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Genocide Survivor Teaches Forgiveness



*A crowded Walker Auditorium in silence during a moment of remembrance.
Photo/Katlyn Morin*

Amanda Russell Editor in Chief

Seven women hiding from murderers in one bathroom for 91 days. On February 6, Immaculee Ilibagiza relived the horrific experience she endured during the Rwandan genocide for a capacity filled auditorium at Southern New Hampshire University.

On April 6, 1994 a plane carrying Rwanda's Hutu President, Juvenal Habyarimana crashed, killing everyone on board. An organized campaign by Rwanda's majority tribe, the Hutu's, followed shortly after the crash. Hutu extremists spent 100 days brutally killing approximately 800,000 Tutsis, the minority tribe in Rwanda.

Three out of four Tutsis in Rwanda were killed during the 100-day killing spree. Immaculee Ilibagiza was the only member of her family who survived the horrific genocide. Ilibagiza survived by hiding in

the bathroom of a Hutu Protestant priest with seven other women for over three months. Ilibagiza began a dialogue with God during the 91 days she spent in the bathroom.

Ilibagiza said, "God, if you save me today, I'm going to love you more than ever. These people who are killing all the Tutsis were friends and neighbors. Now I know that the only being I can trust is you, God."

Ilibagiza's dialogue with God continued as the days crept by inside the bathroom. Over 400 people searched the house to find and kill the seven Tutsi women. During each search, Ilibagiza turned to her faith to find it in her heart to forgive the murderers who were trying to exterminate the Tutsis population.

"The hatred in my heart made my blood boil. I surrendered myself to God and asked him how I could love these people. God reminded me that

earth is just a passage where you go through hardship. If you endure the hardship there is heaven after. If I hadn't found God during that time, I don't think I would have survived the genocide," Ilibagiza said.

When the genocide was ending and it was safe to leave the bathroom, Ilibagiza thought she was dreaming.

"So much had changed in the three months I spent in that bathroom. I no longer had a family, I had no money and no place to go. I just kept wondering why I was chosen to live. I knew God had a plan for me, and realized that the only way I could leave Rwanda was with forgiveness."

After leaving Rwanda, Ilibagiza traveled to the United States in search of a job with the United Nations. Ilibagiza applied for a position with the UN seven or eight times before landing the job of her

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Dr. Hassan Awarded by MLK Jr. Coalition

Frank Rubino
Managing Editor

Southern New Hampshire University's Dr. Mahboubul Hassan of the economics and finance department received the Martin Luther King Award on Monday January 15th, 2007 at the 25th annual Martin Luther King Day Community Celebration.

Hassan, president and founder of the Islamic Society of Greater Manchester, was presented the award by Reverend Christopher Emerson at the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral on Hanover Street in Manchester.

Founded in 1982, the Martin Luther King Coalition consists of 21 various organizations that are brought together to promote the principles, beliefs, and values of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Some of the organizations include the Global Citizens Circle, New Hampshire Civil Liberties Union, and the Manchester Education Association.

For the last twenty years, the Coalition has awarded the

Martin Luther King Award to a New Hampshire resident that shows continued dedication to improving social rights based on the beliefs of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. All of the Coalition member organizations, as well as previous recipients of the award, nominate an individual they feel deserves the Martin Luther King Award. The Coalition's Steering Committee then reviews the list of nominees and selects one to receive the award.

Reverend Dr. Bertha Perkins was the keynote speaker at the event. Governor John Lynch was also in attendance as well as participants from the very first Martin Luther King Day Community Celebration. The celebration also featured performances by the Rhythm of New Hampshire Show Chorus and the West High School Jazz Band.

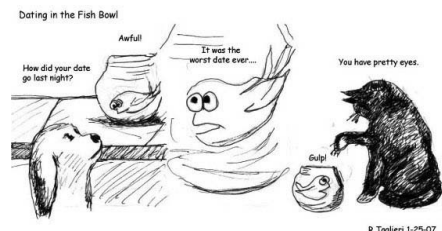
Dr. Hassan said that he is "very humbled by the award and by being the first Muslim recipient." Information about the Martin Luther King Coalition can be found at <http://www.martinlutherkingcoalition.org>.



*Dr. Mahboubul Hassan recieved the Martin Luther King Award for 2007
Photo/Katlyn Morin*

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

*~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
1960s Civil Rights Movement Leader*



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Letter from the Editor

Amanda Russell

Editor in Chief

A lot has happened during the month that school has been back in session. The semester started off with Fusion Night, where members of the International Student Association invited domestic and international students to meet and mingle in The Pub. ISA should be recognized this year for creating a greater sense of unity among the SNHU community.

Club Day was another event that was a huge success this semester. Many students signed up to join clubs, organizations and Greek life, but the wild animals that students could take pictures with definitely stole the show.

The event that impacted me the most thus far this semester was when Imaculee Ilibagiza spoke in Walker Auditorium about surviving the Rwandan

Genocide. Her speech made people realize that problems in everyday life seem trivial compared to the horror she endured for 91 days in Rwanda. Ilibagiza encouraged the audience to love one another and also illustrated the power of forgiveness. This year's Martin Luther King Day of Action event will leave a powerful message of compassion and forgiveness in the minds of those who attended the event.

Although Senioritis has begun to sink in for me, the staff of The Observer has come through with another strong issue. Staff writers really did a great job getting out to events on campus, and covering news that the campus community is interested in.

Thank you for picking up this issue of The Observer. Happy Valentines Day!

Happy Valentines Day!

