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SNHU student named Miss New Hampshire: Profile of a winner

By Heather Anderson
Managing Editor

"I love to laugh, be spontaneous and enjoy every experience life has to offer," says Vanessa Bissanti. A junior at SNHU, Bissanti, 20, has a lot going for her. She has many ambitions in life and has every intention to achieve each one.

Many of us spent Oct. 31 celebrating Halloween, but not Miss Bissanti. She was fast asleep preparing for a day she had been anticipating for months. Nov. 1 and 2 Vanessa dedicated her weekend to a pageant to win the title of Miss New Hampshire. She competed with 12 other young women in the areas of the interview, swimsuit and evening gown. Although she had never competed before, she was well prepared. She was a little nervous because many of the women she competed against have taken lessons and prepared their whole lives for this pageant. Vanessa went in there, acted herself and answered her questions from the heart.

Women competing for Miss USA are aged as high as 27. Although Vanessa is only 20, one of the youngest competing, her natural beauty and mature demeanor set her apart from the others. Vanessa has brown hair and brown eyes. She has a smile any dentist would love. She is

one of those girls who can wake up in the morning and just walk out the door without even looking in the mirror.

Vanessa became interested in competitions when a friend of hers became Miss Rhode Island. She told Vanessa what a wonderful experience it was and how it opened up many doors. Vanessa has always wanted to make a difference, and she feels this title is a good way to start. After winning a title, volunteering and working with charities become an everyday part of life, one that Vanessa is very excited to begin.

All of the women who compete must have a platform, something you stand for. Vanessa chose hers to be alcoholism, a serious illness. She chose her platform due to the personal loss of her father in 1997 to the disease. She says, "Losing my father made me realize how precious every person is and how each day is a gift."

She may be only 20, but she has already appeared in an episode of the HBO hit *The Sopranos* and in the Julia Robert's film *Mona Lisa Smile*, which is due out this winter. Vanessa is on her way to becoming a

star.

Not only does Vanessa get to travel all expenses paid to Nashville, Tenn., this March to represent the state of New Hampshire in hopes of winning Miss USA, she also won prizes. She won cash, a gown, an interview outfit, the Miss New Hampshire crown and sash, a free photography session and many other lavish prizes.

Vanessa is a transfer student majoring in Advertising; however, she is more likely to be the one you see on television rather than behind the scenes. As a matter of fact, Vanessa sent a video to MTV's *The Real World*; they called her back and asked her to fill out an application. She is on a lucky streak that won't be slowing down anytime soon.

Vanessa's ambitions are to live a happy, successful life, with the ability to bring comfort to those in difficult situations. Vanessa says it best, "Wish upon a star and someday you'll become one."

Remember, this spring when you watch the Miss USA pageant, Miss New Hampshire will be one of your fellow students, Vanessa Bissanti.



Recently crowned Miss New Hampshire Vanessa Bissanti of SNHU is now preparing for the Miss USA pageant. Photo By Greg Mazzola

Hey! What's happening across the street?

By Cari Welch
Co-Editor in Chief

There's nothing better than going home after a long day of classes (or night of drinking), and falling into bed for some much-needed nap-time. That is, if your roommates don't have other plans for your room.

What if you could cross the street and sleep in your own room? Well, next fall that will be the case for 200 lucky students.

As you read this article, construction is underway across the street. In the works are two apartment-style buildings for upperclassman living. Each building will be three floors, with 29 apartments in one building and 23 in the other. And now the best part, each apartment will have single bedrooms.

Dr. George Larkin, Vice President of Student Affairs, is expecting the new buildings to be completed in August. This means that students going to room registration this spring will have some new living choices on the list.

As enrollment has increased, it has become increasingly difficult to find beds for all the students wanting to live on campus. After the new apartments are completed, there will be 1,424 beds total. This will allow some of the doubles and triples around campus to be converted

"We looked at the types of buildings we had and felt it was time to have a nice apartment complex," Larkin said. Students living in the new space will enjoy their own rooms, landscaped green areas and even additional parking.

back into single- and double-occupancy rooms. Larkin said the long-term goal is to address the housing in the "Ghetto." For now, the school plans to keep using them but hopes to have fewer students living there. Eventually, they will probably be torn down to make way for another housing facility.

But for now, next year's residents will have to settle for the new apartments across the street. The two structures will be made primarily of brick, with wooden peaks. They will be styled somewhat like Frost Hall. The desired effect is to be com-

fortable and warm home-like living that will be able to last many winters to come.

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observer@snhu.edu
Observer meetings
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Thursday in
Room 302 @ 1:15 in
Robert Frost Hall



The SAS-sponsored pumpkin carving contest brought out the best of the best in creativity.

The winners are

First Place: Nick Kensey & Matt LeFort

Second Place: The C.L.A.S.S. office

Third Place: Jen Castillo & Josh Ingraham

Fourth Place: Tim Roy

Fifth Place: Jaimee Fontaine

Photos courtesy of SAS office



Snhews

Section A



State of the Observer

from our Co-Editors in Chief
Cari Welch & Stephanie Herget

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A determined woman

By Lacey Fugere
Contributing writer

Think balancing school and a social life is difficult? Imagine being in college, working part time and raising a child. That's just what 20-year-old junior Dixie Fugere does.

With Business Management as her major, Dixie is enrolled in Continuing Education and Distance Education classes at SNHU. She attends courses in the evenings and participates in an online class.

She works at Hair Excitement in Portsmouth as a stylist before commuting to the university in the evenings. Each day is spent taking care of her 15-month-old son, Xavier. Balancing schoolwork, profession, home and child with daily chores has been challenging for this motivated student. "No going out, no dressing up, no \$50 Express jeans, no more 45-minute showers, no sleeping in-ever!" says Dixie.

In the fall of 2001 Dixie attended Newbury College in Boston as an honor-roll student with several scholarships. After a three-year relationship with boyfriend Adam, from Wolfboro, N.H., the two briefly separated due to the strain of a long-distance relationship. Space could not keep them apart for long and one night of a careless and unsafe reunion

led to the discovery of an unplanned pregnancy only five weeks later. "The first thought is what are my parents going to say?" says Dixie. "You feel like you disappointed them."

Despite much disapproval from the family and friends, Dixie decided to keep the baby, move back to New Hampshire and continue going to college. She transferred to SNHU in January 2002, not allowing her five-month-pregnant belly and constant morning sickness stop her. She settled in with Adam and his family and drove 50 miles to school every day.

At first, not many of her peers realized that Dixie was pregnant. But as the semester rolled on, the petite 19-year-old's stomach became progressively larger and students began to take notice.

"They shunned me; they didn't talk to me," Dixie said in regards to classmates' reactions. A few young women did reach out to the expecting mom and tried to make her feel welcome at the university. The further along her pregnancy developed, the more accepted she became. Dixie continued to take classes in the first half of the summer up until Xavier was born on July 12, 2002.

A typical day now consists of waking up at 7:30 a.m. every day of the week with the baby. He is changed and fed. After he naps in the early afternoon,

Dixie brings Xavier and all of his many care-taking items to his grandmother's while she goes to work for five hours. From her job, Dixie makes the hour-long drive to SNHU. Class ends at 8:00 p.m., when she will drive back to pick up her son and take him home to bed, following story reading. Dixie's night will end with an hour or so of homework before she finally can rest at around midnight.

Dixie would like to see SNHU offer free daycare, which could also serve as a child development class or major. "It would allow young mothers to achieve a higher education, a chance most do not get," she said, also pointing out that most daycares cost over \$150 per week. Maintaining an excellent GPA, rearing a happy, healthy little boy and progressing in her job are all signs of Dixie's ambition and achievement. She gives much credit for her success to the support from her partner and family.

Dixie will graduate in the spring of 2004 with plans to open her own full-service salon and spa, which will cater to customers' needs in an innovative way. She will offer a full range of beverages and snacks while her customers are pampered and styled.

Xavier remains Dixie's first priority. She is determined to graduate with a degree, not just for herself but for him as well.

Father Bruce

By Cory James
Contributing Writer

Rev. Bruce Collard, affectionately known as "Father Bruce," has been helping SNHU students with matters of faith since 1988. Yet, what do we really know about this man in black? Sometimes, students pass him by while he wears his "civies," never realizing he's a Catholic priest. Students speak loudly about Friday and Saturday nights outside his obscure office, never knowing they might as well be giving him their confession. Before you say "Oh no," let's hear what Father Bruce says about his tenure here, and you'll find out he's anything but typical.

Bruce Collard was born in North Attleboro, Mass., the son of devout Catholic parents. His mother, a private dressmaker, and his father, a tool designer, made sure their little Bruce had a faith-filled upbringing. As he grew older he played well with others, got an "A" for sharing and his cursive was excellent.

Following high school he enrolled at Northern Michigan University for a degree in Business Administration. However, after one year at NMU, Bruce found out God had different plans for him.

In 1968 Bruce Collard received the divine "call," the beckoning from the Almighty to join the ranks of the Catholic priesthood. Immediately, he packed his bags, applied to the diocese of Fall River, Mass., and was off to the seminary. Bruce was determined to put "father" in front of his name. He dove head first into the realm of Catholic spirituality at Resurrection College in Kitchner, Ontario. He continued to Providence College, Providence, R.I., where he earned a bachelor's degree in art. Bruce then went on to receive a Master's of Divinity from Mount St. Mary's College in Emmetsburg, Md., and emerged as Reverend Father Bruce Collard six years later.

Following his ordination in 1980 and years of parish ministry, Fr. Bruce's priestly journey stopped here at SNHU. In 1988 he replaced Fr. Gerry Demaris as director of Campus

Ministry and Catholic chaplain. Fr. Bruce said, "I always wanted to be a chaplain on a college campus." It seems Fr. Bruce has made his home here (just look at his office).

So what's Fr. Bruce been up to for the past 16 years? As director of SNHU's Campus Ministry and an active priest in the Diocese of Manchester, he's been on the go. He explained Campus Ministry in the context of what it's not, rather than what it is: "It's not the job of Campus Ministry to change a student, but to foster the religion they came here with." Fr. Bruce wants students to know he's "committed to helping them embrace a relationship with God, never minding religious denomination."

I asked the Padre about what he wanted to say to the SNHU student population or what words of wisdom he could offer us. At this point his face turned from his notable jovial smile to a serious and concerned expression. Though he stressed that SNHU is one of the more faithful campuses he's seen, Fr. Bruce remains worried. "There has been a significant change in values since I was a student. Young adults today are too focused on living for the moment, everything is material, and money, more appropriately, who has more of it takes precedence over moral commitment. They respect me as a priest, but I would hope that they really respect me by responding to God's will and then they will find success," he said.

Fr. Bruce calls on us to "remember where your gifts and talents come from and then give thanks to who it is that gave them to you." He understands that mixed messages are essential to the growing experience, but reemphasizes that "God offers to all unconditional love, but we must be willing to accept it by following his ways and not our own." His face returned to an optimistic smile as he remarked, "My door is always open."

Fr. Bruce can be contacted at b.collard@snhu.edu, Ext. 2139 or in person Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in Walker Auditorium for Catholic mass.

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Sun. Nov. 23 8pm

A world of financial opportunities

Stephanie Herget
Co-Editor in Chief

On Tuesday, Nov. 4, a panel discussion was held in Walker Auditorium for anyone interested in pursuing a career in financial services. Four successful business people spoke. The discussion ranged from working with mutual funds to creating portfolios for customers to owning your own accounting firm.

