

We're having something a little different this year for Thanksgiving. Instead of a turkey, we're having a swan. You get more stuffing.
-George Carlin



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Smashing Stereotypes with Mark Zupan

Ashley Manley & Kate McCaughey
News Editor Contributing Writer

Documentary star, two time quad rugby international champion, and gold medal paralympian Mark Zupan spoke at Southern New Hampshire University on Wednesday, October 29th to a crowd of approximately 500.

Junior Joanna Sullivan, the Disabilities Services Intern that organized the Mark Zupan event over the past six months was "anxious" for the event and deemed the event a "success." Adding that "we had to add more chairs! Mark told me this was one of the largest audiences he has had at a smaller sized school, such as SNHU."

Zupan was injured in a car accident in college by being thrown from the truck bed he fell asleep in. The

truck was later crashed into a tree by his friend who had been drinking. His friend and no one else knew Zupan was in the car, until 14 hours after the crash occurred. Zupan was found barely holding on to a branch in a canal with only his eyes and nose above water.

The accident left Zupan with a disability in all four limbs: a quadriplegic, at the age of 18. Today, Zupan has made a name for himself by looking at his disability as, by what he stated, "the best thing that has ever happened to me."

The opportunities offered to Zupan were not just handed to him because of his disability; they were earned by him, including his survival, by his work ethic and strength.

Zupan is featured in the documen-

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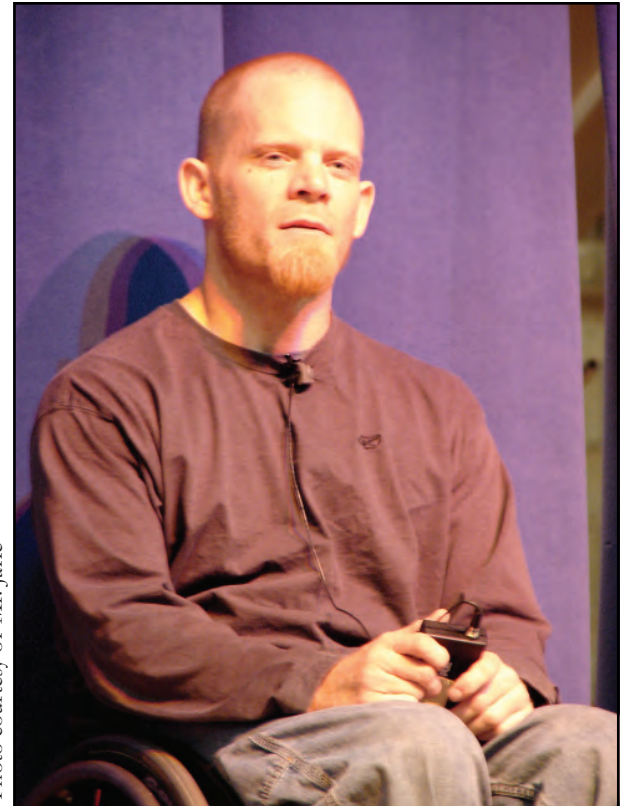


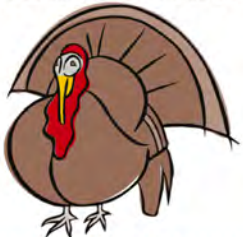
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Mark Zupan

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Penmen Cash in Full Affect

Ashley Manley
News Editor

Penmen Cash was recently enhanced at Southern New Hampshire University, as of October 27th. Penmen Cash is an account, much like a debit card, that is linked to SNHU student's school ID cards.

In previous years, Penmen Cash could only be used on campus; however, with this recent enhancement, it now has both on as well as off campus abilities.

In addition to being used

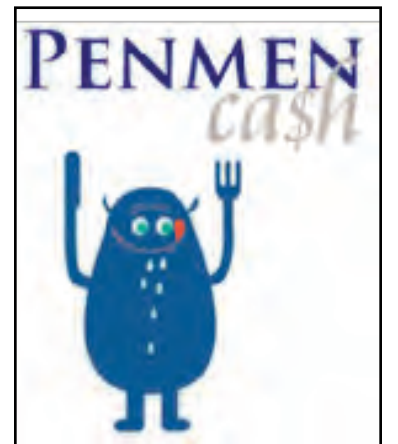
on campus at the Cafeteria and Bookstore, Penmen Cash has broadened its reach to local off campus merchants such as Bull Run Beef, CVS, Papa John's, and others.

According to Adam Emerson, Off Campus Solutions Account Manager, "the account is all about convenience." He elaborated by describing that instead of carrying a bunch of cards or cash, a student or faculty member can simply carry

one card that has functionality both on and off campus.

SNHU partnered with the Office of the Bursar, Sodexo Dining Services, and Off Campus Solutions in order to bring this new enhancement to the SNHU community.

When asked whether more merchants were being added to the current six off campus merchants already available, Emerson stated "absolutely... we want to give a bit of variety [and



hope to] have 12-15 off campus merchants by next semester."

Penmen Cash accounts are available to all SNHU ID card holders. In order to sign up, add funds, or to find out more information visit the dining office in the cafeteria, call 1-800-345-6126, or go to www.Penmen-Cash.com.

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November 1, 02:15

At the above date and time, Public Safety responded to a call regarding an altercation in the New Castle lobby. When Public Safety arrived, there were several male residents in the NC lobby arguing and yelling profanities at one another. Public Safety overheard one resident ask another why they 'mooned' them; that was the cause of the argument. As Public Safety approached the individuals, the group dissolved and HPD and MPD, who were called to assist, cleared the area.

November 2nd 00:49

On a routine round checking vehicles in lot 16, Public Safety encountered a parked vehicle with two males in the backseat and one male in the passenger seat. Finding this unusual as the car was currently running, Public Safety approached the vehicle. They noticed a male in the back light what seemed to be a soda can. As they got closer, they saw the male take the object and and put it below the seat. The male in the front passenger seat also took a ziploc bag from his lap and placed it below the seat. The males in the car then rolled down the windows where smoke then pured out of the vehicle. Public Safety asked for both objects in which the males promptly complied. After verify the males were in fact not students of the university, the parents were called. The car was towed and the parents came to pick up their 16 year old sons to bring them home.

November 8th 01:30

At the above date and time, Public Safety noticed a vehicle attempting to get through a yellow fire gate behind the Upper Suites. The car was so adamant that it had wedged itself underneath the fire gate in an effort get through. As Public Safety approached the vehicle, it began to quickly reverse along the fire road in front of Kearsarge. The Public Safety mobile unit coming from the other way had managed to block the vehicle's escape route. As Public Safety began walking towards the vehicle, the operator attempted to run away before PS requested them to stop. Public Safety asked if the male was a student, in which he presented his student ID. The student was asked what he had hit with his car. He said he didn't hit anything. Public Safety asked what the damage on his vehicle was from and he responded telling them he did not realize there was any damage. After Public Safety told the student he had hit a fire gate, he responded with "Oh". HPD was then called to the scene where the student was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

November 8th 01:30

At the above date and time, Public Safety along with RAs on duty spotted a Papa Johns deliveryman talking to three residents outside Greeley. The deliveryman reached into his vehicle and pulled out a bottle of Coca Cola, after which one resident proceeded to uncapp the bottle, take a sniff, and then take a drink from the bottle. Finding this behavior out of the ordinary, Public Safety approached the deliveryman and inquired about the bottle and what it contained. He told PS it was just Coke, but refused to let them smell it. He then capped the bottle and put it in his car. Public Safety then told the man he was not longer welcome on campus, even for deliveries as he was not cooperating. The deliveryman then left the premises.

November 9th 01:20

At the above date and time, the RAs in the Lower Suites requested assistance from Public Safety for a suspected marijuana scent coming from a room. As Public Safety responded, they knocked on the door, but no one answered. They entered the room to find a towel behind the door, a glass water bong on the table, rolling papers, a blow bottle, a package of cigars, a small black scale, an empty plastic bag with marijuana residue, an exacto knife, a piece marijuana on the desk, an aluminum foil pipe and an additional plastic bag with marijuana inside. In the refrigerator they found two open beer cans in the door, eight full beer cans in the compartment and a bottle of Jagermeister. In the freezer they found a marijuana grinder and one last bag of marijuana. All items were confiscated and the residents were later questioned.

Letter From
the Editor

Elizabeth Parent

Editor in Chief

Thankfully this issue went much better than our last one. And by better, I merely mean we finished layout and final edits much earlier than our October issue (yay!). We may just get to bed at a decent hour and I have not napped once on the couch. Thanks to the commitment of our staff, editors, and specifically Dan Smith our Managing Editor and Carter Meyers our Layout Editor, we have produced another quality paper. And we have not lost any content; we are still at 32 pages.

You will certainly find various articles to tickle your fancy, such as 'Tim Callahan' significant political coverage and Mike Capalbo and Zach Keating's NFL coverage. Be sure to check out Aimee Terravechia's "Ask Aimee" advice column—please send in your questions—and her investigation into the resurgence of the LP. Notice the amount of creative material as well, from stories to drawings!

Side Note: We began rummaging through old issues dating back to the 1990's. We have certainly come a long way since then, and we could use your help! If you are interested in writing please come to our meetings at on Wednesdays at 3:30 pm in Robert Frost 301.

Now, a moment for my stress release: graduation is creeping closer and closer and I have to get my stuff together. What am I honestly going to do upon graduation? Please don't let it be moving back in with my parents, please. (I love you mom and dad). Grad School? Work? Someone, give me some advice here.

Furthermore, I'd love to hear about ANYTHING you want to tell me; I love talking to people and I will be sure to respond, and you may even get printed in our "Letters to the Editor" section. (Please note: we currently do not have a section, so we need you to help us develop it!) I hope you enjoy our November issue and I look forward to your comments.

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SNHU Offers Study Abroad Options

The Study Abroad Program offers Southern New Hampshire University students a change of scenery, learning, as well as growing experiences. SNHU offers many places for students to travel and study, such as Australia, France, Italy, Spain, and Russia.

Every Friday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Affairs Office, there is a representative available in order to provide information regarding the Study Abroad Program.

Many students find studying abroad a learning experience both in and out of the classroom. Emily Poirier, a junior at SNHU is currently studying abroad in Australia. "Traveling to a country with a totally different culture really opens your mind to how other people live," said Poirier. "Without actually traveling here, I would have never been able to completely understand their ways of life."

Christin Leonard, junior, is also currently studying in Australia. "The places you are able to travel to and explore here are endless," said Leonard. "The school has so many

Photo courtesy of Emily Poirier



Emily Poirier and Christin Leonard in Australia

opportunities for its students to go on day trips to see all of the beautiful beaches and wildlife."

Both Poirier and Leonard are attending Griffith University in Australia. This is a common university for international students to study because it is near many tourist attractions.

To learn more about the Study Abroad Program contact studyabroad@snhu.edu.

New Course at SNHU: Historical Archaeology of the Americas

Neill De Paoli, Ph.D.
Contributing Writer

This spring, Dr. Neill De Paoli, a recent addition to the School of Liberal Arts, will be teaching a new course entitled "Historical Archaeology of the Americas" (HIS 479). In this course, students will explore the field of historical archaeology.

Historical archaeology is the worldwide study of the archeological remains of literate cultures. Historical archaeologists turn to a variety of disciplines including history, anthropology, geography, ecology, and biology as they re-create the worlds of historic peoples. Dr. De Paoli will be drawing on his own, vast archaeological experience in New England along with those of other professionals who have worked throughout North America and the Caribbean over the last four decades.

During the semester students will explore the roots of historical archaeology, its methods and techniques, and important contributions the field has made to our understanding of the New World that emerged in North America and the Caribbean from the 11th through the early

20th centuries. The historic journey will examine the Native peoples inhabiting the Americas at the time of contact with the European newcomers.

Students will study the rapidly changing world that emerged over the next one thousand years, inhabited by peoples of European, Native American, African, and Asian descent. Their archaeological "travels" will include journeys to Newfoundland and the 11th century Viking settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows; the early English settlement of Jamestown, Virginia; the pirate port of Port Royal Jamaica; and African-American slave communities scattered about plantations in the American South.

In the process, students will learn how historical archaeologists use a variety of

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tary "Murderball" (2005 Sundance Festival Documentary Audience Award), author of his autobiography "Gimp," and captured a gold medal for the US at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics Games.

Out of all his accomplishments, Zupan remarked that meeting the President of the United States, going to the Academy Awards, writing his autobiography, and winning a gold medal were among his favorites.

The serious aspects of Zupan's experiences were told throughout the event but were sprinkled with words of inspiration and humor. After telling the audience that he was Chris-

topher Reed for Halloween one year, a costume he found in good humor but was controversial to others, Zupan found time to share his life lessons.

"There are two certainties in life, you're born and you die... dream big...make your choices and learn from your mistakes," Zupan stated.

Zupan also left the audience with his future goals. He shared that he wants to teach and compete in an Iron Man Triathlon in the near future.

To find our more information about Mark Zupan visit www.quadfather.net and www.myspace.com/halfmanhalfcar.

Every Vote Counts

Shannon Arel
Contributing Writer

Every vote counts at Southern New Hampshire University. As the date for this year's presidential election grew closer and closer, candidates, presidential parties, and colleges, including SNHU, strived to make sure that everyone was on their way to the ballot box on November 4th.

SNHU made it clear to their students how important it is to vote by coming out with a "Rock the Vote!" campaign. This campaign stressed how important it was for the students to get out and voice their opinion by voting.

"It's important for our generation to get out and vote," said Kevin Miller, a Veteran who resides in Merrimack N.H. "I think it was a great idea for SNHU to step up and show the importance of voting in this year's election."

Besides the "Rock the Vote!"

campaign, SNHU took part in many speeches and activities involving nominees of this year's election. Just this past October, Democratic nominee Jeanne Shaheen attended SNHU with Michael J. Fox to discuss stem cell research.

At the graduation ceremony in 2007, SNHU invited the current president elect, Barack Obama, as a guest speaker. He made a very moving speech recalls Miller, "He was a great public speaker and [was] a great choice on the college's part to have him participate in such an important event to the students."

Even though voting lines were long and it took hours to vote, many dedicated individuals cast their ballots. Thanks to efforts on many individuals' part, students were able to see just how important their vote is.

Recap: 2008 Elections

Tim Callahan
Staff Writer

Democrats overtook the White House, Senate, and House of Representatives on Election Day in an attempt to distance the country from the current administration.

In a historic presidential election, Barack Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States. With an advantage of eight million popular votes, Obama received 364 electoral votes, while he only needed 270 to win. Obama was able to make inroads in typically Republican states, such as North Carolina, Ohio, New Mexico and Iowa en route to a relatively comfortable win over Senator John McCain.

Locally, Obama received 54 percent of the vote in New Hampshire, which netted him four electoral votes. Americans seemed to embrace Obama's call for change in the face of daunting political and economic chal-

lenges and in response to the overall disdain felt towards the Bush administration.

As it stands, the Obama camp is in the process of filling out various positions and beginning to plan its transition into the White House. Obama's first major appointment was that of Rahm Emanuel to Chief of Staff. The coming years of Obama's presidency will determine the trajectory of the country, which is currently on a rapid decline.

In the Senate, Democrats secured at least eighteen of the thirty-five seats which were up for control. These victories ensured a total of fifty-seven Democratic seats in the Senate. Though this is a relatively substantial majority, it is not enough for the Democrats to stop a filibuster, which is a strategy used to halt debate in the Senate. Without the sixty votes needed

to stop a filibuster, which is also known as invoking cloture, it will still remain difficult for Democrats to accomplish their public policy goals.

For New Hampshire, former governor and Democratic candidate Jeanne Shaheen defeated the incumbent, Republican candidate John Sununu. The margin of victory for Shaheen was 7 percent, which saw her win the rematch between the two candidates after the 2002 election. Most of Shaheen's strategies relied upon her talking points of going in a "new direction," while associating Sununu with the policies of President Bush.

Finally, the House of Representatives also followed the Democratic trend. With 220 seats needed for control, the Democrats far eclipsed that mark with at least 255 seats. Such a majority gives their party a sizable and comfortable lead to

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affect public policy. Even with control over both houses of Congress and the presidency, it will still remain difficult for the Democrats to pass their policies, since it is much easier for minority groups to stop legislation from being enacted into law.

There are two districts in New Hampshire which Representatives preside over. In both

of these districts, the Democratic candidate won: Carol Shea-Porter and Paul Hodes. Also, John Lynch, the Democratic incumbent candidate for governor, was elected to a second straight term. New Hampshire was essentially a microcosm of the entire country, which turned to Democratic leadership in this time of unease.

Historical Archaeology of the Americas

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types of evidence including artifactual, documentary, and oral history, in interpreting the past. The course will be highlighted by a trip to the archaeological laboratory at Strawberry Banke on New Hampshire's seacoast.

Dr. De Paoli joined the School of Liberal Arts as a visit-

ing professor in history this fall. Prior to his one year appointment at SNHU, Dr. De Paoli had been an adjunct professor at Southern Maine Community College and the New Hampshire Institute of Art where he taught survey courses in pre-1865 and post-Civil War American history, historical archaeology, American material culture, and directed an archaeological field school. In addition to teaching American history and historical archaeology, De Paoli has spent the last thirty years studying and writing about English settlement and Anglo-Indian and English-French relations in early northern New England.

...What do you think...

Are you happy with the class selection at SNHU? Is there a class you think SNHU should offer? How do you feel about the selection and quality of the classes you pay for every day? Write to us at observer@snhu.edu and let us know how you feel.

SNHU Recycles Program to Team Up with ESS

Leah Ryan
Contributing Writer

The new Environmentally Sustainable Students club has chosen to team up with Deb Davis and the recycling program on campus to form a recycling team. Next week, in ESS's general meeting, Davis will attend to speak about the recycling program and what the joined forces can do.