Alumni Night

Tuesday February 20th, 2007
6:30pm

Hospitality Ballroom
Everyone is welcome

Come listen to the following alumni discuss their experiences in the world of Business and Finance:

Kari Plavcan '01
Jason Charron '01
Timothy Gerardi '04
Benjamin Sutch '00

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Jungle Jamboree a Success

Katlyn Morin

News Editor

Over 50 clubs and organizations gathered Wednesday, January 31, in the small gym to recruit students for the spring semester.

Campus Program and Leadership hosted this semester's jungle theme. The Jungle Jamboree included the movie Madagascar and Illinois Animal Rentals Inc. Students lined up to see a friendly yellow python, a baby fox, chinchilla, monkey and even a crocodile.

The entertainment proved to attract a larger crowd this spring. Grad Assistant Casey Bandarra said she heard this was "the best club day yet."

Participating clubs included CAPE, SNHU Radio, SNHU TV, Sport Management, the International Students Association and many others. Organizations in the Greek Council also gathered for Club Day to promote rush week,

in which the newest council members are welcomed into their prospective organization.

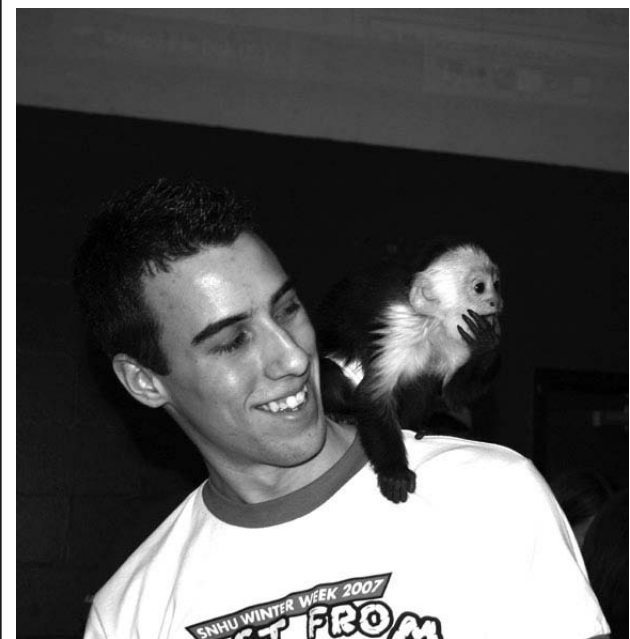
Nick Miller, a member of Phi Delta Psi, described Club Day as, "a chance to sample and a great way to try to find out where you fit in."

President of the SNHU Communication Club, Amanda Lones, found this semester's Club Day "a lot more entertaining."

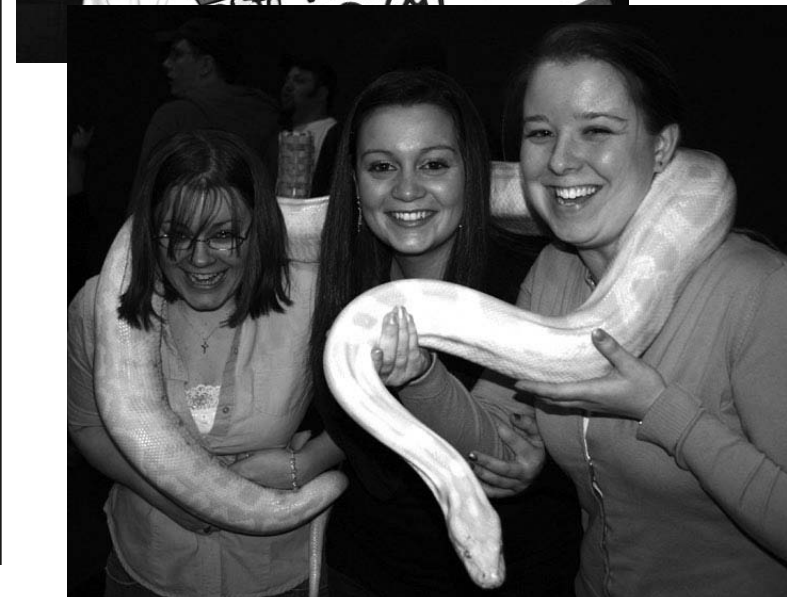
Amongst students, faculty and staff also took part in the afternoon's events.

"The kids are real enthusiastic about it, very positive," said Jackie Dunn, office manager of Student Affairs.

Club Day is held twice a year, once per semester, to showcase clubs and organizations on campus. Tables are set up for club officers to display information they would like to get out to potential members. Surveys and giveaways are also available to students.



Students posing for the camera at Club Day with wild animals
Photos/CAPE



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Genocide

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dreams. She still works for the UN in New York today.

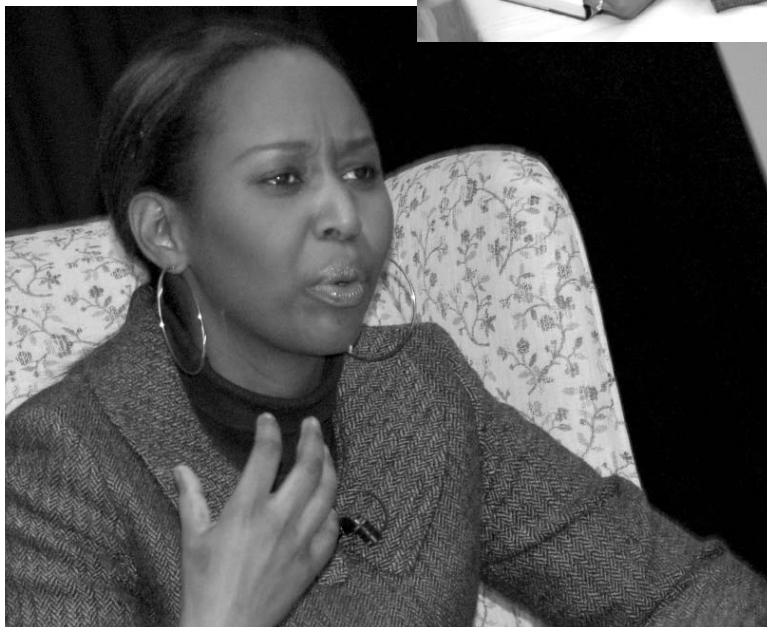
Twelve years have passed since Ilibagiza was locked in that bathroom, praying for protection during the Rwandan Genocide. She wrote a book, *Left to Tell: Discovering God amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*. She also travels the country to tell her story and to raise awareness of the genocide happening today in Darfur.

