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- Dale Carnegie

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President LeBlanc and Opechee Speak About Construction

Zach Keating
Managing Editor

With the school year winding down and the sights and sounds of construction still in the air, many students are wondering if this building process is ever going to stop. Well, have no fear because the end is in sight, and the results are more impressive than the daily explosions it took to build this new part of SNHU's campus.

Dana Adams, Vice President of Opechee, reports that the construction is on time and slated to be completed by June to allow the school to furnish it and make it usable for the fall semester. "We tried to keep with the trend the school already has, but added some modern aspects as well," said Adams. He continued to state, "The main focus of this building is versatility." This versatility can be seen throughout the construction, especially with some of the non-classroom aspects that really give this building a unique feeling. The building will contain a large study area complete with a fireplace and a coffee shop similar to the shop

in the existing café. President LeBlanc said that "this area will be a social and study space, an atmosphere between the café and the library." This "Learning Commons" has walls that are completely glass, providing a lot of natural light for this section. It also includes 4-group study room that will be available for students to reserve for group work in a non-library atmosphere.

Some of the most unique features of this building are included in the efforts to make the buildings more "green." The class building has radiant floor heating as well as additional insulation on the roof and a white membrane on top of the building to deflect the sun. All of the tile used for the floors comes from recycled material and can be recycled again by the same company from which it came. The building also comes with a "Demand control ventilation system." This system controls the CO2 levels in the build-

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Computer image of new academic building

Up-Close with Gavin DeGraw

Sinziana Scoarta, Mike Rizzi & Daniel Smith

A&E and Opinion Editor, Contributing Writer, & Managing Editor

Gavin DeGraw is one of the most well-known singer-songwriters, whose original, outspoken and honest songs succeed in letting the music speak for itself. This year, Gavin DeGraw was the choice of the majority of SNHU students for the SNHU spring concert. The Observer was fortunate to have an interview with Gavin just a few days before the concert via telephone, during which no question remained unanswered.

Q: What are your expectations regarding this national tour and SNHU?

A: My hope is that the tour is successful for what it is designed. It is mainly a credibility tour, keeping it small for about 6 weeks in the US, to [support] the arrangements of these songs, that are in a more acous-

tic type of production style. The purpose of this tour is to write on the back of the new record, called "Free". The whole ideology behind it was to make an album that is a legitimate record, not necessarily designed to be a huge commercial success, but the type of record that artists like myself like and want to make: under-produced, authentic and more understated. It is more about the songs, the notes that are being played in the studio, and the feeling that everybody gets, versus how people are getting paid. I wanted to make a record that felt good and did not think about money.

Q: How do you feel about coming to New Hampshire?

A: I am actually really excited about that. I think I played in
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Gavin DeGraw and Drummer Charley Drayton

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Letter From
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Last issue! I'm a little excited and a little nervous all at once. As we say goodbye to the seniors that are leaving us we also prepare for the coming year. It is a strange thing to witness—the ending of one thing along with the simultaneous beginnings of another.

To the seniors—goodbye and good luck. I know you all have given this paper everything you possibly could. Under your leadership we saw our biggest publication to date, the advent of a new website (www.snhuobserver.com for those of you who still haven't seen it), and a huge push towards the best journalism possible. Thank you for showing me the ropes. You have left in your place a well-prepared and inspired staff.

To the newbies (like myself)—I know that we can continue the standard of excellence that our predecessors have established. Together we will push this paper to greater heights. Congratulations to all of the new editors. I know we can all make this paper even more amazing.

To the readers—thanks for a wonderful year. Your submissions and readership means a lot to us at the Observer. We value your opinions, and as always, encourage letters to the editor as well as submissions to the Opinion section of the paper. Make your voices heard!

Other than congratulations and goodbyes, I want to encourage you all to leaf through the pages of this paper. Be sure to read Sinziana Scoarta's article on Amnesty International, as well as her Opinion piece of the lack of human-rights related community involvement. Patrick Trouve & Tim Callahan's 2009 NFL draft preview is sure to peak the interests of football enthusiasts everywhere. Reviews of One Night Stand and the Phi Delta Psi Talent Show by Haley Webb can be found in the Entertainment section; and for the horoscope junkie in all of us, be sure to check out our all-new horoscopes!

Enjoy our final issue of the Observer for the 08/09 year, and please, let us know what you think! Have a stellar summer break!

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Letter From the Editor

Libby Parent
Editor in Chief

Well, this is it. I am leaving good ole' SNHU on May 16, 2009. It is crazy for me to think about when I first came here. As I look at all the freshmen on my lacrosse team, it seems like that was me only a few weeks ago, rather than four years in the past. How is that possible? Luckily, I have decided to go on to complete a master's degree at Emerson College and put off a real-world job just a little bit longer.

Through my four years as a member of the Observer, I have evolved from my nonsense monthly rant column to acting as account executive to the position of Editor in Chief. I have learned a significant amount from my work with the paper, and I have also established friendships that I may never have found had I not been involved.

In hopes of not becoming too emotional, I want to keep this letter short. I would like to extend a thank you to everyone who has contributed to the newspaper, either through readership or contribution, the staff, and our advisor, Judy Timney. We have come a long way from our eight page issues in 2006, and now we proudly sport a website to accompany our 28 to 32 page issues. The hard work and dedication of all those involved has enabled us to produce a respectable publication that successfully covers relevant, newsworthy topics.

I wish the best of luck to the new editorial staff and writers. I look forward to picking up an issue on Alumni weekend. Thank you again, be safe, rock on.

Letter From the Editor

Daniel Smith
Managing Editor

It is rare that I get a chance to talk directly to the Observer's readers, but I felt that it was necessary for me to say my goodbyes to an organization and its readers who have given me so much at SNHU to love and miss. I have worked on the Observer for four years and I never thought that I would have become so invested or so proud of the work that has been done in such a short time. I have been here through many good times and seen the paper grow immensely. The Observer was printing 12 pages in October of my Freshman Year and has now hit its milestone of 36 pages in October of my senior year.

I have cherished my years here at SNHU and my time with the Observer has been some of the best time I have spent here. I have worked with many colorful characters from our always-faithful layout editors to our crazy Editors in Chiefs; it has been a rollercoaster ride of fun. My involvement with the paper has grown as from my early articles as a freshman culinary student, to my work as the News Editor in 2008, and to my final work as the managing Editor. I have held many positions and written many articles, but have never grown tired of the work I did.

As well as 7 of my fellow Editors I will be graduating in May and have high hopes for the future of the Observer. The new Executive Board has taken full charge of the Newspaper and has done a great job. They have already made some good changes throughout this issue that I think you will all enjoy. As for after graduation I have decided to weather this economic storm in Graduate School in upstate New York and hope that when I get out I can go to work at a good job. I hope to get a little relaxation in this summer before I start off my new career as a Graduate Student, but as many of you know, it is difficult for me to relax at all. I hope that all you have a bright future and never let go of your dreams.

Disability Awareness Panel

Ken Pothier

Contributing Writer

The cover of the pamphlet says it all: "Accepting disabilities today, celebrating differences tomorrow." The Robert Frost Auditorium stage was set up living room style for eight current students and two recent graduates of Southern New Hampshire University. It could have been the common room in a frat house, but the students all have a disability. During the following couple of hours, the students shared their challenges, uniqueness, triumphs, failures and feelings. They did so in a natural honest airing of their lives with a disability. Physical or emotional, those with disabilities refuse to be defined

by the extra challenge life has given them. They insist that the varied ailments are just an accepted part of the whole person. A disability doesn't make them different, but unique. The main idea is to focus on the abilities, not the disabilities.

Facing obstacles requires knowing your strengths. Succeeding in the university atmosphere just takes other ways of learning. The toughest part for some in earlier years was the discouragement before discovering what was wrong. Parents and advocates often had to fight for testing or pay for it themselves. Some had to fight to have the disability recognized

once diagnosed. It was difficult to not know. At some point, there is an "A-Ha" moment. Now that we know, we can deal with it. Places like Middle School, where any difference could be picked on by the uninformed, were hell for some of these students. When you live with something each day, what is wrong is not always readily apparent.

Some of the students need occasional accommodations. There is no shame in admitting that a little help is needed to get schoolwork completed. Teachers need to be understanding. The adjustments may be as simple as longer time for papers, projects and testing. Accommodations are seen as a backup; they are there if needed to avoid getting stressed out. Fellow students, if asked, can help with note taking, reading and studying with those with disabilities. Those dealing with a disability strive to maintain confidence by consistently and persistently doing their best. All humans are individuals, and everyone should avoid stereotypes and embrace differences. We can learn how to help

each other cope. If we can help someone, someone will help us. Just because someone has a disability does not mean that they are not intelligent. To the disabled, it is just another bump in the road. Do not walk on eggshells around them; see the person, not the disability. Life is social; embracing differences helps us get involved in finding common interests and branching out.

One of the unique students present has a working dog named Jasper, a seven year old yellow lab who slept through the program. This was unique and perhaps a first for the University. Jasper was accepted and embraced by all in attendance. This reporter felt even more like he was in a frat house.

This was the fourth Disabilities Awareness Panel sponsored by the Office of Disability Services and the ADA/504 Compliance Committee of SNHU. If you have a disability or think you need some help, contact them. If someone looks like they could use some help, ask them if you can be of assistance.

Amnesty International Annual General Meeting

Sinziana Scoarta

A&E and Opinion Editor

The Amnesty International Annual General Meeting was held this year from March 27th -29th at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers. The three-day conference had the motto "Seizing the Moment, Building the Movement," reiterating the importance of "international activists working together with others to build the international human rights movement," according to the event program.

The conference included a rally, plenary sessions, workshops and receptions offering the attendees a wide variety of learning and networking opportunities. On Friday, the attendees, members and non-members took part in the Immigrants' Rights Rally held at Government Center in Boston followed by the Opening Plenary in the evening. On Saturday, the schedule consisted of plenary sessions on specific topics and workshops. The Focus Plenary was chaired by the Amnesty International Executive Director, Larry Cox, alongside other executive

directors and moderated by Gouri Sadhawani, the Deputy Executive Director for Organizing Membership and Campaigns. Larry Cox stressed that, "we can rise above ourselves," and that only, "together we can produce a powerful force." Cox continued by saying, "movements are not built by leaders, they are lead by leaders, but they are built by people," and that Amnesty is, "a movement built on the realization that people can make a difference."

The plenary was followed by program sessions such as "Health care is a Human Right: Realizing the Right to Health in the United States" and "Where There's a Will, There's a Way: Responding to International Human Rights Crises," among others. The program sessions went into detail as far as some Amnesty International campaigns current, past, undergoing, successful or unsuccessful are concerned and featured members and specialists within the organization. In between sessions,



Amnesty International Annual General Meeting Plenary Session

attendees could expand their knowledge on Amnesty International campaigns by means of the informational boards posted along the hotel aisles.

The second morning plenary, "Closing the Door on Guantanamo, Opening the Door to Justice," drew an impressive turnout since the issue is current, recurring and changing following the decisions of the Obama administration. The speakers included Matthew Alexander, a former US military interrogator in Iraq and author of "How to break a terrorist,"

Scott Horton, human rights attorney and distinguished visiting professor at Hofstra Law School, and Stephen H Olesky, attorney at WilmerHale and co-lead counsel in the case of "Boumediene vs. Bush." They covered the judicial aspects of the illegally imprisoned detainees in Guantanamo Bay, as well as the human aspect behind the interrogation of suspects in a hands-off manner.

The lunch break provided the students an opportunity to network, while

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Gavin DeGraw

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New Hampshire maybe once before [in 2004 at the Verizon Wireless Arena]. You'd think that someone from upstate New York would make their way to New Hampshire a little bit more often. I am really looking forward to the drive because the North-Eastern region of the country is one of the most beautiful lands in the world.

Q: Is there a song that you never mind playing?

A: That's a good question. I would probably play "Chariot " every day of my life. It's one of those songs that you can ask musicians to play with, and perform in different ways. It has different sorts of vibes.

Q: Is there a song that you don't like playing?

A: Fortunately, I don't necessarily have one. The songs that I have a hard time with personally are the songs that the fans are not requesting. It's like the fans and I agree [on the] songs

Q: Why did you to join the "Nothing but Nets" campaign?

A: Actually, my mother brought the idea. After discussions at the UN, they had most of the pieces of the equation, and all they needed were more people to make the public aware of the problem .The reason why I got involved with it is because charity is practical. I wanted to be involved with something that I knew was very doable, [where] I knew I could actually help. Physically, it would be effective almost immediately, and it has been. I am someone who wants results immediately. I wanted to be involved with something that saves lives. It was a wake-up call seeing what I saw .Uganda is the place I ended up, [because] I was initially supposed to go to Kenya, but a few days before my trip there was a cholera outbreak in Kenya, so we decided to reroute to Uganda.

Q: What is next for you after the tour?

A: After the tour in the US, celebrating the launch of this record, I'm going to take the band, crew, and also my brother to Europe and do a tour there for a month. I am really looking forward to it and my brother is going to open-up the shows.

Q: Do you have any message for your fans at SNHU?

A: I am looking forward to being there and I like crochet hats. Thank you for supporting this type of album and this type of tour. I think that the more you support these types of recordings, these voices will open gate and have more people doing [them].

SNHU Donations Battle the Economy

Ashley Manley
News Editor

Southern New Hampshire University heavily depends on donations in order to support the University's academic mission, vision, and goals. The office of Institutional Advancement at SNHU manages areas of the university that research, collect, and foster relationships with potential donors. The Institutional Advancement office manages the Alumni and Affinity Programs, Development, Foundations and Corporate Relations, and Operations aspects of the university.

On average, the office of Institutional Advancement raises \$2 to \$2.5 million per a year. These donations are used for the greatest need at SNHU, which is typically financial aid for students. Some gifts are restricted by donors. If a donation has a restriction, the donor designates their gift for a specific scholarship, building project, or organization.

According to Gail Dexter, the Director of Development in the Institutional Advancement office, the amount of money raised by the office has remained "fairly steady," with "slight increases over the past four years." With the current economic turmoil, Institutional Advancement predicts that donations will be impacted.

When asked about the impact of the

economy on university donations, Dexter stated, "We have definitely seen some of our donors unable to support us at the level that they did last year due to decreasing value in stock portfolios and some who have lost their jobs." If support is not feasible for many donors to the point that donations significantly drop due to the economy, there could be a decrease in the amount of financial aid offered to students, according to Dexter.

Dexter explained that, "we have become more strategic in our overall business practices," and continued to say that the office now focuses more on, "development rather than just fundraising."

Dexter remarked that fundraising, "tends to be a short term solution, whereas development is a process of establishing relationships with our constituencies, getting them involved and engaged, and also asking for financial support."

May marks the month when many students will be graduating and enter-

ing the workforce. This increase in alumni will also increase the amount of potential donors to the office of Institution Advancement. When Eric Russo, a graduating senior, was asked if he would donate to SNHU after graduating, he explained, "I will if I make good money...SNHU is a part of me." Michael DeFelice, also a graduating senior, stated that he, "would definitely not donate to SNHU, I just want to get out of here." The economy also will affect if graduating students find jobs, which will also affect donations.

Dexter remarked, "Overall, we are lucky to have such loyal donors who understand the importance of the education that SNHU provides and how expensive it is to provide the services to make the experience top notch." In the best interest of SNHU, graduating students will hopefully understand this as well, regardless of the current economic state.

Construction

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ing through numerous sensors and allows adequate amounts of fresh air from outside instead of conditioning all of the air in the building. "Students want to see us care about sustainability," said President LeBlanc.

Furthermore, President LeBlanc stressed that, "SNHU was the first college in New Hampshire to go carbon neutral as well as one of two schools in New England to win an award from the EPA." These green features surely set these two buildings apart and move the school towards an overall eco-friendly campus.