William N. Sirak led the discussion. He graduated with a degree in Speech Therapy but now is working for Citizens Investment Management Services as Vice President, of Not-For-Profit Group. Sirak asked the other panelists numerous questions and had them talk about jobs college students can get once they graduate.

Daniel James LaPlante was the first of the panelists to give his advice and talk about his experience in the world of finance. LaPlante works for Citizens Investment Management Services as an Investment Officer. He majored in finance and told the audience that a master's degree is not required but it does

help. LaPlante also went on to say that there is a certain personality an Investment Officer must have: You need to have good human relation skills, and be able to discuss issues and concepts, which means you need to have a technical background and a lot of education. One major quality you need is a solid finance background. At the end of his speech LaPlante told the audience that there are many different paths that will lead you in the direction of an Investment Officer, so take any job in the financial field because the more time you put in the more successful you will be.

The second speaker was Robert Provencher, also an employee at Citizens Investment Management Services. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire and today holds the position of Senior Vice President, Director. He said his career path was not as narrow as LaPlante's. He worked in many different fields of finance. Provencher said that insurance companies are a great place to start off because they give excellent training for the sales part

of the finance/banking industry. One company he strongly recommends is John Hancock; he said that this company gives great training and is a fun place to work. He also advised students to start out in a bank because there is a lot of opportunity and it is great exposure. He said in banks there are many different departments. Provencher also gave this advice to the students: "Doesn't matter where you start; it's what you do when you have the opportunity."

Thomas Boucher is a C.P.A. Principal and works for his own company, "Karr & Boucher Certified Public Accountants." He is a graduate of New Hamp-

shire College and has lived in Manchester his whole life. The first thing Boucher did during his discussion was ask how many Accounting majors were in the room, and there was only one. So he went on to give this advice to freshmen: "If you're not an accounting major, you may want to change your mind." There is a need for accountants. Like Provencher, Boucher said that training is key, and if you don't have training you will most likely not get hired in this field. He went on to describe what a typical day looked like for him, which is deal with administrative duties for a business, manage your business, market to get customers in, and he has to be technically competent as a C.P.A. The advice Boucher

gave was to start directly in the banking industry because "the larger the institution you begin in the better you will be." He also stressed internships and said if you have the opportunity to do an internship, take it. Finally, he told the audience to take the C.P.A. exams because that is what is going to put you at the top of the list when applying for jobs.

The last piece of advice given by the panelists was that ten years after graduation you may have a job you would have never thought you would have, and there are plenty of opportunities in the financial world. Take all the experience and opportunities you get because that is what is going to make you successful.

To post or not to post...your resume

By Beth C. Dooley,
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Students often ask whether they should post their resume using on-line job boards. As with any tool, an informed user derives the most benefit. In making this decision, I find it best to weigh the pros and cons of the tool.

Pros: It's an easy tool to use, and there are many jobs listed.

Cons: This is a very passive job search method. Students report having to wait quite a long time, and say it feels as if they've sent their resume into a big black void. In addition, you may get calls from employers you are not necessarily interested in.

A better way to use the tool might be to search the databases on a regular basis, applying directly for those jobs that interest you, rather than post your resume and wait for an answer.

Remember, if you plan to use an e-resume as part of your job search, you will need to produce two different versions of the resume. One style is the paper resume used at job fairs, in mailings and in person. The e-resume is built in an entirely different style to achieve maximum search results. This re-

sume uses key words, where the paper resume focuses on demonstrated skills and action words. Both resumes should be free of errors, easy to read, and provide the employer with useful information that will encourage them to invite you in for an interview.

Happy job hunting!

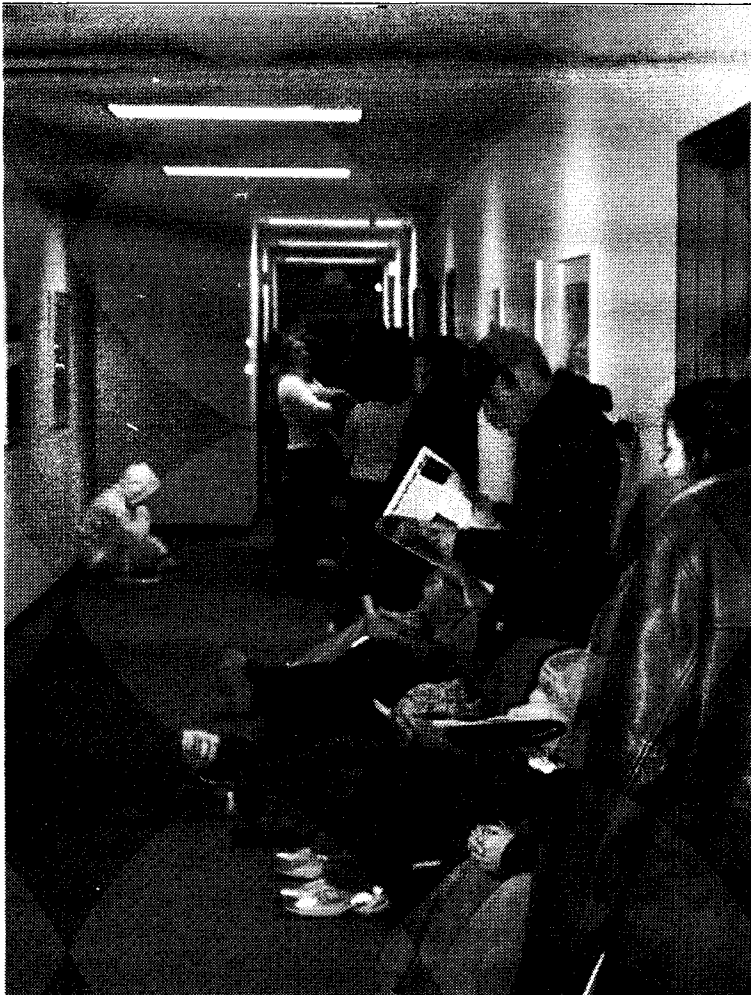


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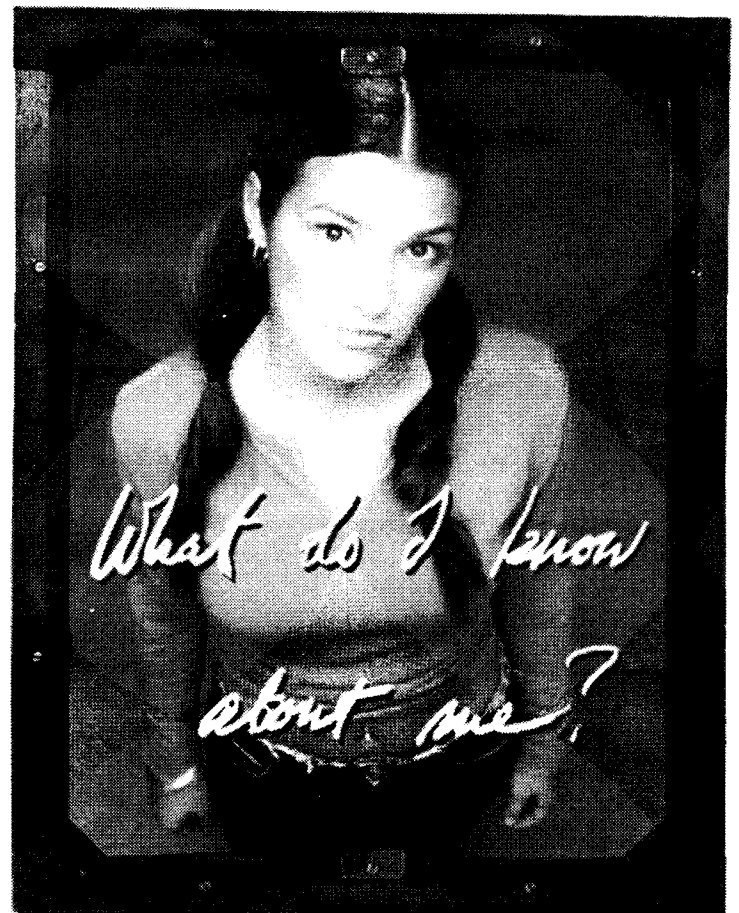
Last time in line, next semester online?

Lines began forming at 3 a.m. this past Monday morning for students looking to register for classes. Many students came dressed in multiple layers to deal with the less than desirable below normal temperatures that only added to the frustration. Is online registration a reality for next semester? Ask any of these tired students and they would agree, SNHU needs to implement online registration as soon as possible.

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Letter from the editors

By Stephanie Herget and
Cari Welch

How do you work spell check again?

OK, so our first issue came out on Oct. 16, and there were a few mistakes. On a good day we can spell "chief," and the most popular part of the paper could have been checked at least one more time.

But if it was perfect the first time, what fun would that be? We were just checking to see if you were really paying attention. Now that we know you are, we'll have to come up with a harder test.

While we're on the topic,

since you guys are such good copy editors, how do you feel about joining the paper? We meet every Thursday at 1:15 in Robert Frost Hall room 302.

Now that we've addressed (just kidding) addressed issue one, welcome to issue two. We hope that we've done a better job producing a cleaner paper. This issue we tried to give you a little taste of everything.

If you want to add your own personal taste, but don't have time to come to meetings, just let us know about your ingenious ideas via e-mail. We can be reached at

observer@snhu.edu. Now that there are no baseball-induced riots, it seems a little boring

around here, so let us know what you are up to!

As we introduce a new president, we would also like to introduce our new look. If you haven't noticed the Observer has been given a makeover that would make any TLC show proud. Complete with a new masthead, a more vibrant Voices and Faces, and, oh yeah, a new staff, the paper is becoming a whole new "us."

Congrats to all the players on the fall sports teams. We hope the seniors enjoyed their last games and the underclassmen are still psyched for seasons yet to come.

The sports section is full of team news and interviews, Snhews highlights some of the new construction and yet an-



Editors in Chief Cari Welch and Stephanie Herget take a break from writing. Photo By Jason C. Dotson

other beautiful art exhibit in the McNinch gallery. Don't forget to look for your friends who are gracing the pages of Voices and Faces.

Now it's time for you to stop

reading our rambling. Just sit back, relax and read the Observer: take two.

Sincerely,
Your Editors in Chief
Stephanie Herget
Cari Welch

Public Safety Log

Compiled by Kara Dufour
Business Manager

Date: 10/3/03

Time: 22:55

At the above date and time two students were seen kissing against Hillsborough. Each had an open Keystone Light beer. The beer was dumped and both were ID'd. They were told they were being documented.

Date: 10/5/03

Time: 00:30

At the above date and time two PSOs saw four people at the Lot 15 stairway. The PSOs stopped them and asked for IDs. A female student produced an ID and said, "These people are with me; the IDs are in their car at Lot five." The PSOs told her to meet them at the vehicle, and she said, "Fine, we will go straight to the car." Nobody showed at Lot five and the PSOs notified her RA. About ten minutes passed and the RA called and said the student had entered her room with another female, and they were pretending to be asleep. The RA and a PSO keyed in and found the student awake. The PSO asked for the other female's ID, but she had none. The PSO then asked about the two males; the student said, "I don't know; they left us on campus." The PSO told the student that her friend had to leave. The friend was escorted to her vehicle.