The recycling team, under Facilities Management advisement, plans to focus on increasing the amount of recycling at Southern New Hampshire University and also wants to make

a difference on a deeper level. Instead of asking students to recycle more often, the team will attempt to educate the members of SNHU's community including faculty, staff, and students.

"What the committee hopes to see as an end result is an increase in the awareness of the SNHU Recycles Program on-campus, an increase in education on recycling, and an overall increase in students' actually recycling," Kyle Beaulieu, president of ESS stated.

Davis also has high hopes

but for other aspects of the program. "The bins on campus are desperately in need of updating," said Davis. "Time has not allowed me to get that done and it is something I have wanted to do for over two years. This is one area I would love help from ESS."

With the help of ESS, Davis hopes the recycling program on campus can be more organized and easier for the individuals who are responsible for collection.

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SNHU Recycles & ESS

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Conor Hart has taken on the role as the chair of the recycling team and has high expectations for the group. "We feel as though it's going to be a chain reaction," said Hart. "First, the advertising will get students aware of the recycling team, thus the students become educated, and education breeds participation. We're looking to complete all three aspects."

At the upcoming meeting, new ways to advertise will be discussed. "There are so many ways to increase awareness," said Davis. "This is an area that is lacking attention on campus at this point."

The lack of awareness leads to lack of student support, which Beaulieu sees as a problem. The recycling team wants to curb this by marketing the program better, making improvements to the system, and participation perks.

"The students at SNHU are passionate about recycling,"

said Davis. "I would love to see a more organized effort to reward them."

Compared to previous years, the recycling efforts on campus have exponentially increased. "I started this program on campus in 2005," said Davis. "Every year since then, it has at least doubled in size. I would have to guess at least 75 percent of the students in the apartments are currently actively recycling."

The SNHU Recycles Program currently offers recycling in every building on campus, including dormitories and apartments, however the process of obtaining them differs. Dormitory recycling bins are available in common areas whereas individuals in apartments need to volunteer to recycle. They can do so by contacting recycling@snhu.edu.

For more information or to get involved, ESS meets weekly at 5 p.m. in room 6 of Stark Hall.

New Horizons Gives New Hope

Aimee Terravechia
Staff Writer

As the time draws closer to noon, lines begin to form outside of the New Horizons building at 199 Manchester Street. These lines form every day by individuals awaiting entrance into the food pantry that serves nearly 1,000 families each month. Grocery stores and individuals alike have donated the food that is stacked upon the tables and shelves within.

The food pantry is just one of many services offered by New Horizons. The organization has been an active part of the Manchester community

since 1973 and also operates a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, as well as mental and physical health facilities that are all run by Manchester Mobile Health.

"We serve as many as 150 people per night [in the soup kitchen]," said Kevin Kintner, Program Director at New Horizons. The facility serves meals 365 days a year that are warm and nutritious, according to Kintner. At night the tables are folded up and rolled away to make extra room for those who need a place to sleep.

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The entire upper level of the brick building is dedicated to bunk beds and showers for the shelter—enough space to sleep 76 people. According to Kintner, there is such an increase in those who need the shelter in the winter months that the facility will often breach capacity. "We don't turn anyone away," Kintner said.

According to Kintner, the facility also serves to connect people to the resources they need to get back on track. "We require all individuals to meet with a Case Manager within three days of arriving," says Kintner. The role of these Case Managers is to talk with the people and find out what each individual's specific situation is. The Case Managers then work with the individual to determine appropriate goals. These can include everything from kicking a drug addiction to obtaining a steady job.

The people who stay at the shelter are also required to log in at least 32 hours of productive activities, according to Kintner. This can include anything from employment to volunteer work. The facility also offers classes to individuals in order to broaden life skills such as communication and work-related classes.

Recently, New Horizons has created an Alumni service that works to continue to support those who were once homeless. According to Kintner, individuals often continue to need support even after they have gotten back on their feet. Kintner describes the Alumni program as being beneficial to both the individual and the organization, saying that, "[These individuals] will then reinvest their time and efforts with New Horizons."

Health care services are also available to those in need

Photo courtesy of Aimee Terravechia



One of many aisles in the New Horizons food bank

in the lower level of the New Horizons facility. Manchester Mobil Health offers everything from nurse practitioners to dentists and mental health counselors to individuals at the shelter and in the community.

Despite the donations and volunteers, the organization is still in dire need of more. Kintner noted that the government funding only contributes to approximately 15 percent of expenses. "We've also noticed a drop in food donations," said Kintner. Although the

donations have slightly increased as the holiday season draws closer, Kintner, along with others, worries that it will not be enough. "This year we have received much less than last year," stated Kintner.

To find out more about New Horizons and what services they offer, visit <http://www.newhorizons-fornh.org/>. If you are interested in volunteering or helping in any way, contact Mary Silva, volunteer coordinator, at 603.668.1877.

Seniors Kick-Off the Year in Style

Shannon Stevens
Contributing Writer

The senior dinner, held at the Last Chapter Pub on Thursday, November 13, 2008 represented the inaugural event celebrating the class of 2009.

The event began with a dinner, followed by a short update on the upcoming senior events, accompanying accords of Dusty and the Know. There were prizes raffled throughout the night including gift certificated and reimbursement of the graduation fee.

The student committees

that are organizing the senior events during the entire year are the Senior Class Gift Committee, co-chaired by Phylicia Dunham and Ashley Lacroix, and the Senior Events Committee, co-chaired by Jessica Lambert and Katy Manchester.

During the dinner, organizers announced the senior class gift according to survey responses—a scholarship fund—alongside the last updates regarding the spring semester senior events, including 100 Days to Gradua-

tion, a semi-formal, a senior trip and also the senior Relay for Life Team.

Now the mission of the Senior Class Gift Committee is to "try to get the people to raise money the scholarship fund, to give back," according to Dunham. Pledge tables will be available outside the Student Center every Wednesdays from 11 am to 2 pm for the scholarship fund.

Katy Manchester, Senior Events Committee co-chair announced that research was being conducted regarding the senior class trip. Manchester also mentioned that the 100 days until graduation celebration will

be held in the first week of February. Furthermore, seniors are asked to send pictures from their college years to in order to create a "Then and Now" slideshow for the 100 Days event.

Lambert mentioned that turnout was as expected, as 78 out of the 87 people that signed to attend the dinner were present. "We [had] right around what we [expected]," said Lambert.

Senior Heather Vendola noted that, "It was good to enjoy some music and food with the rest of the senior class and I hope that this senior dinner will get more seniors involved in the Relay for Life event."

Senior and Relay For Life

team captain, Jenna O'Brien stated, "It's so fun, a good idea to get everyone together. I don't think seniors get like this a lot. It is important to get seniors together to raise money [for Relay for Life] and show the campus that even when you are older you can get involved. For more information seniors should access www.relayforlife.org/snhu and join the Senior 2009 team.

All seniors are invited to attend the Senior Events organized through the course of the year.

Hunger and Homelessness Week Events:

Wednesday: 11/19 2:00- 3:15pm

Hygiene Kits

-Stark Hall- Room 6

Wednesday 11/19 6:30- 8:00 pm

Faces of Homelessness Panel

-Hospitality 201

Friday 11/21 7 pm- 6 am

One Night Without a Home

-Hospitality Parking Lot

Saturday 11/22 9:00- 11:00 am

Turkey Trot

Around Campus and in the Pub

For more information please e-mail server@snhu.edu

In the Spirit of Giving

Aimee Terravechia

Staff Writer

The Center for Service and Community Involvement aims to raise awareness of homelessness and hunger this week with several events both on and off campus.

Sunday began "Homelessness and Hunger Week" with volunteers assembling boxes of food for Thanksgiving to be donated to families in need.

There will be several ongoing events including a "Cans Across America" competition between SNHU dormitories, a faculty/staff raffle, and meal card donations. The winners of both the "Cans Across America" competition and the raffle will be announced on Saturday at the "Turkey Trot," a one-mile run around campus. The race will require participants to donate an item upon registration. Those

interested can sign up either Wednesday, November 19 or Friday, November 21 at the Student Center between 9 and 11 a.m.

Outreach will also be sponsoring a "Faces of the Homeless" panel on both Wednesday, November 19 and Thursday, November 20. According to Crystal Jean, a worker in the Center for Service and Community Involvement, the panel will consist of people who were once and/or who still are homeless.

On Thursday, November 20, the Center for Service and Community Involvement will be sponsoring a volunteer opportunity to sort and distribute food for families in need. Students will be meeting at the Student Center at 4:45pm for the event.

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Moliere than Thou

James Hering

Contributing Writer

A play with only one actor but with multiple characters was performed by actor Tim Mooney in Walker Auditorium on Tuesday, October 28th. The one-man play, "Moliere than Thou," features Mooney acting as different characters while also having the audience participate.

At a young age Mooney was drawn to Moliere, as he stated "My fascination is with the way English words would come to capture the boisterous and ribald and multi-level sense of humor that Moliere had."

"The play was hilarious," said senior Hannah Duhaime. "It was mature and geared toward adults."

Mooney is set apart from other actors in that he not only acts them out by himself, but also adapts the plays from Moliere's native French. "It's a long, mind-numbing process," Mooney said. "And it takes a lot of dedication

to stick with a vision, long after the initial inspiration has worn off."

Moliere is a pseudonym for Jean-Baptiste Poquelin, a French playwright and is considered one of the greatest masters of comedy in Western literature. He has written 36 major plays, many shorter plays, and adapted 15 plays from French to English.

Mooney doesn't always adapt plays from Moliere. He has developed two other one-man plays entitled "Criteria" and "Karaoke Nights," a One-Man Rock Opera.

"Criteria are based on a short sci-fi story that I wrote in the wake of September 11th and the great homeland security freak-out. I read it aloud to somebody and realized that it could work as a performance piece."

"Karaoke Nights" is a collection of song lyrics he wrote between 2000-2002 and set to

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music in 2004. "I worked to find a way to string them together into a single event, complete with an accompanying karaoke video."

When asked if Mooney would return to SNHU, he stated that he comes around the North East twice a year.

A Different Type of Vacation

Alternative Break options at SNHU

Kate Barlow

Contributing Writer

On January 6, 2009, Southern New Hampshire University students, Sarah Jacobs, the Director of the Center for Service and Community Involvement, and Tiffany Lyon, the Director of Campus Programming and Leadership, will travel to either Galveston or Harris counties in Texas as part of the Center for Service and Community Involvement's Alternative Break Program.

These SNHU volunteers will spend their Spring break helping to rebuild Texas counties due to the destruction caused by Hurricane Ike. "These were the

two [counties] hit the hardest by Hurricane Ike," said Keri Ewing, a graduate student and one of the Alternative Break Coordinators.

Hurricane Ike hit on September 13th of this year. Strong winds of over 100 mph wiped through Texas causing over billions of dollars worth of damage.

Although the Alternative Break trip will include strenuous activity and will have the volunteers staying in large tents or gymnasiums, volunteers seem anxious to help. Senior Katherine Perry stated "I haven't been

on an Alternative Break trip before. I am very excited!"

Past Alternative Break trips have included a week-long trip to Mississippi, to help residents rebuild from Hurricane Katrina, a week-long trip to Washington, D.C. to help those facing hunger and homelessness, and another trip that was focused on the housing crisis. This year's trip to Texas will be similar to the Hurricane Katrina relief trip. Students will help to rebuild homes, demolish unlivable buildings, and help with cleanup.

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In the Spirit of Giving

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An overnight event will also be occurring from Friday, November 21 at 7 p.m. until the following Saturday morning. The event, called "One Night Without a Home," will include activities such as building your own shelter, blanket making, a candlelight vigil, and movie viewing.

The money and food collected throughout the week will be benefiting the New Hampshire Food Bank, Families in Transition, and New Horizons.

Several organizations are sponsoring the events throughout the week including Cape, the Field Hockey Club, the Center for Service and Community Involvement, Outreach, Dining services, Residence Life and YES.

For more information on the week's events, or to find out how you can volunteer, contact the Center for Service and Community Involvement at serve@snhu.edu.

Executive Power As It Was Intended

Timothy Callahan

Staff Writer

A stark dichotomy exists between the powers of the presidency as the general public perceives them and as the Framers of the Constitution intended them.

Generally, it is much easier for a person to assume that the ultimate authority in the United States rests in the president's hands. For one, conceptualizing power as being divided amongst the branches of government and the many people involved is difficult, so people more conveniently and falsely vest the entire authority of the government into one person: the president.

Furthermore, campaigns inaccurately depict the powers granted to the presidency, as they make promises and agendas, which they have no means to uphold. Since the president is constantly in the limelight, being the head of state and of government, the public generally accepts his or her proposed policies without questioning whether or not he or she has the authority to enact or even intro-

duce these proposals. Throughout the Constitution, the powers of the executive branch as they were intended to be, are explicitly addressed.

Many of the powers granted to the president through the Constitution are expressed through foreign policy. Under Article II, Section II of the Constitution, the president is Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, which allows him or her to preside over these institutions but not to declare war.

The president may make treaties with foreign nations, provided that two-thirds of the Senate votes in favor. Also, presidents have the ability to receive officials from other countries. The aforementioned powers grant the president a great deal of influence over foreign policy outcomes.

As outlined in the Constitution, presidential powers do not afford presidents the ability to directly propose domestic policies. They do allow a presiden-

tial veto, which is a very powerful check against the power of the legislative branch. Essentially, a veto occurs when a president does not sign a bill that passes through both houses of Congress, thus stopping the legislation unless it can be passed by a two-thirds majority in both houses.

Even the threat of a veto can halt a bill from being passed, since it is very difficult to override it. The veto is used as a means for the president to stop bills which he or she is not in entire agreement with.

Also, the president is able to appoint positions that were not expressly outlined in the Constitution as well as temporary vacancies, which would include Supreme Court seats that are vacant. Such a function allows a president to appoint justices which are ideologically favorable to his or her policy goals, so that the justices represent his or her interests. Though the president does have a great deal of indirect domestic policy power, it is not nearly as much as most people would think.

Recently, the powers of the presidency have expanded past the bounds outlined on the Constitution. Whether it is through

signing statements, the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, torture, etc., many have cited the unconstitutionality of such actions. Even with this gross accumulation of power, however, the executive branch still functions in much the same way as the Framers had expressed, aside from the aforementioned abuses of such power.

It is important to realize that most of the domestic policies of a given president will not be passed as he or she had planned or promised. Though they have some indirect power to affect domestic policy outcomes, most presidential powers rest in foreign policy.



The White House

Alternative Break

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Alternative Break trips have been said to not only help those in need but also those who volunteer. "The trips often contain a lot of meaning and emotional situations that can really change someone's views of the world and their life," Justin Woodard, an Alternative Break Coordinator stated.

The trip to Texas will be Woodard's third Alternative Break. "My favorite would probably have been the first one I went on, rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi. That trip really impacted me and ultimately shaped who I am today," said Woodard.

Woodard strongly encourages students to get involved with the Alternative Break Program. "It is what I think of as a hidden gem at SNHU that is worth participating in. I can not begin to explain [how much you can take away from this trip]."

To learn more about the Alternative Break Program, contact serve@snhu.edu.



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Celebration of International Education

Ken Pothier
Staff Writer

International Education Week celebrates the 25 years foreign students have studied at Southern New Hampshire University. The number of international students at SNHU has grown to 700 from approximately 60 different countries this year.

Deborah L. Donnelly, International student advisor for the Center for International Exchange at SNHU describes the week as the biggest offering of programs and events in the three years of celebrating it on campus. "The wealth of diversity provided by our international students is a great resource for our American students. In this global world we are reaching out to be a global partner, countries are more interconnected these days. IEW is just one way to celebrate those connections."

The programs and events during the week offer all of SNHU an opportunity to sample food, music, art, culture, drama, and international job possibilities. Celebrating SNHU's global connections, advisor Donnelly said, is "a great way to celebrate and to reach out to the global community on campus." The global connections are part of our University's past, they are growing and will be an important part of our future. Events run from November 17-21, 2008.

Camp Sunshine Benefit Dinner

Press Release
SNHU

Manchester, N.H. (Nov. 12, 2008) – A group of students at Southern New Hampshire University are working to raise money for Camp Sunshine, a retreat for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

A benefit dinner will be held Friday, December 5th, 2008 in the university's Hospitality Center. It will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a silent auction of goods/services from local businesses. A dinner prepared by Southern New Hampshire University culinary students will be served at 7:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$40 per person, or you can purchase a table of ten for \$360.

Camp Sunshine, based in Casco, Maine, is one of the only programs in the nation that focuses on every member of an ill child's family. The free camp serves children with cancer, kidney disease, lupus, organ transplants and other illnesses. More than 17,000 children and their families from around the world have visited the weeklong camp.

"Times are tough these days with the state of the economy, but we feel confident that the local community will come together to support this cause and send deserving families to camp," said Mark DeFazio, the event organizer.

Please contact Mark DeFazio at Mark.Defazio@snhu.edu for more information.