These two buildings will certainly come as a welcomed asset to our campus as a whole. SNHU is also planning to hopefully build a new facilities building in the next two years. The existing student center is slated to house more student affairs offices as well as a new wellness center. The new café will be completed prior to the start of the spring semester and will be open for business when students return from winter break.

Raffle Winners Receive Prize



Daryl Drejfs

Emily Candib and Cameron Parker receive their \$200 Best Buy gift cards from President LeBlanc on Wednesday, March 18. Their names were chosen at random from all students who completed the Computing Resources student satisfaction survey. Congratulations Emily and Cameron, and thanks to all students who completed the survey.

Behind the Scenes: Nike Sweatshops

Sinziana Scoarta
Ac&E and Opinion Editor

Jim Keady, and educator for social justice, presented on Wednesday, March 11th a different side of the Nike success story, of the unfairly paid and treated sweatshop workers in Indonesia. "Behind the Swoosh-Sweatshops and Social Injustice" brought together in Walker Auditorium Sports Management students, ECOFIN and CAPE members and not only.

Jim Keady is a former soccer player who was offered a coaching position at St John's University. While pursuing a Master's degree in theology and coaching at St John's University, Keady started looking into the practices that Nike was employing in a number of factories around the world. It was at that point that he became more aware of the issue of sweatshops, of the wages and standards of living of the workers. When he was threatened, as a coach, to either wear Nike or quit his job, he decided to quit his job rather than be coerced into supporting a brand's unlawful practices that he objected towards.

Keady continued to look into the issue and researched the situation by travelling to Indonesia and actually living, for one month, in the same slums and conditions as the Nike sweatshops workers. The reason behind choosing Nike as a case study was the fact that they have the greatest market share in the area of sports shoes and apparel. Indonesia was a prime destination because it is the third country percentage-wise as far as the number of sweatshops that Nike has. Keady together with Leslie Kretzu chose the Tangerang region, an industrial suburb of Indonesia's capital, Jakarta, as a start-point of the research.

Apart from finding it extremely difficult to live on \$ 1.25 per day, the question that persisted was "How do these people live without losing their human dignity?" The research revealed that it was a challenge to even have two meals with the \$1.25, not to mention having to buy any other living supplies. During his presentation, Keady supplies.

During his presentation, Keady raised the issue of the wages that cannot provide a decent living, along with the need to work overtime, which lead to parents not seeing or not being able to live with their children. He also emphasized the occurrence of physical abuses when workers were speaking out on unfair labor practices or when women were asked to visually prove why they wanted to take menstrual leave. These practices were seen by Keady as a infringement upon basic rights and a denial of providing an education for a future generation. "It's not about us, it's about the workers," says Keady when actuating the students to take initiative and change the way Nike is treating the sweatshop workers.

When asked what students can do to address the issue, Keady encouraged everyone to, "learn more about the issue, get educated and use the power they have to help the workers." In terms of the changes that Nike has made since he brought the issue forward, Keady mentions that this year, "has been an interesting year," as he has been contacted by Nike officials that wanted to look into the research he has conducted.

The ultimate goal for Keady is to make Nike "a sweat-free option" which, he continues, "will be in my lifetime." For students to find out more about the issue, go to www.teamsweat.org or <http://educatingforjustice.org>.



Sinziana Scoarta

Team Sweat Logo

SNHU Student Enters Miss NH Pageant

Haley Webb
Staff Writer

Rebecca Scalera is an enthusiastic, involved student on the SNHU campus. While Scalera can often be seen throughout campus providing tours as a Penmen Guide in the Office of Admissions or working as a Resident Assistant in Washington Hall, many students on campus may not know about something new she is hoping to add to her resume: the title of Miss New Hampshire 2009. She may not have grown up living the "pageant lifestyle" that many may imagine, but Scalera has been working assiduously at reaching her goal.

Becky Scalera's involvement in pageants began when she was sixteen years old, and she has been actively competing ever since. It started when

she was approached on Facebook with the suggestion to compete in the Miss University pageant. After some serious consideration, she decided to enter. Just last year, Scalera won and was crowned Miss University. This year, she decided to pursue her regional title, Miss Kingston, and won again. Both of these title wins have allowed her to enter the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program for the past two years.

Scalera has been in training for the Miss New Hampshire 2009 pageant since she was crowned Miss Kingston early last July, with her training process being very strenuous and complex. In addition to eating healthy and working out every day, she has been promoting

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Paul Scalera

Becky Scalera at the Children's Hospital

Obama Abroad

Tim Callahan
News and Clubs Editor

With the Group of 20 summit, the Somali pirate emergence, and North Korea's ballistic missile threat all occurring within a short span for Barack Obama, the President emerged onto the international scene.

On April 2nd, the Group of 20 summit addressed the issue of a faltering global economy. Leaders of the twenty countries involved pledge \$1.1 trillion to combat the crisis, \$750 billion of which went to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to stimulate the economies of developing countries. This injection of funds is expected to revive trade between some of the most powerful economies in the world, including the United States, China, Japan and

the European Union. Although the event was hosted by Prime Minister Gordon Brown of Britain, Barack Obama made a lasting impression on the international stage. Obama knew that swift and immediate action must be taken on a global level to prevent another depression since the world has "learned the lessons of history." No matter how well-intentioned the Group of 20 summit was, very few specifics were outlined and discussed. Nonetheless, the countries involved recognized that it will take a global effort to fix the global economy.

The crew of the Maersk Alabama, a U.S. container ship, returned safely to the United States on April 16th, after they

were rescued from a group of Somali pirates who hijacked their ship. Piracy off the coast of Somalia is an increasing problem, as desperation sets in the country due to a failing infrastructure. The United States became involved in the situation when the U.S. container ship was hijacked by Somali pirates on April 8th. However, the situation ended when Barack Obama ordered Navy Seals to shoot and kill the pirates with three expertly placed shots. Despite Obama's decisive action, the pirates swore revenge and have since become ever more aggressive. When questioned about the emerging situation, Obama stated, "I want to be very clear that we are

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her platform, "Providing Shelter and Care for Homeless Animals," at the Manchester Animal Shelter by volunteering twice a week. Scalera has also been meeting with her vocal coach, Danny Smith, once a week and has been practicing her singing everyday on her own. Anyone that attended the Phi Delta Psi fraternity's Talent Show had the opportunity to witness Scalera's talent firsthand when she performed Kelly Clarkson's "Beautiful Disaster." Much of the preparation process has been facilitated by Scalera's director, Elaine Tidd, who has served as a personal guide along the way.

Scalera also mentioned how truly appreciative she is of the support she has received from her director as well as her friends and family during her training, "My family and friends have been nothing but an amazing support as well. Nothing I can do or say can describe how thankful and blessed I am to have them all in my life and keep me sane during

a time that could be considered somewhat stressful."

There are many different things to motivate the participants in the Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Programs. Just for qualifying and competing in the program, the participants each receive a \$2000 scholarship, with the winner receiving a \$15,000 scholarship. Also, as an advertising major, Scalera receives personal benefits from the program, including help with connections and networking. Scalera also sees the benefits of the skills she has learned from the Miss New Hampshire pageant, primarily the improvement she has made on her interviewing skills. The Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program consists of five components, with the participants being judged for their interviews, talents, eveningwear, on-stage questions, and lifestyles and fitness in swimsuits.

In response to those who may harshly criticize programs such as the Miss New Hamp-

shire Scholarship Program, Scalera upholds her positive and upbeat attitude. She understands that there are certain stereotypes she could face, and she answered back strongly, "If you get to know someone involved in pageants, you may be pleasantly surprised at how real and down to earth the person is. Anyone at SNHU who knows me knows that I am a very real, energetic and bold person. These qualities stay with me on and off the stage."

With her parting words, Scalera stated, "It would be my honor to be able to represent SNHU as Miss New Hampshire 2009 and be able to make a difference in the state that I was born and raised in."

The 63rd Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Program preliminary rounds will be April 30th and May 1st, and the finals will be held May 2nd. To follow Scalera's progress, visit missnh.org.



President Barack Obama

Job Seekers Overrun SNHU

Tim Callahan
News and Clubs Editor

An estimated 10,000 people flooded SNHU on April 9th in hopes of finding a job at the Project Economy Job Fair sponsored by WMUR.

Job hopefuls took shuttles from the Mall of New Hampshire to SNHU to potentially obtain one of the 1,500 jobs available. The Union Leader reports that the 150 employers present ranged from government agencies to businesses like Burger King and Wal-Mart.

WMUR promoted the job fair vigorously, only expecting about 3,000 to 5,000 people to attend. However, the local news station seemed to be too effective in its advertising, as double its initial estimate attended. With this mass influx of people, traffic became congested in Manchester and around campus. The fieldhouse had to restrict the number of people inside since it was approaching its 2,500 person limit. Although the job fair was intended to run until 3 p.m., the university was forced to turn people away who weren't already either on a shuttle or on campus by about 12:30 p.m.

Wrapping around Larkin Field, lines of generally patient, well-dressed people provided a spectacle for students walking through campus. Mark Hennessy, a sophomore at SNHU, said, "I couldn't believe how many people were on campus." Hennessy continued, "I think it showed how bad the economy is, and there just aren't enough jobs to go around." Indeed, the sheer amount of people at the job fair was indicative of the current economic woes.

For one day, the campus was effectively crippled by the lack of jobs available. The seemingly endless lines provided a stronger social commentary than stock prices or statistics ever could.



Long lines wrap around the Mall of NH parking lot as people wait for the job fair.

Update on Domestic Presidential Issues

Tim Callahan
News and Clubs Editor

Amidst the current upswing in international activity for the United States, domestic issues tend to be overlooked; however, the importance of these issues must not be downplayed. Taxes, education, and the economy are all facing major upheaval, as President Obama continues to address each of them.

While those who opposed Obama's policies celebrated Tax Day by staging "tea parties," the President took the opportunity to outline his most recent tax cut. During his speech, Obama assured the public that \$120 billion in tax cuts will go to 120 million families (which figures to be about \$1000 per household). This substantial tax cut was included in his economic recovery package that was recently passed. According to Obama, "This tax cut also keeps a fundamental promise: that Americans who work hard should be able to make a decent living." Thus far, Congress has not made the tax cuts permanent, and they are currently scheduled to last only two years, reports the New York Times. Obama also has plans to revise the tax code and asked Paul Volcker, the former chairman of the Federal Reserve, to do so.

Rather than completely scrapping No Child Left Behind (NCLB), the President has chosen to salvage the often maligned law and further attempt to increase educational standards in schools. The specifics of Obama's plans for the law have yet to be released, but there is a great deal of speculation surrounding what those plans might entail. Critics of the original law are dismayed with Obama's choice to retain NCLB since they were under the impression that the Democrat would start anew. Alas, this is not the case. Where NCLB failed, the President hopes to succeed

by injecting more funding into troubled schools and by setting stricter standards for academics. Arne Duncan, the United States Secretary of Education, will be in charge of many of the revamped law's finer points.

The precarious state of the economy seems to be an omnipresent issue that pervades nearly every subject. Obama is preparing to publically release the current status of the country's 19 largest banks. However, the administration will not use full disclosure in regards to the details of the banks for fear of driving away investors. The actual status of each bank is determined by a stress test mandated by the government. Also, President Obama spoke before an audience at Georgetown University to address the worries concerning the economy. He acknowledged once more that the process of extricating the economy from its current quagmire will not be simple. "Let's not kid ourselves and suggest that we can solve this problem by trimming a few earmarks or cutting the budget for the National Endowment for the Arts," Obama remarked. The economy is not likely to spontaneously recover, and people need to get used to that idea.

Although international storylines seem more important in the grander scheme of things, domestic issues are much more likely to affect your everyday life. Subjects like taxes, education, the economy, etc. crop up on a day to day basis. Unfortunately, these topics are typically cast aside for more "exotic" stories. If only people took the time to read and discuss important domestic issues (like Portuguese water dogs), then the general public would have a more educated voice concerning these issues.

Observer Down Under Continues

Suzanne Lentell
Photo Editor

We left off three days into my abroad experience, and as of April 5th, it will be two months, which seems unreal to me. The remainder of the Fiji trip was nice, but I wanted to get to Sydney. Before the Farewell dinner, we exchanged gifts and information with our home-stay families before the farewell dinner so that we could keep in touch with them.

The flight to Australia was a piece of cake compared to the flight from Los Angeles. Welcome to Australia, the deadliest continent in the world. I have met many different people, and this is definitely an experience of a lifetime. I am having a blast.

Almost two weeks after we arrived, we went extreme white water rafting, which was another first of mine, and I would definitely love to go again. I was nervous at first, but Devin wanted to go in front, and we needed someone of equal weight (which happened to be me). I was happy I was in front, though. The guide told us we could multi-task because we were the only girls, and we needed to get the guys to row in sync with us. We had the best tour guide. When other groups were told to hold on, he told us, "Don't be a baby and let me see those paddles in the air!" When he actually told us to hold on, however, we knew he meant it. He said he loved us, and he made the experience even better. The river was mostly grade four but had a few grade five rapids that we did not go on because of a few deaths that had happened. The names of the rapids were quite funny: the Birth Canal, Foreplay, Precum Falls and Instructors' Revenge. Instructors' Revenge, my personal favorite, would normally toss us out of the raft, but this time our raft took a bounce that our guide was not expecting, and he got launched instead of us and had to pull us off the raft. We were the rescuers at one point when our friends in another raft got stuck in the Birth Canal in the worst possible way. If they went in the rapids, they could have been seriously injured or killed. Our guide was never nervous until this moment, and we had to grab the raft and hold onto it until they finally were free and came to us. We were commended by our guide for a job well done, and we continued on. Overall, it was a great and fun experience that ended up being a good team-building day.

We went to the Great Barrier Reef on the first day of our Australian trip, and it was the greatest experience. Even though I am not the best snorkeler, I decided to try scuba diving. The tanks are extremely heavy, and it is hard to walk with the flippers on, but it was still a great experience. I was terrified and did not even want

to go under because I thought I was not breathing properly. Apparently, I was, and the guide brought me on a mini trip alone to get me used to it and let me hold on to him the whole time. The next dive, I was much calmer and on my own as if I was a natural; we even did a few flips. We saw the entire cast of Nemo (well, one of Dori's cousins), and someone else saw the three to four meter resident shark. The turtle was the greatest, and he even let us pet him. I am glad I got to witness one of the seven natural wonders of the world before it is completely destroyed. There are hefty fines for even touching the reef with a flipper because it can cause so much damage, and you could be washing away years and years of coral.

The Blue Mountains are the home of the Three Sisters, three rock face formations that involved a little folklore story. The views were spectacular, and the mountains got their name from the blue tint of the eucalyptus trees. We had a great tour guide and were able to go to another wildlife park and see more kangaroos, pet some koalas, and watch a 4.5 meter salt-water crocodile feeding. Also, we were fortunate enough to see dingoes, Tasmanian devils, Emus, the endangered Cassowary, native birds, and more.

On March 26, I officially turned 21 and could drink anywhere in the country. We went out to Cargo Bar in the city and then went out to eat at a pancake house, which was delicious. My friends sang to me on my Australian and American birthday, and we celebrated both days (as did my mom via Skype).

In my history class, I am actually learning about the making of Australia, including the First Fleet of 1770 and the original encounter with the Aborigines. There is an interesting myth about the naming of Kangaroos that originated from the first encounter with the Aborigines. The English asked the Aborigines what these animals were, and the natives answered "kan-ga-roo." However, in Aborigine, that means, "I do not understand." According to the myth, the name "kangaroo" stuck, so I have seen many "I don't understand" so far.

Devin and I leave for New Zealand on April 14th and stay until the 22nd. We might be doing a lot of extreme things: bungee jumping, zorbing, and sky diving. The next excursion that we will plan before departure is to the Outback and Uluru rock because that seems to be what Australia is about. It is turning into fall now with the temperature around seventy degrees. Although it can get chilly at night, it is still nice.

Overall, this study abroad trip has been basically a whole bunch of firsts in my life that I will never forget, and there are plenty to come.