Date: 10/5/03

Time: 03:41

At the above date and time a female student reported that her sorority sign was taken from the front of Hillsborough and smashed on the rock in front of Attitash. The student said that one of her friends saw the

people smash the sign and go into their apartment. A PSO responded and found pieces of the sign. Due to the late hour, the PSO did not ID the people who were responsible.

Date: 10/6/03

Time: 5:15

At the above date and time PS received a call from an RA in Washington saying that someone was selling illegal T-shirts. Two PSOs reported; no one was found.

Date: 10/6/03

Time: 11:25

At the above date and time about 300 students piled into the quad between Greeley and Whittier. This was shortly after the Red Sox game. There were fireworks going off and chanting of "Yankees suck." A fire was reported behind Greeley and two more at Washington Hall. A PSO responded and confirmed one fire behind Greeley that had already been put out. Bottles were also being thrown from Greeley at the New Castle end of the building. The PSO was unable to determine which room the bottles were coming from. At this point the Manchester Police Department was called in to assist in dispersing the large crowd. When Manchester and Hooksett police arrived the crowd started chanting "(expletive) the police." It took about 15 minutes to disperse everyone. No arrests were reported.

Date: 10/10/03

Time: 12:45

At the above date and time two PSOs responded to the front of New Castle for a trash fire. Upon arrival, the PSOs found that an RD had put out the trash fire in the barrel by the front

door. The barrel appeared OK, but the trash bag was a total loss.

Date: 10/17/03

Time: 17:25

At the above date and time a PSO was locking the north gate and let a vehicle with a male driver through. As the vehicle reached the intersection, it accelerated spinning its tires and zigzagging all over the road almost losing control. He sped into Lot two and parked; he then walked toward the Student Center. The PSO stopped the student and asked him why he was driving so recklessly. He said he was late for supper. The PSO told him he was being documented.

Date: 10/19/03

Time: 2:04

At the above date and time, two males ran from PSOs near Winnisquam. A PSO found the students behind Exeter, but they refused to stop and went onto the soccer field. A Hooksett police officer and another PSO found them, but they tried to get out the sliding gate. The subjects were escorted to their vehicle.

Date: 10/26/03

Time: 12:29

At the above date and time two PSOs observed a male student urinating on the green electrical transformer on the south end of Kearsarge. The PSOs approached him and asked for his ID. He did not have it. He continued to urinate on the transformer. He tried to zip his pants up before he finished. He urinated all over the front of his pants, down to his knees. He told the PSOs he was a guest. The male had a strong odor of alcohol. He was sent back to his host.

Compiled by Cari Welch
Co-Editor in Chief

SNHU has recently inducted five prestigious persons as board of trustee members. Here they are at a glance:

Clayton M. Christensen

Mr. Christensen is many things: scholar, entrepreneur, author and a member of the Boy Scouts of America for 25 years. Currently he is Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School.

In 1982 he was named a White House Fellow, where he served in the position of assistant to U.S. Transportation secretaries Drew Lewis and Elizabeth Dole.

He has been a faculty member at Harvard since 1992 and has found time to write three books.

Andrew W. Greene

After receiving his B.S. in Business Management from New Hampshire College, Mr. Green went on to become a major force in the New England insurance world.

Mr. Green is presently the Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maine. He has been leading the ranks of the insurance world since 1969, when he was hired as Vice President of Marketing for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Hampshire/Vermont.

He has several other titles, including member of the BCBS of Maine's Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Blue Alliance Mutual Insurance Company, Board of Director member of Blue Alliance Mutual Insurance Company and Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Machigonne Inc.

Ray McNulty

Mr. McNulty has spent his career in education. He completed his Master's in Education Administration at Johnson State

College in Vermont. Highlights in his career include serving as Vermont's Education Commissioner, where he focused on three key issues: early education, education quality and secondary school reform.

Mr. McNulty has been given both state and national attention for his work in early childhood education. He was even featured on ABC's Nightline in a program on early childhood education and infant brain development.

June Smith

Ms. Smith has been working in publishing since her graduation from Hofstra University. She began her career as an editorial assistant at Random House and moved to Houghton Mifflin in 1992.

She is now Executive Vice President and Head of the College Division. While in charge, Ms. Smith has found ways to move her company forward in the ranks of college publishing; among other achievements, her company's revenues have increased 50 percent. Ms. Smith is also a member of the Advisory Board of Beacon Press.

Michael E. Melody

Mr. Melody has had a career centered on education and publishing. He has served as Chief Executive Officer and member of the Board of Directors of Sage Publications, Inc., Corporate Vice President and Editorial Director of Macmillan Publishing Company, and has also worked for Appleton & Langue and Houghton Mifflin Company.

He has served on the Board of Trustees of the National Association of College Stores and been Chairman of the Higher Education Division of the Association of American Publishers.

Now, he serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the New West Symphony and the President's Advisory Council of California Lutheran University.



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Through the looking glass

By Mike Pingree
(KRT)

FATHER OF THE YEAR

A man in England abandoned his family, including his infant son, but, 20 years later, reunited with the boy at his request.

The son brought his 19-year-old fiancée to the meeting. The father, now 53, subsequently stole his son's girlfriend, embarking almost immediately on a passionate affair with her.

SWEEPING A GIRL OFF HER FEET

Facing charges for threatening employees of an Ohio bar after he was ejected from the premises, a 41-year-old man thought testimony from his girlfriend as a corroborating witness could land him in jail.

Employing the same good sense that got him thrown out of the saloon in the first place, he abducted his lady and forced her to marry him as he assumed that a wife can't testify against her husband. He has found out a.) She CAN testify, and b.) he's now charged with kidnapping.

SURPRISED TO SEE YOU OUT HERE

An unemployed man in Sao Paulo, Brazil, agreed to serve the prison sentence of a robber to whom he owed \$275 he couldn't pay.

But three months after his alter-ego was locked up, the

robber who was supposed to be in jail was caught committing yet another robbery.

The man in jail was sentenced to four months for illegally serving the three months.

SO, HOW DO YOU LIKE MY OUTFIT?

A male stripper worked a private party in Murray, Utah and on the way home, went into a convenience store in Orem, still wearing his costume—a pair of jeans with the backside cut out to see how people would react.

They reacted by calling the police.

THIS OUGHT TO DO IT, KA-BOOOM!

A man in Moscow tried to remove a stubborn paint stain on his trousers by putting them in his washing machine and pouring in a gallon of gasoline. The resulting explosion destroyed his apartment.

IT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO ANYONE

Even though his blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit, a Philadelphia police officer was found not guilty of drunken driving after he accidentally drove his patrol car off the roof of a four-story parking garage.

The prosecutor was said to be incensed.

BOYS, THAT'S NO WAY TO BEHAVE

Teachers at the Kinyui Boys

School in eastern Kenya barred the students from attending discos and video shows to give them more time to study for their exams.

In response, the lads rampaged through the school in an orgy of destruction, finally setting the place on fire.

WONDER HOW THE BABY'S DOING ...

A man failed in his attempt to rob a bar in Bochum, Germany, but did manage to flee the scene.

However, he was caught when he told his friend about it over a CB radio set, and the transmission was picked up on a neighborhood woman's baby monitor intercom system.

SOMEONE'S GETTING A SPANKING

A female bank robber was dubbed the "Naughty Girl Bandit" after she hit a number of Southern California banks while wearing a shirt with the word "naughty" printed on the front. The 19-year-old has turned herself in to the FBI.

(Mike Pingree is a columnist for the Boston Herald. Read a second "Looking Glass" column on the Internet at www.pingreeslookingglass.com.)

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Language boom sweeps colleges

By Robert Becker
Chicago Tribune
(KRT)

In an increasingly global economy, and as terrorism and war bring world events home, American students have returned to the study of foreign languages in record numbers.

According to a study released recently by the Modern Language Association, 1.4 million American college students are enrolled in foreign language study, the most since the group conducted its first survey in 1958.

Since 1998 - the last time the survey was published - the number of students enrolled in foreign language courses has jumped 17.9 percent. The percentage of college students taking such courses has risen to 8.7 percent, the highest it's been since 1972.

Students say the study of languages is more than just an exercise in verb tenses and vocabulary. Rather, it's a unique window into another culture.

"Through German I'm getting a better understanding of Germany and the reunification process they're still undergoing and just a lot of the things they've gone through over the last 50 years—the Cold War and all that," said Aaron Miller, a freshman at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Study of some languages has risen sharply. Since 1998, enrollment in Arabic has increased 92.5 percent - to 10,596 students from 5,505 and Biblical Hebrew was up 59 percent, to 14,469 students from 9,099.

"I think no doubt it's the interest in global issues," said Rosemary Feal, executive director of the association. "The world is smaller, and people are much more aware of the need to expand their learning beyond the border of the U.S."

Even with the jump, foreign language study in America's colleges and universities lags far behind schools in Europe, where language study often begins as early as age 5, and high school graduates are proficient in two languages.

"The good news is we seemed to have bottomed out on our sustained three-decade decline in language acquisition," said David Ward, the British-born president of the American Council on Education and the former chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madi-

son. "So it's two cheers, not three."

The study notes that although Spanish, French and German still dominate the academic landscape, colleges have broadened their offerings, teaching 148 of the less commonly taught languages in 2002, compared with 137 in 1998. These languages include Ojibwe, Swahili, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

"It's great in terms of educating students in a global way," said Larry Schehr, a professor of French and executive associate dean for the humanities at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "It's a great way to develop and foster global awareness."

Education experts said American schools witnessed dramatic increases in language enrollment during the 1960s amid the Cold War.

At that time, national security concerns - the need to translate foreign technical journals and analyze intelligence data - prompted students to study Russian and other Eastern European languages.

Though the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks undoubtedly inspired part of the current increase, experts said Americans also understand the need for a deeper cultural understanding.

"It is learning the language, but it is also becoming culturally literate," said Dagmar Lorenz, a professor in the department of Germanic studies at UIC. "Because just knowing the words and sentences really is not that helpful if you don't know the larger context."

UIC's German department has seen undergraduate enrollment rise to 422 students in 2003, from 309 students in 2001.

Elizabeth Loentz, an assistant professor at UIC, said students interested in the European Union and the global economy are majoring in German with a minor in business.

The growth in the number of students studying Arabic at schools like Northwestern University has prompted administrators to add additional classes to accommodate them.

At Northwestern, enrollment increased to around 60 students this year-up from 17 students in 2000.

Lynn Whitcomb, a lecturer in the program of African and Asian languages at Northwestern, said a more diverse group of students is studying Arabic.

"It seems there are all sorts of people who want to learn," Whitcomb said.

Private airplane flies into restricted airspace around Whitehouse

By William Douglas
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(KRT)

WASHINGTON _ A civilian aircraft flew within 10 miles of the White House on Monday, violating restricted airspace and prompting the Secret Service to hustle Vice President Dick Cheney to an undisclosed location.

President Bush and his wife, Laura, were not home at the time.

Federal law enforcement and aviation officials said the plane, a single-engine, four-seat Mooney, probably ventured into the restricted area by accident. But in the post-Sept. 11, 2001,

environment, the Secret Service was not taking any chances.

Agents moved Cheney and White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card to an undisclosed location on White House grounds until law enforcement and officials of North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, determined the small plane was not a threat.

The incident began around 11 a.m. when the airplane crossed into the Air Defense Identification Zone, a 23-mile area encompassing the Washington area's three major airports. NORAD scrambled two F-16 fighter jets from Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland when the plane neared a

restricted 17.25-mile flight zone around the Washington Monument.

