea to open it up to the whole campus," says Kappa Delta Phi President, George Theodorou.

Katie Perry, CDC Outreach Coordinator, presented how to build a profile, join groups and

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## Are You In?

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be a resource, find SNHU affiliates to build your network, and search for jobs and companies. Jennifer Landon, CDC Director, also gave insightful tips on these topics as she moderated the event. Gregg Mazzola, Director of Marketing & Communications, and Jason Mayeu, Senior Graphic Designer for Marketing & Communications, presented the new LinkedIn group SNHU Community. This group allows students, alumni, faculty and staff to connect with each

other. Designed to help current students develop a professional side and network with alumni, as well as for alumni to connect with SNHU again, SNHU Community is also a place to learn about companies, ask questions and answer other members' questions, and find open jobs and internships.

Based on the attendance, feedback and number of members in SNHU Community, more students, alumni and faculty are realizing the importance of being on LinkedIn. So, the question is, are you in?

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## Do You Have What Employers Are Looking For?

**Chance Clutter**  
*Contributing Writer*

Every year, the National Association of Colleges and Employers conducts a survey where they ask employers what "soft" skills or qualities they look for in a candidate during the hiring process. For NACE's Job Outlook 2011 Survey, employers identified these five qualities in order of importance:

1. Verbal Communication Skills
2. Strong Work Ethic
3. Teamwork Skills
4. Analytical Skills
5. Initiative

Although there are slight differences in each survey, overall, these qualities are often repeated

by employers every year. But what do these rankings mean for you as a college student? Actually, they can mean a lot for you. By understanding what skills employers find most valuable in the candidates they are looking to hire, you can begin preparing for those interviews today.

How can you express to an employer you have strong verbal communication skills, or that you take initiative on campus? First, you need to be proactive while you are still at SNHU. Joining organizations, participating in events, leading group assignments, or participating in internships are all ways you can add experience (and even more importantly...the stories to back it up) to these critical qualities. Employers often have

candidates say they "work well on a team." However, what will make you stand apart from your competition is to be able to give concrete examples of when you have done so in the past. You can talk about what challenges you faced, and what you were able to accomplish. If you find that you do not have enough stories to discuss each of these traits, then it is imperative to find some activities or experiences that will let you develop those stories soon. If you need assistance in developing your interview stories or finding ways to discuss these skills, please contact the Career Development Center in Exeter 59. We are here to help you succeed.

It's your career. What have you done lately?

## FAQs About Greek Life

**Nate Keefe**  
*Contributing Writer*

Whether you're new to SNHU or have been around for a while, you may have had some questions about Greek Life. If you've been thinking about joining Greek life, here are some questions and answers that may be helpful if you're on the fence.

Q. I'm new to SNHU; wouldn't it be better for me to get my feet on the ground before I pledge a Fraternity or Sorority?

A. Not necessarily; what better way to get your feet wet than to make friends and get involved by pledging a Greek organization? Who better to help you with classes, learn-

ing a schedule, finding your way around campus or getting to know people than us; the people who have been through it all before? We offer that home away from home feeling, and we are well connected on campus. Joining a Fraternity or Sorority as a new freshman or transfer student will help you make a lot of close friends, be involved on campus and make the college transition easier.

Q. How will I benefit from joining a Greek organization?

A. There are tons of ways you will benefit. Firstly, from a social stand point, you will gain new friends, friends who will become both your brothers and sisters for life. It is also a great way to network in the job world after college. You will also ben-



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efit from the involvement you have on campus by demonstrating leadership and social skills while giving back. Being in a Greek organization will connect you with Alumni from various fields. Being in a Fraternity or a Sorority is always a great thing to have on a resume, particularly if you had a high leadership position. You will be able to grow as an individual in ways you can't as a typical college student. Being a part of the Greek community provides some of the fondest memories and some of the most life changing moments. There are also scholarships given out yearly, which gives priority to a brother or sister – including the Phi Delta Psi scholarship, which grants up to \$5,000.

Q. What's all this about

community service? I thought Fraternities and Sororities were social organizations?

A. As a brother of Phi Delta Psi, I know how important community service is to us. It's part of our mission to be socially responsible to the community around us. Every Brother must complete a set number of community service hours during the year. In the past semester, we have worked with the Red Cross Blood drive, Manchester Breast Cancer Walk, Toys for Tots distribution, New Hampshire Food Bank, Relay for Life, and American Cancer Society events.

If you have any other questions, feel free to email us at phideltapsi@snhu.edu.

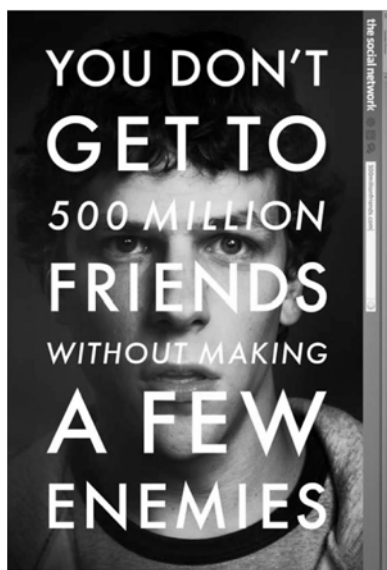
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# Arts & Entertainment

## 2010 Oscar Season

**Derek Brown**  
Staff Writer

It is around this time of year that movie enthusiasts all over the country begin counting the hours as the 83 annual Academy Awards loom closer and closer. With the memory of the Golden Globe awards still fresh, there is typically an influx of moviegoers scrambling to see the collection of high brow films unknown to them prior to their nomination. 2010 gave birth to several marvels (and twice as many flops) that should be cherished for years to come. Briefly, I would like to go over some of the best films for this year before I give my predictions for the 5/6 major Oscar categories. As a side note, I will not comment on "True Grit" or "The Fighter" as I have yet to see either film.