Obama Abroad

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resolved to halt the rise of piracy in that region." The pirates were not deterred, though, and the United States and its allies will have to address the larger issue at hand in the situation: political instability in Somalia.

In a reassertion of political power, North Korea unsuccessfully launched a missile on April 5th, but the country's statement was made. The world took notice, and talks opened up between North Korea and countries of the U.N. Originally, the North Koreans agreed to participate in talks with the U.N. However, the U.N. chastised North Korea for its actions, and the country removed itself from negotiations. Furthermore, North Korea stated that it will restart its nuclear program due to a lack of respect. President Obama took a hard stance on

North Korea's actions, suggesting that the missile testing necessitated, "the need for action, not just this afternoon at the U.N. Security Council, but in our determination to prevent the spread of these weapons." The United States, under direction from Obama, called for a more stringent statement issued by the U.N. Security Council. With continued negotiations not likely to happen any time soon, North Korea poses a significant threat to global security.

Barack Obama had many international tests over the course of the last few weeks, and he proved that he is capable of being an international leader. The President must continue to adapt to the various situations that crop up throughout a term on the international sphere.



The Maersk Alabama, the vessel seized by Somali pirates

Amnesty International

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the afternoon workshops provided a hands-on view of Amnesty International. Attendees were able to attend workshops as varied as their level of knowledge and involvement in the organization, such as "Crash Course: Amnesty International and Human Rights," "101 Ideas for Campus Activism: From Facebook to Dorm Blitzes and Beyond," and "Stop Violence Against Women: Mobilizing Grassroots Lobbying Power."

The conference concluded

on Sunday with the Closing Plenary and the closing remarks of Larry Cox. The Annual General Meeting represented both a means of having activists further develop their programs and also an opportunity for non-members to become acquainted with the organization. As Larry Cox concluded, "You have to have people that believe not in e-boards, but in themselves, in their power to make a difference."

Public Safety Logs

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Layout Editor*

03/07/2009 1:15 A.M.

At the above date and time, the RAs of New Castle were in the office when one of the RAs on duty noticed smoke. A student visiting the RAs on duty said, "Oh my God. I forgot to put water in my Easy Mac!" The fire alarm sounded and the students evacuated the building. The Fire Department arrived shortly thereafter and allowed the students to re-enter.

04/01/2009 8:34 P.M.

Walking down the fire road from Kearsarge towards Washington Hall, SPSO Lawrence and PSO Koehler witnessed a black car drive down the fire road towards Kearsarge. The driver of the vehicle saw the fire gate and proceeded to drive over the dirt to the side of the gate, onto the sidewalk, through the trees and back onto the road in front of Greeley.

03/12/2009 8:03 P.M.

At the above date and time, SPSO Whitney and PSO Valenti responded to a call at athletics outside of the equipment room for a possible theft. Upon arrival, the PSOs saw four individuals standing there. One individual had a small gash above his left eye. SPSO Whitney spoke with another individual. The individual stated that a second individual was attempting to steal his cell phone and keys from outside of the racquetball court. PSO Valenti then spoke with the second individual, and he stated he did not know that the items belonged to the first individual. He believed they belonged to his friend, and he wanted to play a prank on him. He then stated that the first individual, without warning, came up behind him and hit him twice in the head with his racquetball racquet. At the time of the incident, neither individual wanted police involvement.

03/08/2009 7:00 A.M.

PSO Berry and SPSO Beauchesne responded to a report of a girl in Washington Hall that urinated on the floor of a resident's room. Upon arrival, the resident of the room showed the floor and stated that they could hear a girl in the hall trying to open the doors and ask for someone. The suspect then came in to the victim's room and urinated on a chair and all over the floor. The suspect was described as a blonde female wearing black pants and a yellow sweatshirt. The suspect appeared to be intoxicated. Housekeeping was then called to the room to clean up the urination.



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Clubs & Organizations

Dressing For Success

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During the first week of April, the president of the Accounting Association, Martha Johnson, coordinated the Dress For Success Night with the Career Development Center and the SNHU Alumni office. The event was held in Walker Auditorium and featured guest speakers from George's Apparel and Alapage who each discussed tips for making that great first impression on the job interview. With racks of clothing items and the help of student volunteers, the discussion provided excellent information for all of those in attendance. There was even a raffle at the end of the evening with gift certificates for each store for two lucky students! For those who could not attend, here are some tips that you can use to "dress for success" in the future:

MEN

1. Only the top two buttons of a three-piece suit should be buttoned.
2. The point of your tie should lay over your belt buckle.
3. Jackets and trousers should be a good

fit (not tight, not baggy).

4. Shoes should be polished and worn with dark socks.

WOMEN

1. Be sure pieces/fabrics match if you buy separates.
2. Conservative necklines and hemlines (don't use what women wear on t.v. as a guideline).
3. No open-toe shoes, and always wear stockings.
4. Limit make-up and jewelry to minimums. If you make noise when you walk, shake hands, or turn your head...you are wearing too much bling!

ALL

1. Keep cologne and perfume to a minimum (or none at all). Don't overwhelm the interviewer!
2. Conservative colors are best: black, navy, and gray are considered most appropriate.
3. Bring a lint brush for last minute removal of lint/animal hair.

4. Cover-up visible tattoos, remove multiple and/or facial piercings.

5. And don't forget to smile. It's part of the dress code for an interview!

Remember, 90% of your body is typically covered in clothing, and that is why your appearance is so important. To an employer, you are not just a potential employee; you are a walking advertisement of the company. If your attire does not fit with their company image, then you have eliminated yourself from the job before saying a word. Be a professional. Dress for success. Remember, it's your career, what have you done lately?

Spring has Sprung and Phi Psi is Having Fun

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Now that spring is here, the sisters of Phi Omega Psi have been busy springing into action to do what they do best: philanthropy and campus events.

During the last week of February, the sisters combined efforts with the Wellness Center in the successful Jean Drive for the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA). Throughout the week, the sisters collected 90 pairs of jeans that were all donated to the New Horizons in Manchester. In exchange for jeans, all those who donated were then entered to win multiple raffles including movie tickets, gift baskets, and a variety of other gift certificates.

However, the Jean Drive wasn't the only philanthropic effort the sisters of Phi Omega Psi donated their time and effort to. On March 14, the sisters and Happy Birthday Visitors greeted residents of Mt. Carmel whose birthdays were in March with flowers and birthday cards.

Beyond the sisters' monthly philanthropic efforts, the girls also held their annual Fish Wish event where over a hundred students came and won themselves a pet gold-

fish. For some winners, the goldfish was their first pet, making the event especially fun. The event was held on April 8th, from 8-10 p.m. in the pub, and 135 fish were given out with goldfish food and fish bowls.

Some other fun and exciting events that the sisters will be partaking in include SNHU Stock and this year's "Sisterhood BBQ." This year's SNHU Stock is being held on April 25th, and it will have an environmental theme. For this event, Phi Omega Psi will be cosponsoring a "plant-a-flower" event with the sisters of Phi Delta Beta. Pots, soil, and flowers will be provided, so be sure to swing by and liven up your dorm room with your very own plant.

The sisters will also be catering to the cravings for some summery barbeque food on April 29th between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Greek sisterhood community sponsored event, "Sisterhood BBQ." So bring your friends to the Apartment Quads for some good barbeque food and to meet the sisters of Phi Omega Psi, Phi Delta Beta, and Kappa Delta Phi (Kappa Chi).



Bernie Marchowsky from George's Apparel demonstrates how to get the best fit with Accounting/Finance volunteer, Christopher Dias.

The Real, Real World after SNHU

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On April 9th, those of us on campus witnessed an incredible event on and around campus. The first ever job fair for the State of New Hampshire (sponsored by WMUR, The State of NH, and SNHU) was held inside the Athletic Complex. With over 140 employers and around 1,500 jobs available, thousands of people from all over New England came for an opportunity to get in front of an employer, make a positive impression, and hopefully secure a new job. As we saw, around 10,000 were allowed into the job fair, but thousands more were stuck on highways or at the mall and never actually made it inside once the fire marshal had to shut it down for safety reasons.

I wonder what you were thinking that Thursday, especially you seniors and juniors? What did you think when you watched the lines growing, wrapping themselves around the soccer field and down to Exeter Hall? Or when you saw on the news, those men and women parking in Hooksett and walking to SNHU just to stand in line for another two hours? Did you see this as just an excuse to spend the day partying or to catch up on homework since classes were cancelled for so many? Or were you like many of the staff and faculty here on campus that were deeply impacted and humbled by the site of all these thousands of people so desperate for a shot at a job they were willing to endure all of this chaos? Most of us of hear about 'unemployment' numbers or how bad the economy is; on this day, we witnessed it on our own campus. These people were not statistics. They were

mothers and fathers...uncles and aunts...grandmothers and grandfathers and they were desperate for work.

Articles during this time of the year are typically written to wish the seniors good luck and to fondly look back on their years at SNHU. In addition, you should look back. Graduation is a tremendous day filled with friends

side this university.

- Have you had your resume checked?
- Have you practiced interviewing?
- Have you talked to your favorite professors about being a reference for you or about any connections they may have?
- Have you contacted employers for informational



Line of potential employees waiting to enter the state-wide job fair

and family and all of your proudest moments and memories. For many of you, the next stage of your life is already set. You have your job or are enrolled in graduate school, and you have taken advantage of all that you could while here at SNHU. For many others, the WMUR job fair was a stark reminder of what may await you after graduation. This is not meant to be a lecture or to depress you. It is meant to serve as one last reminder that while you are still at SNHU, you have the opportunity to take advantage of services all over campus that will prepare you for life out-

interviews about their company?

- Have you networked with everyone you know and followed up with their leads?
- Have you talked to SNHU alums about their careers?

As you read this, your student status will be ending in approximately three weeks. After that, you will officially be unemployed, that's the 'real,' real world, and the line to join is a long one. Ultimately, it's your career...what have you done lately?

Phi Delta Psi

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As another year comes to an end, Phi Delta Psi has accomplished another round of successful events. Phi Delta Psi was established on Tuesday, February, 6, 1966. They were the first established fraternity at Southern New Hampshire University making it the oldest Greek organization on campus. Although the fraternity briefly went national under the wing of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity for a few years, Phi Delta Psi returned as an independent local fraternity during the 2003-2004 school year. Forty-one years and several hundred brothers later, Phi Delta Psi remains a strong and dedicated organization at Southern New Hampshire University.

The mission of Phi Delta Psi is to foster an environment for friends who want to become closer, like brothers, for life. They strive to maintain a close-knit bond between brothers and their sister sorority, Phi Omega Psi, that resembles an on campus family. Phi Delta Psi is committed to the idea of excellence in Greek life by living to a higher standard and according to their four points: Intellectual Awareness, Social Responsibility, Integrity, and Brotherly Love.

Being part of a fraternity is about more than just activities and having a good time. They were awarded the 2007-08 High House Award for the fraternity with the highest GPA at SNHU. This is the second straight year they have received this honor. As a fraternity they have an obli-

gation to better the social environment on and off campus at SNHU. Phi Delta Psi does this by putting on events during the year for other students, participating in community service and raising money for charity. All of these efforts help to promote a better campus community. Integrity is a virtue that reflects the character of an individual. It signifies the consistent basis of an individual's action on a set of principles or standards. Being a part of a fraternity demands integrity that is upheld by the brothers and a consistent attitude and respect for the four points as a way of life and a way for treating each other. Brotherhood is one of the chief reasons people join a fraternity, to make life long friends that are as close as brothers. Showing and maintaining that brotherly bond is part of their mission and one of their most important goals.

Some of the events Phi Delta Psi accomplished this year include raffling off Bruins and Red Sox tickets, maxing out the Last Chapter Pub with the annual Lip Sync Contest and Talent Show, raising over \$2,000 for the 2009 Relay for Life, and adding three new valued members. Next year they will have the annual Welcome Back BBQ, along with a batch of new and interesting events. The brothers of Phi Delta Psi would like to wish everyone at SNHU a safe and fun summer. If you would like to contact them for anything else, check out www.PhiDeltaPsi.net.



Phi Delta Psi Logo

Spring Week: "BEST WEEK EVER"

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Now that all of the snow has officially melted, it's time to celebrate the warm weather! CAPE's Spring Week will be taking place April 19th -25th. With many different events planned, it's sure to be a fun-filled week for all students to enjoy, and become one of your Best Weeks Ever. As the new Major Weekends Chair for the 2009-2010 academic year, I am very excited to be a part of Spring Week, and hope you all will come and enjoy the fun-filled week that is planned. I hope to carry on the tradition next year by having more creative and exciting themed weeks for the SNHU community to enjoy!

The week of Sunday, April 19 starts off with the annual Spring Concert featuring Gavin Degraw. The concert is taking place in the Field House and will begin at 8:00pm. Make sure to get there early, because doors will open at 7:00pm. Tickets to see Gavin Degraw are still available, but they are going fast! SNHU student tickets are \$15, and can either be purchased at the Info Booth or www.snhutickets.com.

Monday's event will be taking place in the Pub Hallway from 12:00-4:00p.m. You and your friends can come and get pictures taken at the Photo Booth, and have your photos developed in just minutes!

"What do you get when you cross the fun and excitement of a live action TV Game Show, the challenge of a general knowledge test, and the craziness of a Three Stooges movie? It's BONK! - The Comedy Game Show based on the immutable certainty that while getting hit over the head isn't funny, watching other people get hit over the head is." Tuesday's Bonk Game Show night, is a chance to win some great prizes during an interactive game show. Taking place in the Last Chapter

Pub, the doors open at 7:00, and the show will begin at 7:30.

Wednesday April 22 will be an afternoon made for relaxation. And what better way to relax, than getting a massage! The massages will take place in the Corcoran Conference Room in the Student Center from 12:30-4:30p.m. Students can begin to sign up for a massage time at 11:00a.m., but don't wait because these times are sure to fill up fast!

After a day of relaxation, now it will be time to laugh! Thursday evening CAPE will be hosting comedian, Geoff Keith in the Last Chapter Pub. He has been featured on Comedy Central's "Live at Gotham," BET's "One Night Stand" and E's "Chelsea Lately." Doors open at 8:00p.m., and the performance will be at 8:30. All ages can attend, and proper ID is required for students 21 +.

On Friday April, 24th, come enjoy a great afternoon snack of Dippin' Dots. In the Last Chapter Pub from 12:00-4:00p.m., you and your friends can enjoy one of the many flavors of ice cream. The flavors available are Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Cotton Candy, Mint Chocolate, Peanut Butter Chip, and Strawberry Cheesecake Yogurt.

To wrap up the week, Saturday April 25th, will be CAPE's 3rd annual SNHU Stock. The outdoor concert will take place on the East Side quad. The music festival will take place from 12:00-6:00p.m., where students can enjoy the music concert, barbeque, inflatables, novelty items, and a performance from the SNHU Dance Club. With so many things to offer, you do not want to miss out on this event! All of these activities are paid for by your Students Activities Fee.

Buon Giorno

Christopher P. Swett
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The Coordinators of Activities and Programming Events, better known as CAPE, sponsored another spring break trip abroad this year. This year's location of choice was the Tuscany area of Italy. Some of the cities included in the trip were Venice, Florence, Sienna, and Montecatini. The cost of the trip, approximately \$2,000.00, was a little on the high side, but included many different things in that price.

The price of the trip included three meals a day as well as two person rooms in a quite nice hotel. There was also a bus that took us to at least one different city everyday of the nine day, seven night trip. The price also included such things as tour guides, airfare, insurance (optional), and a few excursions. CAPE did put over \$200.00 per person towards the cost of the trip.

From what I have heard from many of the people who have gone on the trip, it was worth every penny. The weather in Italy was a lot like it is here in New Hampshire. Almost every morning you needed a light jacket, but as the day went on you did not need one. There was only one day of bad weather, and that was the

day the group went to Florence. As a result of the weather, many people in the group decided to take the train back to Florence on one of the free days.