"This is not Katrina, it's not a natural disaster. It's human beings killing other people. The job we fail at the most is caring for each other. I think it's everyone's responsibility to care for people who are suffering," Ilibagiza said.

At the conclusion of Ilibagiza's speech, candles were passed out to the audience, and lit in remembrance of all the people who have been killed in senseless acts of violence. The president of the International Student Association, Prince Soko, then presented Ilibagiza with a plaque that

recognized her as the Martin Luther King Day of Action speaker for 2006. Ilibagiza was flattered with the award.

"It's things like this award that remind me that telling my story is important. I encourage everyone to remember how good it feels to love people and how heavy your heart feels when it's filled with hatred. Learn how to forgive and remember that it's so much easier to love than to hate," Ilibagiza concluded.



*Immaculee Ilibagiza visits SNHU to speak about surviving the Rwandan Genocide.
Photo/Katlyn Morin*

Inside Iraq: A Film and Lecture

The war in Iraq has been showcased as both an example of American decisiveness and the catastrophic result of failed leadership. But beyond the debate, what is the reality of life on the ground? In December of 2003 traveler Mike Shiley felt compelled to find out for himself. Shiley, who is not a professionally trained journalist or filmmaker, managed to strike a deal with a local ABC-TV station to bring back stories about the troops in Iraq. Armed with a digital video camera and a home-made press pass, Mike Shiley chronicled a two month journey inside Iraq, interviewing American and Iraqi soldiers, talking to local citizens, and putting himself in situations of great personal risk. The footage from Shiley's excursions throughout the Sunni Triangle, the city of Baghdad, the northern Kurdish region and the Shiite-controlled south, put into deep personal context the stories we hear about in the news. Rather than push a political point of view, *INSIDE IRAQ: THE UNTOLD STORIES* lets Shiley's camera roll, catching a multitude of real-life moments that tell it like it is.

**Inside
Iraq
Tuesday,
February
27th, 2007
7:00 to
9:00p.m.
Small Gym**

Public Safety Log

Nick Tasso
Staff Writer

1/20/2007 11:30 A.M.

At the above date and time, P.S. was doing a regular check for open doors and windows to prevent freezing pipes when they noticed a window was open on the ground floor. There were no lights on in the room and no one answered when P.S. knocked on the door. They announced they were P.S. and when no one answered, they keyed in. When they entered, there were bed sheets blocking off the back left corner of the room. There was an open bottle found in the room. They also found a plastic blow tube containing dryer sheets and a small ashtray containing the remnants of a marijuana cigarette.

1/20/2007 5:45 P.M.

At the above date and time, P.S. was called for a substance that was found in a baggy near the Penmen Cash Machine. When P.S. arrived, they found a bag that contained marijuana.

1/31/2007 1:50 A.M.

At the above date and time,

P.S. noticed a vehicle stuck on the hill between Lot 1 and the Main Entrance. There were 3 people standing at the car including one that P.S. saw driving the car a few minutes earlier. P.S. asked them what happened and the person who they saw driving a few minutes earlier said that he let his friend borrow the car and found it there. After P.S. told the person not to lie, he admitted to driving the car. He said he wanted to leave but he couldn't find the exit. He said he saw the parking lot and thought he could make it out. P.S. smelt alcohol on his breath and asked him if he had anything to drink. He admitted to having three drinks. Manchester Police was called and the person failed a breathalyzer test.

2/4/2007 12:44 A.M.

At the above date and time, P.S. arrived at Windsor at the request of the R.A.'s on duty. When they arrived they were told that a student had been vomiting in the doorway on the West end of the building. The student appeared to have

been drinking and admitted to having three drinks. P.S. confiscated three bottles and one can of alcohol in the refrigerator.

2/7/2007 3:45 A.M.

At the above date and time, P.S. received a call for a noise/drug complaint. They arrived at Winnepesaukee and could hear loud music and they knocked on the door. The students turned off the music and PS could hear someone spraying something. A student slightly opened the door after three knocks. The P.S. officer said there was a noise complaint and asked if the student could open the door. The P.S. officer then asked if they were smoking marijuana. The student said no. The P.S. officer then said either talk to me and deal with the schools punishment system or he would have to call Manchester Police Department to investigate because the P.S. officer smelt marijuana. The student then handed over a bag of green vegetable matter and the student stated it was marijuana and they were smoking a joint.



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Room Selection Changed

Jordan Lake
Staff Writer

If you're still considering your roommate options for the fall semester, you may want to put down the eenie-meenie-minie-moe method and focus your attentions away from Susie Home-maker. According to the new system, the likelihood of receiving the housing option of your choice will be based on your ability to comprise the highest ranking students on campus.

"Priority is given to the students that have been here longer" says East Side Residence Director Valerie Poisson. This differs from the previous method of considering only the highest ranking student's score (among all potential roommates) to determine their group priority.