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### "The Social Network"

The origin of the largest social network today is filled with as much anecdotal friendship, betrayal, uncertainty, and overall greatness as any other masterpiece. The varying motivations and thought provoking traits each character possesses, and its overall affect on the single common idea (Facebook), makes for some very interesting conflict to be built up and resolved in two hours. David Fincher's masterful choreogra-

phy of the entire film lends to "The Social Network" a magnificent, exuberant, and empowering outlook into one of the biggest cultural phenomena of our generation. The marvelous pacing of this film also allows the viewer to grasp a very good outlook of the different stressors facing the fledgling company as its total users climbed from 600, to 3,000, to 75,000, to 1,000,000 and so on. Aaron Sorkin's sharp dialogue illuminates Mark Zuckerberg's inherent genius and societal awareness, while portraying his obvious Asperger's syndrome. A major boon to this movie's direction is that it does not pander and sympathize with its main character when it is unwarranted. At many times, "The Social Network" portrays its founder in a completely objective and gritty manner; while it may make the real Mark Zuckerberg flinch, it is all the more authentic and excellent because of it.



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### "Black Swan"

The overall atmosphere of Black Swan is very reminiscent of several of director Darren Aronofsky's earlier films, such as "Requiem for a Dream" and "Pi." While the spiraling lives of its main characters are the direct result of drug abuse in "Requiem for a Dream," in "Black Swan," the ensuing madness is due to Nina Sayers (Natalie Portman)

perfectionist nature towards her ballet. For anyone who is familiar with the plot of Swan Lake, the piece being performed by Nina's ballet company, they will notice that its plot and that of Black Swan intentionally mirror each other. Nina Sayers constantly experiences delusions throughout the film which are shocking and disturbing. These visions combined with the increasingly chaotic series of events and Natalie Portman's sublime and haunting performance make the film gritty, suspenseful, and powerful. The phenomenal acting on the main character's behalf was also reinforced by the rest supporting cast. The rival ballerina in the film was meant to be both sinister and innocent, contrasting Nina's paranoid perception with reality and Mila Kunis does this perfectly. Her snub from the Best Supporting Actress category particularly surprised me. Overall, this film was a spectacular character portrait with a unique stylization and ambience that will leave audiences breathless after watching it.



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### "The King's Speech"

Based on the life of King George VI during the beginning of the Second World War, "The King's Speech" is a masterful contemporary film that is both eccentric and serious. The immaculate expectations of royalty threatened by the emotional and verbal shortcomings of a single member proved to be an excellent source of conflict, portraying the tumultuous relationship between Albert and his father/brother. Colin Firth's performance as the insecure, stammering and conflicted

Duke of York was at the same time moving and nail-biting. This movie's atmosphere graciously switches from a memorable light-hearted entourage of character quirks and intelligent comedy to a somber outlook on royalty and England as a whole just before it is about to plunge into its second and far more fearsome war with Germany. The awkward and yet tender relationship between Prince Albert and his speech therapist is very touching. Leading with a total of 12 Oscar nominations, three of which for the acting of each of its most prominent characters, this surprise film is a welcome start to what should hopefully be another great decade of filmmaking.



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### "Inception"

While I did not feel that "Inception" was on the same cinematic level as several of its fellow competitors, I still felt that it deserved a few words on my part. Whenever a quality action/thriller does well in the box offices, I feel as if a tidal wave of overrated and undeserved applause swarms it, and people are unable to value the film objectively. For "Inception," this was no different. The movie was an instant box office success and was, for the most part, lauded by critics, but it is by no means a perfect film. For example: Ellen Paige's performance was subpar and her interpretation of the script led directly to mismanagement of critical dialogue. Another problem with this movie is its internal consistency and bad foundation in real or plausible science (a human brain is not capable of experi-

encing consciousness at 8000 times its natural rate, no matter how many dreams a person is in). Some of these problems can be overlooked for the sake of storytelling (the aforementioned compounding consciousness rate), but I feel others unfortunately cannot. Even after saying all this, I still feel that this was still an overall great film and therefore deserving of its Best Picture nomination. The rest of the cast did a solid acting job and Leonardo DiCaprio once again proved his mettle. In a different vein, the sheer amount of suspense and technical content that this movie is able to put forth without appearing rushed is impressive. "Inception" is ultimately popcorn entertainment, but it possesses a high level of quality and intelligence that all popcorn entertainment should strive to meet.

### Predictions

#### Best Actor:

**Colin Firth, "The King's Speech"**

James Franco, "127 Hours"

Javier Bardem, "Biutiful"

Jeff Bridges, "True Grit"

Jesse Eisenberg, "The Social Network"

There should not be too much difficulty in this category. While echoing the few words that I have already said on his behalf, I'll gladly say that Colin Firth's role was one of the best I have watched in the past 5 years, if not the best.