The flight there and back was very long. The flight there was approximately eight hours, and the



Christopher P. Swett

Man crossing bridge over canal in Venice, Italy

flight back was about ten hours. Other than a few issues during the trip, overall it was successful. Holly Arnold, the coordinator of the trip, informed me to, "look for the announcement for next year's trip in October."

SNHU Stock '09

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Southern New Hampshire University will be hosting its 3rd annual SNHU Stock on Saturday, April 25th, 2009 from 12 noon until 6 PM. SNHU Stock will be held on the lawn of East Side Apartments (with the Field House as a rain location).

This year's SNHU Stock includes performances by Bare-Foot Truth, The Jim Devlin Band, The Peace, Hope Lane Is a Dead End, Chad Perrone, and the SNHU Dance Team. In addition to great music and performances, there will also be a BBQ, Maui Wowi Smoothies,

Sandy Candy, Henna Tattoos, Pedestal Jousting, a Rock Wall, and a Dunk Tank. For those of you looking to get creative—Plant a Pot, Face painting, Paint a Rock, and Recycled Art will also be available!

Many organizations on campus have come together in planning this event. SNHU Stock 2009's sponsors include CAPE, ESS, IGC, Outreach, Phi Omega Psi, and Kappa Delta Phi. SNHU Stock will be a great way to kick off the end of the year, and we hope to see you all there!

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A Bittersweet Good-bye

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Well this year has flown by and CAPE has filled it with many events, including the 1st Annual Turkey Trot, Comedian Brad Williams, and our upcoming Gavin DeGraw Concert. But these events could never be done if it were not for nine certain individuals. I have never been more proud of anything than I am now when I look at the CAPE Executive Board of 2008-2009. This is my time to say thank you and that I am going to miss each and every one of you guys next year.

Mike Rizzi, our Vice President, your motivation and dedication to your position blows me away. You will put any project's importance before your own and it truly shows with your hard work and enthusiasm towards CAPE. Good luck with Graduate School next year and my only advice is to make sure you set aside more time for yourself and continue to have fun!

Phylicia Dunham, our Special Events chair, you're amazing! Your love for life motivates me every day to work hard and appreciate the little things in life. I have never met a stronger person than you (or anyone who loves Red Bull as much as you)! Good luck in your future and I will meet you in Lee anytime!

James Perkins, our Treasurer, I don't know how you do it. I hate accounting and anything with numbers, but this year you have done a fantastic job with our budgets. Not only that, you have also contributed many great ideas and is always willing to step up. I know you'll do great as treasurer next year and you have all of my confidence for your future!

Amanda Mayberry, our Secretary, wow! You have done so much for CAPE and are one of the most dependable people I have ever met! I wish you luck next year with your busy schedule, but I know you are going to be fine! Congrats on an early graduation!

Heather Vendola, our Major Week chair and one of my best friends. You have grown so much and I can't express how proud of you I am. Your events are so fun and you put your heart into them 100%. You have a true passion for life

and I am excited for your future. I will miss you so much but I know you're going to do great things!

Liz Irwin, our Music and Comedy chair, you are the hardest worker I have ever met! It feels like you put on about 54,762 events this year and you are still truckin'! I don't know how you do it! You have to give yourself a lot of credit for this year and you should be proud! I can't wait for SNHUstock and I know it is going to be an unbelievable event! Good luck with Graduate School and I look forward to going to CAPE with you next year as general members.

Holly Arnold, our Travel and Recreation Chair, congratulazioni! If you weren't sure, it means congratulations in Italian. You have had a great year and you should be excited to plan more events in the future! I look forward to your trips for the rest of the year and for next year and I know you will do a fantastic job! Congratulations on your second year as Travel and Recreation chair!

Tiffany Lyon and Steph Barry, our advisors, you guys rock! Both of you were new to your positions, yet handled them as if you have been in them for years! Your professionalism and organic sense of motivation is inspiring and extremely honorable. I am envious of the people that get to work with you guys in the future and wish you could be my advisors for life. I will miss you two so much, but you know I will always be visiting! Thanks for everything this year!

It is a bitter sweet feeling to be leaving the CAPE Team, but I know next year's executive board will continue its success! Rizzi, Perkins, and Arnold will be returning to their current positions along with five new executive board members. Joining them will be, Brittneylyn Fitzpatrick, President, Kayla Diskin, Secretary, JoAnna Carpentier, Music and Comedy Chair, Mary Kayajanian, Major Weeks Chair, and Kelly Haskell, Special Events chair. The future is always looking bright for CAPE in my eyes and I wish them well! Congratulations 2009-2010 Executive Board...you know I am only an email away!

IGC's Spring Wrap Up

Katie Perry
Contributing Writer

The Inter-Greek Council (IGC) has had a vivacious and successful spring semester, but it is not over yet. IGC will be hosting a Dunk Tank at SNHU Stock to raise money for a local charity, and it will run from 12p.m.-3p.m. on Saturday, April 25th. Not only will you be able to help a local charity, but you will be able to dunk people such as Tiff Lyon and Gavin Telfer. With the success of past events, IGC is expecting a positive response from the SNHU community.

The spring semester events consisted of the Blood Drive, Enter the Haggis, and Stiffwater Junction. The Blood Drive occurs every semester, and the American Red Cross and IGC would like to thank all those who volunteered or donated. The turnout for the Blood Drive increased this semester because two Red Sox tickets were raffled off to those who donated. Immediately following the Blood Drive was Enter the Haggis, a band that knows how to truly

celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Stiffwater Junction was also brought onto campus on April 15th in celebration of Greek Games.

Greek Games occurred from April 13th-16th, in which the sororities and fraternities pair together and have a friendly competition. Playing everything from volleyball to tug of war to basketball, the Greeks opened up viewing the games to the SNHU campus. A scoreboard with pictures of the Greeks was hung in the student center to publicize the standings.

Now wrapping up the year, IGC is preparing to be a bigger force on campus next year. With the wonderful response on events that IGC has received from the SNHU community, IGC is planning to increase its involvement on the campus. Being Greek means being involved, and IGC is hoping to get more students involved by participating in and attending events. The Inter-Greek Council's last event is at SNHU Stock, and IGC hopes to see you there.



Thank You from the Happy Birthday Visitors

Jackie Dunn
Contributing Writer

Thank you to all the students and staff who continue to support the Happy Birthday Visitors program. Special thanks to the sisters of Phi Omega Psi who have accompanied us several times this year. You really cheered those residents and they look forward to your visits and your cards that you so creatively design.

The next Happy Birthday Visitors is Saturday, May 9; however, I am sure many of you will be already gone for the summer or finishing up finals. For those of you who are graduating, congratulations and best wishes for a successful future. For those of you who are returning next year, I look forward to seeing you in the fall. Have a wonderful summer.

Arts & Entertainment

One Night Stand

Haley Webb
Staff Writer

On Friday, April 3, SNHU hosted its annual concert event, One Night Stand, which provided music and entertainment for all of those who went.

One Night Stand is a yearly concert featuring local bands hosted by Radio SNHU, with this year's show also being co-hosted by the Observer. One of the largest appeals of the annual One Night Stand event, in addition to the great live music, is that it is usually an outdoor concert held in the middle of the West Side apartments. This yearly event has been known to bring in huge crowds. Unfortunately, our freshmen and sophomore students have not been lucky enough to experience the annual outdoor concert; for the past two years, rain has forced the event to be moved into the Last Chapter Pub. Luckily, with a full lineup featuring three bands, My Last Flight, Traces David, and Permanent Holiday, the event was still a great success with the bands performing for almost three hours.

Nearly one hundred students showed up throughout the night to attend the show. The first band to perform was My Last Flight, a band originating from Massachusetts. Started by the band's lead vocalist and guitarist, Devin Donohoe, My Last Flight got One Night Stand off to a strong start. Band members included Donohoe on guitar and lead vocals, Dustin Yager on guitar, Alex Fagan on bass, and

John Boulanger on drums. Many of the attendants of the show may not have known, but My Last Flight is a band dedicated to suicide prevention. According to the band website, Donohoe has stated that, if he were asked to describe the band in one word, it would be "positive." The band's first EP, entitled "You Are Loved," is set to be released this June.

The second band to take the stage was Traces David, a self-proclaimed "New Hampshire



Permanent Holiday "As the City Sleeps" album

bred Indie Rock band." The band includes six members, including Dan Kennedy on vocals and guitar, Jimmy Hawkes on guitar and vocals, Bill Hinkle on guitar and vocals, Brendan Bower on bass, Mike Kemp with strings, synth, and vocals, and Clinton LaPointe on drums. Comparisons have been made between Traces David and bands such as Death Cab for Cutie and Brand New, with the band citing the Beatles, Counting Crows, and Thursday as some of their influences. The band gave out copies of their album "Conversations in A Minor" to audience mem-

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Top 10 Current Artists

1. Lady GaGa
2. Rascal Flatts
3. Taylor Swift
4. Coldplay
5. Jack Johnson
6. U2
7. Nickleback
8. Keith Urban
9. Death Cab For Cutie
10. Beyonce

Top 5 Current Albums

1. The Fame
Lady Gaga
2. Fearless
Taylor Swift
3. Unstoppable
Rascal Flatts
4. Defying Gravity
Keith Urban
5. Quiet Nights
Diana Krall

*Based on plays in Rhapsody

A Critical Eye: "Race to Witch Mountain" & "I Love You, Man"

Daniel Smith
Managing Editor

Grade: B-

"Race to Witch Mountain" promises to be a fun-filled, action-packed movie for kids to enjoy, which unfortunately does not fully deliver. Starring washed out actor Dwayne Johnson, "Race to Witch Mountain" has few surprises in store for viewers who expect more of Disney. The premise behind the movie is that two aliens enlisted the help of a common cabbie - who has a criminal past - in order to help them save both their planet and Earth.

The plot screeches along for almost half of the movie before you even hear the words witch mountain or alien, and the fight scenes leave a lot to be desired. However, the visual effects department earns their paycheck by providing seamless transitions between solid states and explosions. They also do a

great job animating the powers of the children.

Overall, the movie lacks something that I was expecting

is a decent movie for teens and kids, but it does not strike me as a huge college seller.



Photo from a scene from the film "Race to Witch Mountain"

out of a Disney flick and leaves a slightly bitter taste in my mouth. I believe that it would have been better if it were an animated movie, but, without Pixar, Disney would have had some issues. It

Grade: A-

"I love you, Man" is a comedy starring Paul Rudd and Jason Segel, which follows the adventures of a friendship-

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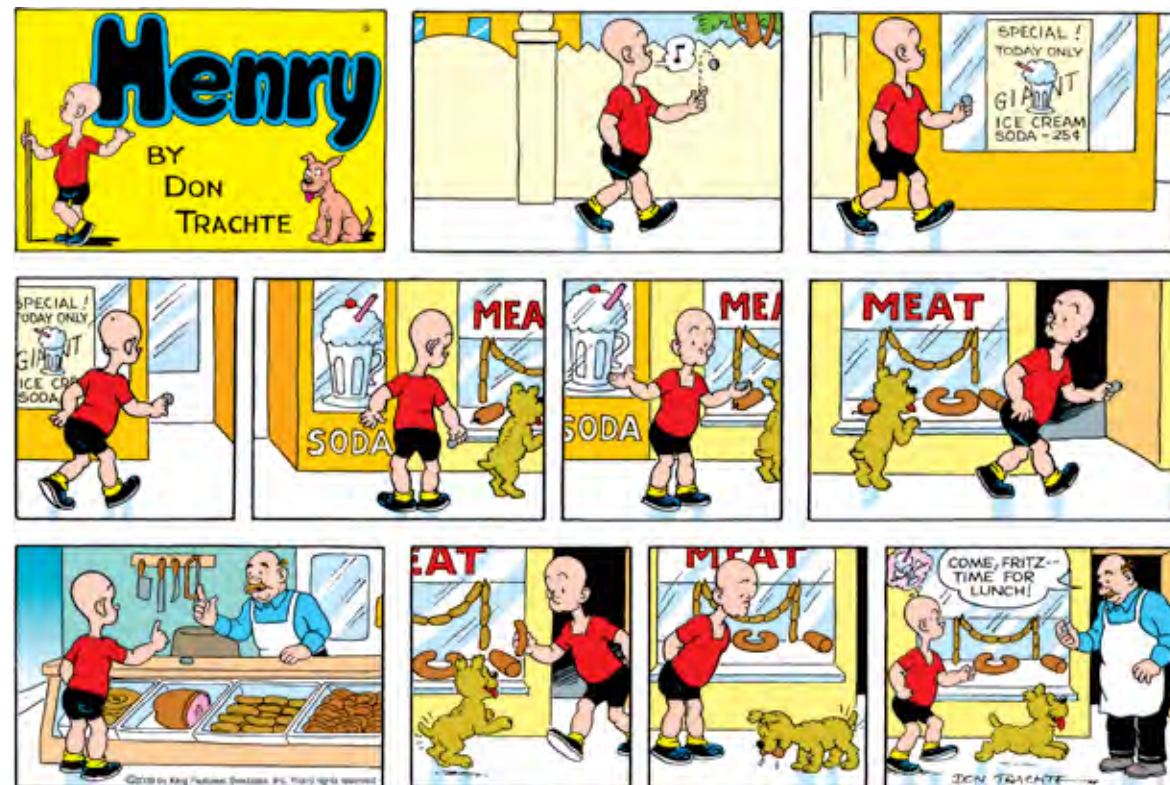
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3. Hybrid Pheasant
4. Leopon (leopard, lion)
5. Grolar/Pizzly (grizzly, polar bear)
6. Cama (camel, llama)
7. Zebroid (Zorse, Zonkey, Zony)
8. Iron-Age Pig
9. Wolf Dog
10. Liger/Tigon

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Horoscopes

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

Taurus (Bull): April 20th - May 20th

Try being more spontaneous next month. Your dull old schedule will begin to wear on you around the 7th of the month, unless you change things up a bit. Dance in a parking lot, sing aloud, do anything out of the norm - you will be glad you did it later.

Gemini (Twins): May 21st - June 20th

Now is the time to break that habit that you have been trying to for years. You and your partner are both mentally and physically prepared for a change - whether it is nail-biting or something a little more serious. Stop making excuses and make a change now - it may be your only opportunity for a while.

Cancer (Crab): June 21st - July 22nd

You are winding down from the chaos of this past month's activities.

Do not forget your responsibilities, but do not bite off more than you can chew. Now is a good time to relax a bit before the next rush of events. Be prepared for an unexpected delay around March 18th, but don't let it bring you down or discourage you.

Leo (Lion): July 23rd - Aug. 22nd

Listen to those around you and take their advice to heart. Do not forget, however, that you are your own person, with your own ideals. Do not be fooled by fast-talking - stick to your own morals, but be respectful of other's views.

Virgo (Virgin): Aug. 23rd - Sept. 22nd

This is an opportune time to mix things up a bit - change your schedule around to best fit your needs, find time to fit in your favorite activity. Next month should be about your happiness. Do not pro-

crastinate, but take time to relax as well. You will be surprised how well you adjust to changes.

Libra (Scales): Sept. 23rd - Oct. 22nd

You are on a roll - you will have the Midas touch next month. Do not let your ego inflate too much though, you might find yourself in a difficult situation. Continue to do what you have been doing - it's working- but do not forget the steps that got you there.

Scorpio (Scorpion): Oct. 23rd - Nov. 21st

Stop letting your stress take control of you. Give yourself some time off, go to a spa, or even just play a few more games than normal. Do what you have always wanted to - start that new hobby. Whatever choices you make, realize that it is OK if you change your mind. Everyone is entitled to a change of heart.

Sagittarius (Archer): Nov. 22nd - Dec. 21st

Your choices from last month have led you to where you are now - whether you like it or not. Stick on the same path and see your choices through. You will be amazed at the interesting individuals that you will meet along the way. Around the 29th of the month, you'll begin a close friendship with someone new.