The new selection process is the love-child of a systematic integration developed by Bob Richardson, Valerie Poisson and Paula Shapazian with help and guidance from Robert Schiavoni. Richardson and Poisson had previous selection process

experience at other schools and were able to pull ideas from those sources and incorporate their own personal touches

SNHU's website outlines the five step process associated with the new procedure. If you happen to equate navigating the homepage with attempting to find Waldo's clone, the direct link is as follows: <http://www.snhu.edu/1638.asp>. "We [the administration] are holding information sessions, sending out mass advertisements, manning cafeteria tables, etc. to spread the word and answer questions."

Poisson stresses that all paperwork must be submitted to Residence Life by March 2, and to stop in with any necessary questions. To the best of their ability, the Residence Life team has eagerly and metaphorically suited up to orchestrate students in the most efficient and prosperous direction to accommodate their needs.

"We are very excited about this new process" says Poisson, and after completion of

"this year's new process, we can tweak and refine ideas, or incorporate new ideas based off of student feedback."

March 12, 15 and 20 are

"We are very excited about this new process"

~ Valerie Poisson
East Side Pods RD

important dates to remember, so be sure your St. Patty's day activities don't cloud your memory or day planner. Take the initiative; attend the appropriate information sessions for your area—if you've missed your designated meeting, Residence Life welcomes you to attend on another date and time.



Snacking Healthy

Julie Lancaster
Opinion Editor

Between school, work, jobs, sports and spending time with your friends, eating healthy can be a tough job. Finding time just to eat is hard, let alone eating healthy. The best way to eating healthy is to not worry about it. By taking control of what you eat, you can keep your weight and health off your mind.

The first step to snacking healthy is to make sure to understand the importance of healthy eating habits. When you are busy, you tend to forget to eat or have no time to eat properly, which in turn can lead to low levels of energy and a decrease in productivity for work or school.

According to registered dietitian, Cathy Clifford, foods with simple carbohydrates (sugars) like candy, soda or desserts, can lead to an increase in hunger, and weight gain. If a substitution of complex carbohydrates, such as

whole-grains, peanut butter or low-fat yogurt is made, your hunger will actually subside.

One of the biggest mistakes people make when trying to eat healthy is to assume that "low-fat" foods are healthier, or that granola bars are a good way to go. If you are a granola bar lover, make sure to check the back of the label. According to the Nemours Foundation a free website about teens and your health, about 35% of the calories in a granola bar comes from fat.

Here is a list of foods and snacks that will help to kick start your healthy eating habits:

Pineapple- Pineapple can actually have some reverse calorie affects. If you eat a pineapple pizza, some of the calories are actually negative because of the pineapple. This however doesn't mean you should put pineapple on everything you eat! Pineapple on spaghetti probably won't taste good.

Lemons- With an amazing source of Vitamin C, this fruit has been shown to help fight many types of cancer. Lemons are also a great way to kick start your kidneys and liver.

Almonds- Even though

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Entertainment

Around the World

Caitlin Murphy
Staff Writer



Jamaica

Terry Ann Coote
Age: 21
Hometown: Montego Bay, Jamaica, West Indies
Government: Democracy
President: Portia Simpson (First female Jamaican President)
Languages: English and Patois (pat-wa)
Favorite Food: Chicken and Rice
Favorite Music: Hip Hop, R&B, and Reggae
What do you miss most about home: The beach and culture (parties, music, people, and dance)
Why are you at SNHU: Graduate Student perusing Global MBA
Future Career: Real Estate Investment
Final Thoughts: "Definitely the most interesting thing about Jamaica would be its diverse culture. Our roots stem from our slogan, "out of many one people". Jamaica is unique, from their beautiful beaches, to their reggae beats, and their famous Jerk Chicken that is enjoyed by the entire world".

Snack Healthy

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they are technically high in fat, this nut is actually high in good fat. Almonds are high in monounsaturated fat, the same fat found in olive oil that has been proven to help prevent heart disease. Healthy nuts are also a great quick way to suppress hunger.

Whole Grains- Not to be confused with whole wheat, whole grains are the best way to receive a full serving of fiber in your diet. Just because your bread says "whole" on it, doesn't mean it is "whole" in its health benefits. Make sure to look for the package with whole grains.

Other good foods include:

Apples
Cranberries
Raspberries
Broccoli
Garlic
Tomatoes
Brown Rice
Oatmeal
Low-fat cheese/dairy
Salmon
Chicken
Spinach
Green Tea

Julie Lancaster
Opinion Editor

Move over Regal Cinema, there is a new way to watch movies! Chunky's, located in Nashua, New Hampshire offers large limousine style reclining chairs, long banquet style tables and your own waiter with pub style food, all while watching a movie on the big screen.

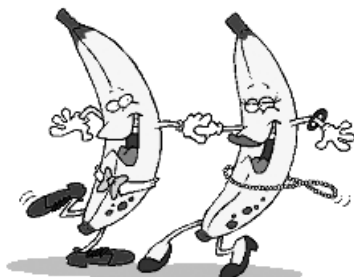
Huge theaters filled with tables, big enough for a party of eight, allow for a unique dining atmosphere. This may all sound confusing and little like a dream, but it is actually very simple. After buying your movie ticket, (only \$6.50) you are then given a full menu. Select your table, and a server will be right with you. Order off the rather diverse menu, from burgers or sandwiches

to nachos and ice cream, sit back, and relax. Theaters open a half-hour before show time to allow for dining before the show, or throughout the movie!