The jet pilots identified markings on the plane's tail and escorted it out of the zone. The plane's pilot, who didn't file a flight plan, cooperated with the command to leave the area and was not forced to land, NORAD officials said. The plane was tracked by federal monitors as it headed south, and Homeland Security Department officials said the plane landed later Monday in North Carolina. Law enforcement officials were to question the pilot after he landed, Secret Service officials said.

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As Ramadan begins in Iraq, U.S. troops prepare for more violence

By Jeff Wilkinson
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KARBALA, Iraq—Just as Islam's holiest month got under way, rockets tore into the Baghdad hotel where Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was staying. It was a violent start to what residents and pilgrims in this holy city 50 miles south of the capital hope will be a renewal of Iraq's soul.

The attack highlights just how difficult Ramadan will be for the Americans as they try to rebuild this war-torn country. People here say the holy period will be one of the toughest tests for the Americans and Coalition forces as they try to prove to Iraqis that foreigners can govern as well as occupy.

American and Coalition forces have taken some steps to acknowledge the holy month and show their respect, such as opening a key bridge in Baghdad and lifting the curfew. The 1st Armored Division has even erected a sign in Baghdad congratulating residents on the first Ramadan without Saddam.

But some in this holy city predict violence will continue. Others say the fasting and prayer of Ramadan will bring stability, born of faith.

For Iranian homemaker Um Mustafa—the mother of Mustafa—the day is one of religious liberation. For the first time since she was 13, the 35-year-old from Tehran is able to worship here at the shrines of Al Abbas and Imam Hussein, two of the most holy mosques in the Shiite faith.

"We started crying," she said, modestly covering her mouth with the cloth of her abaya, her eyes welling with emotion. "I can't describe my feelings. We kissed the doors."

For Lt. Vincent Thomas, a young MP from Rhode Island, the day likely won't be more stressful or taxing than any other in this difficult tour of duty. His unit, the 173rd Military Police Battalion, lost three men, including their lieutenant colonel, in a shootout with Shiite radicals just blocks away from the mosques only 10 days ago.

"It's just the stuff we abide by all the time," he said. "Keep up the operational tempo. Respect the Iraqi people."

More than 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide celebrate Ramadan, which began with the sighting of the new moon this weekend.

Of the 25 million Iraqis, the vast majority is Muslim, with Shiites making up 60 percent of the population.

Muslims believe that during Ramadan, heaven's gates are wide open and hell is locked shut. This belief has some worried about increased attacks by those who believe it is good for a Muslim to die during Ramadan.

The holy month could provide a religious excuse for radicals to martyr themselves, experts say. Americans also recall with dread the Tet Offensive of the Vietnam War, when religious fervor was channeled into military strategy.

"The Islamists or the extremists ... are going to use the Ramadan month as a tool for their political interests," said Dr. Sadoun al-Dulame, executive director for the independent and privately funded Iraq Center for Research and Strategic Studies.

A higher profile by U.S. soldiers seeking to quell unrest during Ramadan could do more harm than good, experts say.

"I've always said it depends on the procedures and the policy of the occupation," said Dr. Nabeel al-Ani, a professor at Baghdad University's International Studies Center. "It could be worse, could be calm, because most people will be busy with their religious concerns. It depends on how the soldiers behave."

The military is attempting to ease tensions by gestures of goodwill, particularly in Baghdad.

The key July 14 Bridge was open Sunday, just hours before the rocket attack on the Al Rasheed Hotel, somewhat relieving the infuriating traffic jams that plague the capital city.

Also, the 11 p.m. curfew has been lifted and food baskets, which are distributed to needy Iraqis, will be increased.

Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, commander of the 1st Armored Division, which controls Baghdad, said he didn't believe the attack was connected to Ramadan. Instead, he said, it was intended to "discredit" the efforts of the Coalition to normalize Iraqi life, such as opening the bridge and lifting curfew.

"I don't think that those we are fighting are true believers," he said. "So they will use this time to plan and execute attacks. That should tell you something about them."

South of Baghdad, in the holy cities of Karbala and Najaf, the

factional fighting between mainstream Shiites and young radicals from Baghdad is expected to subside during the holy week.

Previously, gunmen believed to be supporters of Muqtada Sadr, who lords over the Baghdad slum of Sadr City, attacked Karbala's holy shrines in an attempt both to gain support among young, disenfranchised Shiites and to capture the millions of dollars in contributions pilgrims leave at the mosques each year.

Sadr is also suspected of being behind the car bombing of the Ali Shrine last month that killed 78 people, including Mohammed Bakr al Hakeem, an important, moderate cleric.

Also in Karbala, bodyguards of Sadr associate Mahmoud Hassani battled with U.S. military police when the U.S. troops and Iraqi police attempted to disarm them after curfew.

The battles left the city teetering on the edge of civil war, with Polish and American tanks filling key streets and foot patrols elbowing their way through crowded markets and alleyways.

Most of the radicals fled after the battles, and the remaining gunmen were rounded up in a raid by Iraqi Police and Civil Defense troops - backed by U.S. and Polish armor - on Tuesday.

Since then, the city of 1.5 million has been calm. The Coalition checkpoints and patrols have pulled back from the center of the city, and the Iraqi police are on the streets, directing traffic and answering the questions of puzzled pilgrims.

"Everything is quiet in this town now," said shopkeeper Abraham Saheb, 27, who sells cigarettes, candy and cold drinks a half block from the Al Abbas mosque. "There is a lot of business and everyone is busy."

Karbala police Lt. Col. Sabih Abdulrahim predicts a calm Ramadan here.

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"The things that happened a week ago are between the tribes, tribal things, not between the people of Karbala and the coalition," he said. "Some kind of sedition happened."

The new challenge for the police here are the increasing number of Iranian and other foreign pilgrims pouring into the city through open borders.

"As soon as the war ended, the Iranian visitors started to appear," Abdulrahim said.

Under Saddam, only a trickle of Iranians, and no Kuwaitis, were allowed to enter the country to visit the shrines, and then under the close scrutiny of his intelligence agents.

Now, the pilgrims can move more or less freely in and out of the country. Residents predict that soon the Iranians, Kuwaitis and other Shiites will begin arriving at the shrines in the hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions on holy days, as they did before Saddam.

"That is the magic of Karbala," said innkeeper Abd Al Redah Hayawi.

Pilgrim Um Mustafa, the Iranian housekeeper, said her fam-

ily paid \$8 a piece for the two-day trip from Tehran. She said she was nervous about traveling in Iraq, "but I am now at peace."

Fear has kept many of the faithful away, she said, but soon, if there is a peaceful Ramadan, the floodgates will open.

"When I return, people will visit us and congratulate us," she said. "And they too will come. They are all crying to come here and see."

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North Korea changes course, says it will explore U.S offer

By Tim Johnson
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BEIJING — Days after dismissing an offer of U.S. security assurances as “laughable,” North Korea on Thursday did an about-face and said it would sound out the Bush administration over what it has in mind.

In another development that spurred hopes of movement in the crisis over North Korea's nuclear program, China announced that it is sending its No. 2 leader to North Korea on Tuesday for four days.

China, North Korea's only ally, has actively sought to broker six-nation talks to quell soaring tensions over North Korea's threats that it is building nuclear weapons.

The chairman of China's national legislature, Wu Bangguo, will be the most senior Chinese official to visit North Korea since former President Jiang Zemin traveled there in Sept.

2001.

South Korea immediately voiced its hope that Wu's visit would coincide with an announcement that Pyongyang will return to suspended talks.

“I hope there will be progress (in arranging a new round of nuclear talks) as China has been playing a very active role regarding the six-party talks,” Unification Minister Jeong Se-hyun told reporters in Seoul. Jeong said North Korea's invitation to Wu might indicate it plans an “important policy decision” during the trip.

North Korea appeared to be rethinking its initial dismissal of President Bush's offer of a possible written, multilateral security guarantee in exchange for the dismantling of its nuclear program. North Korea demands that the U.S. government must go further and sign a non-aggression treaty that would ban any U.S. pre-emptive attack.

China's government-run Xinhua News Agency, citing a

diplomat with close ties to Pyongyang, said North Korea wants to sound out the true intention of Bush's remarks, which he made earlier this week while traveling in Southeast Asia.

The remarks signaled a significant shift in U.S. posture. While Washington has ruled out a non-aggression pact, the promise of a security guarantee for a nation that Bush once declared part of an “axis of evil” marked a softening of the earlier U.S. position.

North Korea wants more details before deciding whether to take part in a new round of regional talks, the diplomat told Xinhua.

“The (North Korean) representatives in New York will contact American government officials soon,” the unidentified diplomat said, adding, according to Xinhua, “The North wants to know the true intention of Bush's remarks.”

Pyongyang earlier rejected

Bush's remarks as “worthless” and “laughable,” saying they were part of a hostile campaign to win North Korea's unilateral disarmament.

North Korea on Monday fired a short-range missile off its eastern shore, unnerving its Northeast Asian neighbors and giving new urgency to the crisis.

China was instrumental in pulling off an initial round of six-party talks in August, hosting a closed-door meeting in Beijing that involved China, Russia, the United States, Japan and the two Koreas.

Since then, North Korea said it lost interest in further talks. It also announced that it had finished reprocessing some 8,000 spent nuclear-fuel rods to produce nuclear fuel for weapons. Last week, it threatened to conduct a nuclear test.

China is working vigorously to renew multiparty talks. The Chinese government fears an

influx of refugees if the crisis worsens. In addition, China's desire for peace in its region has an economic component: South Korea and Japan are among its important trade partners.

“In China's eyes, the danger is developing quite rapidly. China feels that the situation is acquiring urgency,” said Shi Yinong, a foreign-policy expert at People's University.

Shi said North Korea believes it can buy time by exploiting differences between the countries arrayed before it in the six-party talks, but that North Korean leader Kim Jong Il fears that the U.S. military may eventually strike his country.

“He realizes that if George W. Bush were re-elected (in 2004), and if Iraq quiets down, there is a possibility of a military strike in the future. He doesn't want to risk that,” Shi said.

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Supreme Court to hear case on Guantanamo detainees

By Frank Davies and
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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, grappling with a major legal issue in the war on terrorism for the first time, announced Monday that it will consider whether foreign terrorism suspects held at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba should have access to civilian courts.

The justices will decide by July whether at least some of the 660 detainees at the base can challenge their detentions in federal court.

At stake is a fundamental issue of a president's powers in an undeclared war. The Bush administration maintains that the prisoners at Guantanamo — most of them captured in Afghanistan — are enemy combatants who do not have prisoner of war status and can be held indefinitely without lawyers, charges or recourse to courts.

The case before the court combines appeals on behalf of two British nationals, two Australians and 12 Kuwaitis. Lower courts ruled that the federal court system did not have jurisdiction in these cases because the prisoners are aliens held on Cuban territory leased to the United States.

The justices will limit their review to jurisdiction, but larger issues of civil liberties, the global attention focused on Guantanamo and the precedent set by indefi-

nite detention will overshadow the court's handling of the case.

The decision to hear the case was a setback for the Bush administration and marks the court's first foray into the debate over the proper balance between national security and civil liberties.

The court has declined to get involved in cases over the USA Patriot Act and its broader surveillance powers or whether detainees' hearings held in U.S. courts should be made public.