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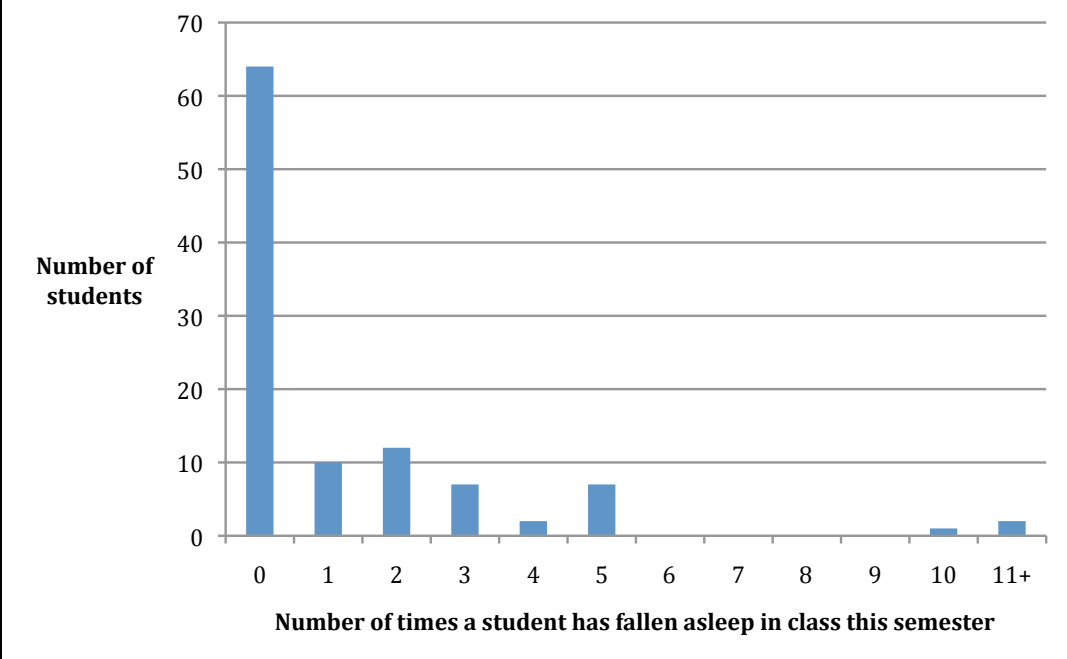
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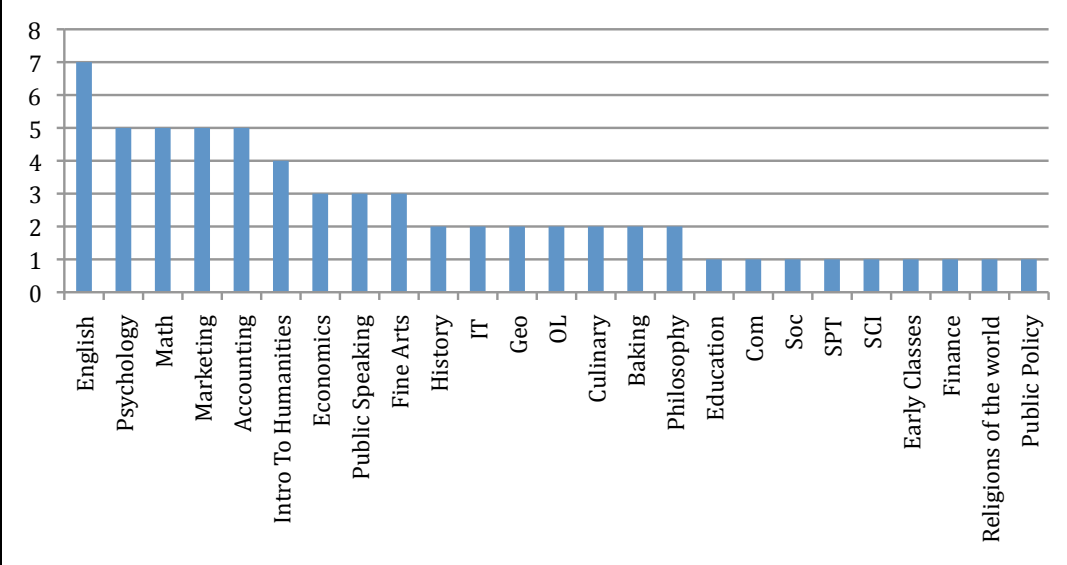
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Honors Statistics (MAT250) asked 105 students how many times they had fallen asleep in class so far this semester. The results are below. While most students (over 60) reported they had not fallen asleep once, there were a few students that seemed to be very sleepy in class.



The most popular classes to fall asleep in



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Go-Getter Winner Jennifer Allen Appears on FOX25

Press Release
SNHU

Manchester, N.H. (Oct. 31, 2008) – Southern New Hampshire University's Go-Getters Challenge, a two-month campaign to award one contestant a free Global M.B.A., named Jennifer Allen, of Mexico City, Mexico, its winner. Allen was selected among three finalists, who appeared live on "FOX25 Morning News" Oct. 27. Each contestant had one minute to explain how an SNHU Global M.B.A. would impact their life. Viewers then voted online and a panel of SNHU judges determined the final winner.

"I am absolutely thrilled that I have been chosen as the winner of the Go-Getter Challenge. This has been a truly incredible experience. I am so thankful for this opportunity to finally be able to further my education through the Global M.B.A. from

SNHU," said Allen. "I am confident that the tools and skills that I will learn will be directly applied to my work as a manager in a nonprofit organization in Mexico City, Mexico. I plan on then sharing successful strategies for economic sustainability worldwide through consulting. Most of all, I know that this scholarship will enable me to empower others. I will be transformed through this experience and know many others will be also."

The campaign was unveiled on the "FOX25 Morning News" Sept. 16 broadcast. Contestants were required to write a 500-word essay explaining how a Global M.B.A. would impact their lives. SNHU staff and faculty members served as judges and selected six semi-finalists. On-campus interviews followed

and the field was then narrowed to three. The campaign generated over 1 million online impressions and candidates from seven states and Mexico took part in the Challenge. "The ideal go-getter for us is someone who is goal-driven and willing to put in the time and effort to improve his or her life and the lives of those around them, but perhaps hasn't had the opportunity or resources to get to that next level in their education," says SNHU President Paul LeBlanc. "Education has been the fuel of the American Dream and this is our way to help someone realize the transformation that is possible."

Safety Fair Hosted at SNHU

Ashley Manley
News Editor

Safety was the theme of the fair hosted at Southern New Hampshire University on Tuesday, October 21st.

The Office of Residence Life, Student Government Association, the department of Public Safety, and the Wellness Center cosponsored a Safety Fair, held in the parking lot of Washington Hall.

Tables and representatives, as well as staff from SNHU, were present to discuss and educate students on the topic of safety. The local fire department was also present with a simulation that allowed students to learn how to and then use a fire extinguisher to put out a contained fire.

The event featured a DJ, food, henna tattooing, a raffle of a Wii, as well as various gift card giveaways to Cinemagic, Dunkin' Donuts, iTunes, and gas cards. Gift cards were awarded to those students who answered safety questions correctly.

Although rain forced the event to end early, the inclement weather did not discourage a crowd to gather. There was a steady crowd throughout the event, especially at the raffling off of prizes. Left over gift cards and the Wii were raffled off to ticket holders at the conclusion of the event. Many happy students left with gift cards while Brian Shremser won the coveted Wii.

Hillary Clinton Visits SNHU

Ken Pothier
Staff Writer

On October 28, 2008, New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, the former First Lady and the first woman to run for nomination for President of the United States visited Southern New Hampshire University.

During her visit, Senator Clinton discussed the main issues that will be faced by the next president. She explained the impact voting would have. "Vote not for Barack Obama but for yourselves, not who are you

voting for but who is for you; for jobs, healthcare, affordable tuition," stated Senator Clinton.

She went on to describe the issues her and her party feared would escalate. She elaborated that "for two years I and Democratic Senators like Barack Obama were saying, people can't pay their mortgage bills. People were losing their houses and their jobs and that this can become a much bigger economic crisis but

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Brian Schremser with his new Nintendo Wii

Hillary Clinton Visits SNHU

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to President Bush, John McCain, and the Republicans, middle class families sinking into debt and losing their homes were invisible."

She also pointed out that President Bush and McCain, as well as the Republican Party only snapped to attention once the crisis hit Wall Street. She stated that, "we can help Americans losing their houses by making sure the Republicans lose the White House [on Election Day]."

Senator Clinton wrapped up her speech by stating, "We need leaders who summon the best of us again; who set goals for us and help us believe that we can achieve them. The America we love, the America we know will be there if we do our part and have leaders that once again lead with confidence and optimism."

The Visual Arts department of SNHU recorded the program and it can be found on the SNHU website under News and Events: View Democratic Rally and featured speaker Senator Hillary Clinton.

SNHU Gets a Visit from Granny D

Daniel Smith
Managing Editor

Doris "Granny D" Haddock came to campus for a presentation to students and faculty. The presentation was held in Walker Auditorium and had the attendance of several classes.

Granny D is a political activist who was instrumental in getting the McCain Feingold bill passed. She spent 3200 quality miles getting to know the American landscape as she walked across the nation at 90 years of age. "You have got to have a cause," Doris said, "you have [the] power if you just use it."

A mere four years after her historic trip across the nation, Granny D took up another race. She entered in the race against Senator Judd Greg for the U.S. Senate. She was the only opponent of Senator Greg but was unfortunately defeated, only receiving 34 percent of the vote.

Currently Doris is advocating for Campaign Finance Reform (CFR) in New

Hampshire. She is supporting a bill that is in the senate that focuses on CFR and is advocating instating a citizen's initiative. Citizen's initiative is a program that would allow politicians receive funding for their campaigns from the government and in return they would not do any fundraising on their own.

During the presentation students had a chance to ask questions. One of the students asked whom Granny D was going to vote for and She replied that even though she had worked with McCain and did like him, she was voting for Obama. She believes

that this past election was the most important election she has seen in her 98 years.

McCain "is very varied and not at all to be trusted," Doris said, "I have a son who is 73 and he is pretty tired by the end of the day." Mrs. Haddock also stated that while she believes in Obama, it is a cautious optimism due to the fact that she does not know much about Obama other than that he is a good speaker.

Granny D was brought to SNHU by the SLA and more information about Granny D can be found at her website www.grannyd.com.

The Change in the World

Sinziana Scoarta
Staff Writer

November 4th represented the day that Senator Barack Obama was elected as the 44th President of the United States. An important step in racial history was also noted as he is the first African-American to become president in the United States. This election represented a change of perspective not only at the level of the US but also in the international context.

The victory of the current President-elect was enthusiastically welcomed on several continents. According to the Associated Press, people celebrated on the streets of Paris while French President Nicolas Sarkozy stated that "At a time when we have to confront immense challenges together, your election raises great hopes in France, in Europe and in the rest of the world." He spoke not only on behalf of the French people but also on behalf of the European Union, as France momentarily holds the presidency.

The United Nations Secretary General,

Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, also extended his congratulations towards the new presidential mandate, according to the New York Times. He mentioned that "I am very optimistic that we will have a very strong relationship, a renewed partnership under his administration."

There have been reports of people celebrating the Democrat Candidate's victory from Caracas, Venezuela to Berlin, Germany as well as Kismu, Kenya, the place where the president elect's father was born and also where his grandmother still lives.

"The Guardian," a British newspaper, stated that while Europe was welcoming the new president, the Russian President, Dimitri Medvedev did not extend any congratulations to his American counterpart. Furthermore, countries such as Iraq and Israel are looking forward to discovering how their policies will merge with the new political direction that will come into force.

The entire world is at present putting

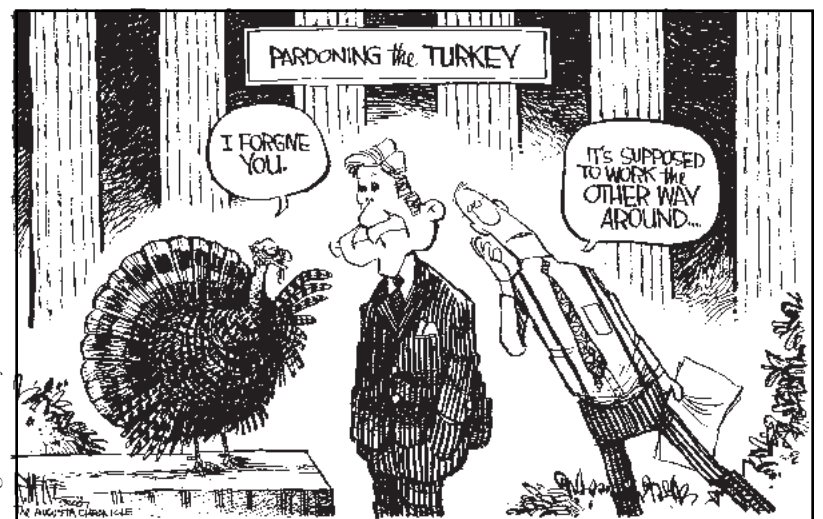
their trust in the new wave that President-elect Barack Obama has promised to bring to America. The economy still remains the most pressing issue as the current US recession has created considerable damage in the economic world

markets as well. Action will be taken starting January 20th, after the President-elect's official inauguration as President of the United States of America.



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Doris "Granny D" Haddock



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Oil Prices Sharply Below Summer Records

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Consumers have enjoyed one bright spot in recent weeks as oil prices have retreated sharply. The price for a barrel of oil has declined from over \$140 per barrel in July to below \$65 per barrel in the first week of November. The drop in oil prices has resulted in a steep decline in gasoline prices.

The fall in prices come as a great relief to many businesses and consumers, as the national average price of gasoline has declined to about \$2.30 per gallon, far below the \$4.00 per gallon price that consumers faced in the summer. For an individual that drives 1000 miles per month in a vehicle that gets 20 miles per gallon (and does not change their driving behavior as price changes), this drop in prices results in an additional \$85 dollars per month.

The price of oil is always subject to volatility as consumers are typically relatively slow to change their behavior when the price of oil changes in the short run. Also, the production of oil is relatively fixed in the short run as additional production is often costly and takes time to develop.

However, changes in demand and supply do occur over time. In response to the high prices in the first eight months of 2008, many consumers changed their driving behavior. According to the U.S. department of transportation, U.S. consumers drove over 5% less in August of 2008 relative to August 2007. Additionally, oil producing companies started to explore additional production opportunities due to the high prices.

The recent drop in prices is largely the result of weakening global demand for the commodity (in addition to the previously mentioned changes in behavior

regarding gasoline use). Consumers in the U.S. and abroad are facing rising unemployment and worsening economic conditions. Concerns of weakening demand in developing economies, most notably China, have exacerbated the decline in prices.

The lower oil prices have some important effects on other market participants as well. Many of the oil producing countries were anticipating oil prices far above the current prices. These countries will ultimately face budget shortfalls as oil sales are their primary source of revenues if prices remain at the current level.

In an attempt to stop the slide in oil prices, OPEC (the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) has recently decided to cut production. OPEC is comprised of 13 member countries that produce roughly one-third of the world's current oil supply. They meet periodically and try to keep prices high through joint agreements on production limitations. However, the recent actions of OPEC have had little impact on the falling price of oil.

Additionally, the sliding oil prices have caused oil producers to rethink production expansions. Some projects that seemed profitable with oil well above \$100 per barrel no longer look attractive to producers.

GM And Chrysler Talk Merger

Aimee Terravechia
Staff Writer

An unstable economy may play a key factor in reshaping the American automotive industry. As GM and Chrysler talk merger, many wonder what the future holds for the two automotive giants.

The private firm that owns Chrysler—Cerberus—and GM have been discussing the possibility of a merger in order to combat the shrinking American economy. The New York Times cited people close to the dealings as saying that the chances of a merger were approximately "50-50."

Both GM and Chrysler have confronted difficulties with their oversized vehicles in a cost conscious market; as a result, both companies have suffered financially. As reported by the NY Times, the cost of General Motors' stock had recently dived to below \$5 per share and therefore, the merger may face challenges.

If the merger were to succeed, the resulting giant might be able to conquer the difficul-

ties that both companies face. According to the research firm Autodata, GM was once responsible for approximately 50 percent of the American vehicle market; however, today GM is only responsible for 22 percent. If merged, these two companies would have the potential to become the world's largest automotive manufacturer—reinstating GM as a dominant figure in the industry.

As reported by the NY Times, Cerberus already owns an 80.1 percent stake in GM, which was acquired in August 2007. Both automakers hope to reinvigorate and revive their struggling companies. Whether or not the merger will be enough to combat the unstable economy as well as their shrinking sales remains to be seen.

Tony Cervone, a spokesperson for GM said, "...GM officials routinely discuss issues of mutual interest with other automakers." He did not wish to comment further on the possibility of a merger.

In an e-mailed statement issued on Friday, October 10, Chrysler said, "The company is looking at a number of potential global partnerships as it explores growth opportunities around the world... Beyond those partnerships already announced, however, Chrysler has not formed any new agreements and has no further announcements to make at this time."

It appears that both GM and Chrysler will continue with talks pertaining to the possibility of a merger.

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	Target	TGT	\$ 35.33	\$ 53.48	-35.9%
	Wal Mart	WMT	\$ 54.93	\$ 58.02	-3.8%
Financials	Capital One	COF	\$ 33.56	\$ 53.92	-36.3%
	E Trade Financial	ETFC	\$ 1.43	\$ 4.00	-65.8%
	MasterCard	MA	\$ 146.99	\$ 290.26	-48.7%
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	Ebay Inc.	EBAY	\$ 13.77	\$ 31.12	-56.9%
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	Yahoo Inc.	YHOO	\$ 11.15	\$ 25.26	-59.8%
Oil and Gas	Conoco Philips	COP	\$ 49.18	\$ 88.59	-44.9%
	Diamond Offshore Drilling	DO	\$ 77.53	\$ 130.73	-42.7%
	ExxonMobil	XOM	\$ 75.41	\$ 89.19	-17.4%
	Halliburton	HAL	\$ 19.16	\$ 47.44	-60.4%
	Sunoco Inc.	SUN	\$ 36.01	\$ 45.87	-20.3%
Healthcare	Aetna Inc.	AET	\$ 23.31	\$ 43.60	-45.6%
	Boston Scientific	BSX	\$ 7.81	\$ 13.41	-41.9%
	Eli Lilly	LLY	\$ 34.12	\$ 48.76	-29.9%
	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	\$ 62.90	\$ 66.71	-5.7%
	Pfizer	PFE	\$ 16.73	\$ 19.91	-16.7%

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Crude Oil (per barrel): \$58.24

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National Average for a Gallon of Unleaded Gas: \$2.15
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The Gravity Hills

Dillon St. Jean
Creative Editor

Davey Docket was twelve when he picked up his first book. It was the fifth book written by author Walden Harper in which his main character encountered a time-travelling rock band. Davey became so engrossed in the idea that he decided that he too would form a band, and that they would be instrumental in saving the world. There was something about the combination of musical performance and super heroics that motivated him more than anything else.