Capricorn (Goat): Dec. 22nd - Jan. 19th

You are a born work-a-holic. Keep working next month as it will keep your mind off of other things. You may experience some disappointment in the beginning of the month. Just keep working. Your diligence will pay off.

Aquarius (Water Bearer): Jan. 20th - Feb. 18th

You are craving for your independence, but do not jump too far ahead of yourself. Any conflicts

that you may have been experiencing will resolve, but not without your help. Attempt to communicate more with those who bother you - let them know where you stand, but do so respectfully.

Pisces (Fish): Feb. 19th - March 20th

Your hard work will pay off next month. All of your frustration should begin to melt away, as you see the fruits of your labor. Do not forget that you still have responsibilities to fulfill, especially those to yourself. Remember that you need a little TLC too.

Aries (Ram): March 21st - April 19th

Watch your step next month. Be careful about what you say or do because you may hurt someone close to you. Work on being more sensitive and empathetic to those around you - you should be able to avoid any future problems.

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One Night Stand

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bers; the album includes "With Certainty of Flight," a popular song for the band. They performed for about an hour and kept the crowd going the whole time, finishing out strong.

Lastly, Permanent Holiday took the stage. Permanent Holiday is a band from Derry, NH. The band includes four members, Josh Foster on vocals and guitar, Jay Band on guitar, Chris McCool on drums, and Zanca on bass. Permanent Holiday performed for about an hour and was probably the liveliest and most energetic performance of the night, since the previous band, Traces David, was a bit more low-key. An established band, Permanent Holiday's music is available for purchase on iTunes. Their music could be compared to the earlier days of FallOut Boy, including many high energy songs.

As if the great music was not enough, the event also included tons of giveaways and raffle prizes. Each student who attended the show received a free commemorative T-shirt. Throughout the concert, there were many intermissions to raffle off a variety of gift certificates to various places, including Dunkin Donuts and Shaw's Market. Radio SNHU gave away clappers and their foam penguin mascots. The bands gave away their share of free items as well, allowing most students to leave with promo CD's featuring a good amount of the live music they heard throughout the evening.

While the show was definitely a success overall, there is no doubt that being held indoors had an impact on the popularity of One Night Stand. However, the audience members definitely seemed satisfied with the performances. Between the students up at the stage singing along with the bands and people hanging out in the back just enjoying the music, all seemed to have a good time. Let's all just hope for no rain next year.

A Critical Eye

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match made in the awkward depths of high school. As Paul Rudd's character is about to get married to his amazing fiancé, he realizes that he has NO friends. He then goes on a long hunt to find friends, which results in several awkward man-dates, and an awkward kiss from a man.

One day, Rudd stumbles upon Segel at an Open House that Rudd is throwing for Lou Ferrigno. Rudd then brings back the moves of an awkward seventh-grader in their relationship and starts hanging out with Segel. Eventually, Rudd begins to find it hard to manage both his friend and his fiancé, so he tones down his friendship with Segel.



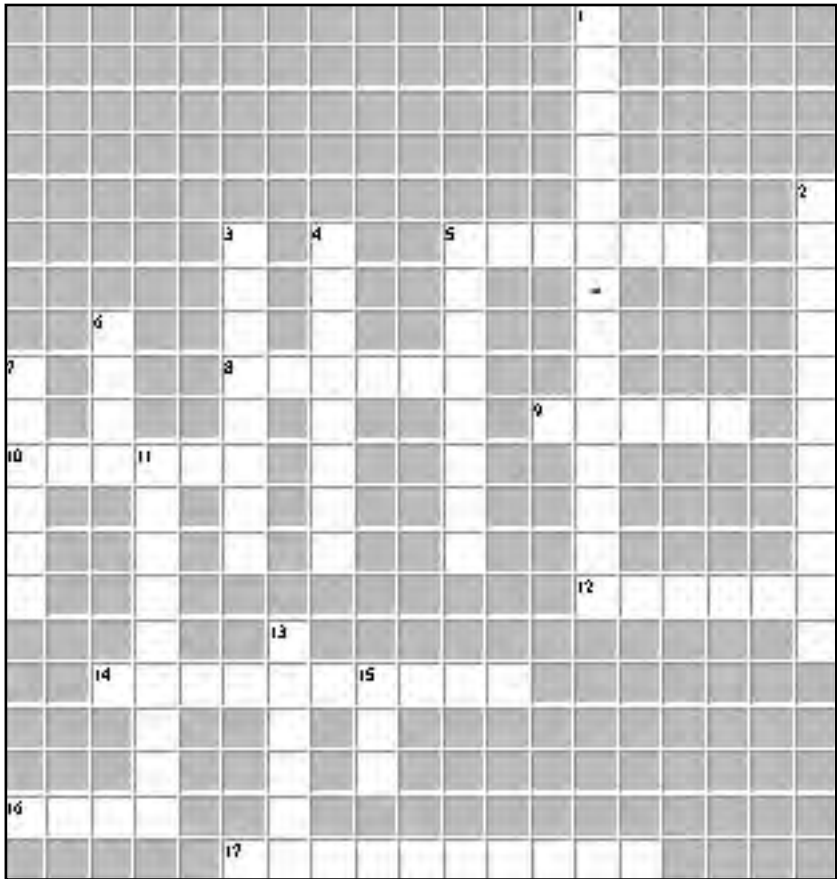
Photo from a scene of "I Love You, Man"

This only makes him realize that he misses Segel as a friend. Rudd's fiancé saves the day by calling Segel and getting him to the wedding, where Rudd and Segel go into a five -minute conversation about how they are both sorry and end up saying "I Love You, Man" in several different ways.

Overall, the movie was a good experience. It had some incredibly funny parts, and if I hadn't known that Rudd wasn't that un-cool outside of this movie I would have felt bad for him. I suggest going to see this movie and definitely buying it on DVD. It is a good addition to your Rudd movie collection.

SNHU Crossword

Ashley Manley
News Editor



To find the correct answers, please go to www.snhuobserver.com

Down	Across
1. In 2007, SNHU became the first _____ university in NH.	5. The average class size at SNHU is _____.
2. The name of the President of SNHU (2 words)	8. What building is the Bursar's Office located in?
3. This is a social networking sight many students frequent on a daily basis.	9. The name of the restaurant in the hospitality building is the _____.
4. The name of SNHU's student newspaper	10. Ossipee, Merrimack, and Winnepesaukee are known as the _____ by some SNHU students.
5. What badge number is known by some students as the PS officer that gives the most parking tickets?	12. The name of the field.
6. At SNHU, they "go the extra _____"	14. This is where you can buy movie tickets on campus. (2 words)
7. This is what the PS officers sometimes ride around on.	16. SNHU has _____ schools.
11. Cranmore is what type of housing?	17. The university extended its reach worldwide with the launching of its Internet-based distance learning program, now known as _____, in 1995. (2 words)
13. SNHU's mascot	
15. Many students go here to eat lunch, watch bands, play pool, or just to hang out.	

Phi Delta Psi Talent Show

Haley Webb
Staff Writer

On Thursday, April 9, the Pub was absolutely packed with students for SNHU fraternity Phi Delta Psi's annual Talent Show competition.

Featuring nine performers with a variety of talents, including a great deal of singing and a couple of patriotically themed acts, the Talent Show brought in a huge crowd. Many students came in support of their peers who had signed up to perform. This was the fourth year that Phi Delta Psi has hosted its Talent Show. In addition to the performances, Phi Delta Psi also gave away various raffle prizes throughout the night; the first raffle prize was a front row seat for the show.

The show was judged by SNHU faculty members Bryan Bouchard, who works as the Business Tutoring Coordina-

tor in The Learning Center and is also a finance and accounting professor here at SNHU, Micheline Anstey, a marketing instructor, and Jared Gabrey, the Resident Director of New Castle residence hall.

The first performance of the night was a battle between a few of the Phi Delta Psi brothers, Kyle Webber and Mike Young. They started off the night strong, each showing off their musical skills in drums accompanied by Adam Young and Rob Keller. While the judges did not explicitly score their performance, they were asked to choose a winner between the two drummers, and Mike Young was decided as the winner.

The duo of Kara Gershman and Ethan Lapierre performed Rihanna's "Take a Bow," with Gershman singing and Lapierre

playing guitar and doing backup vocals. Their performance was a crowd favorite, with the audience remaining quiet throughout the entire song until their large applause at the conclusion. The judges enjoyed the performance as well, scoring the pair with a 27, bringing them into the lead.

Perhaps the most hysterical of all the acts, the sixth performance of the night was an accurate and entertaining imitation of the Saturday Night Live skit "The Spartan Cheerleaders" originally featuring Will Ferrell and Cheri Oteri, but performed at the Talent Show by sophomore Jilene Marr and freshman Brittneylyn Fitzpatrick. As any audience member who had seen the routine would tell you, the two performed it perfectly. Their appeal even reached the students in the audience who had never

heard of the Spartans. The girls ended up with a total score of 27, which put them in a tie for first place with Gershman and Lapierre.

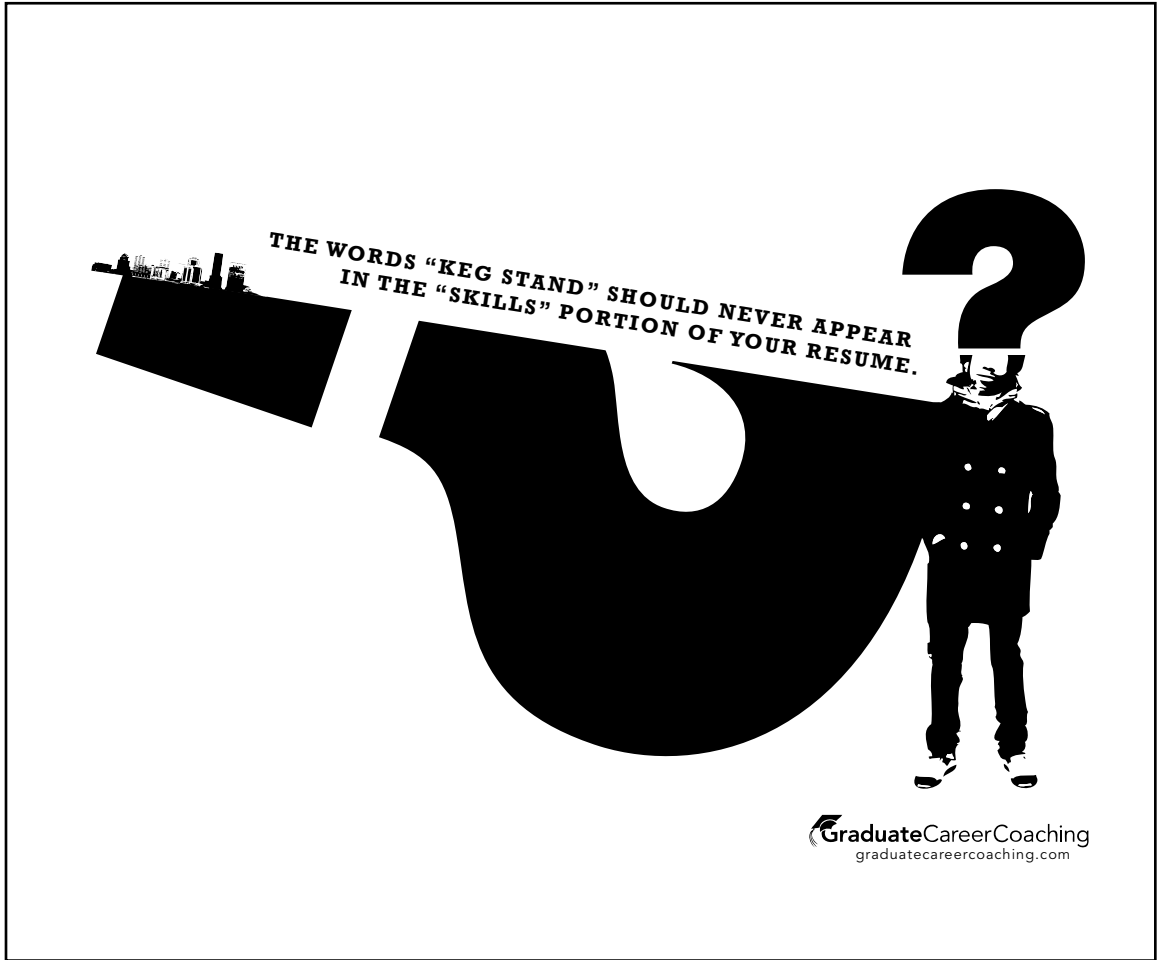
The ninth and final performance of the night was SNHU softball player Karissa Bettencourt, who had a very original talent. Bettencourt titled her talent a "miniature Ode to the United States," which included her recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, all fifty states, as well as the entire Gettysburg Address in less than one minute. Bettencourt's performance could have rivaled any advertisement fast talker. She completed the entire performance in 54 seconds, impressing both the audience and the judges. Bettencourt wound up with a score of 27, bringing her into the first place tie.

At the completion of all the performances, the judges were forced to deliberate to break the three-way tie for first place. After reviewing their notes, third place was awarded to Karissa Bettencourt, second place was awarded to Kara Gershman and Ethan Lapierre, and the comedic performance by Jilene Marr and Brittneylyn Fitzpatrick was given first place.

Other participants in the Talent Show included Zach Polidoian, Cassi Couillard, Becky Scalera, Kelly Nash, and Paulson Edum. Each performed admirably and thoroughly entertained the crowd; however, they were not able to displace the winners of the night.

Overall, the event was a success, ensuring that next year's performance will have just as large an audience.

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The Buzz Surrounding Energy Drinks

Patrick Trouve
Staff Writer

With the popularity of energy drinks steadily growing, great concern has been expressed regarding the implications that these drinks may have on consumers' health.

The advent of the energy drink, beginning with the launching of Red Bull in 1997, has paved the way for hundreds of other fatigue fighting beverages aimed to stimulate the consumer to perform in times of stress, tiredness, or athletic strain. Although these drinks may offer a rush of oomph with their hefty dose of caffeine and sugar, the astronomical amount of these ingredients and other harmful chemicals may create severe health problems.

Alongside Red Bull, there are countless other companies hoping on the energy band wagon as the market for these supplements has expanded. Brands such as Monster, Rock Star, and Coco-Cola's Full Throttle are readily available on the shelves of most grocery stores and convenience stores alike. For a

few bucks, one can purchase a can of these sugary, high calorie, carbonated drinks and get a rush of energy to get them through the consequences of the night before, a lack of sleep, or a parched throat. Although the drink may accomplish these goals, little attention is paid by the consumer to the health problems that may result due to over consumption of these drinks.

Katherine Zeratsky, a Mayo Clinic dietician, has done studies on the effects of energy drinks on the human body and has found some less than appetizing results. Recognizing that these energy drinks contain large amounts of sugar, Zeratsky advises that, "consuming large amounts of sugar is likely to cause weight gain."

"Too much caffeine can cause adverse side effects, such as nervousness, irritability, increased blood pressure, and insomnia," warns Zeratsky of the gratuitous amount of caffeine that these beverages typically contain. Fellow Mayo

Clinic advisor and cardiologist Dr. Martha Grogan agrees, "[caffeine] may trigger abnormal heart rhythms, which can be life threatening."

Both medical experts, Zeratsky and Grogan, advise against the consumption of energy drinks and recommend resorting to a healthier, less dangerous mode to become energized.

"Get adequate sleep, exercise regularly and eat a healthy diet," says Zeratsky in opposition to an energy drink induced buzz.

Energy drinks, although they serve the purpose of increasing the alertness and cognition of their consumers, clearly have risks associated. Although further research on the long term effects of these drinks are forthcoming, the market for these satisfying remedies is growing steadily, and the commonly known hazards concerning them is doing little to prevent the purchase and consumption of these fatigue elixirs.