“The Guantanamo case is potentially one of great moment, and the broader issues will have some influence on the court,” said Eugene Fidell, president of the non-partisan National Institute of Military Justice. “This may be one of those times the court plays a broad policy role.”

The Center for Constitutional Rights, representing the families of some detainees, argued that Guantanamo is “a prison that operates entirely outside the law.”

“This is a principle that goes back to the Magna Carta,” said Michael Ratner, president of the center. “If the government is permitted to evade all scrutiny by the federal courts, then the most arbitrary type of executive detention has been sanctioned.”

Solicitor General Ted Olson, whose wife died on the hijacked airliner that crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, argued that courts traditionally don't overrule broad executive powers during wartime.

In his brief to the court last month, Olson pointed out that

U.S. soldiers are still being killed in Afghanistan and that the Guantanamo case carried the “potential for interference with the core war powers of the president.”

The prime goal at the prison camp, U.S. officials say, is to glean information from the detainees that could break up terrorist cells and forestall attacks.

U.S. officials say the Guantanamo detainees are being treated humanely, under Geneva Conventions standards, and about 60 have been released. But the International Committee of the Red Cross, in a rare public complaint, warned last month that the legal limbo of the prison camp has

contributed to the severe deterioration of some detainees.

Many have been held almost two years and about 35 have attempted suicide.

The Pentagon is preparing military trials for at least six of the detainees, but Defense Department officials say relatively few of the prisoners will face that proceeding. If

the Supreme Court grants the detainees access to federal courts, that could jeopardize plans for military trials.

Several legal observers said Monday that an unusual series of friend-of-the-court briefs from former diplomats, top military officers, federal judges and American POWs challenging indefinite detentions probably influenced the court to review the case.

Two retired admirals, both judge advocate generals, and a former Marine general warned that the Guantanamo precedent could one day be used against Americans.

“It increases the likelihood that foreign authorities holding Ameri-

can captives will decide to ignore the Geneva Conventions entirely, thereby putting the lives of American prisoners at risk,” the ex-officers argued.

The briefs “were so powerfully written that I can't imagine any of the justices not considering them,” said Don Rehkopf, who co-chairs the military law committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

“These were people close to the situation, who understand military law and military exercises, and they are raising questions about what the government is doing.”

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Senior pictures

By Katelyn Duggan
Opinion Editor

Senior pictures...inevitably they happen. In high school, they were the biggest fad. Everyone had them taken; giving them out and trading them like baseball cards took place in every hallway, every classroom, and in every cafeteria. Looking back only four years, you laugh at yourself and your friends for being so silly and for thinking that the more senior pictures you collected the more popular you were – admit it, deep down inside you did. And looking back at your old high school yearbook, you giggle and mock the clothes, the hair and every other aspect of those pictures. Looking back on those pictures also ignites hundreds of memories from high school and all your friends.

Senior year of college is no different, except that there is no baseball card trading. Senior pictures are still an important part of the culmination of your college career. Even though it may not seem it, being able to freeze that moment in time, and look back on it later, will be a treasure to you in future years. Taking the picture is always a big deal. Trying to create a "clas-

sic" photo by trying to look your best by picking out your best clothing, fixing your hair till you think it's perfect, and breaking out your best smile – only to inevitably look back in ten years and laugh and make fun of yourself and your classmates for the awful hairstyles and clothes. Glancing back on your college yearbook will trigger hundreds of memories of college, the old fads of clothes, hairstyles, and all the other stupid things you did in college that made it all so great.

Having friends who are much older, and graduated from college at least five to ten years ago, I have seen them do this. Break out their old college yearbooks and laugh and laugh at the clothes and hairstyles, which of course then causes them to remember all kinds of hilarious stories from their college experiences.

Get your senior picture taken, if for no other reason than to make your mom happy, or to know that you can look back in ten years and make fun of yourself and your friends. It's an important part of your college career and come on...everyone else is gonna do it.

it could mean a lot more.

Consider that a couple of short years ago, both bands (on their own) were headlining arenas, the Bay Area included. And consider that Limp Bizkit's new record "Results May Vary," while still in the Billboard top 20 more than a month after release, is selling drastically less than 2001's "Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water."

The band's sound – call it angry guitar music, nu metal, rap metal, fratboy metal, bad pointy-guitar metal, whatever – is definitely taking a flaming nose dive in popularity. Other than that it's become a tired and overplayed sound that was never as great or groundbreaking as advertised, there's no real reason to revel in its overall demise. Especially for a band such as Korn, that has managed to keep some credibility along the way.

But we're talking about Limp Bizkit, or more specifically, Durst. The rest of the band is guilty by association. They wouldn't have gone so far without his big mouth and posturing, but they sure wouldn't be falling so

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Dear Juanita and Spike,

I'm dating this boy...but he is not aware of this yet. I have arranged this lovely little relationship in my head, but don't quite know how to turn my wild dreams into my ideal reality. How do I tell Mr. Fantasy man that he's in love with me?

-Dreaming Away

Dear Dreaming Away,

Having a crush is normal. Not knowing the difference between a great dream and real life is a problem. We'd recommend getting a handle on reality before you approach Mr. Dreamboat. In the future keep

hard without him, either.

Durst is becoming the 21st century version of Quiet Riot's Kevin Dubrow.

The reasons why the demise of Limp Bizkit should be celebrated like V-E Day among those caring about music are many. It's difficult to wish ill on anyone who works hard climbing the ladder, but if karma truly exists, Durst will re-emerge in the next century as a tone deaf, one-armed accordion player.

He deserves it, mostly for glamorizing the dumbing down of rock music. And that's saying a lot, considering rock 'n' roll was founded in the name of subtle values such as sex, partying, dancing and sex. Even within that framework, Limp Bizkit's chest-beating just comes off as goofy.

Also, Durst doesn't tell the truth (this obviously isn't a prosecutable offense in America, but Durst is just about pathological). He's misogynistic and self-centered. He adopted the standard hip-hop complaint of not getting respect and went with it like a rabbit running from a coyote despite the fact that, considering his lack of talent, he was a lucky overachiever in every sense.

He's that kid everyone knew in eighth grade that went around threatening and pushing smaller kids around because he grew early. Suddenly, everyone's in high school and they've all caught up. And they have long memories.

in mind that relationships typically involve two people, having one with yourself is worrisome.

Dear Juanita and Spike,

I have had a great time getting to know my female neighbors. We have had some wonderful times together...but last week I found some bumps on my "friend maker." Is there any way that my bumps are something harmless?

-Friend of the year

Dear Friend of the year,

Take a look at whoever you are making friends with right now, and then put your clothes back on. Now comes the most important part, keep your pants on until you get yourself to the first doctor that will let you into the examining room. Although we are not doctors, bumps don't sound good. Make sure you're STD free before you and your friend maker hit the party scene again.

Limp Bizkit would hardly still be here if not for Durst's behaving like a barking-mad loony the past couple of years, doing everything he could to keep his name alive. It ranged from the band's hyped search for a new guitarist that allegedly required those auditioning to play original songs after signing over the rights to the band, to Durst claiming improbable affairs with Halle Berry and Britney Spears (about whom Durst posted incredibly strange ramblings on his Web site). He expanded his list of unreturned starlet love to include Angelina Jolie repeatedly on last summer's Summer Sanitarium stadium tour.

Fans often responded by throwing things at the stage.

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Dear Juanita and Spike,

I recently walked in on my roommate giving special attention to herself. Now every time I see her, I don't know what to say. How do I clear the air between us?

-Battery Virgin

Dear Battery Virgin,

We would stop stressing over this situation. Certainly no girl likes to be walked in on while she's doing her hair, but that's no reason to let yourself feel weird when you're around her. Masturbation is a normal part of adult life. If we were you we'd try to come to terms with your self-inflicted discomfort. Just remind yourself that there is nothing for either one of you to be uncomfortable about.

Be thankful that your roommate isn't taking care of her needs by hooking up with people like Friend of the year, and try to think of a warning system. May we suggest a scrunchy on the door handle?

Limp Bizkit's supposed triumphant pinnacle at Woodstock '99, where multiple rapes in the concert crowd allegedly occurred, including at least one within eyeshot of the stage during the band's set. At the time, I believed it was an isolated incident – until I caught the band only a couple of months later at the Cow Palace.

Trying to pump up the crowd after a brief power outage, Durst shouted for females to remove their shirts and climb aboard the nearest male. OK, stupid boys will be stupid boys, I thought, even ones who lack the sense to at least wait a year after the alleged rapes before starting to act like complete pigs again.

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Dear Fred Durst: go away

By Tony Hicks
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A rock star's career is dying a slow death. Finally.

The ongoing carwreck that is Fred Durst, the "singer" of Limp Bizkit, or should we say limpbizkit, now that the band has adjusted its name for no discernible reason, just got another rivet in the career casket.

In a concert lineup announced recently, Korn and Limp Bizkit will share the bill Nov. 12 at the Warfield in San Francisco. Though one of the Bay Area's roomiest nightclubs, it's still a club. And it's taking two of rock's supposedly biggest bands to fill it.

Consider this: Modest Mouse quickly sold out three nights at the slightly smaller Fillmore. Yes, many hundreds more people will see Modest Mouse than Limp Bizkit and Korn put together.

This may mean, especially where Limp Bizkit is concerned, that the Bay Area is smarter than other places. But

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The value of money, the power of women

By Heather McGann and Christina Morrison
Contributing Writers

As part of the 3-Year Program at SNHU, we were required to attend a seminar presented by the author of "Nickel and Dime," a book we had read this summer. Barbara Ehrenreich spoke on the value of money and its relation to women in the workplace.

At the Wayfarer Inn we were greeted by members of The Women's Fund of New Hampshire. We were directed to the Pavilion Hall and were pleasantly welcomed by the sight of green salad topped with chicken and Italian dressing.

After we enjoyed our exquisite meal, members of the Women's Fund spoke of their organization. They introduced the Director of Marketing and the Executive Director.

Then it was time for the key speaker, Ehrenreich, to address her mostly female audience on her feelings of women's struggle with poverty. Even if she was talking about a serious issue, she added a humorous twist. Some specific topics covered were women's difficulty receiving welfare, humiliations in the workplace, lack of opportunities to heal from poverty and global

effects of these concerns.

Overall, her choice of words is not to be criticized. However, some of the males who attended felt uncomfortable with her extreme feminist approach, although understanding that the intended audience were the females. A fellow classmate of the male gender said he thought that the way she presented her opinions against males was "unprofessional" and made him "uncomfortable."

Without fear, Ehrenreich said some controversial things. She talked about how the government was at fault for some problems with women and poverty and welfare. She also talked about how men should contribute more to the effort to improve conditions for women.

Overall, the seminar was upbeat and interesting. While perhaps the students from SNHU did not have a huge interest in the particular topic, the seminar did allow us to better understand what feelings Ehrenreich had that stemmed from her experience in writing "Nickel and Dime." Without previously reading her book, the seminar would have been uninteresting, but because of the knowledge of her experiments with low-wage jobs, it was an appropriate lecture to attend.

Late? Not if you call first

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

Cell phones are ubiquitous where you live, walk and work; on trains, planes and buses; in stores, parks and restaurants; in courtrooms, cloakrooms and restrooms.