His first instinct was to gather his closest friends. Franklin Bellows, Vance "Vamoose" Capulet, and Peter-Paul Torrance. Franklin was on bass, Vamoose took rhythm guitar,

Peter-Paul was the drummer, and Davey took the lead guitar and was lead singer. Together, they learned how to play amazing alternative songs that their friends fell in love with quickly. With their fan base strong, they slowly began to get booked in different clubs and bars. They gradually began to earn respect within the community. Under the name "The Gravity Hills" they were soon prepared to release their first album that they could sell at shows. They sold out at just about every one of their concerts.

As much as he was enjoying their success, Davey still wished that they were doing more to help people. He would

hear about chaotic attacks all across the world from all sorts of different monsters and super-villains, but the band was still too small of a name to be able to play in those locations. It wasn't until they met with their new manager, Zeus Agro. It was because of Zeus that the band managed to get booked to open for a big new show in Boston called "Big April Thunder." It was lucky for Davey that their big break as a rock band was also their big break as heroic figures in the media.

Just when The Gravity Hills hit the stage, they prepared their first song off of the album they had intended to release that night. Before even a single note was played, a giant basilisk crashed through the crowd. The boys flew into action and leaped straight towards the monster. Peter-Paul slammed the lizard with his drums, while Franklin and Vamoose tried to take out its legs. Davey went straight for the mouth, hoping to take a few shots at its vitals with his guitar. After about ten minutes of struggling, the basilisk was dead while The Gravity Hills came out mostly unscathed.

Over the following months, The Gravity Hills became one of the biggest bands in the country. They had already managed to release

their third album, go on tour with some of the biggest bands, and fight off a horde of vampire pirates that were trying to take over Maryland. Davey was thrilled, and so were his friends. They had become the most vital band in North America, and it had happened practically over-

night. In recent weeks, it has been rumored that the band will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. They had received a letter from a suspicious source, signed only with a smear of blood. Most likely just another zombie plot. They had become so commonplace.

Leaves like Me

Danielle Giancola
Contributing Writer

I understand that the leaves feel as I do
Entangled and crowded within myself.
Foliage of unique rainbows
Not quite as visible as I'd like them to be
But yet they glisten with shards of water droplets,
As if to send a Morse code message to Mother Earth,
Through rays of sunlight.
So the leaves of forest green, banana yellow, and apple red,
Remain not completely complete
Using their rips and torn edges
To tell their sad story to the sunshine above Mother Earth.

Entire, Sinuate, Dentate, Serrate, and Lobed
Leaves of the trails proving how different they each are.
How tired and strenuous their lives must be
In constant competition.
I hear you. You can use me as a branch to cry on.
But your lifespan is too diminutive
And your time is running out.
Children are bundled up, so not much longer now.
Hurry up and explain what you can
Before you blow away in the wind.
Will you be back next season?



Drawing courtesy of Aimee Terravechia, Staff Writer

Only Children

Danielle Giancola
Contributing Writer

Our playful passion sways my body to the rhythm of your
heartbeat

Upside down kisses hanging from the monkey bars by my
feet.

Righteously so.

Never falling to the breaks of others,
Velvet touches from your skin nullified my suffers.
To love without fear.

Even though one by one the stars were falling around us,
We would prevail and never cave to juvenile lust.
A pure heart.

If only you could see what I've become,
Weighed down by the world I promised to run from.
I apologize.

Childhood love was on the right path,
If only time and poor judgment could feel my wrath.
Lost decisions.

I need your loving hands to fill my cup,
So after I've hit rock bottom, I dial you up.
Hope.

Remembering cherished moments helps alleviate tension
As the first words you say are what I've dread you'd men-
tion.
My sick brother.

"I closed myself to our love without fear
And lost the person I held so dear."
One more chance?

You say "time has taken that pain away
And with it, my love has also gone astray."
Uncertainty.

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One more touch, kiss or even seeing you breathe."
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The Resurrection of the LP

Aimee Terravechia
Staff Writer

What do flared jeans, platform shoes and records all have in common? In recent years, all of them have made a comeback. Unlike shoes and jeans, however, vinyl's comeback is bound to make a lasting—and positive—impression on an industry that is constantly evolving.

As CD sales have declined steadily over the past several years (partially due to illegal downloading, online music stores such as iTunes and what critics of the music industry would call outrageous pricing), the music industry has been returning to an old standard. Vinyl has slowly been making a quiet but substantial comeback.

Many artists continue to

release LP versions of their CD albums, including Metallica's new album "Death Magnetic" and Radiohead's "Rainbow." This resurrection of a once thought to be "dead" media is leaving many asking "why?"

As to why vinyl is encountering such newfound popularity, Robert Benson, author of "The Fascinating Hobby of Vinyl Record Collecting," and moderator of the website www.collectingvinylrecords.com cites both sound quality and a certain commitment to "authentic music."

Benson claims the first and foremost advantage to vinyl is the unbeatable sound. "As a vinyl lover, no one will convince

me that there is anything that sounds better. Vinyl was custom made for the human ear," said Benson.

The difference in sound, according to Benson, comes from the digitizing of the music. Benson describes the differences by saying, "a record is like a fingerprinted reproduction of the music. The sound is actually etched into the grooves of the vinyl record, whereas with digital sound the music is compressed into 1's and 0's..." Benson dubs this kind of recording as "binary sound."

Jeffrey Plourde, an avid vinyl collector in Manchester, NH, is one of many who would

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What to do around SNHU: Winter Time

Laura Rotolo
Opinion Editor

Get up and get out! Here is a list of things off campus that could be exciting... Sick of the café food? Here is a list of the top 10 restaurants by food and location!

1. Puritan Back Room - 245 Hooksett Rd, Manchester, NH
2. Margaritas Mexican Restaurant - 1037 Elm St, Manchester
3. Ninety Nine Restaurant & Pub - 1308 Hooksett Rd, Hooksett
4. Applebee's Neighborhood Grill - 1273 Hooksett Rd, Hooksett
5. Fratello's Ristorante Italiano - 155 Dow St, Manchester
6. Jillians - 50 Phillippe Cote St, Manchester
7. Bertucci's Brick Oven Restaurant - 1500 S Willow St, Manchester
8. Olive Garden Italian Restaurant - 1888 S Willow St, Manchester
9. Aloha Restaurant - 901 Hanover St, Manchester
10. Shorty's Mexican Restaurant - 1050 Bicentennial Dr, Manchester

Tired of flipping though the channels? Here is a list of Movie Theaters!

1. Cinemagic Hooksett Imax - 1226 Hooksett Rd – www.cinemagicmovies.com
2. Regal Cinemas Hooksett 8 - 100 Technology Dr, Hooksett
3. Regal Cinemas Manchester 9 - 1279 S Willow St

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Enjoy the winter weather!

So You Think You Can Dance? Tour 2008

Sinziana Scoarta
Staff Writer

in a setting where gracious body movements unveiled with precision and in tempo. You felt as if you were on stage moving alongside the dancers as they gave you the impression that every move was majestically effortless. This is probably why as seasons pass by, viewers become more addicted to the show. However, the truth is that behind all that fluidity is not only hard work but an honest passion for the art of dancing.

The auditions for the fifth season of, "So you think you can dance?" are underway starting November 13, 2008 in New York at the Mark Morris Dance Center. Just as Nigel Lythgoe says: "Don't just think you can dance, know you can dance."

"So You Think You Can Dance?" fourth season draws to a close, but this only means one thing: that the final 12 would be embarking on a US tour in order to show the country what they are made of, in living color.

On November 2, 2008 the Verizon Wireless Arena hosted the three hour live performance of some of the most well know faces in the dancing world at this time. For them, dancing is not only a past time, something cool you can do at parties or just what you watch on television. For these extraordinary performers, dancing has reached the status of an art as proven by the fluidity of their bodies while on stage.

The magnificent 12 were introduced by a virtual Nigel because now the jury was the public that filled the seats of the arena. The performer's names are well-known to every fan of the show and are as follow: Joshua, this season's winner, the

4 real Twitch, the magnificent Katee, the teen idol Courtney, the Hawaiian Mark, the Latino ballroom diva Chelsie, the surreal movement Will, the vivacious Kherington, the besotted Gev, the graceful Jessica and the passionate Comfort.

The show represented a review of some of the most spectacular routines that were seen during the season such as Will and Jessica's "Adam and Eve," Katee and Twitch's "The Door," Katee and Will's "Pas de Deux," Kherington and Twitch's "Bed Routine," as well as Courtney and Gev's "Cha cha."

The "So You Think You Can Dance?" show however, was more than a display of dance routines. Rather, it was unfolding stories

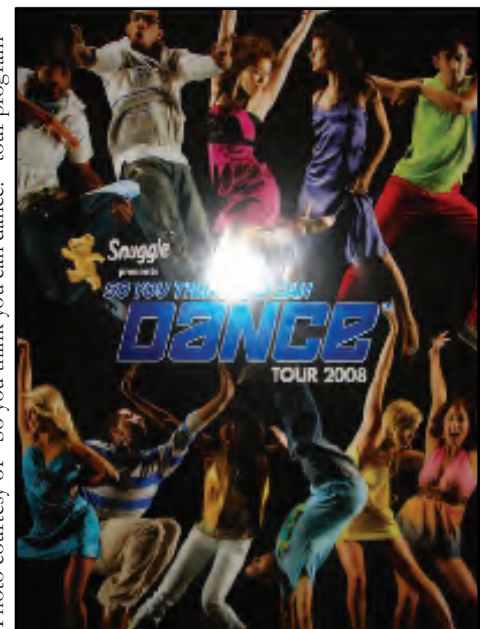


Photo courtesy of "So you think you can dance?" tour program



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Lady GaGa: The Fame

Caitlin Murphy
Entertainment Editor

Lady GaGa has busted onto the music scene with her debut album, "The Fame." If you have not yet heard of her, then keep your eyes and ears open, because she is going to be one of the next big music stars of our time.

The 22 year old, whose album is produced by Red One and Akon, has worked tirelessly to put together the 14 tracks that make up "The Fame." Her most popular single, which is being played in clubs all over America, is "Just Dance" featuring Colby O'donis.

Other noteworthy tracks on the album are "Poker Face" and "Beautiful, Dirty, Rich." She has a look and sound that combines a Gwen Stefani voice and fashion,

with Britney Spears beats and newfound attitude.

Although the beats are bangin' and very danceable, some of the lyrics are lacking depth and could use a little work. I would give this album a 2.5 out of 5. This young pop star can only go up from here and in years to come will certainly hit the bigtime.



Drawing courtesy of Aimee Terravechia

Top 10 Current Artists

1. Pink
2. Coldplay
3. T.I.
4. Brad Paisley
5. Jack Johnson
6. Hinder
7. Jason Mraz
8. John Legend
9. Snow Patrol
10. John Mayer

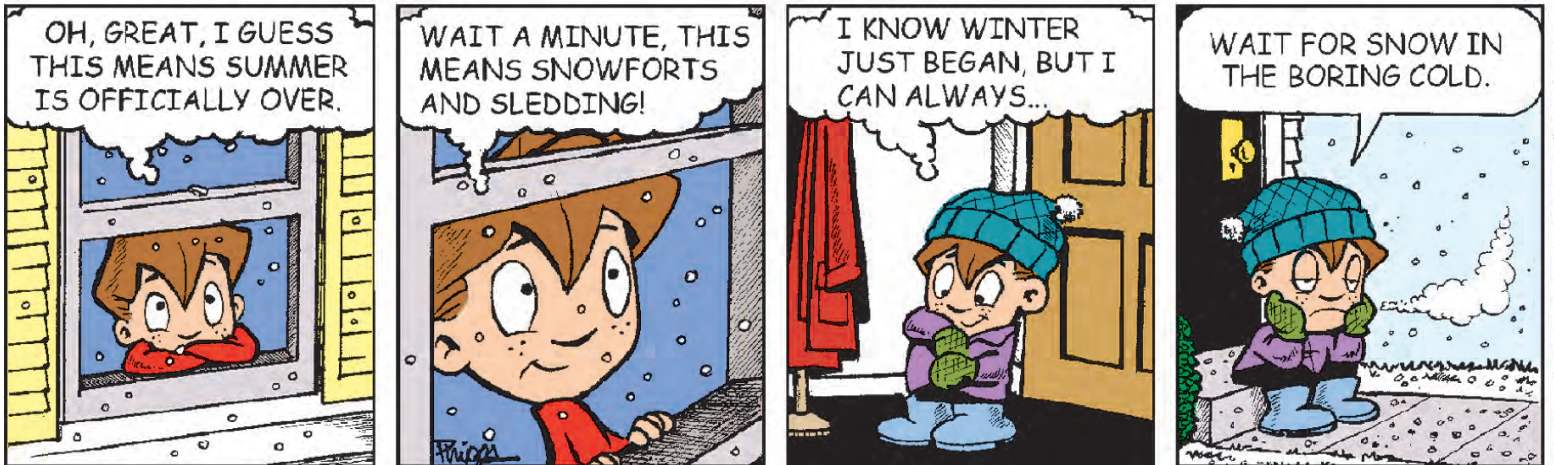
Top 5 Current Albums

1. **Funhouse**
Pink
2. **Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends**
Coldplay
3. **Paper Trail**
T.I.
4. **Take it to the Limit**
Hinder
5. **Evolver**
John Legend

*Based on plays in Rhapsody

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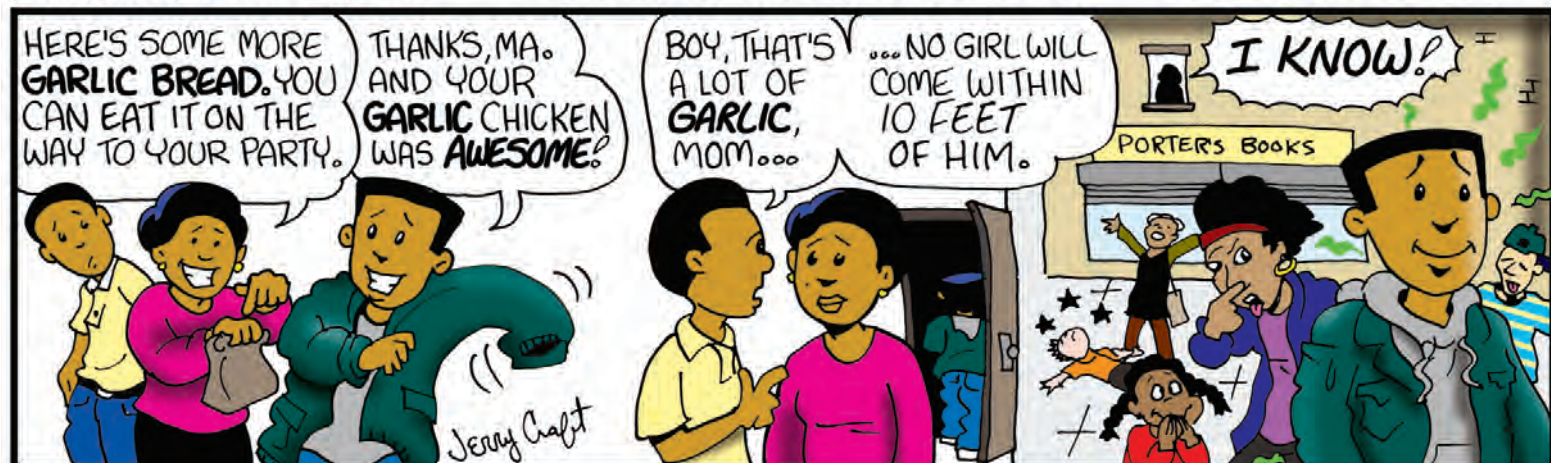
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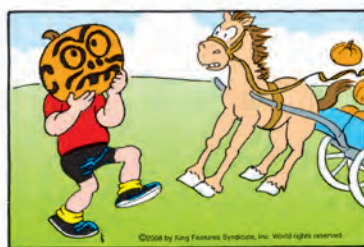
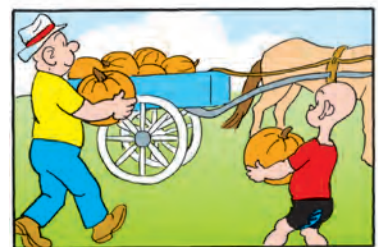
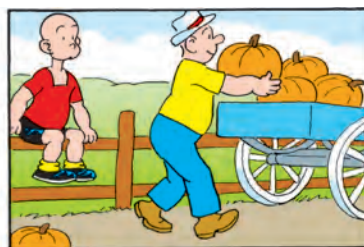
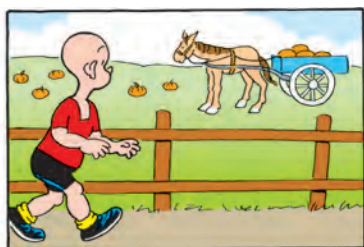
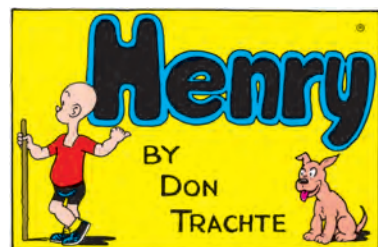
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1. Soft Drinks
2. Milk
3. Cigarettes
4. Cereal
5. Bread
6. Videos
7. Bottled Water
8. Toilet Paper
9. Light Beer
10. Cookies

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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Entertainment

Resurrection of the LP

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agree with Benson. According to Plourde, who has been collecting and listening to vinyl for years, "There is a definite and noticeable difference."