Popular Energy Drinks

Gavin DeGraw Serenades SNHU

Caitlin Murphy
A&E Editor

The self proclaimed "honkey-tonk" boy from upstate New York brought a little bit of rock, a little bit of roll, and even some reggae to the Southern New Hampshire University field house this past Sunday. Students and fans showed up in numbers to be serenaded by Gavin's smooth vocals and melodic instrumentals. The crowd sang along to all of DeGraw's hit singles including "In Love with a Girl", "Follow Through", and "Chariot". The crowd even got a little view of some of DeGraw's dance moves as he flowed around the stage to his band mate's solo performances.

The little known duo Honey Honey opened up the show and provided some friendly entertainment to set the mood. Gavin took the stage sporting

an uncharacteristically short hair cut and no signature hat. Shortly after his opening piano solo his band followed suit playing songs from his latest album "Free." The appreciative DeGraw thanked the crowd several times for coming out and showing their support. Gavin and his band will play several more U.S. shows before taking their act overseas.

The acoustics in the field house were fantastic, the best they have been in years. The concert went on without incident; probably one of the most relaxed atmospheres at a SNHU show to date. I give Gavin DeGraw and his band two thumbs up. They were a pleasant start to C.A.P.E.'s "Best Week Ever".



Gavin DeGraw
the OBSERVER

The Holy Grail?

Ken Pothier
Contributing Writer

Monty Python's quest for the Holy Grail is over. The grail can be purchased for \$10, or you can get a fill of Holy Grail Ale for \$13.95. The Irish restaurant/pub of the same name is located in the former Saint Joseph's Parish Church, in Epping, NH. The owners, David and Maureen Kennedy, succeeded in making it a town landmark while celebrating this year's Saint Patrick's Day.

The atmosphere is welcoming, complementing the delicious food and good-natured clientele. The cathedral's ceiling peaks over the bar and is enhanced by the soft light going through the original stain glass windows. A grand mural of a countryside town is found in the Cottage Room, where local musicians perform Thursday to Saturday evenings. A statue of a plump and jolly monk greets you together with the hostess.

The food, featuring authentic Irish and English dishes, is great, from appetizers to dessert, just as expected from any "Platinum Plate" winner of the TV Diner show. Check out the

taste, healthy portions, and reasonably priced dishes such as: Bangers and Mashed, Shepherd's Pie, Corned Beef & Cabbage or Dublin Style Fish 'n' Chips. The sampled appetizers, Drunken Mushrooms and Spinach & Artichoke Dip, can substitute a meal. My dish, a Bishop's medium end cut 12-ounce Prime Rib was cooked to perfection and felt like 20 ounces. The vegetables, salads and soups are also good and the sample of fish chowder was creamy, full of substance and flavor.

The staff is professional and friendly. The bar is a great place to enjoy a good time, as it offers 40 varieties of beer. If you get checked off for the "Beer Bible," a family crest is hung in your honor on the "Quest Family Wall" if you try 20 bottle varieties and 20 drafts. While being part of the "Beer Bible" is a dubious, yet honorable quest, along the way you are sure to make new friends. Check "The Holy Grail" out on their website, <http://www.theholygrailpub.com/> and also drop by for a meal.



Photo of The Holy Grail Pub

An Eye on Watchmen

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

Grade: A

The Watchmen movie is based on the critically-acclaimed, best-selling, Hugo-award-winning graphic novel with the same title, that follows generations of "masked vigilantes" (a.k.a. comic-book styled heroes) dealing with evil villains, public relations, the Vietnam war, and also their forced-retirement from public service. Set in 1985, both the film and the book are rich with cultural references, in a world that seems not quite the same as ours. As Nixon is serving out his fifth term in office, the world is faced with an impending nuclear disaster via Russian missiles. While the world is facing imminent doom, the masked heroes are facing their own problems. Rorschach, a vigilante that hasn't quite retired yet, uncovers a sinister plot, and the heroes once again don the capes and cowls of yesteryear to fight for the greater good.

The movie does a wonderful job paying homage to the book. It is layered with intricate details that die-hards will love, yet they are subtle enough for the average movie-goer to simply take it in as atmospheric quality. Everything about this film fits together in order to lend itself to the overall narrative—the costumes (both cape and daywear), music, set design and style of the film are harmonious. The fight scenes are beautifully choreographed—the butt-kicking seems more like watching a skilled dancer glide across the floor. Obviously, much is changed in the transition from the book to the movie (as it always happens), but the changes are subtle and well-done. The ending is completely rewritten (sorry—no giant alien squid) and the infamous "Tales From the Black Freighter" is left out along with the excerpts

from Hollis Mason's "Under the Hood." The movie, however, is rich with references to them, and their absence won't really be missed by those who've never read the book.

Overall, the movie is exquisitely done—including all of the right details and eliminating all of the things that simply could not have made an easy transition

to film. The only major drawback of the film is that despite the stellar performances by all cast members, the dialogue (which was mostly taken directly from the book) can be over dramatic when spoken out-loud on the big screen. All in all, I highly recommend this film for its attention to detail and overall narrative.

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George Theodorou
Contributing Writer

I recently turned twenty which to me means brushing up on some of my earlier education. Time to review my ABC's and 123's just to make sure I don't get rusty with age. As I started my review, I realized that things that used to make complete sense to me are now raising questions. Take the alphabet for example: it used to make sense. It was easy to learn, it rhymed, and it had everyday applications that I could understand. When I was little I had no problems with the alphabet, but that's where the problem with aging lies, you become crabby.

The alphabet starts out fine, A, B, C, but towards the end I noticed something weird. The letter double-U does not bode well with me. This is the only letter with a word in the name, meaning that there were words before they finished the alphabet. Before they got to X, Y, Z, someone was already busy writing up a storm. It just doesn't make sense to me. M isn't double-N, it got its own sound and the name of the letter actually makes

the sound of the letter. Nowhere in the spelling or pronunciation of double-U is there a double U, plus it's the longest letter to spell or say. I suggest we change the name of double-U to Wu, it just makes more sense. It's short, it has a double-U in it and it makes the W sound. Hey, if they can denounce Pluto as a planet I think they can change a letter of the alphabet to fit better.

My other quarrel with double-U is that the name itself is a bit contradicting. If M was called double-N then words like "scanner" which have double-N's should technically be spelled "scammer" and following the same rules, a word like "vacuum" should be spelled with a double-U instead of two U's since we have a double-U. If the letter was called Wu, then we could just leave vacuums alone and fix our silly alphabet. So if you found anything written here to make sense, just start using Wu in place of double-U and maybe we can have the Pluto-effect on the alphabet.

Hard Wood Writing

Ken Pothier
Contributing Writer

Feeling lucid under pressure
Moments of sheer horror and panic do pass
Drawn on ousted emotions, to draw-paint
words to paper
Form scenes opened and felt
Acts of art for others to observe-see
A word play called 'New Hope Spring'
Written on a clean, cool, clear, yet cloudy can
vass of Papyrus
Framed pages with words
Book cover borders
Times temperaments torments trusts
Loss and rebirth
Felt and palpable on the page

Hopes spring grows and flows
Words in mahogany and oak
A writer's true rings of hard growth memory
True to a vision of what has come to pass
Hard wood writing on soft textured page of
one person's past
Written word etched for eternity by scribed
survivor
Mahogany voice rises from oaken experience
From scribbler to scribe the survivor crafts
The soft subtle textured pages of a life's
Lessons learned and shared
Now and then

Dodge City Sherpa

Dillon St. Jean
Creative Editor

On the second highest mountain in the as-of-yet unmapped Kansas mountain range, you can clearly make out the first third of the highest. Any Kansas sherpa will refuse to take you up the mountain, and then proceed to explain exactly why in excruciating detail. At approximately fifty-nine thousand feet, the first real threat comes from the Cave People of Dodge City. They tend to reside at about five thousand feet. Traditionally a sherpa would be prepared to fight them off, wielding a small weapon to keep them a distance from his employer.

Unfortunately, the idea of surpassing the twenty thousand foot point immediately causes a sherpa to tense up. At that point there is a persistent stream of fire ants larger than any others found in the world. To attempt struggling against them would lead to an individual's bones being stripped bare in seven-point-six seconds. Beyond that lie the world's smallest poison dart frogs. They are miniscule and highly populated enough that if a person were not being secure, they would accidentally inhale dozens of them at a time.

At thirty thousand feet, pumas have adjusted to the low oxygen levels and somehow manage to thrive. Beyond that reside the wild baboons, who have learned not only to use tools, but to make their own. In hand to hand combat, they would be much more likely to use a sharpened rock they've tied to a stick. They remain at war with a tribe of chimpanzees that have somehow managed to master slingshot technology and are becoming quite adept at wielding said weapons. Just beyond the warring apes are the feral parrots that had migrated

there years prior. They are capable of repeating what people say, however, the words are all reversed.

At forty thousand feet reside the pirate ship remains, and beyond that are the frozen cowboys. Beyond that are the pterodactyls, and beyond that is the Mayan temple. Upon entering the temple, there is close to a full mile of spiral stairs leading up past the library and the abnormally large bats. This eventually leads out to the fifty-three thousand foot point, where the Fountain of Youth is kept. From there a dirt path leads through a small village of goblins (none of the residents should be allowed to make eye contact with you) and past that are the Greek statues of the Gods no one is familiar with.

Upon maneuvering past the broken columns, there is a door that leads to a small elevator that will carry up to the very top of the mountain. There resides the Phoenix, who sits upon an egg that contains itself. If you manage to make it all the way to the Phoenix (without a sherpa, mind you) it will allow you to make two wishes: the first being of your choice entirely, and the second being used only to undo the consequences of the first. From there, the Phoenix will allow you to return to the ground, offering the dare to follow a different path up the mountain for another two wishes.

Upon hearing this, the climber will ask the sherpa if that is, in fact, all true. He will reply with admitting that no one has actually climbed the mountain, and that he promises to have seen one of the Cave People of Dodge City. He very well could have; it was very dark that night.

Opinion

From Opulence to Poverty: Will We Ever Learn?

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

Our country has seen many cycles of wealth and poverty in its relatively short history. Periods of great prosperity are followed by economic downturns. Breadlines follow years of opulence while the attitude of the country is continuously shaping and reforming the American Dream.

It seems to me that now, as America is facing a recession, not a single person hesitates point the finger at those claimed to be responsible. Some point to the new administration, others to the old. Some blame the bankers, while others focus their attention on Wall Street brokers. Some point to their neighbors and coworkers, who lied on their mortgage applications, and others focus on the lending institutions that pushed their credit on unsuspecting people. Who is to blame for all this? Who is responsible? Out of all the fingers being pointed, I do not see one turned inward, one that puts the responsibility on our shoulders.

I am still young. I do not know all that there is to know about the world, nor do I claim to. I am, however, observant, and what I see is that all of the aforementioned factors are only partly responsible for the economic mess we are in now. However, the part they play pales in comparison to the influence that we, as a society, have.

In periods of economic well-being, the American dream shifts from the simple idea of success and determination, to the need to possess opulent

signs of status. The hard work that inspired capitalism shifts to the greed of capitalism. Families focus more on signs of wealth and decadence, and less on the values and ideals that shaped the country we live in. It has to be born in mind that we set this standard of living, we defined the American Dream in this way, we pushed the idea of the bigger and better. We caused this bubble.

Yes, the government had a part to play alongside the lending institutions. However, these were just symptoms of an American disease. The businesses and banks were taking advantage of a business opportunity they saw in this new breed of Americans. They were feeding us all that we wanted, but we were the ones who pressured our neighbors to get that new plasma TV, or to purchase that new SUV. We convinced our friends and co-workers that designer labels and store credit cards were a good idea. We are the ones that redefined the American Dream to mean excess and opulence, while accepting a morally bankrupt society.

So now the question that lingers is: "Will we ever learn our lesson?" Will Americans ever be able to hold true to the original and modest core of the American Dream? Or, will we, once again, seek comfort and temporary happiness in irresponsible spending, and reaching beyond our means?

Where is the Activism?

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Nowadays everybody is talking about human rights, how they are infringed, how people are unlawfully detained in Guantanamo Bay, or how there is no such thing as freedom of the press in countries still under the veil of oppressive ruling systems. Apart from talking, groups such as Amnesty International are making their voices heard by sending out letters, lobbying with high officials or by peacefully demonstrating in the streets. But how are SNHU students involved in such activities? Do they take action, do they speak for human rights, do they speak for their rights?

On March 28, I took part in the Amnesty

International Annual General Meeting, held in Boston. Amnesty International is a human-rights advocacy organization that speaks out despite oppression since 1961, presently boasting over 2.2 million members worldwide. The motto of the meeting was "Seizing the Moment, Building the Movement!", a compelling and activism-driven idea meant to encourage as many people as possible to join the organization and take action in their communities.

Once entering the plenary and committee meetings you could feel the enthusiasm and will-

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Ask Aimee

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

Dear Aimee,

I have two friends that just won't get along. It is impossible to hang out with both of them at once. They are always fighting, and I keep getting pushed into the middle of things. What should I do?

-Stuck in the Middle

Dear Stuck in the Middle,

In situations like these, it is best not to get involved. Try to avoid these confrontations between your friends at all costs, and do not take sides or offer advice to one or the other. Taking sides will only make matters worse, and can cause an unwanted and unnecessary strain on your relationships.

Make sure you lay down the law with your friends as well. Let them know that fighting and arguing around you is simply not allowed. If they don't agree to the terms, then let them know that finding time to hang out with them will be more difficult, if you have to divvy up your "friend time" in order to avoid these confrontations.

If these two individuals refuse to play nice, then you may need to avoid social gatherings that include both of them. Explain how their drama is affecting your relationships with them. Be firm and clear.

Best of luck,
Aimee

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Does the Fight Against Plagiarism Violate Student Rights?

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Plagiarism is rampant across colleges and universities all across the country according to Plagiarism.org, a website run by iParadigms, LLC. According to the statistics reported on their website gathered from surveys done by U.S. News and World Report, "75% of college students admitted cheating, and 90% of college students didn't believe cheaters would be caught." It's hard to deny these facts and enough to scare any educational institution into a state of panic, trying to determine if their own students are among those included in the survey statistics.

Interestingly enough, the company responsible for Plagiarism.org, also offers a for-profit product, called turnitin®, for educational institutions across the country. This service allows professors to submit student assignments to cross-check against a database built from other student's assignments across the country. On the outside, this may seem like a good tool for teachers, and even students, to avoid any instances of plagiarism. However when one reads the fine print, there is more to the service than meets the eye.

When students are asked to use this service, they are also asked to agree to a ten page end-user license agreement, commonly used in the software industry. This type of agreement becomes a legally binding contract between the user, the student; and the company, iParadigms. When a student clicks on the "I Agree" button, that which many in our society never read, the student grants iParadigms the right to use the student's intellectual property as the source for their product. Without student's papers, there

would be no product.

This is a scary scenario for students, knowing that they must either agree to these terms or face possible academic penalties from the institution in the form of diminished grades. This matter came up in a recent class at Southern New Hampshire University, where a group of students brought their concerns up to the attention of their professor and the administration. It took a rally cry of many students to have their concerns addressed properly, and an alternative service that does not violate student's copyrights was eventually offered.

Other students across the country have not been so lucky and have been forced to use this service by their teachers and professors or face receiving a zero. With some classes, standing up for one's beliefs can set back or even destroy one's academic or professional career. It can be the choice of sacrificing one's own intellectual property or academic career to stand up for one's own beliefs. When we start giving up our smaller freedoms, when do we begin to give up our larger ones?

With all of these copyright and privacy concerns existing for students, iParadigms still boasts on its website that it has more than 450,000 educators using their product in millions of educational institutions worldwide. The company also anticipates having over 166 million student papers next year. iParadigms is benefiting to the tune of millions off of the hard work of students across the world, yet the amount that is given back is zero.

Who is fighting for the rights of the students? Unfortunately, it does not appear that anyone is.