Ye gods, that's a lot of urgent business being conducted. Or is it? Eavesdrop and you'll hear many variations on one especially lame theme: "I'm at the corner/leaving the office/stepping out of the car and I'll be there in 10

minutes."

Sure, somewhere at this moment a mogul is closing a mega-deal via cell phone and a 60-something is learning he's a grandpa for the very first time, courtesy of Verizon or Cingular.

But many of these calls merely enable people to stretch time. The New York Times recently explored this phenomenon in an article headlined, "Calling in late." The premise: You're not really late if you've called to say you will be late. Back in the dark and silent pre-cell phone ages, the guilty would have been forced to locate a

working pay phone - or show up on time - to avoid annoying a date, friend, spouse, parent or child.

According to the Times, "Researchers who study the effect of cell phones on society talk of a nation living in soft time - a bubble in which expectations of where and when to meet shift constantly because people expect others to be constantly reachable."

This is a bizarre development and could lead to a world in which everyone just stays home and communicates via cell phone. That way no one will ever be late again. What's more, life in that world would be guilt-free - and would help each of us use up all those minutes.

Editorial cartooning

By Wayne Stayskal, Tribune Media



Video games are good for you...and the Red Sox

By Christopher W. Tucker,
Staff Writer

Recently, I have come across a new pastime. I have discovered that there's nothing better than hearing the crack of Manny's bat, or watching Nomar execute a brilliant play, or seeing Pedro strike out three hitters to end an inning. But no, this pastime I am speaking of is not the sport of baseball, per se. I have become an avid fan of *MLB High Heat Baseball* for my Microsoft X-Box, because it seems that only in videogames can the Red Sox make it to the World Series. But yet there are those who criticize the pastime of video gaming. They believe that videogames cause brain deficiencies, and that the nation's literacy rate is decreasing due to the increasing number of gamers. These are, of course, ignorant judgments. It's common knowledge that those who actively play videogames exhibit

the same hand-eye coordination displayed by professional athletes. And anyone who has played a game such as *Final Fantasy* or *EverQuest* know that many games come equipped with enough dialogue to fill a novel.

Now, I'm not arguing the point that playing videogames should replace team sports, or that you should encourage your little brother or child to play *Morrowind* instead of reading *Treasure Island*. I'm only expressing the views of gamers around the world. For far too long, videogames have been looked at as an unhealthy recreation, an activity only lazy kids and losers participate in. But, ladies and gentlemen, videogames are not only becoming more and more popular and omnipresent, but they're here to stay. You can take my life, but you can't take my freedom to play videogames. They are the only way the Red Sox will ever win.

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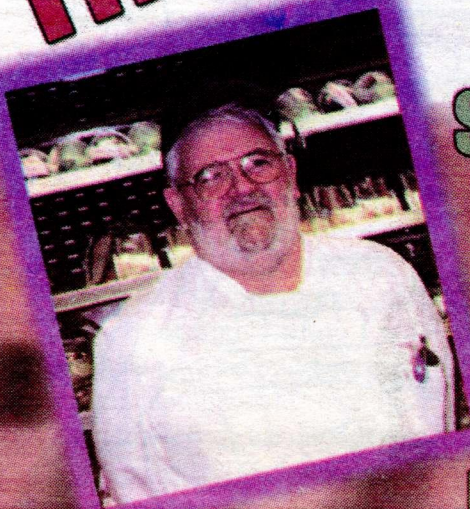
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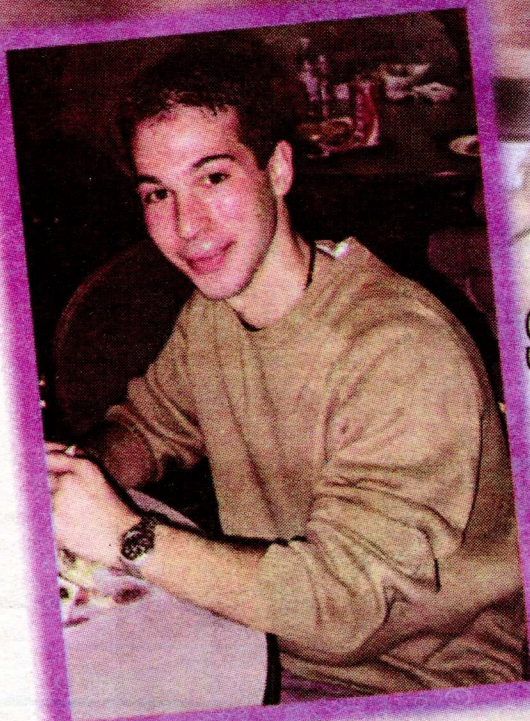
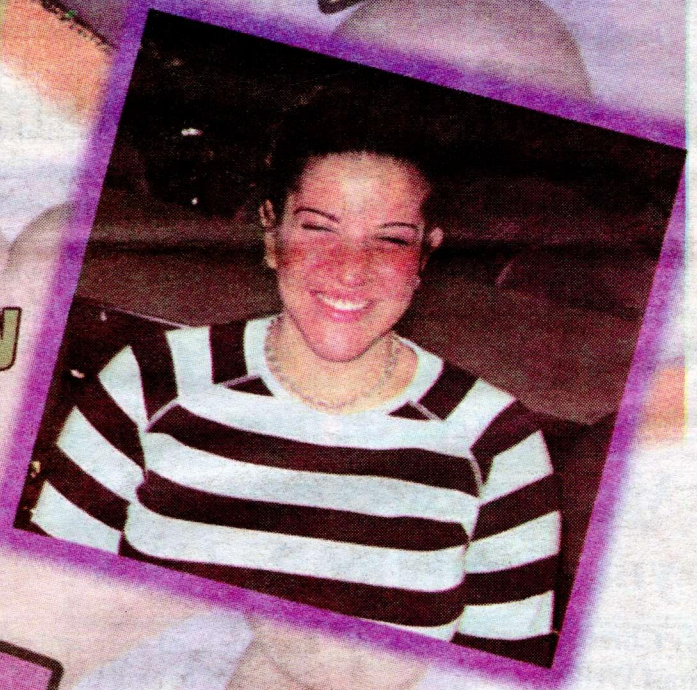
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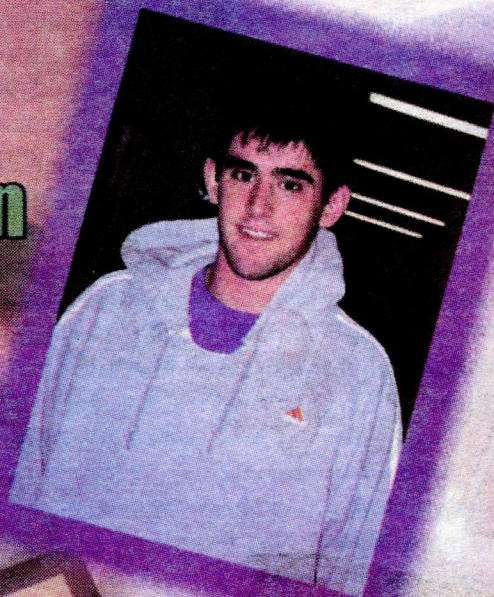
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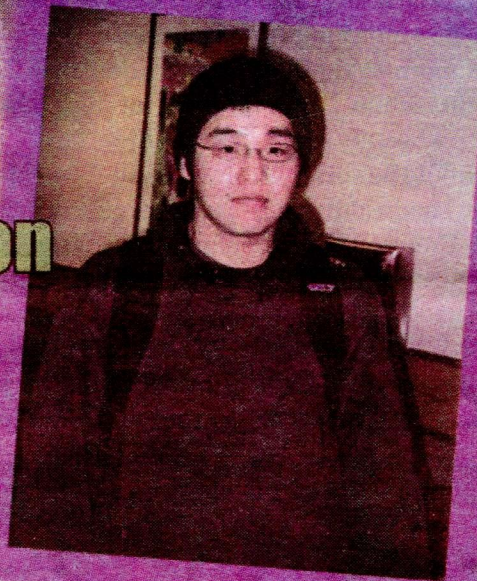
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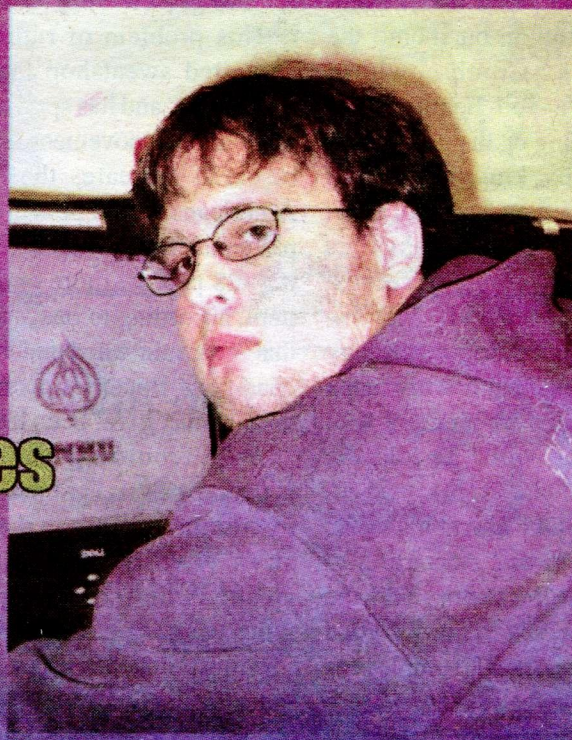
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Graphics by Clint Boulanger

File-sharing is the moral equivalent of stealing a car

By Chris Collins
The Seattle Times/NEXT
(KRT)

The Recording Industry Association of America's official moralists: Illegally downloading copyrighted material off the Internet for free is wrong.

The collective opinion of 60 million Americans: Whatever.

And that's how it goes. Millions balk at the money making moral imperative that lawyers of the RIAA righteously proclaim.

But, as a student - not as a record-label CEO - I agree with them.

And starting Wednesday, we'll have another reason to acquire music legally: Napster, the former bastion of online file-sharing, is expected to reopen for business, charging a small fee for downloading tunes.

Online file-sharing is a bad habit I kicked about half a year ago. I used to download regularly - in the mornings, after lunch, at night, while I was sleeping. All the while, my trusty dorm laptop would be sucking dry the college bandwidth with pieces by U2, Creed and other artists.

Finally, I began to lose interest. And I realized I was wrong.

America needs a reality check on this issue. There's a

reason online file-sharing is illegal, but file-sharers have crafted elaborate excuses for continuing the 4-year-old practice. They say it's just like copying off the radio, or that music prices are exorbitant anyway.

A recent Gallup poll shows that only 18 percent of 13- to 17-year-olds considered cheating on a test morally acceptable. However, 83 percent of those same teens did not have a problem with downloading music for free.

A practical, no-nonsense look at the issue, however, reveals that file-sharing is as morally shortsighted as cheating on a test or stealing a car.

First, music and other copyrighted material is private property. Like a car or a perfect score on a final exam, it's something we work to create, purchase or achieve. It belongs to someone.

Similarly, the creative value of music must be respected in the same way.

With more than 230 million copies of KaZaA - the lead online file-sharing program - downloaded worldwide, file-sharing is clearly mass dissemination of copyrighted material and, therefore, an infringement on private property.

Technically, it's just Martha from Montana sharing a country tune with Walt from Wash-

ington. But realistically, it's giving away something for nothing when millions are sharing with millions. That's why it's illegal.