Many are also drawn to vinyl because of the "authenticity" that Benson described. David Hayes, a PhD candidate at the Ontario Institute agrees that many begin their vinyl collections in order to connect with a more genuine music-listening experience. In his thesis paper, "Making Music Meaningful: Youth Investment in Popular Music," which was originally published in the February 2006 issue of *Popular Music* and

Society, Hayes writes that young adults and teenagers are enticed by "authenticity" of vinyl. Hayes said, "...teens are drawn in by the allure of vinyl; to them it seems to be a more sincere form of sound reproduction."

Vinyl does have its downsides—after all, whoever heard of a portable record player? Despite the technological advantages to other music media, vinyl lovers agree that LPs will continue to rule as "king" of the music industry even as its successor—compact discs—begin to fade out.



Photo courtesy of imdb.com

"Zack & Miri Make a Porno"

Movie: Role Models

Carter Meyers
Layout Editor

This simplistic plotted comedy might just be this year's spotlighted film. No two characters are the same, and because of that, the conflictive personalities only add to the movie's overall success.

A dynamic duo, Wheeler (Seann William Scott) and Danny (Paul Rudd) are working together in a dead-end job. They both spend their day traveling to schools giving anti-drug talks in their beyond awkward "Minotaur" animal suit.

After realizing their work situation is less than desirable, they become fed up. In a fit of rage, Danny takes their work vehicle and manages to drive it on top of a middle school fountain. After being arrested, they are sentenced to 150 hours of community service in the form of helping out in big brother program, called "Sturdy Wings".

Being assigned two of the worst possible candidates (called littles) they realize from the start that jail might have been the better option. Unfortunately they have no choice now. Coming from opposite

lifestyles, the littles serve only as stress generators for Danny and Wheeler.

The littles are shy Augie (Christopher Mintz-Plasse – you know him as McLovin from "Superbad"), whose self-esteem is below normal and who is obsessed with medieval reenactment games; and Ronnie (Bobb'e J. Thompson), who has the vocabulary and hormones of a sailor.

After coming to the realiza-

tion that 150 hours isn't going to go by as quickly as they would have hoped, they ask to see the littles on the weekdays as well and end up becoming accustomed to their personalities and interests. The movie kept my interest and kept me quoting lines the whole way through; I wouldn't be opposed to watching again within a week.

ROLE MODELS (Rated R for sexual content and strong language) with Seann William Scott, Paul Rudd, Jane Lynch. Written by Paul Rudd, David Wain, Ken Marino, Timothy Dowling. Directed by David Wain.



"Role Models"

A Critical Eye

**Zach and Miri
Make a Porno**

Daniel Smith
Managing Editor

Grade: A-

On a comedy scale of 10 the movie scored a 7. The ever-funny Seth Rogan played Zach and the beautiful Elizabeth Banks played Miri. The plot of the story is that Zach and Miri, who live together, run out of money and have their electricity and water shut off. They then resort to making a pornographic movie.

The idea for a movie about porn was of interest to me because I knew that it would be hard to keep it in theaters. The movie was very risqué, but very well done to keep it in the R rating range.

Zach and Miri was directed by Kevin Smith and starred some unusual characters including Jason Mewes (Jay from Jay and silent Bob), Jeff Anderson (co-star of *clerks* and *clerks 2*),

Katie Morgan (actual porn star), and Traci Lords (former x-rated actress). The cast was well picked and enjoyable together on screen.

Overall the movie was a solid A-. It received an A- due to a scene in the movie that was so disturbing and gross that I would be fine with never hearing of it ever again. My suggestions to my loyal readers is to watch the movie in the theaters because it is a great watch, but definitely do NOT bring your BF or GF. Also as a tip, close your eyes when Katie Morgan says that she has been constipated all day.

Lastly, I would suggest stealing your buddy's copy of the movie and ripping it to your computer. I wouldn't buy it myself but I would enjoy having it in my DVD collection.

Students Plus Employers Equals Success

Chance Clutter
Contributing Writer

On November 5th, the Career Development Center sponsored its 2nd Annual Internship Fair in the small gym. Over 30 companies registered for the fair this year (a 50% increase from last November) with over 170 students in attendance.

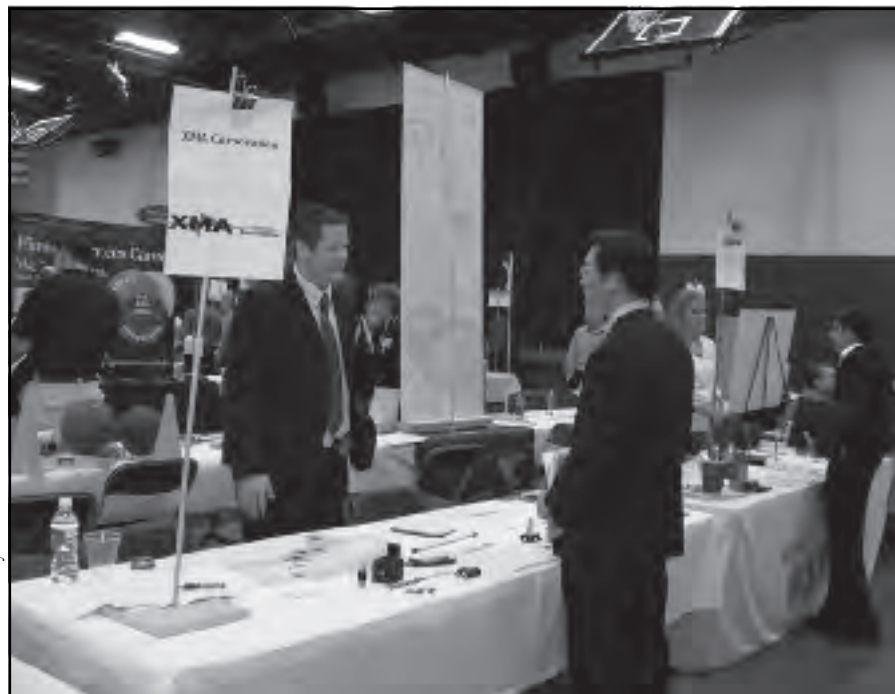
The CDC would like to thank the faculty and staff that helped make this fair such a big success as well as thanking those students who were able to attend! The employers were likewise very happy with the quality of the SNHU students. The recruiters stated that the students who made the best impressions had professional looking resumes, were confident when speaking to the employer, and had researched the companies prior to the fair. Because many of the students had attended a preparation workshop or met with the Career Center's staff prior, they were more than prepared for meetings with recruiters.

Shelley Crown from Community Bridges, one of the non-profit companies

recruiting interns and graduates said many students demonstrated, "good eye contact and were not afraid to approach tables and start conversations." Additionally, Stephanie Pascucci, a junior in Business Administration who attended the fair with her internship employer, Putnam Investments, described her feelings when she participated in the internship fair last year. "It can seem overwhelming at first. You see all of these employers when you come in and you might feel a little intimidated, but once you start talking, the employers are really nice."

Ms. Pascucci also said, "Students should not be afraid of approaching employers. They are there because they want to get new people into their organization. They're not trying to scare you away." For those students who missed the fair, you can contact the Career Development Center for additional internship and career related information. Remember, it's your career, what have you done lately?

Photo courtesy of Chance Clutter



CDC Internship Fair

Last Chapter Pub Event Schedule *Compiled by: Mike Capalbo*

*asterisk denotes 21 +

Wed. Nov. 19: CAPE Bingo @ 6:30 p.m., Band @ 7:30 p.m.*

Thu. Nov. 20: Psych: Career Night @ 5 p.m., CAPE: Stop Light @ 8 p.m.*

Sat. Nov. 22: CAPE: Turkey Trot @ 9 a.m.

Tue. Dec. 2: KX: Alumnae Event @ 5 p.m.*

Wed. Dec. 3: CAPE: Bingo @ 6:30 p.m.

Thu. Dec. 4: PDP: Lip Sync Contest @ 7 p.m.*

Wed. Dec. 10: CAPE: Bingo @ 6:30 p.m.

Thu. Dec. 11: Pub Holiday Party @ 5 p.m., CAPE: Comedian @ 7 p.m.*

Sat. Dec. 13: PDT: Event @ 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. *, PDT: Comedian @ 7 p.m.*

Tue. Dec. 16: ILE Holiday Party @ 5 p.m.

The Communist Dracula Pageant

Sinziana Scoarta
Staff Writer

"The Communist Dracula Pageant" is indeed as it describes itself: "by Americans, for Americans, a play about the Romanian Revolution of 1989 with hallucinations, phosphorescence and bears." The title bears not only some inherent truths, but also reliable facts and situations that are still to be discovered by the world. According to the Boston Globe, "The scene is funny, awful and vivid – just what you would expect from a 'Communist Dracula Pageant.'"

The play, written by Anne Washburn and directed by Annie

Kaufman, has as centerpiece the Romanian Revolution of 1988, when the Communist regime, run by Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu, was brought to an end.

The play deals with the inconsistencies within the Romanian Communist Regime and the tyrannical rule that was imposed on the people by the "Conducator" (ruler) Nicolae Ceausescu and his pseudo-scientist wife, Elena. Dracula is present by the presence of Vlad Tepes, most commonly known as Vlad the Impaler, the ruler that became myth and history by his spearing

method of punishment and his victory against the Turkish army.

The Pageants, on the other hand represent part of the "vast" entertainment repertoire that was supported by the regime and was available on the Romanian television during the communist times. The pageants are run to the wishes of the dictator who is seen as the supreme ruler.

The bears allow insight into the Romanian New Year's Eve tradition that stems from the fact that the Dacians, the people that set the grounds of today's

Romania, worshipped the bear as a sacred animal. It also represents the power of regeneration as the bear is capable of fighting the cold winter in order to welcome spring in a perpetual cycle.

The play in itself put all of these elements together in a story that keeps your eyes glued to the stage for the one hour and forty minutes. You are sent back to Dracula's time after having



Photo courtesy of American Repertory Theatre

Drama Club: A Deeper Look

Daniel Smith
Managing Editor

According to the SNHU website, the mission of the Drama Club is to provide the school and surrounding area with plays and other artistic entertainment.

Its president, Victoria Day, shares this idea. The job of the drama club, she said, was to provide a "theatrical presence on campus."

The Drama Club puts on at least one production each semester. Past productions have been the "Wizard of Oz," "the Legend of Sleepy Hollow," "Arsenic and Old Lace," and "A Mid-summer Night's Dream." This semester, the production they have chosen is "Frumpled Fairy Tales."

The Drama Club is involved in a lot more than just plays. It is the major organization behind the Arts Festival, a week long event that includes many artistic and theatrical events. These events include small performances of plays and musicals including "RENT" and "Chicago." Other attractions include musical and choral performances by jazz combos, local bands, and the SNHU Chorus.

Erin Gallagher, a Drama Club Member for three years and former vice-president, has been part of many of these productions. She also has participated in other productions for the Arts Festival and other campus events including the Vagina Monologues.

Gallagher feels that the Drama Club's mission is to "add creativity to the school" and make the school "more welcoming to theater people." Erin believes that this is why the Drama Club does things like the Arts Festival. She is excited

about the play "Doctor Faustus" she is performing for this year's Arts Festival.

The club is run like most other clubs on campus and features a president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Where it differs is that it also features a director, costume chair, hair and make-up chair, set chair, and advertisement chairs. This allows the club to run more efficiently and distribute power evenly.

Day commented on her favorite part of the club stating that the club "gives [her] an excuse to be loud" and enjoys the immense opportunities the club offers.

Day has been president for over a year and a half and has faced many struggles and challenges in that time. She has to keep everyone happy and keep new students, who are not involved with acting, involved with the club.

Along with these challenges she has to deal with a disconnect that has grown between her and the director. The disconnect has created a rift in the club that has left the running of the play and the rest of the club very much separate.

The disconnect has "made it difficult to be part of Drama Club," said Gallagher. It "used to be a family, [but] not so much anymore."

Day wants to mend this disconnect and hopes that all members of the club, whether acting or not, can come to her with problems.

"The past is in the past," she said. She wants every one in the club to know that they have a say and that they are all a vital part of the club.

Communist Dracula Pageant

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a preview of what communism meant for Romanians: massive celebrations, dictatorship worship and Securitate (the political police, similar to the Russian KGB) agents following the citizen's each and every step.

The play has a well-defined historical root as it presents Romania's most gruesome years and its liberation in a thorough manner, following the events as they happened, and using the official transcripts from the Ceausescu's trial. The times were gruesome because not only were you sent to prison if you were heard making a joke about the regime or owning dollars or other foreign currency, but also

because the people had to queue at five in the morning to get their rationalized meat or milk.

The talk-back discussion that took part after the play represented the perfect occasion to answer questions from the audience and see how some of the actors and crew took in all that the play was about. While some were trying to find out more details about the revolution, others, Romanians especially, were testing the actors on their knowledge of the events. The actors and crew proved a strong background on the issue and found out even more details from the Romanians in the audience.

However, at the question "Do you think that the means by which people decided to end the dictatorship (ie a kangaroo trial and the shooting of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu), were just or unjust?" opinions were divided. While some were of the opinion that the means could have been more peaceful, others considered it a just course of actions for those times.

The play is certainly one that makes you ask yourself a series of questions whether you are American or Romania. The facts of the Romanian Revolution are still surrounded in mystery and no one knows whether the truth will ever come to light. The controversy continues with every anniversary of the Romanian Revolution, even after nineteen years.

Mock Interview Day Teaches Students Real Skills

Shannon Stephens
Contributing Writer

On Thursday, October 23rd, local employers helped students refine their job interviewing skills by staging mock interviews in the Career Development Center. The goal of this event was to help students prepare for a real job interview in the future.

Students scheduled appointments with the CDC and came in professional dress for their interviews. They each had a 30-minute closed-door session with an interviewer. Afterward, they received tips and feedback from the employers.

David Pereira, managing partner at Modern Woodmen, opened up his mock interviews with a brief overview of what will happen during the session. He tried to create a non-stressful environment and build confidence in the student by giving both positive and negative feedback. He asked questions that any employer would most likely ask.

"Students should come to an interview with prepared answers for common questions," said Pereira. Students would most likely get asked about their education and experiences.

Tim Clouser, a SNHU alum and financial representative for Modern Woodmen, was at the event with Pereira, to learn how to conduct an interview. He said that he has learned to keep the conversation flowing and try to read the person.

"I listen to how they answer a question, not so much what their answer is," said Clouser. This

gives him insight to the interviewee's personality.

Jiexi Wang and Bin Qiu, graduate students at SNHU, were told to pay attention to their accent when interviewing, as they are both from China. Qiu hopes to find an internship while still in school and then a job after he graduates, both in the US. Coming to Mock Interview Day helped him to figure out the best way to be successful in his interviews.

"Employers appreciate when students are being themselves," said Kelly Welch, Director of Campus Selection and Operations at Northwestern Mutual. She said that a strong handshake and eye contact are very important as well.

Both Welch and Pereira said that one of the biggest mistakes students make in an interview is not being prepared. They stress researching the company with which the student is interviewing before his or her interview.

"The Internet is huge right now," said Welch. "Chances are the company has a website where [the students] can find information."

"You should research the company before the interview so you can be prepared to show them how you can benefit them," said Wang.

SNHU also offers other events throughout the year to help students prepare for interviews, resume-writing, job searching, and more. Visit the CDC in Exeter Hall to find out about these events.

Psyching You Out

Marya Sullivan
Contributing Writer

The psychology club had their weekly meeting on Wednesday, November 5. The group of about 10 people met in Robert Frost 315 and gathered their desks in to a small circle to discuss their agenda. Their agenda consisted of a few short topics about upcoming events, most happening next semester, and fundraisers to raise money for their club.

The meeting went quickly. The club presidents, Jacqueline Breault and Angela Jackson, held the meeting along with their advisor. Each member was assigned to look up certain information, talk to certain authority figures, all to make sure that they would be able to host any upcoming events they wanted to schedule.

"There are about 20 people in the group, but some people can't make it due to work and classes," said Breault.

Most of the meeting was spent discussing the Psi Chi conference. Psi Chi is the national honor society for psychology. "We do the meetings together (with psychology club) this semester because our advisor is on sabbatical right now. So the meetings will be different when he comes back," said Breault. This conference is held for psychology students in the spring. Students will present at the conference, the information about research they have done. The Psi Chi Conference is held every year and this is the first year the club decided to have all students speak. Psychology students who go to this event will get to learn about different projects psychology students can pursue while working toward their degree.

Also, the club discussed Relay for Life. Relay for Life is a walk that is run by the American Cancer Society about raising money and awareness for cancer. Southern New Hampshire University joined in last year and is going to continue with it this year as well. The psychology club is talking about entering the relay, and will be discussed further in future meetings.

If you are interested in joining the psychology club attend a meeting Wednesday at 2p.m. in Robert Frost 315.

The following are some do's and don'ts of interviewing from Welch and Pereira:

Do's:

- Do dress professionally and come prepared with questions.
- Do practice answering general questions about your experience and qualifications.
- Do be confident and have good posture.