#### Best Actress:

Annette Bening, "The Kids Are All Right"

Jennifer Lawrence, "Winter's Bone"

Michelle Williams, "Blue Valentine."

**Natalie Portman, "Black Swan"**

Nicole Kidman, "Rabbit Hole"

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## 2010 Oscar Season

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logue.

Natalie Portman was, at the risk of sounding repetitive, fantastic as Nina Sayers. I have seen very little of the other nominees, but the extent of Portman's performance was so very great that I feel slightly justified taking a partially blind leap of faith in this category.

**Best Director:**

Darren Aronofsky, "Black Swan"

David Fincher, "The Social Network"

David O. Russell, "The Fighter"

Joel Coen and Ethan Coen, "True Grit."

Tom Hooper, "The King's Speech"

David Fincher has done marvelous work in the past, and this year I believe he will make up for his loss for "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button." Aronofsky and Hooper both put forth great material, and I have heard the same from the Coen brothers, but Fincher's handling of this perfectly shot and managed movie should triumph.

**Best Original Screenplay:**

"Another Year"

"Inception"

"The Fighter"

"The Kids Are All Right"

"The King's Speech"

**Best Adapted Screenplay:**

"127 Hours"

"The Social Network"

"Toy Story 3"

"True Grit"

"Winter's Bone"

I feel that for Best Original Screenplay, "Inception" will have its best chance to net one of the major awards if it can beat out "The King's Speech." Otherwise, both films seem to dominate their respective categories. If the writing categories were given out as one single award, such as the Golden Globe Awards, I would have "The Social Network" winning over "The King's Speech" due in part to its fantastic dia-

**Best Picture:**

"127 Hours"

"Black Swan"

"The Fighter"

"Inception"

"The Kids Are All Right"

"The King's Speech"

"The Social Network"

"Toy Story 3"

"True Grit"

"Winter's Bone"

In a way, the Academy's new system for Best Picture Nominations diminishes its prestige, which in its own right used to be a great honor. Last year, this felt like more of a serious change when B grade films such as "District 9" fell in the same category as "Up in the Air," "Inglorious Basterds," "Precious," and of course, "The Hurt Locker." This year, I felt that the widespread nominations kept their merit more so, as the six films on this list that I have seen have all been stellar, and through my brief research so have the other four. I believe that "The King's Speech" was all around the greatest piece of film for 2010, and so receives my pick for best picture of the year, followed closely by "The Social Network."

The Oscars will take place on February 27. I hope all of you will join me in watching what should be another great moment in cinematic history.



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## Interview with Rob Corddry

Samantha Cohen

Arts and Entertainment &amp; Clubs and Orgs Editor

If you have seen the movie "Hot Tub Time Machine," the hit series on Adult Swim "Children's Hospital," the comical sitcom "Community," or the preview for the upcoming comedy "Cedar Rapids," then you have seen performances by actor Rob Corddry. With a unique sense of humor, great acting and directing abilities, Corddry is a celebrity that is not only fun to watch, but interesting to learn about. Corddry has graced the SNHU community with some fascinating and amusing answers in a recent interview.

**1. Where did you grow up, and how do you think that has influenced your career?**

I grew up in the Weymouth, Massachusetts, the birthplace of Abigail Adams. I think it had a significant influence on my life, specifically in the many handwritten letters I've sent to John Adams.

**2. What has been your favorite acting experience (either a movie you did, TV show, or any other specific instance)?**

"Hot Tub Time Machine" was super fun, but "Children's Hospital" is, and probably will continue to be, the most satisfying thing I've ever done. Nothing compares to creating your own material and the freedom that Adult Swim gives me.

**3. I just recently read that you not only star in "Children's Hospital," but you also direct it as well. How is that going for you? Is this your first experience with directing?**

Like I said, I created the series, but I only directed the first season. It's not really my thing. I'm not a clear enough thinker on my feet.

**4. It looks like you have gotten to guest star in many**

**films. Who has been your favorite co-actor to work with?**

I literally have NO horror stories. I just worked with Ty Burrell from Modern Family, and he's a really special guy. Nothing compares to the cast of "Children's Hospital" though. It's truly a once in a lifetime thing.

**5. Who do you look up to as role models?**

David Wain, the director of "Role Models."

**6. Almost all of the works you are a part of are comedies. Have you worked in anything more serious?**

I played Ari Fleischer in "W." I came up doing Shake-

speare, so I've had my fill of the more "serious" stuff.

**7. If not, do you ever wish to take on a more serious part?**

Of course. I don't look at it as one or the other. It's a role by role thing.

**8. What else do you like to do besides acting?**

Secretly, I'm a serial killer. Oops!

**9. What are your career plans for the future?**

Feed my family. Retire young.

**10. What would you like to tell the SNHU campus about yourself?**

I have a fantastic penis.



Rob Corddry

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## Movies to Check Out

**Samantha Cohen**

*Arts and Entertainment &  
Clubs and Orgs Editor*

As of late, there seems to be a lot of great movies coming out; whether you are into comedy, drama, or horror, there appears to be a little something for every type of movie-goer.



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If you're looking for something to make you laugh, perhaps "No Strings Attached" starring Ashton Kutcher and Natalie Portman would be a good choice. A guy and girl who are "strictly friends" want to try a relationship that only meets their physical needs; this seems perfect, unless they ultimately want something more.