Luckily, with Napster's recent reopening, there's a legal way to avoid pricey music purchases.

The new Napster, however, will offer users 500,000 music downloads for only 99 cents a song or \$9.95 per album. Though far from free, Napster 2.0 is definitely legal and definitely not a strain on the conscience.

After the RIAA sued 261 online file-sharers in early September, traditional file-sharing programs such as KaZaA and iMesh have seen their numbers drop considerably.

Meanwhile, traffic on Web sites that offer music downloads for a fee has increased dramatically. For-fee services like Buymusic.com and Rhapsody, which is owned by Seattle-based RealNetworks Inc., both report a dramatic increase in users since the September lawsuits. This new trend isn't so bad.

For too long, shaky reasoning has been used to justify online file-sharing. All the arguments fall short when faced with practical reality.

The RIAA lawyers may not be pillars of moral clarity, but they're right on this one.

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Commentary on Sweatshops

By Mark Weisbrot
(KRT)

Sean "P. Diddy" Combs is the latest celebrity to feel the heat of the anti-sweatshop movement, as charges that his "Sean John" T-shirts were being manufactured under inhumane conditions burst onto the TV news. Combs, whose "Shake Ya Tail Feather" has been shaking up the pop charts, denied any knowledge that workers at the Choloma, Honduras, factory that makes his company's clothing were mistreated.

"I want to make sure that any merchandise that has my name on it is made by workers who are treated well," he told the press.

We can take him at his word, but what to do? According to workers at the factory and the U.S.-based National Labor Committee, the 380 employees lack basic rights. Fourteen were fired for trying to organize a union, they say, and women are dismissed if they are pregnant. They also complain of forced

overtime and being limited to only two bathroom breaks a day. Wages are between 65 and 98 cents an hour, which activists say comes to about 15 cents of labor costs for a shirt that sells for \$40 in New York.

This problem of ruthlessly exploited sweatshop labor is worldwide, and has spawned an international movement. Market research indicates that most Americans would be willing to pay considerably more for clothing - 28 percent more on a \$10 item, according to one survey - that is manufactured under good conditions. But their opportunity to do so has so far been limited.

And according to many economists, that isn't necessarily bad. In response to the anti-sweatshop movement that swept American campuses three years ago, 352 academics - mostly economists - sent a letter to university presidents. They were concerned that the movement could force sweatshop wages so high that "the net result would be shifts in employ-

ment that will worsen the collective welfare of the very workers in poor countries who are supposed to be helped."

In other words, the jobs will leave. It is an argument that, unfortunately, carries much more weight than it should. Aside from the fact that it hasn't happened yet, this line of reasoning is flawed on other grounds. It is similar to the arguments made against child labor legislation in the United States nearly a century ago - that families would be that much poorer if the children could not work. Or the arguments against unions and higher wages that have been used for the past two centuries: that these "interferences" in labor markets will lead to unemployment.

The United States was able to eliminate child labor, and to allow the vast majority of the labor force to share - until the late 1970s - in the gains from increasing productivity, because we changed our laws and allowed for collective bargaining.

It was a long struggle: the right to organize unions was not recognized in federal law until 1935, and even then it took sit-down strikes to make it real. And this right has been vastly eroded again - even in a high-income, democratic society - over the last 25 years.

The problem is that there is no global nation-state that can establish such rights for those who work for the global corporations that roam the globe seeking the lowest labor costs. On the contrary, the most important global institutions - the IMF, World Bank and the WTO - have generally leaned in the other direction, seeking reforms that favor the de-regulation of labor markets.

Workers throughout the world face a "race to the bottom" that has low-wage maquiladora factories in Mexico now leaving for cheaper, more severely repressed labor in China. This is the logical consequence of negotiating ever

more agreements through NAFTA and the World Trade Organization that create new rights and enforcement mechanisms for international investors, but are brazenly silent regarding the rights of labor.

The anti-sweatshop movement can't change all that by itself. But it can provide a counterweight that helps establish new norms about what is acceptable, while aiding workers who are fighting for their basic rights.

Combs, who ran the New York City Marathon, now faces another challenge that would allow him to lead by example. He could require that his supplier recognize the union, reinstate the workers fired for organizing, and concede to the workers' very modest demands on wages and working conditions. And he could announce that other clothing manufacturers should do the same. Now that would really shake some tail feathers.

Nov. 13, 2003

So there I lay on the beach, looking over my shoulder at the girl I love buying us several hot dogs for no reason at all. Perhaps she was very hungry after the wild night we had finished only hours ago. But I thought for sure that the Honeycomb would have satisfied her at breakfast much as I had that night. Oh why must she waste our money on processed meats that only lead to disease? Maybe she is trying to tell me indirectly that her health isn't important as long as she has me to satisfy her womanly desires. At times I may over analyze things, but she knows I hate onions and she piles them on my hotdog like a dump truck driver dumping sand into a hole.

I look at the ring I brought with me as a sign of our love for one another and put it away. Now isn't the time to ask this girl to spend the rest of her life with me, because I'm

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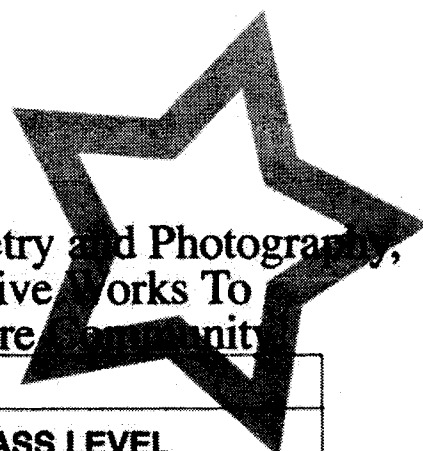
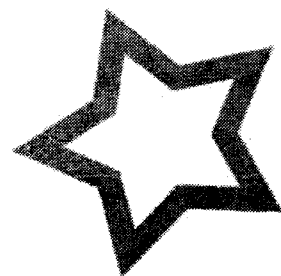
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The Arts and Entertainment Section
 keeps you informed of what's happening on campus

Breakfast family style New exhibit at McIninch Art Gallery

By Karina Gowing
 Staff Writer

The Topic of the Town brought the family together at Grandma's house for Sunday brunch, or at least it seemed to. The ambiance set a relaxing, familiar mood. The silverware and dishes were mismatched to accommodate the many mouths to feed. My table was nestled against a wall on a lower level with a hearth expanding the length of the opposite wall, decorated with tea-kettles and autumn accents. Other patrons sat nearby, chatting and chuckling with the clanking of the busy kitchen muffled in the background.

The servers were decked out for Halloween in unique costumes from a "will work for food" bum to a Vegas showgirl, and the same spiritedness is expected at Christmastime.

The extensive menu offers breakfast all day with fresh homemade pies, muffins and bread; eggs anyway you wish; griddle cakes, and more. If it's not on the menu, Chef Dori says they'll make it for you (providing the ingredients are in the house, of course).

My table enjoyed a variety of breakfast favorites. I had the omelet special of fresh spinach, mushrooms and provolone cheese baked inside a thin egg wrap that nearly filled the plate leaving just enough room for the home fries and homemade

wheat toast.

My friend ordered the pumpkin-crepes special that the chefs created that morning with fresh, smooth pumpkin puree, lightly sweetened, hidden inside three triangular-folded crepes and a thick caramel sauce drizzled atop for added perfection.

Another friend ordered the hotel-style French toast: four thick slices of bread dipped in pancake batter and grilled, served with a strawberry sauce. It tastes like eating French toast and pancakes at the same time—different, but not bad. Aunt Jemima-ish syrup was offered for those who like the fake stuff.

A lunch menu is available with what looks like a greasy-spoon flair on New England cuisine. Featured dishes include the hearty Mountain Burger and the Seafood Adventure with a smorgasbord of seafood and sides.

Prices are reasonable ranging from \$1.50 for an egg to \$5.99 for Hotel-style French Toast with a couple of \$6.49 omelets. Lunch entrees cost between \$1.95 for a hotdog and \$14.95 for the Seafood Adventure with the average price around six bucks.

Take a break and treat yourself to a real home-cooked breakfast anytime at Topic of the Town South Family Restaurant. 1279 Hooksett Road across from Merchant's Auto.

By Heather Anderson
 Managing Editor

Now through Dec. 11 the McIninch Art Gallery is showing "Arthur Kaufmann: A Legacy of Art."

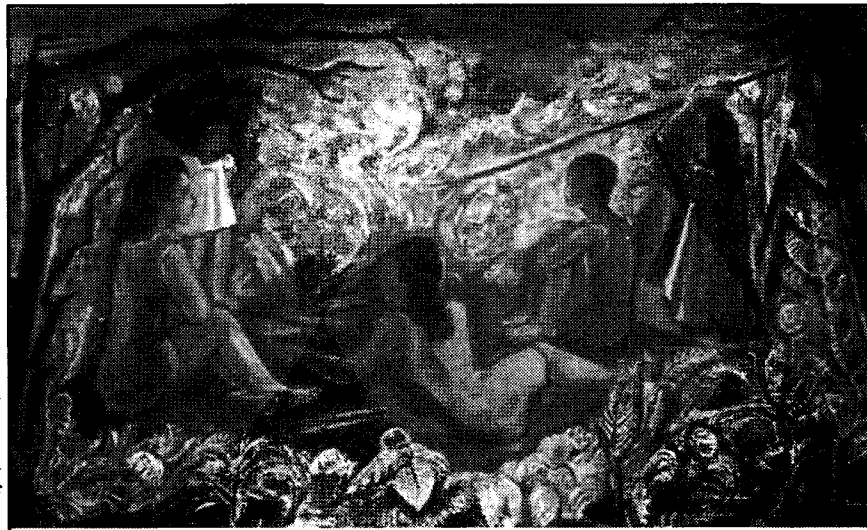
Among the paintings are portraits of Hans and Rosalinde Kaufman, city- and landscapes, a large allegorical work and a portrait of one of Kaufmann's many artist friends, the French painter Raoul Dufy.

Hans Kaufman, Arthur Kaufmann's son, donated many of the works to the gallery. (His son dropped the second "n" in his last name.) Most of his father's other work remains in Germany. He has more than 600 pieces, and while

two-thirds of those remain controlled by the family, most are stored in the Museum of Muelheim-Ruhr, the artist's hometown. Nazis destroyed many of his works; however, Kaufmann's paintings can be

found at Duke University, Tel Aviv Museum of Art in Israel and The New School in New York City.

Kaufmann's use of vivid colors and the wide range of subject matter make his work enjoyable to view.



Children Around A Campfire on the Sitiu Oil on Canvas
 By Arthur Kaufman Photo By Cari Welch

A morning in music

Stephanie Herget
 Co-Editor in Chief

On Oct. 17 the SNHU Department of Arts and Humanities presented a chance to enjoy a musical recital. The performers were Jared Sims, an adjunct music teacher, and Amy Bowles, educator and performer. The instruments were a piano, played by Bowles, and a group of woodwinds (sax, flute, and clarinet),

played by Sims. They played melodies ranging from baroque to jazz. Composers such as Handel and Schumann wrote some of the songs they performed.

The performance was different than your average recital. In between songs Sims would lecture on the next piece they were going to perform; it was part lecture/part concert. Sims and Bowles also had the opportunity to demonstrate their indi-

vidual talent by performing a few solo songs. Sims performed his solo on the saxophone to Ornette Coleman's "Space Church" and "Today, Yesterday, and Tomorrow." Coleman is a great jazz musician and continues to play today. Bowles performed a Gershwin prelude. Gershwin is an American composer who is between western classical and American jazz.