Don'ts:

- Don't be late.
- Don't not show up; call to reschedule in an emergency.
- Don't have a resume that is more than one page.
- Don't have a "cutesy" email.

What is CAPE?

Laura Rotolo
Opinion Editor

If you mention CAPE to a freshman or transfer student, he or she might assume you mean the premier vacation destination in Massachusetts. Although true, at SNHU, CAPE is an organization known as the Coordinators of Activities and Programming Events.

This student run organization committee is designed to enrich the campus life at SNHU. CAPE provides social, recreational, educational, and cultural programming for all SNHU students. They work with other clubs and organizations to make sure we students are entertained both on and off campus.

Katie Clark, senior and a former CAPE committee member, said "I think CAPE is really good. I think they have some really good ideas and fun things to do." Clark helped manage the music part of CAPE. "I just helped pick out music, input, etc. I became interested after freshman year when I emailed CAPE about this group Barefoot Truth from back home (Norwich, CT), and they've come up every year since...they played at SNHUstock last year". SNHUstock is a concert that takes place on the grassy knoll in front of Lincoln and Conway.

This event is one of the biggest events that CAPE holds. The event includes rides, games, drinks both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, and great live music.

Danielle Kireyczuk, junior and president of CAPE enjoys her job very much. "I love the opportunity CAPE has given me from being able to work with agents and performers since the classroom will never give someone that opportunity," said Kireyczuk.

Kireyczuk has been a member of CAPE for three years and she has developed a love for her job and the members of her team, "I love my CAPE family and all the different ideas they generate," says Kireyczuk. "I think my life would be pretty boring and dull without CAPE."

Some activities hosted by CAPE include: Bingo, game shows (Deal or No Deal), carnivals, trips abroad and off campus (Italy, Greece, Paintballing, Blue Man Group), bands, comedians, and major concerts.

"Upcoming events include midget comedian, Brad Williams," says Kireyczuk. "For the spring, we have booked comedian Amy Anderson and Robbie Printz from Nashua, New Hampshire." As well as a solo acoustic artist Mark Derose, this will be a coffee house performance at Seattle's best throughout the day on January 22, 2009.

E-mail CAPE to get more details at cape@snhu.edu or stop by a meeting every Monday at 6pm in the Last Chapter Pub if you are interested in joining or learning more about the possibilities CAPE has to offer.

IGC Hosts Blood Drive

Shelly Petry
Contributing Writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, the Inter-Greek Council hosted an American Red Cross blood drive at Southern New Hampshire University. The drive was held in the Student Center from 12-5 p.m. Over 80 SNHU community members made donations.

Red Cross workers filled the Corcoran Room, prepping potential student donors to give blood. The Last Chapter Pub was filled with beds for students who wanted to donate; and water bottles and snacks for students to relax and enjoy after they made their donation.

The actual process of giving blood takes about 15 minutes. Donors were asked to stay for an additional 30 minutes to make sure that they did not become lightheaded and pass out.

"Most people don't pass out," said Katie Perry, executive board member of IGC and member of Phi Omega Psi.

According to the American Red Cross website, redcross.org, roughly 15 million units of blood are donated each year by close to 80 million donors. About half of these donations come from the Red Cross. After blood is collected, it is then separated into its different components in order to best serve the people who need it. The Red Cross breaks these

blood donations up into red blood cells, platelets, plasma, and cryoprecipitated AHF (antihemophilic factor). Once a blood donation has been separated it can help save up to three lives.

Meryn Schraier, junior, said, "I feel great!," after giving blood. "I wanted to be a good samaritan. I would highly recommend giving blood."

People are nervous about giving blood for several reasons. Some are afraid of blood and needles, while others worry about the safety of giving blood. The American Red Cross assures everyone that all procedures are perfectly safe and that all blood is thoroughly tested before it is put into use.

"It doesn't hurt, most people think it will but it doesn't," said Perry. She then adds for those who may still be squeamish or afraid, "Don't look at it, and make sure you eat before hand."

Nicole Gauthier, senior and member of Phi Omega Psi, suggests that if you cannot eat before making a blood donation, drink orange juice to help the experience go smoothly.

To learn more about the American Red Cross and the blood giving process, go to redcross.org.

Fall Harvest A Sorority Success

Ashley Burke
Contributing Writer

Fall was in the air on October 28, when the sisters of Phi Delta Beta, Phi Omega Psi and Kappa Chi co-sponsored a Fall Harvest event at 3:30 PM in the Pub.

At the event were fall-themed activities and goodies including caramel apple making, pumpkin painting, and fall frame making. Over 100 students came and enjoyed the sweet tastes of caramel apples with nuts, sprinkles, and coconut thanks to the sisters of Phi Omega Psi.

Students also joined in on the fun with the sisters of Phi Delta Beta and painted their own pumpkins for Halloween. For more crafty fun, Kappa Chi took photos of the students in front of a fall-themed stage for personalized decorative picture frames.

Fall Festival was a deliciously fun and crafty event that everyone enjoyed. It was a great opportunity for the sororities to bond and co-sponsor a fun event, and judging by its success, it will definitely be on their to-do list for next fall.

It doesn't matter how old you are—there's nothing like a little sugar and homemade crafts to make your day brighter.

Photo courtesy of Katie Perry



Phi Omega Psi

Making a Difference

Katie Perry
Contributing Writer

On October 19th, the SNHU sororities and fraternities joined together to participate in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Hosted by the American Cancer Society, the walk was the ending of the Greek Games. Throughout the week, Greek members participated in various games against each other, but in the end, the Greeks joined together to make a difference.

The sorority and fraternity

members had the options to volunteer at the event or walk a three or five mile route. Although this event was not mandatory for Greeks, all six organizations had members participate. Earning money for the American Cancer Society, the Greek community was able to do a good deed while having fun at the same time.

Making a difference continued to be a Greek theme with the Inter-Greek Council's (IGC) American Red Cross Blood

Drive. The November 4th event produced over 71 donors and approximately 50 pints of blood. IGC was ecstatic with SNHU's involvement and the Greek involvement as well. IGC would like to thank all those who volunteered their time, as well as those who donated blood. One pint can save three lives, and with the amount of blood gathered at the event, numerous people will have their lives changed.

Happy Birthday Visitors

Jackie Dunn

In addition to our customary presentation to the Birthday residents – a flower and a birthday card to each resident who has a birthday during that month -- on **Saturday, December 13th**, we will also be sharing Christmas cards with all the residents at Mt. Carmel Health Care Center. We meet at the Center at 10:00 a.m.

So bring along your roommate, brothers and sisters and share the joy!
The more, the merrier!

If interested, please call Jackie Dunn at 603-645-9608 or e-mail j.dunn@snhu.edu for more details.

Thank you.

Photo courtesy of Katie Perry



Phi Delta Beta

**Are you ready
for the holidays?
Holiday Dog
doesn't think so**

Join the Happy Birthday Visitors to spread some holiday cheer!



Photo Provided by Jackie Dunn

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

Lynn Lee
Contributing Writer

SIFE is an International organization that mobilizes university students around the world to make a difference in their community while developing the skills to become socially responsible business leaders. SNHU Chapter of SIFE focuses on launching outreach educational programs to teach the community about market economics, entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and business ethics. We bring our projects results and reports to the annual SIFE regional and national competition.

The challenge to SIFE students is simple-to leverage the opportunity they've been given as college and university students

to help others reach their full potential. Consistent with SIFE's community service philosophy, "give me a fish and I eat for a day, teach me to fish and I eat for a lifetime," the goal of SIFE students is not simply to inform, but to empower; to actually help others improve their quality of life and standard of living through a better understanding of the opportunities provided through free enterprise.

Currently, we are engaged with the capital region food program regarding our market economics project. Through assembling food baskets for the less fortunate during holiday season, we try to teach people in the community how econom-

ics can be improved to provide a better life of those less fortunate.

We are also working with the Manchester Young Professional Network to develop the Star-up Challenge, a collaborative program with Southern New Hampshire University center of entrepreneurship designed to empower the next generation of entrepreneurs and business leaders. For more information about this contest, please visit <http://www.snhu.edu/7977.asp>

We are always ready to welcome motivated and talented students to join us. If anyone is interested, please contact lin.li@snhu.edu

Turkey Trot to Benefit Families in Transition November 22, 2008

8:30 AM Registration, Race at 9:00 AM at Student Center

Distance: 1 mile around SNHU campus

Entry Fee: ONE item to donate to Families in Transition



Sign ups to run in the race are in the gym or contact: cape@snhu.edu or fieldhockey@snhu.edu

List of items needed, comments, or questions can be directed to contact information above.

Radio SNHU Fall Schedule

Monday:

5:30 A.M. - 7:30 A.M.:

The Jay Bay Show with Jason Bays

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.:

That's What She Said with Shawn Burnham and Mike Gallant

9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.:

Radio SMU with Griffin Cordes

Tuesday:

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.:

Caitlin Scully

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.:

Best of the Basement with Brittney Castello and David Landon

9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.:

Smash Mouth Sports with Andrew Van Ness

Wednesday:

12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.:

Maryssa DeBritto

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.:

Nights with Jesse Lucas

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.:

Malachi Parsons, Danielle Mott, Brenna Heverly-Coulson

9:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.:

Classic Rock Blocks with Tommy Doucette

Thursday:

7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.:

Sports Chatter with Mike Capalbo, Joe Vartanian and Zach Keating

8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.:

Jen Prunier

Friday:

6:30 A.M. - 7:30 A.M.:

The Jay Bay Show with Jason Bays

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.:

Mike, Mike, and Brian in the Afternoon

12:30 P.M. - 1:30 P.M.:

The Unexpected with Mattie, Chrispy, and The Boss.

Saturday:

DJ Grail All Day

Sunday:

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.:

Level One with Corbin Bogert, Marek Rivero, Norah Dunkerley, and Stephen Pronovost

*Listen live online at radio.snhu.edu or on 1620 AM. Also on SNHU Channel 74

*All show times and DJ's are subject to change.

Opinion

The Negative and Unforeseen Side to Construction at SNHU

Suzanne Lentell

Photo Editor

So how come it takes ten minutes to get from one end of North River Road to the other? It can be blamed on the construction of the new buildings at SNHU. Four Corners excavation is working for Opechee Construction to excavate a ten foot hole for the sewage line for both the New Dining Hall and Academic Center.

I had another informal interview with Dave Trottier, overseeing project manager of Opechee Construction, and he noted that he is pleased with how the project is coming together so far.

The traffic had relocated to the other side of the street. The sidewalk had also been an issue but will be repaired as soon as the area of the construction regarding the sewage line is complete. Students are concerned about water shutoff but notice shall be given regarding if and when the shutoff will occur and for how long. The construction team thought they would be able to get away without shutting off the water, but it will only be a temporary inconvenience if anything.

As for projected dates, "We

expect to have heat in the new Academic Center, closest to east side drive entrance, by the first week of January," stated Dave Trottier.

All construction projects will have their ups and downs, but hopefully things will be back to normal and well worth the wait. As far as I am concerned, as much of a pain the traffic has been, it has been adequately directed by workers and will have to be toughed out for as long as it takes to make it right.

What's Up with Doing Laundry at SNHU?!

Ashley Manley

News Editor

I have had a few bad encounters with doing laundry on campus here at Southern New Hampshire University throughout my years here. I didn't really complain though because things can go wrong once and awhile. Well, now I'm going to say something.

I hate doing laundry and doing it now as a senior is even harder seeing as how I have no time to do it. It is a pain to drag my laundry down the walkway from my townhouse and then down this sketchy, dimly lit flight of stairs to the basement of Cranmore. This flight of stairs is the best hiding spot for animals to pop out when you least expect it especially since every time I have been down the stairs the light doesn't even work. So here I come, with a huge laundry bag at 10 PM, juggling my cell phone to light the way, praying that a skunk or who knows what doesn't pops out of the darkness.

Once I finally make it to the laundry room I ask the question, what is up with the washer and dryers from I don't know, 1985? I pay to shove my clothes into the tiniest capacity I have ever seen a washing machine hold. Once the washer is done, I find

my clothes sopping wet. Yes, clothes should be wet when they come out of the washing machine, but sopping wet? I don't think so. I wring out my shirts and jeans to find puddles, big puddles as a matter of fact, on the ground. Interesting; I'm going to need more money to dry them apparently.

Don't get me started on the dryers. It takes almost \$2 just to semi-dry a load of laundry. And no, I am not overloading those suckers. Last time I did laundry I came back to find the dryer I put on the normal dry cycle plus two extra cycles semi-dry. SEMI-DRY? They were in there for almost an hour! The other dryer I half filled had my clothes, oh what do you know, sopping wet still! Why you ask? The dryer timed down and spun but no heat was apparently coming out. Since I spent all the money on my card to do laundry and was too aggravated to hike up to the student center to put more on, I proceeded to trudge back to my townhouse.

So after about \$7 what do I have to show? Clean, but wet clothes that need to be hung all over my townhouse to dry. Fabulous.

Change We Can Believe In?

Zack Keating

Staff Writer

With an unpopular war being led by a very unpopular president, sometimes we forget what should be important to us. People are so quick to call George Bush an 'idiot', but how well could you have reacted to an event such as 9-11 less than nine months into your presidency? That event will continue to shape our country's foreign and domestic policy for the rest of our lifetimes.

America has always been on a different level than other countries worldwide, not just because we have a juggernaut of an Army and an economy which still rivals the best in the world. It is because America has always held itself to loftier goals than others. We hold our freedom in such esteem that we are willing to help others attain it. Freedom is a precious gift that everyone

deserves to experience.

During this interesting election, I've heard both candidates talk about change. One candidate spoke of change in Washington as well as in foreign policy. These two goals are clearly described in our Constitution as Presidential powers that do not have to be checked by other levels of government.

Another candidate spoke of changing the foundation of our country. He believes that if he implements his plans he can reshape our country. The problem with this candidate's plans is that most of them are domestic policy changes, and domestic policy decisions have to go through both houses of Congress. These changes will not look the same after a trip through Capitol Hill, supermajority or not.

When considering this change to our foundation, one must question: is that what our country really needs right now? The person that was willing to pick himself up by his bootstraps was once the foundation of America. Our idealistic society has now put a generous and disturbing crack in that very foundation. My only hope is that our present economic crisis will at least call attention to this. We don't need change; we need to find the things that have held our nation together since our inception. We have lost that patriotic feeling, and our country has slowly been separating into factions. Being patriotic and getting behind our country has gotten us out of wars before, what's to say it can't happen again?

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Lincoln Laundry Room

Can We Just Discuss... Black Friday?

Caitlin Murphy
Entertainment Editor

If you don't know what Black Friday is, than welcome to America! It is only the biggest shopping day of the entire year, a day when shopping takes on a new meaning. Going to the mall is no longer cute and fun: it's serious business.

Come this November 28th, you think parking is bad around here, try going to the outlets. Don't be surprised if you see two grandmothers fighting over the last Tickle Me Elmo, because it's all been done before, on Black Friday.

Take my advice, you had better lace up your best running shoes and put your game face on. So rise and shine, prepare to wait in line, and toughen up, because there's no crying on Black Friday.



Black Friday Madness

Ask Aimee

Aimee Terravechia
Staff Writer

Disclaimer: The following question was written by an idiot- it is only a joke. Please, do not take it seriously- but if you do, I suggest that you write to my column to get help.

Thank you,
Aimee Terravechia

Dear Aimee...

Alright, this is going to be very difficult for me to tell anyone... I need help. Please. I feel like I am drowning in a pit of sorrow and self humiliation. God, I just need someone to lead me down a good direction in life. I reject religion because I don't want to be stereotyped. But I need something. Or someone.

When I was six, I went outside to play on the front porch swing. It was that day, that moment that changed my life forever. I never saw the duck coming. Ever since I have been afraid to love and let others

Busting Parties: What a Buzz Kill!

Laura Rotolo
Opinion Editor

Want to know something that really gets to me and probably gets to a lot other people? When RA's or RD's come knocking before quiet hours! How are any seniors suppose to enjoy their senior year on campus, if it only lasts an hour?

For example...October 31, 2008 I attended a gathering in Conway Hall, and at approximately 11:07pm, I was forced to leave the facility and go home. Let's just look at this situation for a second...Where was I? Oh yes in a wet dormitory. How old am I? 22 years old. How old were the residents in the apartment? They were all above the age of 21, so by the rule book it makes the apartment a wet apartment. Was there anyone under 21? There was no one under the age of 21, it was all seniors or already graduated SNHU students.

We were all enjoying ourselves and sharing our memories of our senior year so far, and we heard a knock on the door at 11:00pm, Two hours BEFORE quiet hours. The door opens

and there are two RA's standing outside the door. They were asked why they were knocking, and they replied by noting that they heard drinking games being played, i.e. Beer Pong.

There is no way RA's could assume there where drinking games being played at all. The music was loud and there was laughter in the air, but yet you could hear outside the apartment a ping pong ball being thrown off cups? Come on now, that is ridiculous! I just think the RA's had to fill a quota for that night, and decided to bust a party that was legal in my eyes. We all decided to cooperate and leave the building.

Later on that night, at my own apartment, where again my roommates and I are above the age of 21, we decided to keep the night going. A few of our senior classmates decided to join us for a couple of drinks. We had the music going, we were enjoying some laughs and at 1:01am (NO LIE), we heard a knock on the door, guess who it was? If you

guessed a RA, you are absolutely correct. We got told that it was past quiet hours and our music should be turned down.

In my opinion, the RA must have been watching their watch, while standing outside my place just waiting for it to turn 1am. Being a poor college student, it is tough to pay for a taxi, cover charge, drinks, and then a return taxi. So enjoying oneself off campus is difficult. That is why we all decided to stay on campus. But next time we might change our minds.