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"The Dilemma," which stars Kevin James and Vince Vaughn, also looks like a movie that will have the crowd roaring with laughter. James and Vaughn have been best friends since college, and when Vaughn sees James's wife cheating on him, the comical events that follow show how true their friendship really is. And of course, when thinking of local comedy actor Adam Sandler, he is sure to never disappoint.



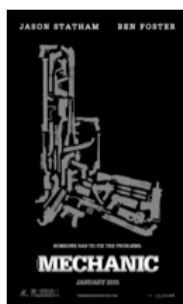
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In his latest endeavor, "Just Go With It," Sandler uses his co-worker and her family to get his dream girl. Who knows if he will be successful, but Sandler is sure to get himself into some funny situations



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If you're looking for more of an action flick, then "The Green Hornet" could be a possible option. Seth Rogan and Cameron Diaz star in this action packed movie about a son (Rogan) who must take over his father's company following his father's death. With an interesting sequence of events, Rogan might take on a lot more than just his late father's business.



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"The Mechanic" is another on a long list of possible options; this movie follows hit-man Jason Statham as he teaches his apprentice, Ben Foster. Secrets are revealed, and the audience finds out how the two are connected in a very surprising way.



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If scary is more your thing, there are a few horror movies coming out, too. "The Roommate" (which might strike a little too close to home for some of us), starring Leighton Meester and Minka Kelly, is a turbulent story about a not-so-pleasant college experience. With a roommate so psycho that she's dangerous, it will make you never want to share a room again.



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Another scary movie on the list is "The Rite." If you liked any of the exorcism movies, such as "The Exorcism of Emily Rose," you might enjoy this one. Anthony Hopkins stars as a priest who travels to Italy to attend an exorcism school, and what he learns is quite frightening.

So, with this cold weather that seems to be hanging around and not leaving us anytime soon, what better way to stay warm than to check out any of these new flicks?

## Yela-who?

**Fred Whittle**

*Staff Writer*

Some of the biggest news that will happen in the hip hop music industry for 2011 has actually already happened. It has been years since anyone has been signed to this particular record label. On January 12, 2011 rap superstar Eminem signed several new members to Shady Records.

"It's the new generation of Shady Records, and we're trying to rebuild our label," Eminem stated on the day of signing.

Altogether, five rappers were signed. One of them, perhaps the one who stands out the most, goes by Yelawolf. Yelawolf's real name is Michael Wayne Atha, and he was born December 30, 1979 in Gadsden, Alabama. He is the first white rapper to be signed by Eminem, and he has quite the life story.

He moved several times, growing up in Louisiana, Georgia, and Tennessee. He lived in Berkeley, California for some time as an actual homeless skater for over a year. He eventually had to stop and give up the dream of being a professional skater as a result of too many injuries. However, there was something else he enjoyed besides skateboarding ever since he was a small boy: hip hop. Yelawolf began writing

lyrics in fifth grade and he never stopped. He moved to Seattle from California and "that was where Yelawolf was born," he said once in an interview.

All odds were against this kid growing up, and now he has had a dream come true. I think he is just as excited and surprised as the rest of the music industry.

"I can tell you that when you're willing to give your life up to see a dream through, the reward is great. And now that I've become an apprentice to one of the greatest artists in the world, my potential reaches beyond anything I ever imagined," he said.

The talent this artist can bring to the table is incredible. He has mastered many different styles and a voice that can take over any beat. He has now collaborated with Gucci Mane, Juelz Santana, Paul Wall and several other popular artists. Previous to the huge signing, Eminem set up a personal meeting with Yelawolf and Eminem explained, "Not only do you not sound like me, but you sound like nothing I've ever heard before."

This is very exciting for the hip hop world, and it will be very interesting to see where this one-of-a-kind artist takes his career and how he can contribute to Shady Records.



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Yelawolf



## “The Fighter” Delivers

**Joe Daly**  
*Staff Writer*

In the face of overwhelming expectations from “Rocky” fans, “The Fighter” goes above and beyond the call and brings a knockout to boxing enthusiasts nationwide. With a cast full of Golden Globe nominees and winners, “The Fighter” thoroughly depicts the life of Mickey Ward and his family as they find their way to greatness.

This true-life story follows “Irish” Mickey Ward (Mark Wahlberg), a welterweight boxer living in the working-class town of Lowell, Massachusetts during the early '90s. Mickey, known as a “stepping stone” in the boxing ring, lives in the shadow of his half-brother Dicky Eklund (Christian Bale), a former boxer who is known around town as “The Pride of Lowell” for a famous losing bout in which he supposedly knocked down boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard.

Dicky is Mickey's idol and also his trainer. Their mother Alice (Melissa Leo) works as Mickey's manager, making Mickey's career a nice, tight family operation – one that has already hit the rocks and is falling apart. Dicky is a drug addict, and Alice also suffers from addictions as well, chain smoking and drink-

ing, while still living off Dicky's expired fame. Mickey can't seem to navigate his way through this maze of dreams and obligations while trying to keep his family happy. This changes when he meets Charlene (Amy Adams), a local barmaid who wants to help Mickey get his head on straight.

The movie heats up as Mickey Ward faces International Welter-weight champion, Shea Neary. Although the real fighter of this movie is based around Mickey Ward, there are a few other definable characters that can be considered “fighters” as well. Eklund tries to help his brother become a champion by overcoming his haunting crack addiction. Mickey's mother Alice struggles to keep her family and the business in line before it falls apart. Charlene fights to keep Mickey committed to their relationship and thwarting off all of Mickey's insane sisters. The cast (for the most part) does a phenomenal job bringing these rich and crazy characters to life – a crucial task in a film like this. Thankfully, Director David O. Russell is working with some of the best actors in the business and managed to hit the right stride.