The atmosphere and idea behind Chunky's is absolutely ingenious! However, does the food stand up to such a fabulous idea? For the average eater, the Love Me Tenders are the way to go. A large portion of crispy chicken fingers was served with our choice of side. We chose from coleslaw, pub fries, waffle fries, Boston baked beans, or tri-colored pasta. Ordering from the "New Releases" section of the menu, the Fantastic Four Turkey Ciabatta Sandwich was served with a side as well. The grilled turkey breast, maple bacon, cheddar cheese with a smokey barbeque sauce sandwich, was not as fantastic as it

could have been. Served cold, this sandwich lacked flavor and texture. The "Fantastic Four" might have gotten a good movie review, but as for this sandwich, it will get a bad review.

Chunky's is located in three different locations, Pelham, Nashua and Haverhill, Massachusetts. Recommended arrival time before most movies is 30-60 minutes to order and find the perfect seat. For movie times and menu options, you can find Chunky's online at: www.chunkys.com! Overall, Chunky's will get my restaurant rating of a B for a unique dining atmosphere and great menu!



Photo/ grandpatucker.com

I'm talking about the Real Thing Ladies!

Ashley Spranzo
Entertainment Editor

Ever wanted that new IT designer bag, but that price of well you know, \$1,200 a little much for the average college budget? We all know that knock offs can be great, but at the same time, you get what you pay for. FINALLY there is a company that supplies ALL designer it bags for a bargain price! I'm talking about the real deal here. Designers include Juicy, to Prada, Louis Vuitton, Coach, Chanel, Balenciaga, the list goes on!

Dying to know how it works yet? Log onto www.BagBorrowSteal.com and shop away. But here is the "catch". This is like a magazine subscription. You pay a monthly fee according to what membership you want (memberships range from \$20 - \$175 a month. You

get to keep the bag(s) however long you want, and ship them back when you want a new one. Shipping is included in your membership of course.

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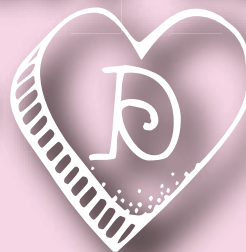
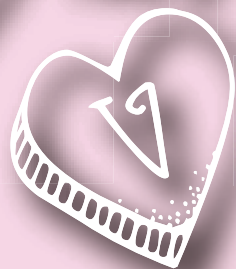
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Voices & Faces



What is your most memorable
Valentine's Day?



Elena Painchaud, Junior

"I was 16 in my first long-term relationship and my boyfriend at the time didn't have a lot of money. He surprised me with a long-stem rose with a card and a tray of chocolate-covered strawberries because he knew they were my favorite."



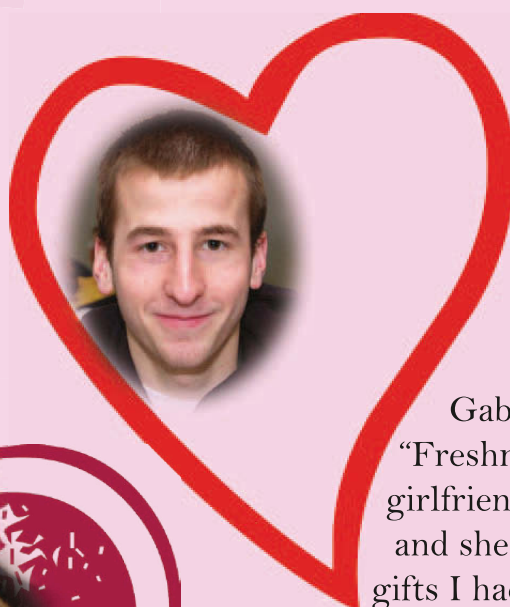
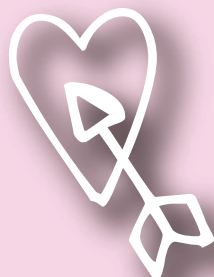
Sam Palmer, Senior

"I received a Valentine's Day card one year and to this day I have yet to find out who it was from!"



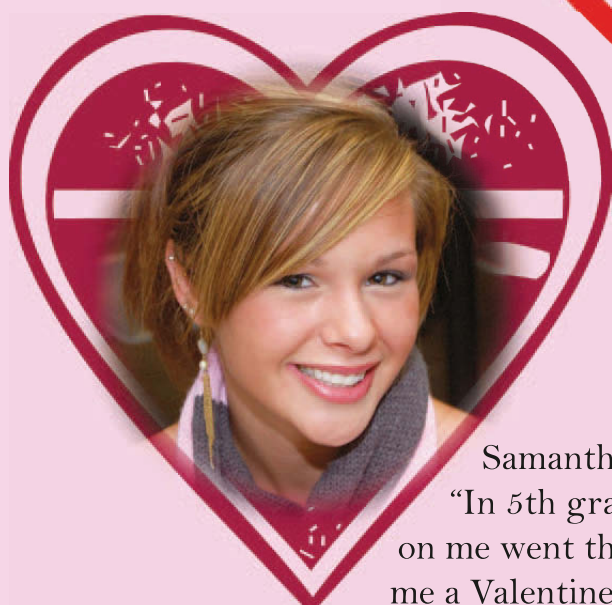
Coty Bozeman, Junior

"Third grade when I got a valentine from my secret admirer but I never found out who it was!"



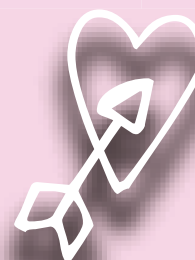
Gabe Mercier, Junior

"Freshman year, me and my girlfriend got in an argument and she gave me back all the gifts I had got her; and I'm still with her."



Samantha Cummings, Freshman

"In 5th grade, a boy who had a crush on me went through all this trouble getting me a Valentine's Day card with candy asking if I would be his valentine...and then I said no."