No offense to all the RA's and RD's, I know you are doing your job, but honestly you have to cut us some slack. The rules are harsh enough on this campus, you don't need to bust our chops every second. I give you guys all credit, being a RA or RD is a tough job, you get a lot of crap from residents when you actually have to do your job, but I know when you become a senior and you are in my shoes, you probably will feel the way I felt at 11:07pm.

be close to me. I can't bear the thought of playing in the grass, or going to feed the chickens. I feel like I'm trapped.

My father is both physically and verbally abusive to our hermit crabs. I would sit alone in my room and cry. It isn't their fault that they grow out of their shells.

I have this horrible feeling that people might be watching me. I mean, I'm not going to lie, I know I am attractive, so sometimes when I am alone, I pretend I'm posing for a photo shoot, so I will look attractive just in case there is someone I can't see.

Sometimes I miss being a child, so I will dress in entirely inappropriate clothing for my

age. It makes me feel comfortable.

Anyway, please help me. I just need someone to care. I know that you care. You are very caring. Or at least I think so. Please show me the light. Oh, I thank you from the depths of my heart....

Sincerely Troubled

Dear Sincerely Troubled,

You put far too much value in these hallucinations. Take a deep breath, and try to realize that the duck is simply a metaphor for something much more significant: your inability to communicate love.

Take another deep breath; now try to understand that all

of your problems are of little to no interest to anyone around you. Now, it is not because they do not care about you, but rather because you are making this all up.

My advice: seek psychiatric help as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Aimee

P.S. Please dress age appropriate- no one wants to see that.

If you have any real questions that you would like answered, please send your queries to askaimee.observer@gmail.com or drop them off at the OBSERVER office located in Stark Hall.

Opinion & Sports

Yes We Can

Ken Pothier
Staff Writer

Southern New Hampshire University has been fortunate in the recent past to serve as a crossroads for visits by politicians, authors, celebrities and Rock the Vote enthusiasts. The visits act as marking posts in the nuance of history played out. During this time a revolution of ideas occurred and the sentiments expressed by our visitors are part of the canon of a new direction for our country. On Tuesday November 11th, a tidal wave of measured thoughts, feelings and emotion carried President elect Barack Hussein Obama and this country in a historic moment that was celebrated around the world. It was only a moment, but it spoke volumes.

Rejected were those who use labels to separate and divide; that exaggerate difference and indifference to problems that face all Americans and the Global World in which we live; those who pushed a mantra of fear but claimed faith; those who felt that Americans are great by birth-right alone; those who would spend billions in socialization of corporate America but label followers of the new direction as socialists.

I was fortunate to be in attendance for the visits of Michael J. Fox, NH Senator Elect Jeanne Shaheen, NY Senator Hillary Clinton, and Granny D (98 years young). All touched upon the new direction, change we need, and optimism for the future if we come together and work hard. However, it was on the final week culminating in the election from which I drew inspiration, hope and strengthened faith in the future.

I worked all week with college students, old, young and people of color. All felt they were part of something much larger than one person, one country. All worked hard together and helped push the tide in a new direction.

What impressed me the most was a validation of how I feel in a statement repeated during the week; "College students are colorblind." In that statement can be found the nuance of history played out. The details of ideals recompense in a worldwide attitude adjustment reconciling a troubled past with a difficult present in hope for the future of this country and the world. Peace! Yes We Can!



Philadelphia Phillies celebrating their win

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World Series 2008 Review

Dan Parsons
Staff Writer

The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Tampa Bay Rays 4 games to 1 to win their first World Series since 1980 on Wednesday October 29th.

The Philadelphia Phillies took Game 1 thanks to a two run home run off the bat of Chase Utley at Tropicana Field. The Rays fought back in Game 2 to winning another close game 4-2 while tying the series 1-1 in the process.

After Game 2, the World Series headed to Philadelphia to play the next three games. If the Phillies could win the next three games at home, they would avoid a trip back to Florida and become the 2008 World Series Champions. They took Game 3 by a slim one run and then exploded for ten runs in their 10-2 rout in Game 4.

With only one game left to win, Game 5 turned into an odd twist of events when for the first time in Major League Baseball history a World Series elimination game was suspended due to rain. There were many controversies over the ordeal, because if the Rays had not been able to tie the game in the top of the sixth inning just before the game was suspended, the Phillies by the rule book would have won the World Series (although commissioner Bud Selig denied reports that the game would have ended

being rained shortened).

Fortunately, the Ray's Carlos Pena was able to knock B.J. Upton home to postpone the game. However, it still wouldn't be enough to seal the deal as the Phillies won Game 5 by a score of 4-3 when play resumed two days later winning the World Series and hoist the Trophy for the world to see. The Phillies pitcher Cole Hamels was awarded the 2008 World Series MVP while going 1-0 with a 2.77 ERA in two starts in the World Series.

In the beginning of the 2007-2008 season, if you picked the Tampa Bay Rays to go to the World Series the Vegas odds would have been 100 to 1. No team has ever gone from being the worst team in baseball one year to World Champions the next. However, against all odds, last year's Tampa Bay Devil-Rays, dropped the "Devil" from their name and won the American League East Division which is one of the toughest divisions in baseball. After that feat, they went on to defeat the Chicago White Sox and Boston Red Sox to clinch their ticket to the World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Tampa Bay Rays made their first ever World Series appearance in their first ever post season play. Tampa Bay Rays had home field advantage for the series thanks to the American League winning the All Star Game at Yankee Stadium against the National League.

SNHU Men's Basketball Look For a Big Season

Michael Ghika
Continuing Writer

Southern New Hampshire Men's Basketball head coach Stan Spirou, now entering his 24th season at the helm of the Penmen, seems poised to regain the magic of the program this upcoming winter. Spirou, who has just four losing seasons in his tenure at the university, would love to lead his team to another Northeast-10 tournament berth, especially after a first-round loss to Bryant in last year's bracket. The only question remains is whether or not the Penmen have what it takes in the competitive NE-10.

We are optimistic that we will improve in many areas this year," Spirou said, "even despite losing our All-conference player Sam Carey to graduation."

Despite the loss of starter Sam Carey, who led the team in points (16.8) and rebounds (8.7) per game last season, this

season's team still resembles a promising young group of players – so promising, in fact, that the Penmen enter the season ranked eighth (of fifteen teams) in the coaches' poll. The 2008-09 roster returns ten players from last year's team that finished 12-16.

Senior captains Troy Bowen and Gerald Carter return to the starting lineup for Spirou. Both young men have something to prove if this squad hopes to return to glory. Bowen, the team's premier shooter and three-point threat, averaged 12.5 points per game and was the only Penmen player to start every game in 2007-08. Carter, a gifted athlete, averaged 12.4 points per game while logging more minutes than any of his teammates last winter.

Meanwhile, sophomore Cory Vejraska also returns to

the starting lineup and the overall success of this Penmen team could prove to rely heavily on his performance. From Alachua, Florida, the 6-6 Vejraska started in all but five games as a freshman under Spirou, averaging 7.5 points and 4.2 rebounds per game. Moreover, he became a fan favorite last winter with a few dazzling dunks, and it is clear he possesses a very balanced repertoire of skills in his natural feel for the game.

Junior Kelly Coder, who transferred from New England College after his freshman year, is also likely to step into the starter's role after coming off the bench for Spirou last season. The 6-7 big man is not as much as an offensive force as Carey was, but he is still formidable in the post and on the glass. In fact, he scored 19 points (including four three-pointers) in last year's

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Penmen Crowned NE-10 Champs

Mike Capalbo
Clubs & Orgs Editor

After defeating Le Moyne 1-0 in the NE-10 Championship game on Larkin Field on Saturday November 8th, the SNHU Men's Soccer are Northeast-10 champions with hope that it was just the start of good things to come.

Just one year ago, the team suffered their first sub-.500 season since before many of the players were born. This season, with new head coach Marc Hubbard, the Penmen have succeeded in restoring glory to the program, and they have done it with a new sense of confidence and a winning attitude.

The Penmen rank No. 13 nationally among Division II

schools and finished the regular season with an impressive 13-2-3 record, earning a share of the NE-10 regular season crown with a 9-1-3 league mark. More importantly, the Penmen had a shot at playing for SNHU's first national title since 1989.

They kicked off the NE-10 Men's Soccer tournament with a 1-0 win over Assumption in the quarterfinal round, but then tied #3 Franklin Pierce in the semifinals on November 5th. They were eliminated in a penalty kick tiebreaker, but later found out that FPU played with an ineligible player in the game, so SNHU earned a trip to the champion-

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Photo courtesy of SNHU Athletics

Paulson Edum

Penmen Shutout Golden Bears in Season Opener

Harris Severs
Continuing Writer

In what proved to be a very defensive minded game, the Penmen came out on top beating the Golden Bears of Western New England College 2-0.

Just eight minutes into the game, junior forward Ryan DiBartolomeo blasted a slap shot from the blue line scoring on the power play to put the Penmen up 1-0. With spectacular play in net by Shane Brooks, the Penmen would keep their

1-0 lead throughout the game. Brooks turned away 32 shots en route to his first career shutout.

The Penmen fought off some key penalty kills as the Golden Bears had opportunities on the power play to score and tie the game, but never did. The game would prove to be a battle of special teams as there were a number of penalties called on both sides. With the game winding down DiBartolomeo

would score his second goal of the game on an empty net with twenty four seconds left to put the Penmen up 2-0.

The Penmen have started the season off on the right track and look to continue their winning ways. The Penmen will return to regular season action in their home opener Thursday November 20 as they take on Assumption College at the Ice Den.

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season finale, and consistent scoring from Coder would complement the Penmen's offensive perimeter game perfectly.

Spirou also has three returning seniors in LJ Hunter, Darnell Wilson, and William DiIeso, who all will serve in bench roles this year. Sophomores James Roman and Tory Stapleton also look to play a role off the bench, while junior Demetrius Jackson and Hunter both are trying to earn time as the starting point guard.

Spirou and his staff also recruited three new freshmen, as Marcus Matthews (Valley Stream, NY), Josh Morgan-Green (Upper Marlboro, MD), and Lucas Croteau (Rochester, NH) are eager to make strong first impressions among the coaching staff as well as the Penmen faithful.

Finally, the roster is rounded out by two transfer students, Stephen Wood and Alex Carmona. Stephen Wood, a junior from South Jamaica Queens, NY, appeared in three games last year at Duquesne University while Alex Carmona, a sophomore guard from Miami, is a transfer student from Webber International.

"Our overall team quickness should improve, thereby allowing us to extend our defensive pressure," adds Spirou. "We also feel that our depth will be an asset that will allow us to hopefully wear down some teams."

As always, Spirou and his players will have to go up against a grueling Northeast-10 schedule, especially given the fact that the second-largest Division II conference in the country boasts powerhouses such as Bentley, Merrimack, Assumption, and Stonehill. The cross-town rival St. Anselm Hawks enter the season ranked fifth in the preseason poll, and they visit the SNHU Fieldhouse for a big game on January 6.

"This is a very competitive league and it takes a full 15 player

effort during each practice and game to be successful, and we feel that we have the personnel to do so," says Spirou.

But regardless of the competition, each year brings new expectations and new hope for Spirou's Penmen. This year's squad is anchored by a pair of seniors who will look to click on all cylinders with a young core that has potential and is capable of performing.

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ship en route to becoming the NE-10 champions.

Forwards Paulson Edum and Adrian Schippers and goalkeeper Sean Lambert have shined this season, as they are amongst the league leaders at their positions. Edum and Schippers have led a relentless attack this season with 8 goals each so far, and Lambert has recorded a sensational 11 shutouts.

Schippers, in his first season with the Penmen after two seasons at Springfield College, had a brilliant 8 goal, 6 assist season that earned him NE-10 Player of the Year. Schippers was also named NE-10 Player of the Week twice this season.

Edum received Co-Player of the Week honors and made the NE-10 Weekly Honor Roll this season. Lambert received the NE-10 Goalkeeper of the Week award three times this season, and he was named NE-10 Goalkeeper of the Year.

Just like the team, Edum has enjoyed a breakout campaign after struggling last season. Edum came to SNHU from Calabar, Nigeria, where he attended the University of Calabar. Former head coach Dave Anderson traveled to Nigeria to watch Edum play and recruited

him for the 2007 season, something he is very grateful for.

Edum struggled in his first season, scoring just two goals, but his lack of success can be attributed to not playing his natural position. Playing out of position prevented Edum from developing the sense of confidence he needed, and when he moved to striker this season, he broke out. Edum has even experienced brief fame around campus for a YouTube video of his long-range bicycle kick on Oct. 14 against Franklin Pierce which has had almost 3,000 hits.

"My personal goals have merged with the team goals this season," said Edum. "It's a special thing." A political science major, he has loved every minute of his SNHU experience, specifically the student-teacher relationship.

According to Edum, most of the team's success this season can be attributed to the teachings of new head coach Marc Hubbard. Hubbard has brought a new attitude to the team and has helped turn a team of 13 returners and 11

new players into a family.

The team spends most of their time together and created ten team "themes," including playing for each other, being accountable for each other, and always putting the team first. He also held one-on-one meetings with each player before the season to diagnose any possible problems, and it is there where Edum expressed his concerns about not playing his natural position. Hubbard put him back at striker and the move has certainly paid off. Hubbard's restoration of greatness to the team earned him NE-10 Coach of the Year.

"Coach Hubbard is the biggest reason for our success this

season," said Edum. "He gave us confidence that we didn't have last season and made us believe in each other and play for the team."

The Penman earned top seed in the East Region of the 2008 NCAA Division II Championship. Unfortunately, the Penmen had an early exit to fourth-ranked UMass Lowell, who scored two goals in the first half and held on to win 2-1. SNHU's loan goal was scored by Paulson Edum. The Penmen end their successful season at 15-3-4, and have a lot to celebrate after capturing the 2008 NE-10 crown. SNHU was making its 14th NCAA Tournament appearance and first since 2006.

Upcoming Home Sports Action

Compiled by: Stephanie Belida

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Hockey vs. Assumption College
– 7:30 PM at the Ice Den Arena

Saturday, November 22, 2008

Hockey vs. Johnson & Wales Univ.
– 2:00 PM at the Ice Den Arena

Women's Basketball vs. Bentley Univ.

– 1:30 PM in the Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Bentley Univ.

– 3:30 PM in the Fieldhouse

Saturday, November 29, 2008

Hockey vs. U Mass Boston (Pal Cup)
– 4:00 PM at the Ice Den Arena

Sunday, November 30, 2008

Women's Basketball vs. Stonehill College
– 1:30 PM in the Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Stonehill College
– 3:30 PM in the Fieldhouse

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Women's Basketball vs.

Univ. of New Haven

– 5:30 PM in the Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Univ. of New Haven

– 7:30 PM in the Fieldhouse

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Detroit Says Goodbye to Billups, Welcomes Iverson

Nick Tasso
Sports Editor

Allen Iverson packed his bags and headed for Detroit when the Denver Nuggets traded him to the Pistons for Chauncey Billups, Antonio McDyess, and Cheick Samb on November 3rd.

For Detroit, this looks like a win-win situation considering Iverson is a better player than Billups and they will also get salary relief as Iverson will come off the books at the end of this year, freeing up cap room for a potential big summer of spending in 2009 or 2010. The free agent class for both of these summers seems to be one of the best in recent years.

As for this year, it is unknown how Iverson will fit in Detroit considering he isn't a point guard and will be looked at to lead in that role because Detroit doesn't

have that many options at that position. Through the first three games with A.I., Detroit lost the first two but put it all together against Sacramento winning 100-92. Iverson was three rebounds and one assist shy from a triple double.

The Denver Nuggets have fared well with Billups winning their first three games, including a big win against the Dallas Mavericks. Billups has done well dishing the ball off to his team mates, including Carmelo Anthony who will be looked at to carry the team, once again.

It is still early, so it is unknown which team won this trade; however it looks like both teams will benefit from this early season trade.



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Texas Tech running back Shannon Woods scores a touchdown

College Football Update

Zach Keating
Staff Writer

Alabama (10-0) – The Crimson Tide are continuing their dominance after a big win against LSU. Quarterback John Parker Wilson and running back Glen Coffee are continuing to run this offense efficiently. Their run to a national title bid is ridden with tough matchups like Mississippi State, Auburn, and Florida in the SEC title game.

Texas Tech (10-0) – The Red Raiders are still chasing those boys in 'Bama, but they continue to show their dominance in the Big 12. After huge wins against Texas and Oklahoma State, quarterback Graham Harrell and wide receiver Michael Crabtree look to continue their Heisman bids all the way to a National Championship. The Sooners from Oklahoma still lay ahead of Tech, as well as a matchup against Missouri in the Big 12 championship.

Florida (8-1) – Them Gator boys have been looking awful good lately, winning by an average margin of 40+ points. Heisman winning quarterback Tim Tebow and running back/wide receiver Percy Harvin have been running this offense to perfection. The Gators are hoping for Alabama to win out so they have a shot at a number 1 team. If the Gators can win against South Carolina, Florida State, and Alabama; they will have a chance at a National Championship.

Texas (9-1) – The Longhorns seem to be back on track after that last second loss to Texas Tech. Even though their national championship hopes are fading quickly, the Horns should make a major bowl game. Quarterback Colt McCoy looks to lead Texas over their next two opponents (Kansas and Texas A&M) to finish off his stellar season strong.

Oklahoma (8-1) The Sooners still have a legitimate shot at a Big 12 title. Quarterback Sam Bradford needs a huge day against Texas Tech as well as Oklahoma State. If Oklahoma wins those two games and beats Missouri impressively in the Big 12 title game, they have a legitimate claim to a National Championship bid.