This film is a character piece, pure and simple. While Mickey's stumble and ultimate

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**Marissa Twombly**  
*News Editor*

As many of you probably know, on January 18, American Idol returned with its 10 season. This season is a little different because the pleasant Paula Abdul and the notorious villain of the show, Simon Cowell, will not be present. Even though many people are fearful to watch the show without the original members, the new judges are showing that America has forgotten about Paula and Simon. Jennifer Lopez

and Steven Tyler have taken the reins to the judging table and offer very good insight to the contestants. Randy Jackson is still a judge, and people couldn't be happier that he is still here.

Kicking off the season in Jersey, the new judges got a taste of what Idol truly is trying to establish. Lopez and Tyler say that they aim to use their experiences to help guide new artists. The contestants who are trying out are getting a once in a lifetime chance to hear from different artists during one discussion

on how to better their musical careers. While Tyler helped sing and bang on the table for some contestants, Lopez had the hardest time saying no to anyone.

The premier of American Idol was a hit among Americans, according to Fox News, where an average of 26.1 million people tuned into the show. The show has stated that they are going to make some changes during the “Hollywood Week” auditions, cutting the finalists down to only

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## American Idol Returns with New Judges

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*Mark Wahlberg and Christian Bale in 'The Fighter'*



## “The Fighter” Delivers

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rise through the boxing ranks provide the narrative arc, the film is focused squarely on the players riding along for the journey – Mickey, Dicky, Alice, and Charlene. It’s clear that Russell came across this story and recognized the value of unique and vibrant characters like these (I refer to both the real-life Ward/Eklund family as much as their onscreen counterparts), and not

just the typical “rags to riches” sports story that has been so thoroughly created in Hollywood.

Don’t let the cliché trailer deter you from seeing the movie. I highly recommend going to see this gem. It’s exactly what drama and boxing fanatics alike want to see. Great performances, great filmmaking and a genuinely enjoyable journey following characters you’ll likely have a hard time forgetting.

5 stars

## Cult of the Classic: “Fist of the North Star” (1986)

**Chad Marden**

*Photo Editor*

This is yet another movie like “Yojimbo” that can be filed in the I-Freaking-Love-Japan folder. For better or worse, Japanese film is almost always a reliable source of story and imagery so far out that I can’t help but love it. For example, let’s look at the insanity in the animated movie “Fist of the North Star” (Please note that, in the interest of simplicity, I will be using the voice actors and character names used in the English localization).

The story takes place in an alternate future where the Cold War escalated to world-destroying levels. Only a few survivors are able to barely make a living. Among them is martial arts master Ken (John Vickery) and his beloved Julia (Melodee Spevack), who are attempting to revitalize the world. Jealous of their love, Ken’s former friend Shin (Michael McConnohie) beats Ken to the edge of death and takes Julia as his queen in his new world order. Barely alive and out for vengeance, Ken must use

his mastery of his combat style called Fist of the North Star – an art that focuses on key nerves and power points with (often explosively) lethal results – to find Julia and set the world right again.

Given the nature of Ken’s fighting style, the levels of blood in this movie are laughably ridiculous. The villains tend to act less like people and more like 10 gallon bags of gore under pressure. This bloody nature, combined with the Bruce Lee/Mad Max aesthetic of most of the main characters, is why many have given this movie the tongue-in-cheek title of “The manliest anime ever made.” The plot may be hard to follow at times, but those in need of a complex story to complement their B-Grade cheesy movies will appreciate the many twists in the story.

This is what I call a “Gateway Cult Classic.” If you can appreciate a nice combination of cheesy action/kung-fu moments and complicated plots, “Fist of the North Star” is a great starting point for up and coming B-movie geeks.

## American Idol Judges

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20, giving the audience fewer singers to vote for as finalists. Therefore, the contestants can now perform more of their own material.

A lot of “weird” and “inspiring” stuff has already been going on during the premier of American Idol. Jennifer Lopez seems to be the hit judge, winning the beauty of all of the guys and the inspiration of the young girls.

One contestant told the story of how she grew up watching Jennifer Lopez and brought tears to her eyes, while another contestant said that his friends bet he wouldn’t flash his abs in front of her. Of course Steven Tyler and Randy Jackson got up on the platform and lifted up their shirts as well ... even though Randy didn’t have much to offer for abs.

As Lopez is winning the charm of the contestants, Tyler

did have one contestant who admired him ... and even looked like him. This guy had long hair and his mouth was just a big! I can’t say much about his voice except he didn’t get a pass to Hollywood. Jackson of course is the only original member left and I have to say the show wouldn’t be complete without “the dawg.”

Tune in to FOX to watch the show!



(Left to Right) Randy Jackson, Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler; judges for American Idol.



Just seconds before one of Ken’s Punches pops a thug’s head; one beck of a migraine.



# Sports

## Women's Hoop Team Rolls Through January

By Michael Ghika  
Sports Editor

After some early season struggles led to a 3-7 start, the Southern New Hampshire University women's basketball team breezed through the month of January with a 7-2 record. The surge puts their current record at 10-9 overall and 8-7 in Northeast-10 conference play, placing them eighth in the 16-team league and just two games back of the top four teams.