David Fournier, Sophomore

"This will be my first Valentine's Day with my new girlfriend - I got her a really nice ring and a teddy bear."

Voices & Faces

° Photos and design by Katlyn Morin 02/07



Brittany Lee, Junior
 “When my ex-boyfriend asked me out, he waited until Valentine’s Day and surprised me with a date in Boston at a really nice restaurant and a walk along the Charles River.”



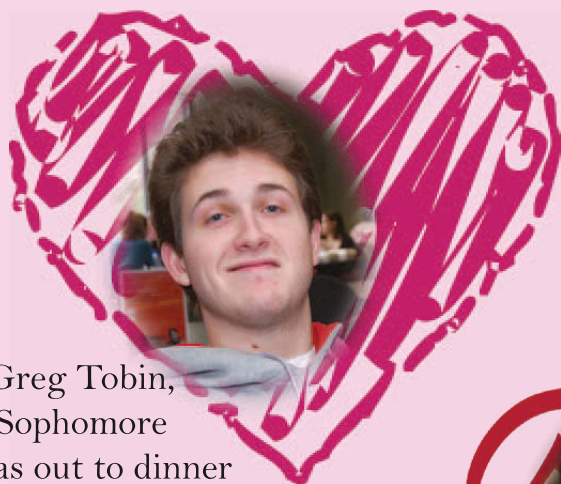
Jess Santamaria, Junior
 “Before I got my license, my ex-boyfriend had asked my dad if he could pick me up for Valentine’s Day. He came over and surprised me with a rose.”



Becky Arno, Senior
 & Matt Atkinson, Junior
 “Last Valentine’s Day, Matt told me we were going out to Olive Garden, but instead he ordered out and had everything set up back at his room for dinner. I also got a beautiful necklace.”



Joe Andolena, Sophomore
 “I was out to dinner with this nice girl and after the waitress knocked a glass of soda all over my pants, we proceeded to the movies. After that, her car wouldn’t start so we called the cops to jump the car. Worst Valentine’s ever.”



Greg Tobin, Sophomore
 “I was out to dinner with my now ex-girlfriend and her ex-boyfriend showed up. They left together.”



Ben Richard, Freshman
 “Me and my friend took our girlfriends out last Valentine’s on a double date to a local pizza place. We had the chef shape the pizzas like a heart.”



Liz Irwin, Freshman
 “Last Valentine’s Day, I took my mom’s car and drove all the way to my boyfriend’s college and surprised him; I even snuck into his dorm.”



Scott Patterson, Senior
 “I was in the 1st grade and had no idea what Valentine’s Day was. I asked my mom and she told me that if there was a special someone in your life, you buy them a teddy bear. My mom brought me to the dollar store and I got a teddy bear for my very special neighbor (she was in her 70s)... and she rejected it.”

Sports

Equality for all Athletes Highlighted at Event

Stephanie Belida
Sports Editor

“It Takes A Team!” is the program Lindsey Cardin from the Women’s Sports Foundation uses to educate schools about equality for all athletes. The Women’s Sports Foundation was founded in 1974 by tennis star Billie Jean King. She used her prize winnings to found the educational society. The mission of the organization is to advance the lives of girls and women through sports and physical activities. National Girls and Women in Sports Day started

twenty years ago this year. Lindsey went on to speak to an auditorium full of student athletes and students alike about the importance of understanding differences in sexual orientation in our teammates. She stressed how athletes who can discuss their sexual orientation with their teammates do better during competition. Lindsey continued her education at the Women’s Basketball game that night. She passed out information packets, goodies, and ribbons. During the half time of the women’s game, a girls CYO basketball team played.

SNHU Hockey Topples St. Anselm College

Stephanie Belida
Sports Editor

The Penmen skated past the St. Anselm Hawks on Tuesday February 6, 2007 with a 4-2 win. The game began with the Penmen scoring. The Hawks were then able to take the lead 2-1 but were never able to get another puck past Matt Courchesne into the goal. Courchesne saw 35 shots throughout

the game. Fifteen coming towards him in the third period. This game gave the SNHU Penmen their second win out of three games in the past two years. This game followed their first win against St. Anselm last year. Courchesne has played in both games where the Penmen have won. Scorers for the Penmen include Brandon Hammermeister, John Frey, and two from Dominic DiMarzo.



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Wed: 2:30 – 3:00 RF 332

Upcoming Sports Action

February 13, 2007 7:30PM Hockey vs. Stonehill College	7:30PM Hockey vs. Suffolk University 7:30PM Men's Basketball vs. LeMoyne College	University TBA Men's Tennis vs. Bentley College TBA Women's Tennis @ Bentley College
February 14, 2007 5:30PM Women's Basketball vs. Stonehill College 7:30PM Men's Basketball vs. Stonehill College	March 6, 2007 3:00PM Men's Lacrosse vs. Pace	March 18, 2007 TBA Baseball @ American International College TBA Golf @ St. Thomas Aquinas TBA Men's Tennis @ Franklin Pierce College TBA Women's Tennis vs. Franklin Pierce College
February 17, 2007 4:30PM Hockey @ Franklin Pierce College TBA Men's Basketball @ University of New Haven	March 10, 2007 1:00PM Men's Lacrosse vs. CW Post	March 20, 2007 TBA Baseball @ Franklin Pierce College
February 19, 2007 5:30PM Women's Basketball vs. LeMoyne College	March 17, 2007 12:00PM Baseball vs. American International College 1:00PM Women's Lacrosse vs. Assumption College TBA Golf @ St. Thomas Aquinas TBA Men's Lacrosse vs. Bryant	