USC (8-1) – USC continues to pound their relatively weak Pac-10 schedule. Quarterback Mark Sanchez seems to have his offense in control, and the Trojans have their eyes set on a Rose Bowl bid. With their toughest games against Stanford and UCLA, Southern Cal should have no problem winning out and playing the winner of the Big 10 in Pasadena.

Penn State (9-1) – Penn State is still reeling from their loss against Big 10 rival Iowa, and they hope to rebound and still compete for the conference title. Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions still look strong, but with a tough game against Michigan State left Penn State still has plenty of work to do.

Utah (10-0) Utah is still one of the last undefeated teams in the BCS. With one last tough game against Mountain West rival BYU, the Utes look to run the table. Quarterback Brian Johnson has been in complete control with a 139.7 passer rating and over 2000 yards already for the season.

Boise State (9-0) – Boise State is once again undefeated in the WAC through nine games. The Broncos still have tough conference matchups against Nevada and Fresno State. The boys from the smurf turf are looking for yet another conference title, and they are well on their way.

Ohio State (8-2) – The Ohio State University rounds out the top ten as the only team with two losses. Quarterback Terrelle Pryor and running back Chris Wells have been other-worldly running the Buckeye's offense. They will need some teams to lose as well as wins against Illinois and Michigan to have a shot at a Big 10 title.

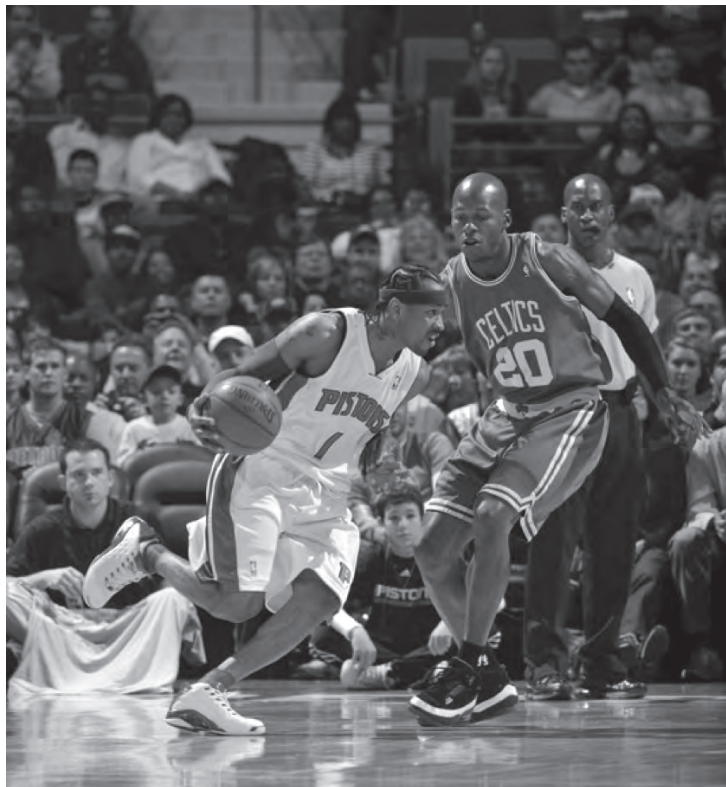


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Allen Iverson during a game against the Celtics with the Pistons

NFL Update: NFC

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Clubs & Orgs Editor

A couple of teams have emerged as favorites while some teams that struggled early are climbing in the standings. We continue to break down the action as the season goes along, with analysis for all 32 teams. *standings and statistics through Week 10 (Nov. 11)

NFC EAST

Giants – 8-1* - The Giants have silenced any critics and have defeated every team in the best division in football (3-0 NFC East). The “three-headed monster” led by Brandon Jacobs (806 yards, 9 TD) is the best running game in the NFL and with a stingy defense allowing the third lowest yards per game (260.4). They had big tests three consecutive weeks (@PIT, DAL, @PHI) and passed them all. They continue to be the sure favorite in the division and with the Titans are considered the best in the league. Next three games: BAL, @ARI, @WAS

Redskins – 6-3* - The team that most predicted to be the odd man out have a hold on second place thanks to the struggles of their division foes. However, they still cannot manage consistent success, taking a 23-6 beating from the Steelers in Week 9 and an upset at home to the Rams in Week 6. The defense is stout (fourth fewest points allowed/yards per game) and Clinton Portis, second in rushing, leads the offense. Next three games: DAL, @SEA, NYG

Cowboys – 5-4* - The Cowboy’s immense level of talent has failed to translate to team success this season. The injury to Tony Romo has sent the team into a nose-dive, as Brad Johnson struggled mightily, losing all three of his starts. They have now moved to Brooks Bollinger, and they head to Washington after a bye week looking for their first win without Romo. On a positive note the defense has started to play well as a unit. Next three games: @WAS, SF, SEA

Eagles – 5-4* - Before a tough loss to the Giants on Sunday night the Eagles had been putting it all together with three straight wins. The reason they are in the bottom of the division is because they are winless against the division (0-3), and that could keep them from the playoffs. However, with Brian Westbrook getting healthier and Donovan McNabb finding his rhythm, they should battle the Cowboys for a wildcard spot. Next three games: @CIN, @BAL, ARI

NFC NORTH

Vikings – 5-4* - The Vikings made a statement beating the Packers in Week 10, and after a miserable start they are stringing wins together and are looking more and more like the favorite. Adrian Peterson leads the league in rushing (1,015 yards) and ignites the offense while the defense makes plays every game (third in the league against the run). If they can continue to beat their division it is theirs to win. Next three games: @TB, @JAX, CHI

Bears – 5-4* - No one could have predicted the Bear’s offense would be better than the defense, but the Bears have scored the third most points in the league behind Kyle Orton (now injured). The defense has caused the team to lose most of their close games. Unless they start winning consistently they will not be able to take the division or earn a wildcard. They go on the road the next three weeks, including two key divisional games. Next three games: @GB, @STL, @MIN

Packers – 4-5* - A tough loss to the Vikings put them below .500, but their schedule has not been friendly. Aaron Rodgers is adapting well to his new role, leading them to 26.3 points per game, and Ryan Grant is starting to run at full speed. If their defense can buckle down and keep them in games, they still have a shot at the division. Next three games: CHI, @NO, CAR

Lions – 0-9* - It doesn’t look like a hopeless season will get any less hopeless. The defense is last in the league and is giving up over 400 yards per game. Dante Culpepper has replaced Dan Orlovsky at QB, but at this point the team is probably just looking forward to their #1 pick in the draft. Next three games: @CAR, TB, TEN

NFC SOUTH

Panthers – 7-2* - This Panthers have control of the division as they play a defen-



Photo Courtesy of Yahoo Sports

NFL’s rush leader Adrian Peterson

sively-sound brand of football. The defense has allowed the second lowest points per game (14.8), while the DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart combination is top ten in rushing. They have won three straight after a beating against Tampa Bay Week 6, and if they continue to play as they have this division is theirs to lose. Next three games: DET, @ATL, @GB

Buccaneers – 6-3* - The offense was ignited by the return of Jeff Garcia to QB, but the team has not been able to find consistent success. After a pair of wins they lost a close game to a Dallas team in shambles, and the next week nearly lost to Kansas City. However, they have the seventh best defense in the league, allowing just 16.3 ppg, and Garcia has passed for over 876 yards (93% QB rating) in the past three games. They have a good shot at a wildcard spot or more. Next three games: MIN, @DET, NO

Falcons – 6-3* - Matt “Matty Ice” Ryan has led this young team to four wins in their last five games, and the rushing attack led by Michael “the Burner” Turner is second in the league. Roddy White also continues to be among the league’s top receivers. The defense has improved, allowing 19.3 ppg. A tough schedule lies ahead but the Falcons refuse to be a loser and it doesn’t look like they are going to fade anytime soon. Next three games: DEN, CAR, @SD

Saints – 4-5* - Drew Brees leads an offense first in the league in yards per game (416.2) and passing ypg (325.7) but because of a poor defense have lost two of their last three games, both in the division (ATL, CAR). Even with one of the best offenses in the league they won’t have a chance if the defense can’t improve. They also need to win divisional games to have a chance, with consecutive NFC South games coming up. Next three games: @KC, GB, @TB

NFC WEST

Cardinals – 6-3* - The Cardinals are three games over .500 for the first time in 20 years. With absolutely no competition playing in one of the NFL’s worst divisions, the Cardinals have all but clinched the NFC West. The offense is the third best in the league, as Kurt Warner is enjoying a rebirth (19 TD) with the best WR duo in the league in Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin. Their defense is also improving. Next three games: @SEA, NYG, @PHI

49ers – 2-7* - The Niners are losers of six straight, and the season is looking more hopeless by the week. They have a new head coach in Mike Singletary, but at this point can only look to build for the future, and maybe take second place a weak division. Next three games: STL, @DAL, @BUF

Seahawks – 2-7* - In Mike Holmgren’s final year the Hawks have had nothing to be excited about, and the absence of quarterback Matt Hasselbeck doesn’t help. Running back Julius Jones has been the only bright spot as the once stout defense is among the league’s worst. It will be a long finish to the season. Next three games: ARI, WAS, @DAL

Rams – 2-7* - The Rams showed that their upset win against Dallas was a fluke by losing their last three games badly. They rank in the bottom three in the league on both sides of the ball, and until Steven Jackson returns they have nothing going for them. It’s another long year in St. Louis. Next three games: @SF, CHI, MIA

NFL Update: AFC

Joe Vartanian
Staff Writer

AFC EAST

Patriots – 6-3* - Well I stand corrected. The last issue of this I said the Pats had a slim chance of seeing .500. After having a monstrous game against Denver and beating division rival Buffalo, Matt Cassel is starting to look good. They have two big division games this month along with a game against the Steelers, so this month could definitely be the deciding factor for New England. Everything is clicking with the Patriots team and might keep history going and win the division this year. Next three games: NYJ, @MIA, PIT

Jets – 6-3* - The Jets won an important game against Buffalo and absolutely annihilated the Rams. Brett Favre still is not showing much to impress me here, and it has been more their running game led by Thomas Jones that has been superior. With a must win situation against New England to reclaim the top spot in the division, the Jets look like they are potentially sneaking into a playoff spot. Next three games: @NE, @TEN, DEN

Bills – 5-4* - The Bills have lost three straight divisional matchups. They were a team who seemed to be unstoppable in the beginning of the season and now they just look out of sync on both defense and offense. After losing to division rivals Miami, New England and New York, their playoff hopes are uncertain. Next three games: CLE, @KC, SF

Dolphins – 5-4* - Miami is lingering behind the pack but not by much. Still using their unorthodox style of play, they are getting wins over teams that last year they would not of had a chance against. They are on a three game win streak and they are looking to make a run at this tight AFC East Division. Next three games: OAK, NE, @RAMS

AFC NORTH

Steelers – 6-3* - Pittsburgh played two tough teams in the past two weeks; the defending champion New York Giants and the Indianapolis Colts. After two tough losses, a running game that is still not healthy, and Ben Roethlisberger playing through

injuries, the AFC North looks to have some competition. The Ravens, now being tied with the Steelers should make the rest of this year very interesting. Next three games: SD, CIN, @NE

Ravens – 6-3* - The Ravens are proving the critics wrong, including me. I did not think they had a chance of even having a semi-respectable record, but now sitting at 6-3 they are not letting the Steelers walk away with this division. With rookie quarterback Joe Flacco is improving each week and their defense still one of the best out there, they are right in the mix of things in the AFC North. Next three games: NYG, PHI, @CIN



Maurice Jones Drew of the Jacksonville Jaguars



The Titans vs. The Chicago Bears

Browns – 3-6* - The Browns are struggling on offense, but Brady Quinn got his first start on the first Thursday night game that was ruined by Denver's quarterback Jay Cutler. With half the season over and the Browns three games below .500, I don't expect them to make much of a push to get a playoff spot with such a competitive division. Next three games: @BUF, HOU, IND

Bengals – 1-8* - Well congratulations to the Bengals for winning their first game. Look for them to maybe win one or two more games this season. Their defense is poor and the offense is not producing. Carson Palmer can't stay healthy and the backup Ryan Fitzpatrick is not building a great connection with his talented wide receivers. The Bengals need to start doing some serious rebuilding in the off-season. Next three games: PHIL, @PIT, BAL

AFC SOUTH

Titans – 9-0* - The Titans franchise is doing everything correct right now. They are the best team in the NFL. Their offense and defense are in great shape and healthy. I don't see many teams challenging them in the AFC if they keep playing like this. Next three games: @JAX, NYJ, @DET

Colts – 5-4* - A big win against the Steelers put the Colts back on track, at least for the wild card race. The Titans are doing too much for the Colts to catch up, so it looks like this year there will be a change in arms in the AFC South. Peyton Manning is looking like Peyton Manning throwing three touchdowns and 240 yards against the #1 ranked defense in the NFL. Next three games: HOU, @SD, @CLE

Jaguars – 4-5* - Jacksonville are just under .500. They need to go back to the Jags of last year where Garrard was mistake free and their defense was unstoppable. Lucky for them their run game is still in top form and is what is bailing them out of some games. They need to improve their defense to have a chance at post season play. Next three games: TEN, MIN, @HOU

Texans – 3-6* - The Texans are probably not going to make a run at the playoffs, but the team holds promise for seasons to come. With the Jaguars and Colts still looking shaky don't be surprised to see the Texans upset them in future games with their potent offense led by Andre Johnson. Next three games: @IND, @CLE, JAX

AFC WEST

Broncos – 5-4* - Denver has been falling apart as of late. They were embarrassed by the Patriots on national television and barely pulled off a win against the Cleveland Browns. Their running backs can't stay healthy and Jay Cutler can only do so much. They still lead the division, but who knows for how long. Next three games: @ATL, OAK, @NYG

Chargers – 4-5* - The AFC West was once a competitive division, but now it's a battle of who can stay above .500. The Chargers are closing in on the Broncos, with just one game between them. With a huge win over Kansas City and the level of talent they have, it's only a matter of time before they take over the top spot in the West. Next three games: @PIT, IND, ATL

Raiders – 2-7* - Oakland has not been the same since the 2002 Superbowl against Tampa Bay. Since then they can't seem to keep players happy or make smart draft picks that will benefit them for the future. The team can't stay healthy with Jamarcus Russell, Darren McFadden and Michael Huff being out for who knows how long. Their best bet is to capture an early draft pick and finally make a smart move for the future. Next three games: @MIA, @DEN, KC

Chiefs – 1-8* - They have a new quarterback in Tyler Thigpen but there isn't much hope for this team. They don't have it together this year as their running back can't stay out of negative headlines and being suspended which is really hurting their team. They lost a heartbreaker to San Diego, so their morale is probably shot. Hopefully this year's draft treats them well. Next three games: NO, BUF, @OAK

Voices & Faces

Spotlight @ SNHU

Daniel Smith
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::Thomas Helm::

Tom Helm is the Director of Audio Visual Services. AV is located next to the Ad Lab, which is next to the library. Tom's role at SNHU started in 1987 and has been going strong every since. He has an associates degree in marketing and a bachelors in business administration from SNHU.

AV puts on events around campus ranging from a presidents luncheon to the Mark Zupan event. If there is sound or a microphone involved, than AV probably has a hand in it. Some of the unique projects AV is working on include a comprehensive database of over 2000 movies and putting them on the web for student and faculty use.

Tom does not just work in AV; he is also very involved on campus. He is on the commencement committee, the ad-hoc committee for security camera systems on campus, and is a member of the SNHU Professional Employees Association.

In addition, Tom is the co-advisor to Radio SNHU. He has been with them from their start in 1999 and has enjoyed working with them. He loves working with the students and enjoys the activeness of the club.

Outside of SNHU Tom enjoys being a Den Leader for his two sons. He is involved in many community activities in the Deerfield area and is working hard on his new shed. In his spare time Tom enjoys photography, reading, and U.S. history. He even considered becoming a history teacher.

"I'm happy," Tom said, "I consider myself lucky." His favorite part of SNHU is the people and family atmosphere they have created here.

His least favorite thing is that the university sometimes grows "with almost too big a leap." This does however allow SNHU to be a leader in our market and stay ahead of the game.

What Celebrity Would You Date?

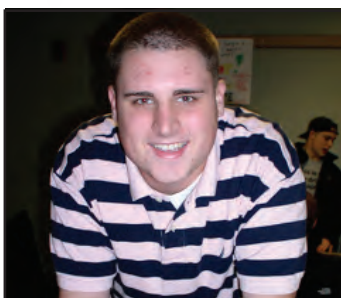
Michelle Varge, Junior

"It would be Johnny Depp. He is every girl's fantasy! Why not a pirate? He owns a boat in the Caribbean!"



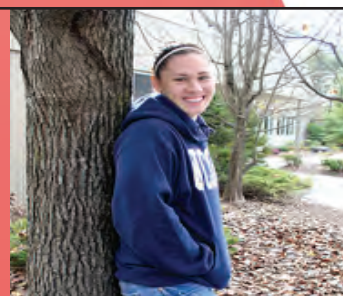
Brenden Johnson, Junior

"Tom Brady! He's hurt and a little piece of me would cheer him up!"



Jami Shugrue, Junior

"I would definitely rough up Channing Tatum because he is a dime piece and we could play a little one on one!"



William Dileso, Senior

"Katherine Heigl, because she's a good look, and George Clooney cause he's that dude!"



Jessica Younger, Senior

"I would have to say David and Posh Beckham, because two is better than one."



Jayme Kapinos, Freshman

"Ashley Tisdale, she's the future Pamela Anderson"



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