Six of the nine games in January were decided by 10 points or less, and the Penmen won three times by a mere three-point margin. The Penmen, who went

4-1 on the road and 3-1 at home throughout the month, suffered a loss on January 15 in an 84-78 overtime battle at Le Moyne and also fell to Assumption this past Saturday. But other than those two setbacks, the Penmen opened up the new calendar year with four straight wins and also put together a mild three-game win streak later in the month.

"We are excited about our success, but our motto is to stay in the moment and take one game at a time," said sixth-year head coach Karen Pinkos. "The NE-10 is too good for us to overlook any opponent regardless of their record. But the champion-

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SNHU's Julia Houghtaling, who leads the team in scoring and rebounding, registered her 1,000th career point on January 25.

## Half-century Dry Spell Ends for Auburn

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When you think about a car crash, the biggest changes happen in such a quick span of time. They are unpredictable, dangerous, and adrenaline-spiking. The same can be said about this past NCAA football season.

There is no point in predicting what could happen each season because it typically goes awry. There comes a point in every season where one game serves as an excellent example

that college football is not a cookie-cutter spectacle. For instance, the South Carolina Gamecocks ran over the roll-tide champions and their 19-game winning streak with a 35-21 victory. Although South Carolina was a tough contender in the regular season, their disappointing losses and major upset in the SEC championship exemplified their vulnerability to NCAA's true opponent this year: Auburn. Once again, the SEC proved to be the dominant conference in this year's BCS championship.

But was Auburn foreseen as the team to beat?

At the beginning of the season, the Tigers faced schools that many would not typically consider to be football powerhouses. Auburn further progressed in the season with major conference wins against South Carolina, Arkansas, LSU, and Alabama. Rising alongside the Tigers was the Pac-10 stronghold in Oregon. Over the years, Oregon has steadily risen as a

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## Addressing the Patriots' Greatest Needs

Tim Callahan  
Editor in Chief

Most Patriots fans were pleasantly surprised by their team's regular season success, as the Patriots took what appeared to be a 10-win team to a 14-2 record in a relatively tough division. However, expectations soared for the Patriots as they entered the playoffs the NFL favorite to win the Super Bowl. Unfortunately, such hopes ended rather abruptly in a divisional round loss to the rival Jets, destroying the hype surrounding the Patriots and forcing them to consider a longer offseason than expected.

Where can the Patriots hope to improve? Well, the game with the Jets brought to light some rather troubling trends that were downplayed throughout the generally successful regular season. To make a greater playoff push than they have the past two years, the Patriots will have to address some needs via free agency (if and when the Collective Bargaining Agreement is renewed) and the draft.

Though many of the sacks

of Tom Brady were coverage sacks during the Jets game, there are obviously still some issues with the Patriots offensive line. Logan Mankins and Matt Light are both free agents, Stephen Neal might retire, and Nick Kaczur was placed on IR this season, placing his future with the Patriots in question. Clearly, the line is in need of a major overhaul. As far as early draft picks are concerned, Anthony Castonzo, Gabe Carimi, Nate Solder, Stefen Wisniewski, and Mike Pouncey would all be viable players to fill holes across the line. Of course, much of this depends upon who they re-sign during free agency and whether or not the Patriots think Sebastian Vollmer can make the transition over to LT.

After losing Ty Warren for the season to a hip injury, the Patriots defensive line had its share of questions marks and depth concerns. Vince Wilfork was the anchor of the defensive line this season, playing NT and DE at times according to the matchups presented. Gerard Warren, Myron Pryor, Mike Wright and Brandon Dea-

derick filled in well enough for the Patriots, but most were hurt towards the end of the season, and the Patriots need a serious talent infusion at the 3-4 DE position. Although Ron Brace played well at times, he needs to stay healthy next season to remain with the team. Potential draft picks in the first two rounds that the Patriots could be looking at to fill the 3-4 DE void could be Cameron Jordan, J.J. Watt, Muhammad Wilkerson, Christian Ballard, and Cameron Heyward.

Perhaps the most obvious problem with the Patriots that fans have been harping about for several years now is a lack of a pass rush, which came back to haunt them against the Jets. Jermaine Cunningham was solid at setting the edge at the OLB position, often lining up in a three-point stance as he transitioned to the position. Rob Ninkovich, Tully Banta-Cain, Eric Moore, and Dane Fletcher all made contributions as well, but none of them are true studs. Tamba Hali and Lamarr Woodley are both free-agent options for the

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## Patriots' Needs

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Patriots, but they may be reticent to spend money on such a player after the Adalius Thomas debacle. Ryan Kerrigan, Aldon Smith, and Justin Houston could all come in through the draft and solidify the OLB position, while giving the Patriots some semblance of a pass rush.

The Patriots also have depth issues at the RB position, potentially losing Kevin Faulk, Fred Taylor and Sammy Morris to free-agency (with Benjarvus Green-Ellis being a restricted free agent). Additionally, the Patriots receivers, though they are generally quick and can run

routes well, lack the size and explosiveness needed to keep a defense honest; as a result, the Jets mixed coverages throughout the game without having to worry about the top of the defense being taken off. Finally, although the Patriots appear to have a stud at the CB position for years to come (Devin McCourty) and they will be getting Leigh Bodden back, they could still use a steady nickel back since Kyle Arrington and Darius Butler do not seem to be the answer there.