SNHU Predicts Strong Spring Sports Season

Nick Tasso
Staff Writer

SNHU’s women’s softball team will bring back 15 players from last year mixed in with three freshmen. With that in mind, the softball team will look to do some good things this year out on the field. In the preseason press release, the team was ranked fourth in the 2007 Northeast 10 Conference preseason poll. The pitching staff is anchored by senior Ashley Smith posting a solid 1.86 ERA last season and Ashley Bernstein. If the girls can build on their winning ways from last season, it should

be a good year for the team. Coming off a losing record last season, the SNHU baseball team will look to rebound when they start their season March 3rd against St. Thomas Aquinas College. SNHU lost one of their best hitters in Chad Lawrence, to graduation, who led the team last year in batting. Another big loss was Casey O’Brien who was second on the team last year with a 1.59 ERA last year. Eight freshmen were also brought in this year in hope of helping the team immediately. Men’s Lacrosse will begin their schedule on March 6th against Pace University. Twenty players returned to the team

this year. Among them is Joe Young who led SNHU with 32 goals last season and 20 assists. They will look to Greg Palladino and Mickey Hover to hold down the goalie situation which was occupied by Bryan Romanow last season who graduated. Leading scorers Maura Murphy with 46 goals and Libby Parent with 37 goals last season both return to a lacrosse team who only lost two seniors. After their 8-5 2006 season, the team looks to do better with their goalie returning for another season. Grad Student Lisa McEachern played nearly 800 minutes in goal last season compiling a record 8-5.



Peety the Penmen shows his pride at a recent Monarchs Hockey Game

Clubs

Fusion Night Fun!

Dan Smith

Clubs & Photo Editor

On Sunday January 28, the International Student Association held the spring semester Fusion night. The night's events included a DJ, free food and a plethora of games and prizes.

There were a multitude of people there from all over the world. The festivities were presided over by Prince Soko who put on a great event and was very happy with the turn out.

Some of the night's games included a dance contest, Limbo, and a raffle drawing.

Fusion night also involved beads and party hats, which came in handy on the dance floor.

Overall the event was a huge success and every one had a great time!

Look for many other great events put on by ISA including the spring break trip, International night, Boston city tour, and the Barbeques blow out.



*Above & Top Right: Students gather in the Pub for Fusion Night
Photos/Prince Soko*



Culinary Team Wins Big!

Dan Smith

Clubs & Photo Editor

The SNHU Culinary team whips up another win. On February 5th the culinary team traveled to the Atlantic Culinary Academy to compete for the right to represent New Hampshire in The Northeast Regional Conference of the American Culinary Federation. The team went up against two teams from the Atlantic Culinary Academy and the Balsams Hotel.

The SNHU Culinary team bested the two teams in competition that consisted of an

eighty-minute relay-style competition of skills and a four-course signature meal competition. The team of five competitors included Vincent Forchelli, Vylett Cross, Carter Light (Captain), Brandon Mercier, and Brandon Thomas. The menu included sautéed stripped bass, Fennel and Arise spice fish cake and fennel salad with garlic citrus vinaigrette.

The Culinary team will be headed down to the regional competition in Pennsylvania on March third and then hopefully to the championship in Florida this summer.

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Student Government

President's Message

Okendo Lewis Gayle

Contributing Writer

I would like to welcome you back on campus and share with you some of the steps that the Student Senate and the Executive Board have taken to make SNHU a better place for you. This fall SGA secured short-term parking for residents of Windsor and Hampton. In collaboration with the administration we obtained a commuter bill of rights for our commuter students, on-line guest registration for our resident students, abolishment of IT Exams for our

graduate students, an airport pickup service for our international students. We oversaw the implementation of over 95 events by our clubs and organizations. We fostered a culture of fiscal responsibility through the implementation and enforcement of our New Budget and Finance Policies and Procedures.

As we begin this Spring Semester we will continue to increase interaction between the students and the SGA; address the academic issues of some of our introductory courses; encourage our commu-

nity to become involved in the political debate of our nation; promote the growth of our Greek community; provide students with spam blockers and sport channels; and continue to nurture SNHU's social conscience by supporting service projects and cultural programs.

In short, while we are proud of our accomplishments, much remains to be done, but I can assure you that it is our intention and intense desire to continue to do all we can to make SNHU a better place for YOU!!!

Vice-President's Message

Michael Weiss

Contributing Writer

As we head towards the second half of the spring semester we come towards a time of transition. Coming off the great success of Club Day 2, clubs and organizations are getting ready for their spring events and looking forward to the next year and the transition of leadership. I highly encourage everyone who is committed to a club to run for e-board positions and if you are not a member of a club or if there are some you wish to join to remember that it is never too late to join. This community is growing and it is

thanks to the great clubs and organizations on this campus.

One of the new features is that there will be an HOR newsletter that will start off for all the clubs and organizations, that will be sent electronically and hopefully it will be shared through the entire SNHU community.

I encourage anyone who is interested in what happens during a House of Representatives meeting to please contact me and to remember that meetings are the first Wednesday of every month, 5pm at the Hospitality Ballroom. Thank you and have an awesome day.

Treasurer's Message

Guy Tam Bikoi

Contributing Writer

I am Guy Tam Bikoi, the new treasurer of the Student Government Association. Before assuming this new position, I was involved with the senate where I chaired the elections committee, while serving as Treasurer's Assistant in the SGA Budget and Finances committee. Among my past commitments, I was also vice-president for both Campus Ministry and Model United Nations clubs. As I assume my new functions, I would like to take this opportunity to salute the outstanding work of my predecessor Vijay Kailaschand-Jain, who worked efficiently with the clubs and organizations, while encouraging them

to be fiscally responsible.