Where is the Activism?

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ingness of the attendees to take action. They were asking questions, raising controversial points or making their personal stories of rights' oppression and imprisonment heard. They spoke because they had found the Amnesty means to be the most diplomatic one to get the point across, to change something, to make a point in a world that decides to first go in the frontline with weapons rather than with words.

During the workshops, I had the chance to meet students that were organizing raising awareness campaigns in their colleges. These college students were not only on their way towards gaining a college degree, but they had committed themselves to making a change in the world by starting with their immediate communities. It was at that point that I realized that, to my knowledge, SNHU has no activism group. And by that, I do not mean volunteering, where the SERVE office and Outreach do a wonderful job, alongside the Environmentally Sustainable Students who are taking initiative on environmental issues. Where is the basic activism, for those human rights for which heads of state worldwide have put their signatures down and included them in their countries' constitutions? Is it that we have become so focused on our well-being that we totally disregard the injustices that occur in distinct corners in the world? I trust that not many have heard of the student-initiated revolution on the street of Moldova's capital, Chisinau, in protest towards the results of the elections that

apparently brought back the Communist Party to power.

I am bringing this issue forward because I know that we have the means to change something. We live in a country that prides itself with granting freedom to its citizens, where all our basic needs are covered and where the access to information helped us hold the world's leadership. With that in mind, how is it possible that we do not take action unless our own rights are infringed? I wonder whether we may just have to be hurt too in order to be able to empathize with those who have no voice. Just imagine, for a second, that after this article was printed in the newspaper and appeared in newsstands, I could be imprisoned and tortured for my thoughts. Why? Because my rights are infringed, because they do not constitute the grounds upon which the country I may be in is functioning.

Therefore, as long as we do have a voice and our rights in hand, why not use it! Why not speak out and be those Southern New Hampshire University Students that have started a human rights movement on their campus as part of their dedication to respect one another. Let us start the advocacy that has given us the freedom that we frequently take for granted. Let us join organizations such as Amnesty International and make a change, for other sake, but most importantly, for our own future well-being as individuals and as a society.

Sports

SNHU Baseball and Softball Recap

Mike Ghika
Sports Editor

Coming off of last year's 7-32 record, the Penmen Baseball program is quickly getting back on track under first year coach Scott Loiseau and his young staff. The Penmen began the season losing eight of their first nine, only to go on and win seven of their next ten.

The beginning of April, however, was not kind to the Penmen, as a 13-inning affair at home against Assumption ended in a tie on Fool's Day. They went on to lose their next four as well, but have since won three of their last five and were 12-20-1 as of Saturday, April 18, with a 9-12-1 NE-10 record.

The highlight of the season thus far was two wins over conference powerhouse Franklin Pierce on March 24 and 26. In the first contest at Pierce, lefty starter Steve Golbranson went the distance in a complete game shutout with nine strikeouts. Infielder Eric Pelletier got on base three times, while outfielder Scott Strong drove in both runs in a 2-0 Penmen victory.

In the second victory at home, SNHU prevailed, 3-2, in 11 innings after a Bob Wronski walk-off single. Ryan Quinn started on the mound and allowed just one earned run in 6.2 innings, while freshman Brad Monroe pitched 3.2 innings of scoreless relief to earn the win.

At the plate, Wronski had belted 5 home runs with 16 RBIs as of April 18, while Jeff Giannino has 6 homers and 13 RBIs. Catcher/designated hitter Skyler Byrd is hitting .252, while Pelletier, who just returned from a pectoral injury, leads the starters with a .310 average.

Meanwhile, Deb Robitaille's softball team owned a 16-20 record as of April 18. The Penmen got hot at the end of March and early April, winning six straight while sweeping three straight doubleheaders against Saint Michael's, New Haven, and Southern Connecticut respectively.

Nicole Arpin sports a .293 average with a team-leading 5 homers and 19 RBIs. Ashley Bernstein is hitting .320 with 3 homers and 12 RBIs, and she also has won five games on the mound. Kelsey Griffin owns a 5-2 record with a 1.81 ERA, while fellow pitcher Kyla Puccini has a 4-3 record with a 2.53 ERA.



Ryan Quinn



Ashley Bernstein

The Roast of Stan Spirou

Nick Tasso
Sports Editor

On March 27th, the Manchester Kiwanis presented The Stan Spirou Roast to honor SNHU Men's Basketball coach Stan Spirou. The event was held at SNHU's Small Gym. Local native and comedian Jimmy Dunn was the MC for the evening.

SNHU President Paul LeBlanc, Senator Lou D'Allesandro, Governor Walter Peterson, and Spirou's brother Chris were just some of the roasters.

Spirou's Greek heritage and love for the game of basketball were popular topics of the roasters.

The roast celebrated the work that Spirou has done in the New Hampshire community along with his longevity as SNHU Men's Basketball coach.

Throughout jokes about Spirou, President LeBlanc discussed how Stan Spirou is much more than a basketball coach. LeBlanc talked about how Spirou, "Prepares young people for meaningful lives. And he is an incredible teacher."

Chris Spirou spoke highly about his brother, "Getting involved and making a difference."

When it was the man of the hour's turn at the podium, Stan Spirou captivated the audience by his jokes and personal stories that he told including a stretch where he jovially called LeBlanc, "the biggest media hound."

Overall, this was a great event to honor Stan Spirou and raise money for the Manchester Kiwanis.

Intramural Basketball Capped off with Championship Games

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Sports Editor

The end of March marked the end of another intramural basketball season at Southern New Hampshire University. Champions were crowned in both the men's and women's leagues after full-court games were played in the Fieldhouse.

The women's game was held first, as the Ballas defeated the Shotcallas by a 28-18 final score. The Ballas, made up primarily of SNHU soccer players, led the Shotcallas, made up primarily of SNHU softball players, 14-10 at the half before cruising to victory. The Shotcallas' Andrea Wilson earned Most Valuable Player honors with 21 points and 9 rebounds, while Ariel Teixeira had 5 points and 2 boards in the win.

For the Ballas, Andrea Clausi led the team with 6 points, while Melissa Vitagliano had 7 rebounds. Elena Anderson had a bucket and 5 boards.

In the men's game, Balloon Knot and the N.W.O. squared off, but offense was scarce in the

first half. The game actually went scoreless for the first five minutes before a Steve Rice free throw broke the ice to put the N.W.O. ahead. Balloon Knot did not have a field goal until 8 minutes into the half, while the N.W.O. was unable to notch its first field goal until there was a mere 5 minutes remaining in the first. The score was 11-6 at the half in favor of Balloon Knot.

With N.W.O. down two with just a second left to play, Rice knocked down two clutch free throws to force the game into overtime with the score tied at 20-20. In the extra minutes, Balloon Knot would turn the ball over in a 23-23 game with 5 seconds left, and the dagger followed as Mark Barnett knocked down a three at the buzzer to give N.W.O. a 26-23 championship win.

Rice led all scorers with 18 points, while Cornelius Ilea and Robert Lucas had 10 and 8 points respectively for Balloon Knot.

2009 NFL Draft Preview

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With the 2009 NFL Draft approaching, it is only fair that the Observer offers a preview of the historic and exciting event. NFL fanatics know very well that football is a year-round sport, and the NFL Draft is a testament to that. Every year, fans obsess over what their favorite teams will do in the draft and create mock drafts to project what will happen. So, with the draft approaching, we have compiled our very own mock draft. Enjoy!

1. **Detroit Lions:** Matthew Stafford, QB, Georgia

Although the Lions have many needs after a winless season, expect them to take Matthew Stafford with the first overall pick, as he will be able to mature with the likes of Kevin Smith and Calvin Johnson on offense.

2. **St. Louis Rams:** Jason Smith, OT, Baylor
The loss of Orlando Pace almost necessitates the selection of a young tackle to solidify the offensive line. Smith would fill that hole nicely, and he is skilled enough to become a dominant left tackle.

3. **Kansas City Chiefs:** Aaron Curry, OLB, Wake Forest

Curry is an absolute freak of an athlete that has a tendency for making big plays. With Scott Pioli running the show, the Chiefs will continue to bolster their defense with this selection.

4. **Seattle Seahawks:** Eugene Monroe, OT, Virginia

A close second to Jason Smith for offensive tackle prospects, Monroe will likely be the replacement for an aging Walter Jones and pave the way for Julius Jones and company.

5. **Cleveland Browns:** Brian Orakpo, DE, Texas

Orakpo is incredibly powerful and athletic and can fit in 3-4 and 4-3 defensive schemes. There are questions about his durability, but he could serve as a formidable pass rusher for the Browns.

6. **Cincinnati Bengals:** B.J. Raji, DT, Boston College

The most dominant defensive tackle in this draft class, Raji's stock soared after his impressive performance at the Senior Bowl. Raji is an elite run-stuffer that can anchor the entire defensive line.

7. **Oakland Raiders:** Jeremy Maclin, WR, Missouri

Maclin is an explosive playmaker who can affect a game on every down for the Raiders. He will provide a legitimate target for JaMarcus Russell, but needs to work on his route-running ability.

8. **Jacksonville Jaguars:** Michael Crabtree, WR, Texas Tech

If Crabtree does indeed fall this far in the draft, the Jaguars would be crazy not to take him. With disappointing production from Reggie Williams and Matt Jones, Crabtree is as close to complete as possible.

9. **Green Bay Packers:** Aaron Maybin, DE,

Penn State

Maybin would give the Packers an explosive pass-rush opposite Aaron Kampman on the defensive line, or he could be converted to an OLB. A little bit small to start as a DE right away, but he has the frame to put on the needed bulk.

10. **San Francisco 49ers:** Andre Smith, OT, Alabama

Smith would have been the top OT in the draft had it not been for poor decision making off the field. Still, Smith would provide a massive boost to the 49ers offensive line.

11. **Buffalo Bills:** Brandon Pettigrew, TE, Oklahoma State

Pettigrew provides both a sure-handed security blanket for the offense and a very good blocking TE. His natural athleticism is also an added bonus that separates him from the rest of the draft class.

12. **Denver Broncos:** Mark Sanchez, QB, USC

It would be a dream come true for the Broncos if Sanchez fell to them after the Jay Cutler saga. Sanchez has the physical ability and intelligence to easily adapt to Josh McDaniels' offense.

13. **Washington Redskins:** Everette Brown, DE, Florida State

Brown is another DE that could be converted to an OLB. He has all the physical tools to be a capable pass rusher, although he too needs to add more bulk.

14. **New Orleans Saints:** Malcolm Jenkins, CB, Ohio State

Offense is not the problem in New Orleans, and the Saints need to address their sub par secondary. Arguably the best CB in the draft, Jenkins is very consistent and experienced coming out of college, although his 40-yard dash time (4.54) was underwhelming.

15. **Houston Texans:** Vontae Davis, CB, Illinois

Davis is a physical specimen for his position much like his brother, Vernon, is at TE. If he can live up to his potential, then Davis will be a lockdown defender in the NFL.

16. **San Diego Chargers:** Rey Mauluga, ILB, USC

A punishing hitter, Mauluga has the instincts necessary for an ILB. He also fills a need for the defense with no legitimate run-stuffing LB.

17. **New York Jets:** Josh Freeman, QB, Kansas State

With the supposed retirement of Brett Favre in the off-season, the Jets will be looking to bring in another strong armed quarterback to compete with Kellen Clemens for the top spot on the depth chart.

18. **Denver Broncos:** Tyson Jackson, DE, LSU

With Mark Sanchez predicted to strengthen the offense and alleviate the loss of Jay Cutler, Denver will look to revamp their defense with their second pick of the first round. The 6-4, 296 lb. Jackson will prove to be a formidable foe for most OTs in the league.

19. **Tampa Bay Buccaneers:** Brian Cushing, OLB, USC

The strange release of several defensive personnel in the past few months, including veterans Cato Juno and Derrick Brooks, leaves the Bucs in desperate need for the strength and intensity that Cushing can bring to the once feared Buccaneers' defense.

20. **Detroit Lions:** Michael Oher, OT, Mississippi

With the Lions expected by most experts to select QB Matt Stafford first overall in this year's draft, picking Michael Oher at No. 20 gives them a monster of a man to defend Stafford from the pass rush.

21. **Philadelphia Eagles:** Knowshon Moreno, RB, Georgia

Brian Westbrook will not always be there to bail out the often inconsistent Donovan McNabb. The Eagles will likely take the agile Moreno at No. 21 to remedy the aging Westbrook and the lackluster depth Philly has at RB.

22. **Minnesota Vikings:** Percy Harvin, WR, Florida

Some say that the Vikings were a quarterback short of a Super Bowl appearance. However, with that void supposedly filled with NFL journeyman Sage Rosenfels, Minnesota will look towards the speedy Harvin at wide-out to take some pressure off Adrian Peterson.

23. **New England Patriots:** Clay Matthews, OLB, USC

With the Patriots losing Mike Vrabel in a trade to the Chiefs, a hole in the linebacker core is apparent. This hole can potentially be filled by the 6-4, 244 lb. Matthews, who should be a nice fit with Tedy Bruschi, Jerod Mayo, and Adalius Thomas in their 3-4 defensive set.

24. **Atlanta Falcons:** Peria Jerry, DT, Mississippi

Finishing first in the SEC for tackles for loss this past collegiate season, Jerry is bound to be a threatening defensive presence – one that the Falcons will not be able to pass up at No. 24.

25. **Miami Dolphins:** Hakeem Nicks, WR, North Carolina

The Dolphins' receiving core leaves much to be desired and the addition of Nicks on the outside, with his speed and touchdown catching ability, will be able to alleviate pressure off the strong defense.

26. **Baltimore Ravens:** Darrius Heyward-Bey, WR, Maryland

Baltimore's defense is undoubtedly one of the most elite in the NFL. This is why the Ravens will focus on their offense in the upcoming draft, selecting Heyward-Bey at WR to accompany the veteran Derrick Mason in supporting their young QB, Joe Flacco.

27. **Indianapolis Colts:** Evander Hood, DT, Missouri

The uninspiring Colts defense struggled against the run again last season. Picking the 6-3, 300 lb. Hood will add a big man in the middle to plug holes and stop the opposing running game

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Japan Repeat in the World Baseball Classic

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Sports Editor

In 2006, Japan won the inaugural World Baseball Classic (WBC) with starter Daisuke Matsuzaka winning the MVP. When the WBC was held for the second time in 2009, the same exact thing occurred; Japan hoisted the trophy while Matsuzaka earned another shiny hardware.

Matsuzaka earned the MVP trophy by going 3-0 with a 2.45 ERA. In the semi final game, Matsuzaka pitched 4.2 innings while allowing two runs to the United States en route to a Japan victory.

In the championship game against Korea, Japan won after a two run single by Ichiro Suzuki in the top of the tenth inning that ended a 3-3 tie. Yu Darvish was awarded the win after finishing the game in the bottom of the

tenth even though he incurred a blown save in the ninth. Besides Suzuki's two run single, Hiroyuki Nakajima, Akinori Iwamura, and Michihiro Ogasawara all hit in a run.

As for Korea, starter Jung Keun Bong went only four innings while allowing an unearned run, lowering his ERA to 0.96 for the WBC. His bullpen faltered him as they allowed four runs including two in extra innings to score. Bum Ho Lee, Dae Ho Lee, and Shin-Soo Choo each knocked in an RBI for Korea.

The next World Baseball Classic is scheduled to be held in March of 2013 and there have been recent talks about expanding the Classic by adding more countries to it.

Brodeur Makes History

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With the aid of some St. Patrick's Day luck, the New Jersey Devils' star net minder, Martin Brodeur, broke the NHL record for most wins ever by a goaltender on March 17.

Although the regular season victory over the young and talented Chicago Blackhawks may have been just another victory under Brodeur's belt, the win proved to hold far more weight than just another notch in the win column. The 3-2 Devils win in regulation against Chicago marked the record-breaking game for Brodeur, a 16-year NHL veteran, all with the Devils. Number 552 came with much

excitement as Brodeur and the rest of the New Jersey squad was able to celebrate the astonishing feat in front of the home town fans at the Prudential Center, all of whom anxiously anticipated Brodeur's monumental accomplishment.