However, the team does have some hope for the future, as

many young players stepped up and played very well this season. Rookies Devin McCourty, Rob Gronkowski, Aaron Hernandez, Jermaine Cunningham, Brandon Spikes, and Zoltan Mesko all made significant contributions to the team throughout the season. Finally, any team with Tom Brady as its QB and Bill Belichick as its head coach will always have a good chance at success; nonetheless, the window of opportunity is quickly closing, and the chance of an NFL lockout next season is certainly becoming a much greater possibility with every passing day.

## Women's Hoops in January

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ship is open to anyone, which makes this year more exciting than ever."

Much of SNHU's success is due in large part to the team's pair of post presences in grad student Julia Houghtaling and sophomore Sloane Sorrell, who are the only two players to start all 19 games this season. Sorrell is scoring at a 10.4 clip per game and grabbing 6.4 rebounds per contest this season while Houghtaling, who missed all of last season due to injury, became the 14th player in program history to reach 1,000 career points in a January 25 victory at New Haven. She is close to averaging a double-double and currently leads the team in scoring (13.8 ppg) and rebounding (9.3 rpg).

"We have really come together as a team and have started playing well with each other," said Houghtaling, who averaged 15.4 points and 8.8 rebounds per contest during January. "We have had some big wins this past month and those wins have given us the confidence to know that we can play with anyone."

"She is truly a team leader and is the hardest worker on this team," said Pinkos of Houghtaling. "She is older and more mature and sitting out last year helped her become a better and smarter player."

Sophomore Michelle DeRoma, a transfer from American International College, is third on the team in scoring (9.7 ppg) and leads the team with 37 three-pointers made. Junior Christine Duffy is playing 36 minutes a game while handing out 4.4 assists per contest. Pinkos cites DeRoma's improvements as a shooter and Duffy's high-energy play as two key elements to the Penmen's recent success.

Perhaps the most exciting win of the month came on January 5 against Adelphi, when DeRoma knocked down a three-pointer at the buzzer to propel the Penmen to a 73-70 victory. The Penmen's next contest is set for 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 5 against Franklin Pierce at the SNHU Fieldhouse. The administration encourages all fans to wear pink in partnership with the Women's Basketball Coaches Association to help fight breast cancer.

## Sox Make Monster Additions

**Alexander Costas**  
*Staff Writer*

As families across New England take down their Christmas wreaths and holiday lights, a feeling of hope and excitement reigns through Kenmore Square in Boston. As chatter about the battle for the American League East begins, navy hats with red "B's" are seen left and right. Pitchers and catchers will shortly be arriving to Fort Myers, Florida later this month for what very

well may be an exciting spring training.

It will certainly be interesting to see if the Red Sox organization can live up to their expectations after adding a few new faces to the lineup. Ex-Padre slugger Adrian Gonzalez and former Tampa Bay Ray Carl Crawford, a speed demon, are two major additions that could put the club in position to play October baseball in the near future.

With a laundry-list of inju-

ries last season, the Red Sox were never given the chance to ultimately play up to their full potential. Six players that were on Terry Francona's Opening Day lineup card ended up on the DL, as Josh Beckett, Victor Martinez, Jacoby Ellsbury, Dustin Pedroia, Kevin Youkilis, and Mike Cameron all missed time with injury.

It is not uncommon for fans to see normal day-to-day injuries, but it is fair to say that last year's Red Sox team experienced

far more than a few boo-boos. Martinez missed 22 games, putting veteran Jason Varitek in a position to catch far more games than the club originally expected. The rest of the aforementioned players all missed at least 40 games, with Ellsbury playing in just 18 games out of a possible 162 as the Red Sox missed the playoffs for the first time since 2006.

During a recent interview last week, New York Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said that the Boston Red Sox are better on paper at this point than his Yanks. Cashman also added that is because he is still trying to add another starting pitcher.

Can it possibly be true that the Red Sox arch-rival is actually admitting that the team from Boston seems to be the favorite? If history has taught us anything, it is that the true champion of baseball is determined throughout the regular season and the playoffs, not during spring training.

Ultimately, health and its unpredictability is always a risk that could potentially wreck current plans. But regardless, the off-season additions of Gonzalez and Crawford have almost fully restored the faith of Sox fans all across New England.



*The Red Sox added a pair of All-Stars in Carl Crawford (left) and Adrian Gonzalez (right) this winter.*

# Packers, Steelers Headed to the Big Dance

Patrick Trouve  
Copy-Editor

Sunday, January 23 treated football fans to both the AFC and NFC Championship games, showcasing the talents of perhaps the two best squads in their respective conferences. The NFC North champion Chicago Bears hosted the sixth seeded Green Bay Packers while the New York Jets traveled to Pittsburgh to take on the Steelers.

Despite several late Chicago comeback attempts, various quarterback changes by the Bears and a resilient Packers' secondary ultimately sealed the Bears fate. The Packers left Soldier Field with a 21-14 victory, punching their ticket to another Super Bowl appearance, their first since the 1998 season and their fifth appearance in franchise history.

The Packers went ahead early after a seven-play, 84-yard drive culminated with an Aaron

Rodgers' rushing touchdown. The story of the first half, however, was certainly the struggling Bears offense, which was unable to put any points on the board in the first 30 minutes. A second Green Bay score, this time a four-yard rush from rookie running back James Starks, put the Pack up 14-0 at halftime.