As we start the spring semester 2007, let me give you an update about the spending report of our student activities fees:

The clubs and organizations received a yearly allocation of \$ 539,602.00 in student activities fees. As of February 7, 2007, the portion of these student activities fees used by the clubs and organizations totaled \$ 262,933.69, which represents 49% of the total allocation.

On that note, I wish to everyone a good semester with successful projects and events, as I am looking forward to working with the community and making SNHU a better place for all of us. Thank you for your time.



The Communications Club will be having a Networking Event on Wednesday, March 14th from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the Pub. It is open to all students to come and meet real professionals in the communications field from major local media companies. It is also a great opportunity for internships.

Secretary's Message

Samantha Palmer

Contributing Writer

We have only been back a few short weeks and already SGA is busy trying to solve different problems on campus for you. Our Senator of the month for January was instrumental in abolishing the IT exit exam. He has also been working extremely hard to create a website just for graduate students. Senator Ilshat Khari-sov joined the Senate not long after arriving at SNHU and has made a tremendous impact to the SGA Senate, and for that we thank him. In the House

of Representatives they voted on Event of the Month, and Club of the Month. Event of the month went to the wonderful production of the Wizard of Oz that attracted record numbers. The Drama club put on a truly fantastic show and we look forward to seeing what they have in store for everyone this semester. Club of the Month went to Phi Omega Psi Sorority for all of the community services they have done, including Going Red for National Heart Disease Day, collecting items to send to the troops which will run until March 5th, and Collecting Tabs for dialysis.

Dear students,

Just a friendly reminder, if you're looking to receive financial aid for the 2007-2008 school year, FAFSA forms must be completed by March 15th, 2007.

Complete the form online: www.fafsa.ed.gov
Federal school code: 002580
Requests for duplicate e-pins: www.pin.ed.gov



Thank You!
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Housing Selection is almost here!

Remember to hand in your individual housing agreements along with your roommate group form to Residence Life by:

March 2nd

Housing Selection Nights:

March 12th (Mon.): 4 person housing units

March 15th (Thurs.): 6 person housing units

March 20th (Tue.): 1 & 2 person housing units

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Opinion

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Can we just discuss...

Libby Parent
Staff Writer

Ew. Absolutely one of the most revolting things I have ever seen or heard of.

Dip, chew: I assume all of you have heard of it. The first time I ever experienced it was as a little kid. No, I didn't do it, but I remember seeing a couple tins rolling around in my Dad's truck.

When I entered college I saw it make a come back. I often see brown liquid filled water bottles throughout the lounge, stairways, and hallways. And there's nothing worse than waking up to take a sip of water, and realizing it's someone's dip spit.

Those of you who participate in this are probably asking, 'what does she know? How can she judge something she has never tried?' Well, I have.

Over the summer, I was extremely curious as to what the big deal was to cutting

your lip up with tobacco, supposedly getting a fantastic buzz. So I bought some mint flavored Skoal pouches. I felt like an absolute dirt bag. Talk about a buzz kill.

I stuck the pouch between my bottom teeth and my bottom lip. The first five minutes, I felt like acid was burning a hole in my lip. Eventually, I didn't notice it but began to spit a light brown substance.

Two of my friends experimented with me as well, and one of them even admitted that it wasn't bad, "but [she] will never do it again because it's not attractive."

I, on the other hand, have no desire to try it again. I felt like I was hit in the head with a sledge hammer. I then had people telling me that you get used to it, and after the first time it's not like that.

Onlookers to our experimentation said, "I don't know

what's more disgusting, watching girls do it or guys do it." My boyfriend even said it was ten times worse to see a girl do it. Double standard much? I don't care who you are, it's a pretty nasty habit for anyone.

Now those of you who are wondering 'well, the first time doesn't count. Before she can make any real judgments, she would have to do it more often.' You couldn't pay me. And just like cranking butts: I have no desire to get addicted.

So I'm not trying to persuade those of you who do it to stop. I know that's a lost cause. So do what you want, just pick up your spit bottles because that is just disgusting. And don't tell me I don't know what I'm missing.

Plus, I'm fairly positive that no one really wants to see a Gretchen Wilson walking around campus with a big lipper.

... Packing a Lip

ASK LEXI!

Email Lexi with your questions!
Letterstolexi@hotmail.com

Dear Lexi,

I keep getting asked to join all of these Facebook groups. Could I get in trouble for being in a group like "Hey SNHU. Lighten Up!" or "Beer Pong?! I Think You Meant To Say Beirut. (snhu Chapter)?"
Freaked by Facebook

Freaked by Facebook,

It is within your judgment whether to include yourself in groups such as these. Facebook is a public site and is available to administrative members of the University. Although Facebook creators have made adaptations to profile privacy, someone could easily view a profile and make an assumption as to what kind of a person you are, true or not. I would advise to students and/or faculty to think wisely before showcasing anything about yourself on the Internet if you do not wish for the public

to know about it. As for getting in trouble, you cannot be disciplined for simply being a member of a Facebook group but if you've involved yourself in activities that are against school policy, you can look forward to administrative action, as WE are being WATCHED.

Dear Lexi,

I live with six roommates and I'm having trouble making my roommates clean up after themselves. The bathroom is nasty and nobody will clean it. Any suggestions to make them clean up their act?

Mr. Clean

Mr. Clean,

Six roommates are hard enough to live with as it is. If you are all sharing the same bathroom, I would imagine that it needs to be cleaned on a weekly basis. I would suggest assigning it as a chore as each and every one of you contributes to the "nasty bathroom." Tell your roommates that a messy or cluttered environment is one thing, but an unsanitary one is another.

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