Nine games previously, Brodeur had come off of a left bicep injury that had left him out of commission since November. Well rested, yet out of NHL game play for over four months, Brodeur returned to the ice winning the necessary eight of the next nine games to surpass his childhood idol, Hall-of-Famer Patrick Roy, for most regular

season wins ever by a goalie.

The 36-year-old Brodeur, with his unrivaled success, will be permitted the chance to lead his New Jersey Devils in the quest for the Stanley Cup in the 2009 NHL playoffs. Although this year's NHL champion is yet to be seen, Brodeur can sit amongst NHL greats regardless, donning his numerous awards including 4 Vezina Trophies for the best goaltender of the year and an Olympic Gold Medal for Canada in 2002.

Brodeur will keep with him the actual goal net from his victory, which he ceremoniously cut down after the win with help from some of his teammates.



Brodeur after win

NFL Preview

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28. Philadelphia Eagles: Eben Britton, OT, Arizona

With question marks in Philly's offensive line, the Eagles will most likely select Britton as their second pick in the top 32. Britton will take the spot of Tra Thomas in defending McNabb's blind side at left tackle with his huge 6-6, 310 lb. frame.

29. New York Giants: Kenny Britt, WR, Rutgers

The release of Plaxico Burress leaves huge shoes to fill at WR for the Giants. Picking Britt at No. 29 will give the Giants a tall wide receiver that Eli Manning can target downfield.

30. Tennessee Titans: Robert Ayers, DE, Tennessee

With injury problems last year at DE, specifically with Kyle Vanden Bosch, Ayers will not only give the Titans serious depth at the position, but will also be the best available defensive pick at this point in the draft.

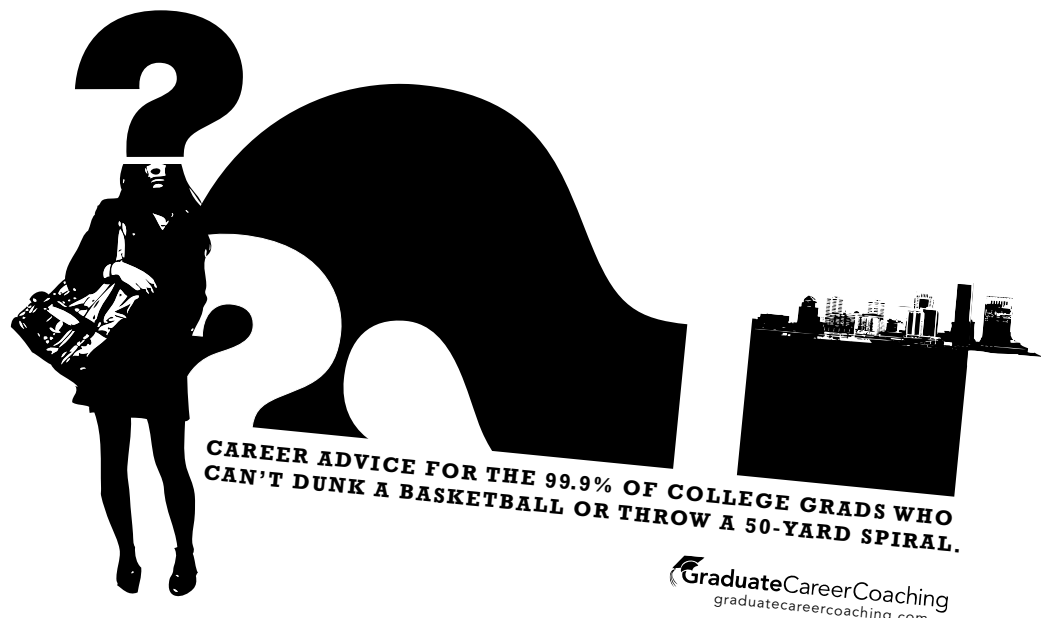
31. Arizona Cardinals: Chris "Beanie" Wells, RB, Ohio State

Wells' athleticism and strength will be a valuable addition to the Arizona offense. Although the Cardinal's running game is seemingly efficient, if Wells falls all the way to No. 31, the Cards will not be able to pass him up.

32. Pittsburgh Steelers: William Beatty, OT, Connecticut

Despite needed depth in the defensive secondary for the Steelers, Pittsburgh will likely go with Beatty to fix their lacking offensive tackles. The 6-6, 310 lb. Beatty will prove an important asset in defending Ben Roethlisberger from the opposing pass rush.

The 2009 NFL Draft will certainly be an exciting one and will most likely consist of some unforeseen trades and surprise picks. Regardless of where these NFL hopefuls are selected, the event should serve as another memorable, historic moment in sports history, with every team starting from the ground up in constructing a championship caliber team set on a quest for an appearance in Super Bowl XLIV.



Upcoming Home Sports Action

Compiled by: Mike Ghika

Tuesday, April 21st

Softball vs. Assumption at 3:00 PM, 5:00 PM

Wednesday, April 22nd

Men's Lacrosse vs. Franklin Pierce at 7:00 PM

Thursday, April 23rd

Men's Baseball vs. Stonehill at 3:30 PM

Saturday, April 25th

Women's Softball vs Le Moyne at 12:00 PM,
2:00 PM

Men's Lacrosse vs. Le Moyne at 1:00 PM

Sunday, April 26th

Women's Softball vs. Saint Rose at 12:00 PM,
2:00 PM

Tuesday, April 28th

Men's Baseball vs. Saint Rose at 3:30 PM

Saturday, May 2nd

Men's Baseball vs So. Conneticut at 12:00 PM,
3:00 PM

MLB Early Season Update

Mike Capalbo

Clubs & Organizations Editor

There is no sweeter beginning in life than Major League Baseball's opening week. Like clockwork, as soon as the stats start counting, signs of spring and the pleasant months ahead come into view, and the winter months now appear fully in the rear-view mirror. While the first month of the 162-game marathon that is the MLB season means very little in the long run, much can be taken from these early games as potential sleepers start to emerge and some unlikely clubs can build a lead, or fall far behind.

Like so many Opening Days before, plenty of dominant aces got hit hard in their debuts, including defending Cy Young winners Cliff Lee and Tim Lincecum. No disappointing Opening Day start got more buzz however than the Yankees' new prize CC Sabathia, who allowed 6 runs on 5 walks, striking out none on Opening Day. Fortunately for New York he was able to rebound nicely in his next start, allowing no runs in 7.2 innings, with six strikeouts. Also a common theme, many unlikely characters turned heads in the first week, including Josh Johnson, Jordan Schaffer, and Adam Lind.

The baseball world also endured a terrible tragedy in its opening week, as the Los Angeles Angels mourn the loss of 22 year-old pitcher Nick Adenhardt, who was killed along with two others in a traffic collision by a drunk driver who ran a red light. Adenhardt, the Angel's top prospect, earned the third spot in the rotation and pitched six shut-out innings just one day before his death, showcasing his potential. The baseball world also lost legendary Phillies' broadcaster Harry Kalas and former Tigers' pitcher Mark Fidrych.

Early Season Leaders – Who's Hot

Evan Longoria, 3B, TB - Longoria led the league in nearly every category the first week, smashing 5 HR and 10 RBI while hitting .481. The super-prospect third basemen does just about everything right, looking like a veteran at times at the young age of 23. He hit 27 HR in just 122 games last year so if he stays healthy he can easily surpass 30, and maybe reach 40.

Albert Pujols, 1B, STL - Pujols continues to support his case for being the best player in the game. He managed to hit .357 with 37 HR on his way to a 2008 MVP season, even with an elbow injury that plagued him all season. He hit 3 HR with 9 RBI in the first week, including a grand slam, and may be on his way to another MVP campaign.

Nick Swisher, 1B/OF, NYY - By far the least publicized offseason acquisition for the Yankees, Swisher has broken out at the plate early, making the most out of his playing time after being relegated to backup. Swisher hit .471 through the first week, and while filling in for Teixeira he clubbed 3

HR and 10 RBI in just five games. He even took the mound in a blowout loss to the Rays.

Josh Johnson, SP, FLA - The Marlins' 6'7, 230 pound flamethrower made a quiet comeback last season after Tommy John surgery, and made sure people took notice in the opening week. After allowing no runs with 8 K in 6.2 innings in his first start, Johnson came an out away from a CG shutout on Sunday, April 12, outdueling Johan Santana. So far he has two wins, a 0.57 ERA, and has allowed just one walk.

Johan Santana, SP, NYM - It has been business as usual for Santana, who compiled a 0.71 ERA over two starts in the opening week, including a 13 strikeout performance against the Marlins. With 20 strikeouts in just two starts, Santana looks primed for another Cy Young caliber season.

Early Season Lames – Time to Panic?

Jimmy Rollins, SS, PHI - The former MVP batted just .107 in the first week, with no multi-hit games, no home runs, and just one RBI. However, it is far too early to start worrying about Rollins, who is among the best players in the game.

Mark Teixeira, 1B, NYY - Teixeira had a slow start for the Yankees, hitting just .250 with 1 HR in the first week before being forced out of the lineup with a sore wrist for a few games. Nothing to worry about here though, as the notorious slow-starter is due for monster numbers in New York.

Brandon Webb, SP, ARI - After struggling through Spring Training with lack of command and shoulder soreness, Webb got rocked on Opening Day, allowing six runs in just four innings before complaining of shoulder tightness that landed him on the disabled list. Hopefully, Webb, who has been a workhorse for years, can come off the DL healthy and regain his 22-win form.

Tim Lincecum, SP, SF - The reigning Cy Young winner looked human in his first two starts, compiling a 7.56 ERA, giving up 14 hits and six walks. There has been reports of a blister on his finger, but even if that is the case there is no reason for concern just yet. The strikeouts are still there so he should be dominant again very soon.

Cliff Lee, SP, CLE - Like Lincecum, Lee also has suffered a post-Cy Young hangover, bearing a 9.90 ERA after two starts. He has gotten hit hard, but like Lincecum his strikeout numbers remain so he should straighten out. However, after a miraculous re-emergence last season it is unlikely that he will repeat the same level of success as 2008.

Prospects & Sleepers to Watch

Jordan Schaffer, CF, ATL

Adam Jones, CF, BAL

Clayton Kershaw, SP, LAD

Jordan Zimmermann, SP, WAS

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The Observer Says Farewell

to the 2008-2009 School Year &

Bids Adieu to its Graduating Seniors

Tim Callahan
News & Clubs Editor

With every passing year, SNHU must invariably say farewell to its graduating seniors. Unfortunately for the Observer, eight senior editors are departing: Libby Parent, Mike Capalbo, Ashley Manley, Gina Arnone, Laura Rotolo, Nick Tasso, Caitlin Murphy, and Dan Smith. Each played an integral part in the Observer, and the personalities and wealth of knowledge that they brought to the newspaper will be sorely missed.

Libby Parent, the Editor in Chief for the Observer, used her personality and leadership skills to gain the respect and camaraderie of those involved. Only Libby could retain her credibility as Editor in Chief while wearing sweatpants in preparation to jaunt off to lacrosse. She effectively managed the Observer as a whole, and her efficiency will be difficult to replace. Aside from participating in the newspaper, Libby tutors students in math, serves as a Student Ambassador, reminds people of how great Vermont is, and dominates unfortunate souls on the lacrosse field. Upon graduation, Libby plans to attend Emerson College to get her Master's Degree in Global Marketing Communication and Advertising.

Mike Capalbo is the outspoken Clubs & Organizations Editor who also contributes a significant amount to the Sports section. Though he took the Clubs & Organizations position, Mike's passion is sports. It is his hope that someday he will be able to work for the Yankees (which no one should fault him for), the YES Network, or any professional baseball or football team. His sports expertise aside, Mike is also an ardent believer in expressing opinion. "Never, ever be afraid to speak your mind freely about something or raise an issue, not only as a journalist but as a member of society," Mike asserted. His conscientious, journalistic voice brought constructive feedback to the Observer, and he contributed mightily to its success.

As News Editor, **Ashley Manley's** sunny disposition and personal ability fostered the development of her section. Ashley is a very sociable person who loves to meet new people or hang out with old friends. She fulfilled her role as News Editor adroitly and gave her writers (and the Observer in general) positive feedback while providing story ideas for the paper and contributing high-quality pieces of her own. Volunteerism and benevolence dictate her personality, as she devoted some of her time to the Greater Manchester AIDS

Project (GMAP). Also, Ashley functioned as Vice President of the Field Hockey Club. After graduation, Ashley plans to find a job in Providence or Boston, and she aspires to become an advertising account executive for a major firm.

Typically, **Gina Arnone** operated behind the scenes for the Observer while fulfilling her duties as Advertising Editor. Without Gina, the Observer really would not be able to function. She drums up ad opportunities so that the Observer can pull in the revenue it needs to print itself. Her efficiency and professionalism are miraculous, and the amount that she accomplished for the Observer almost seemed like some sort of magic. Gina contributed a great deal to the school while she also served as President of Delta Mu Delta,

Nick Tasso is the Google Chrome using Sports Editor for the Observer. Members of the Observer occasionally heard sarcastic asides from Nick, but they were always known to be good-natured. Nick's participation in the newspaper opened his eyes to what he wanted to do with his life: write about baseball for a major publication. Often, Nick also compiled the beloved Public Safety Logs which never fail to disappoint. While imparting some of his personal knowledge, Nick urged people to "find what you love to do and just keep doing it." Nick has various internships in place when he graduates, including one with the Newport Gulls as a publicist.

With a pleasant personality, **Caitlin Murphy** presided over the Arts & Entertainment section. Her ample coverage of popular music was a welcome and necessary addition to the Observer. Furthermore, Caitlin expressed her love of music and life by quoting Bob Marley as advice: "Live the life you love, love the life you live." Another adherent to the expression of opinion, Caitlin provided the newspaper with her deftly considered "Can We Just Discuss" articles that framed current issues of importance to readers. When asked what her plans after graduation are, Caitlin responded jokingly, "If anybody has a good idea,

please do let me know." No matter what she chooses to pursue, Caitlin will be successful in her endeavors.

Last but not least, **Dan Smith** served as Managing Editor and kept the newspaper running swimmingly. Dan's networking skills helped develop and expand the Observer, whether he was performing his day to day responsibilities, scheduling events for the newspaper, helping create the Observer website, or just shooting the breeze. His garrulous and jocund personality tends to be infectious, and he combines that personality with a commendable work ethic. Throughout his time at SNHU, Dan remained appreciative of the community around him. "I've had an amazing four years, and I appreciate all the help and support," Dan stated. Dan also participated in Radio SNHU, Outreach, and the Club Recognition Committee. In keeping with his commitment to campus life, Dan aspires to become dean of students at a university.

Without the direction and hard work of the graduating seniors, creating and printing the Observer would not have been possible; it will be strange to continue the newspaper without them. For those who are leaving, the advice of Ms. Libby Parent will do nicely: "Be Safe. Rock on."



The Observer Staff 2008-2009
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Resident Assistant for the East Side Residence Halls, a Peer Mentor, a student in the Honors Program, and a member of the Crew Club. Fortunately for SNHU, Gina will remain on campus as a Graduate Assistant in the Marketing and Communications division while she pursues her Global MBA.

Laura Rotolo brought a sense of humor and all of the celebrity gossip to the Observer while handling her duties as Opinion Editor. Her significant celebrity coverage always kept her readers up to date with the latest buzz. Also, Laura was responsible for the ever popular Voices and Faces section of the newspaper which never failed to entertain. Along with the Observer, Laura also participated on the lacrosse team and helped students as a PAL. Her light-hearted attitude broke up some of the mundanity of the Observer meetings without being a distraction. No matter what she chooses to do after she graduates, Laura will bring dynamism to her pursuits.