Following a halftime regroup, Bears quarterback Jay Cutler left the game with a knee injury early in the third. After second-string journeyman Todd Collins began his appearance 0-4 through the air, third year quarterback Caleb Hanie went under center. Hanie's first drive ended with a 1-yard Chester Taylor rushing touchdown to make it a one-score game. However, on a later Bears possession, Green Bay's 337-pound nose tackle, B.J. Raji, picked off Hanie and took it 18 yards for the touchdown and a 21-7 Packer lead.

Hanie hooked up with Earl Bennett for a touchdown to once

again make it a one possession game, but another Hanie interception down the stretch ended Chicago's hopes at victory.

In the AFC championship, the Steelers scored on the game's opening drive when Rashard Mendenhall punched it in from a mere one yard out. With the Jets offense struggling early on, Pittsburgh put up another 10 points on a Ben Roethlisberger rushing score and a field goal.

With just under 2 minutes left in the first half, Steelers cornerback Ike Taylor was able to strip Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez as he dropped back for a pass. Pittsburgh's William Gay snatched up the loose ball and returned in 19 yards for yet another Steelers touchdown. The Jets managed a late first-half scoring drive, but still headed to the locker room down 24-3.

The second half saw Sanchez and the Jets offense shine against the highly respected Steelers defense. The Jets stingy

defense prevented Pittsburgh from scoring any points in the second half, while Sanchez was able to throw two touchdowns in the final 30 minutes of play. The first came in the form of a 45-yard strike to Santonio Holmes to give New York some shred of momentum, putting the score at 24-10.

Following a Steelers goal line stand, the Jets defense brought down Roethlisberger in his own end zone after a botched snap for a safety and subsequent ball possession. Sanchez then drove down the field to throw an eventual four-yard touchdown pass to Jericho Cotchery to cut the deficit to five.

But the Steelers were able to complete several first downs, forcing the Jets to use their timeouts as the game clock expired. The victory sends the Steelers to the Super Bowl for a NFL-record eighth time. It will be their third appearance in the past six years.

## Dry Spell Ends

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strong contender in their conference. The two equally-talented teams faced on January 10, and the tension was high. Heisman trophy winner Cam Newton played a decent game, while freshman running back Michael Dyer picked up the slack with 143 rushing yards.

As for Newton, he decided to go pro, and for good reason. Newton leaves behind an outstanding record at Auburn, becoming the first SEC player to throw for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in a single season. Currently, the Washington Redskins, among many other organizations, are paying much attention to the 21-year-old from College Park, Georgia. But the country can only speculate as to where he will end up as a professional.

As for next season, could Auburn defend their title or shatter without Newton? Will the SEC make a run towards its eighth appearance in the championship game? Clearly, it is all unpredictable.



*Auburn quarterback Cam Newton led his team to a national championship and won the Heisman trophy despite numerous NCAA allegations.*



*Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers will make his first career Super Bowl appearance this Sunday against the Steelers. Super Bowl XLV coverage kicks off at 6:00 p.m. on February 6. Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers will make his first career Super Bowl appearance this Sunday against the Steelers. Super Bowl XLV coverage kicks off at 6:00 p.m. on February 6.*



## Spotlight @ SNHU: Kimberly Monk

Marissa Twombly  
News Editor



Kimberly Monk

*Caption: Professor Monk (on right) on a trip to Washington DC*

Hospitality and Tourism was the major for Kimberly Monk as she graduated from Florida International University with an undergraduate degree. The reason that Monk decided to pursue hospitality and tourism was due to the fact that in her hometown, Ocho Rios Jamaica, she struggled with the fact that it was overrun by visitors who had certain rights and liberties as paying customers that were denied to the locals of her hometown. "This resulted in unequal economic, social and cultural relationships between the tourists and locals. I wanted to make a difference; to change how tourists viewed the destinations they visited and to change the locals' perceptions of the visitors."

Soon thereafter, Monk decided to attend SNHU, and she received her master's degree in business administration. The decision to teach here was an easy one for Monk not only because she "worked in the hospitality industry in a variety of training positions," giving her the natural progression to teach at the university level, but also because she "was impressed with the

university's emphasis on classroom teaching which focused on faculty being knowledgeable in their subjects." Teaching here at the University has given Monk a goal to strive for: "My primary goal while at SNHU is to promote academic quality, industry currency and support the preparation of students for the realities of the world."

The hospitality program would take students to mostly third world countries, where "the students were introduced to new ways of thinking which challenged many of their long held assumptions and beliefs." This was very beneficial to students because it allows them "to see firsthand the impact of tourism on destinations while giving them the ability to develop cultural competence." These opportunities could not be provided in the classroom to help them learn about these countries.

Professor Monk provided me with many photos from different places that were impressive. Some of the places included Prague, Miami, Washington DC, Guatemala, London and Bolivia.

## Voices and Faces

What is your movie of the year, and what did you like about it?

"Sherlock Holmes – I like how they shed a new light on Holmes"

– Jacob Moon

"Tangled – It looked kiddo but if you give it a chance, it's really good."

– C.J. Hart

"Toy Story 3 – Partially nostalgia, but it was also a well done movie"

– Matt Hirtenstein

"The Town – It was realistic, not a fantasy-world, and wasn't afraid to get dark."

– John Wright