This concert was made possible by the Marion C. Smyth Trust. Hopefully, there will be more to come.

More poems by Shawn

By Shawn Phetteplace
 Advertising Manager

Unimaginable wretched death destruction

Seething, burning through my soul

It lacks a life of its own

I feel as cold as stone

All hate is inside of me

Nothing coming out, I can't breathe

Casual suffocation is an art

No more, no more, I cannot help it

Everyone hates me

Everyone loathes me

What can I do?

But just be me?

Poems by Tia Downing

Contributing Writer

Say Nothing at All

"Sometimes it's better to say nothing at all ... sometimes you're just waiting for that other foot to fall

Seeing it all in a nutshell, sometimes you just have to look around, around outside

See what's beside you, instead of what's inside you ...

Sometimes it's better to say nothing at all ... and sometimes you're just waiting for the other foot to fall."

When the Sun Set Tonight

When the sun set tonight, you were with me. When the sun rises tomorrow morn, you will be with me. My friend, My soul, where have you gone between sunrise and sunset, between sun set and sun rise? To the other end of time, you go. For in those beginnings and ends, we have ourselves, we have each other. Always a beginning, always an end, and in that second of transition betwixt the two, we are one. One second of each day. Sometimes it seems like forever; Time has no meaning.

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Poems by Shawn

By Shawn Phetteplace
Advertising Manager

Where art thou on a day such as this?
Glimmering hope inescapably beautiful lodged within it is
I cannot forget the things I said, nor what I did
Refusing to say what I think
Ignorance is bliss
Like a Beautiful ripened grain
Like a shimmer of snow
Fawning over the transverse nature of my own existence
It torments my soul like a splinter, in my mind
No, I cannot go on
Thou for who art we?
When it comes to life
Who fawns over the light of a summer's day?
Myself
It is these questions that lie the answering of miscontempt
Now look deep
And try feeling
What it means to be human again.

Beautiful circumstance
Serene, cool, collected
The fallacies of the world
Are all but a fantasy to those who think
The world, shimmering, gleaming in all its glory
So much love
We can all be so in a way of unexplainable passion
Beating
Harder.
Yearning
Deeper
I find myself lost

Have you ever found your soul lost in confusion?
It is the inescapable ignorance that needs you to be human.



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November 24, 2003

Aerosmith and Kiss

November 29, 2003

Manchester Monarchs vs. Providence Bruins

December 3, 2003

Manchester Monarchs vs. Hartford Wolf Pack

December 5, 2003

Manchester Monarchs vs. Lowell Lock Monsters

December 6, 2003

Manchester Monarchs vs. Providence Bruins

December 9, 2003

Simply Christmas with Vince Gill & Amy Grant

December 13, 2003

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Friday, November 21

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*Free for SNHU/\$5 dates, 9-midnight, semi-formal. Look for details

Thursday, December 4

Hunger Dinner

*See ad on p. 7 for specifics.

CAPE November 2003 Events

11/22 Band Sudden Ease @ 9pm in the Pub

- Monday Night football every Monday @ 9pm in the Pub
- BINGO every Wednesday @ 7pm in the Pub

November 23rd Comedian Dane Cook @ 8pm in the SNHU Athletic Complex

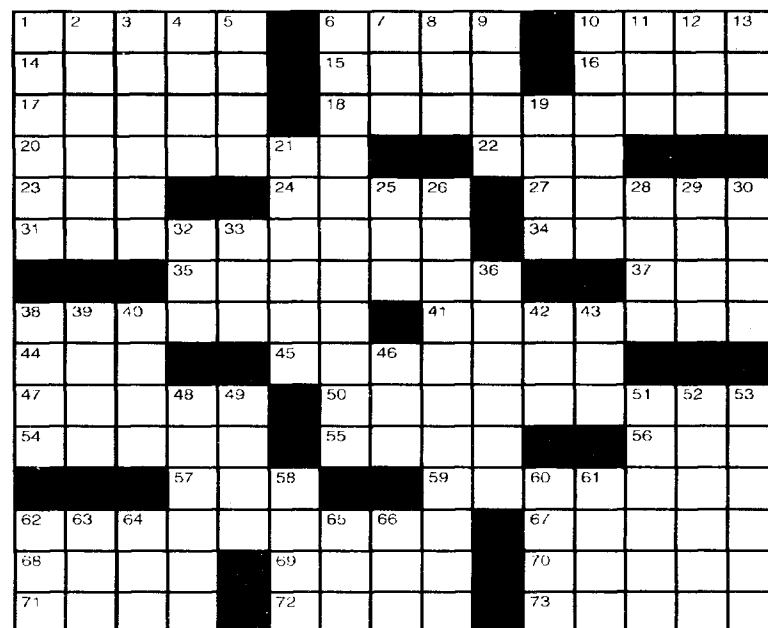
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 - First-rate
 - Tide type
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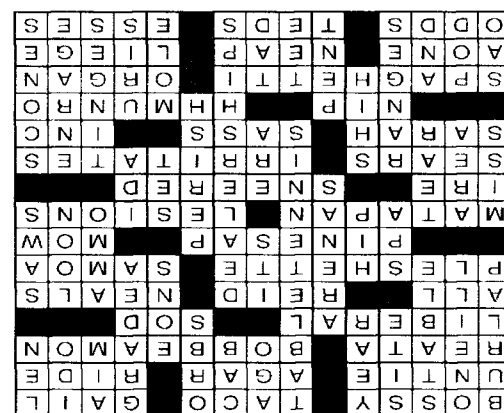


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Mystic stars horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Ridder/Tribune
News Service
(KRT)

Aries (March 21-April 20). Over the next few days, close relatives may rely on your advice, wisdom and social counsel. Group ethics, planned celebrations or complicated social invitations may be at issue. Be diplomatic but push for valid answers. Detailed explanations will soon bring emotional clarity.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Money discussions may be unusually complex over the next four days. Friends, relatives or long-term partners will easily misinterpret key financial information, schedules or promises. Clarity may prove difficult. Expect temporary mistakes, ongoing disagreements and costly errors.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). After an intense phase of romantic or business progress, many Geminis may need to rest and regroup. Loved ones may demand extra private time for reflection. Family financial decisions or new romantic commitments may be key issues.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Remain quietly detached and gather useful information. Better opportunities for advancement will arrive later next week. Someone close may wish to explore a new level of commitment and trust. Carefully consider all consequences. Passions will be high.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Unresolved relationships may soon be the focus of intimate discussions. Respond quickly to passionate demands, complex proposals and rare invitations. Someone close may need to reaffirm his or her affections. Minor home tensions are bothersome. If possible, avoid detailed or serious financial decisions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Pay special attention to fast changes in business relationships or rare challenges to your public image. Refuse to be derailed. At present, positive displays of confidence will bring fast improvements and meaningful financial results. Plan

unique romantic or social encounters. Someone close may be feeling lonely or unappreciated.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Younger friends or relatives rely heavily on your advice. Business strategies, workplace conflict or career choices may be central themes. Explore all possibilities. Cozy, private encounters will soon lead to lasting commitment. Librans born after 1973 may also encounter a rare social triangle.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Expect roommates or relatives to be moody, temperamental or quick to judge. Take none of it personally. Loved ones need extra time to resolve inner conflicts, social regrets or business disappointments. A complex but exciting flirtation may turn passionate. Ask for extra time.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). In the coming weeks, both emotional and financial security will increase. Respond honestly to all proposals or suggestions. A recent social dispute will be quickly resolved. Friends and close colleagues will sincerely ask for forgiveness.

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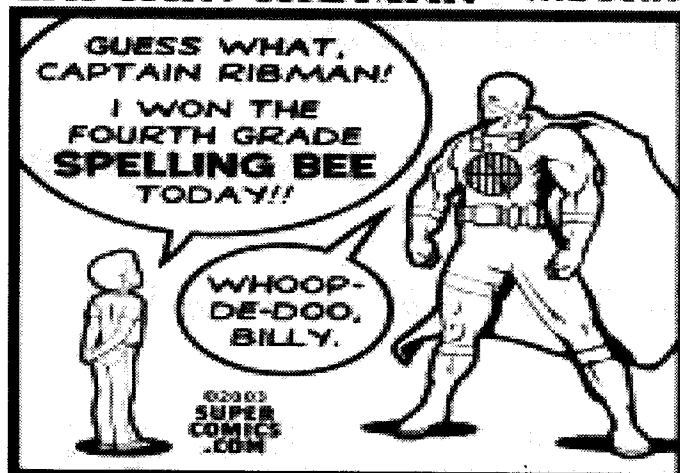
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The Bottom Line

By Roy Wilkinson
Co-Sports Editor

Is Kobe Bryant guilty of the crime of rape?

In what looks like an encore of the O.J. Simpson fiasco, minus the car chase, a high-profile celebrity will be going on trial. Who is the victim in this case, Bryant or the young woman who accused him?

I'm not jumping on the "Free Kobe" bandwagon yet, but how many times has this situation been seen before when an athlete is accused of rape. Some athletes like Mike Tyson were predators: others were victims of women looking to make quick bucks off millionaires who have a lack of self-control.

The only thing the Los Angeles Lakers shooting guard is guilty of right now is adultery, and he had no option but to confess to that. That is his only defense and his only ticket to keep him from playing penitentiary ball. His image had been spotless till that night when he made the wrong decision.

During the rise of LeBron James and the projections of what he would receive in a shoe contract, Bryant's contract was up with Adidas and he was free for any sneaker giant to sign. His contract was far less than the one signed by James because of "street credit."

Kobe was seen as too clean, innocent and privileged, which is not popular with kids today who want the bad-boy image. Instead of going to Rucker Park, a basketball mecca to streetballers, to run some ball, Kobe gets his "street credit" differently now. He is seen as a possible sexual offender. Remind me not to buy his shoes or Nutella, who recently dropped Bryant from their marketing campaign.

The Lakers have started their season off well, and Bryant has received his share of support from Lakers fans in Los Angeles and his share of disapproval, like the fans in Phoenix who booed him when he first touched the ball.

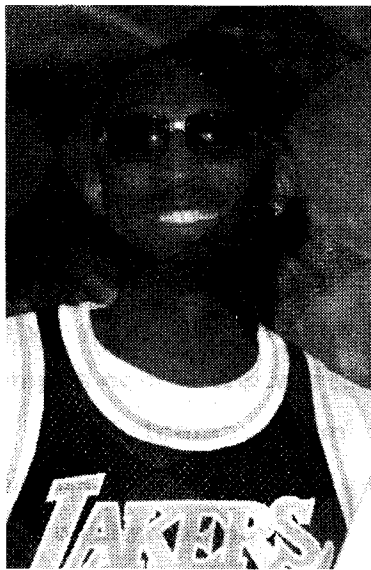


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Who is the victim? I would be inclined to say Kobe's wife is the victim at this moment. She had to make a decision to either stand by her husband or leave him. She also has to deal with the constant media coverage. Kobe recently presented his wife with a new ring estimated at over a million dollars and has gotten a tattoo dedicated to her. A million-dollar ring as compensation? At least Kobe is not guilty of being frugal.

How will the NBA survive this?

Don't worry, NBA fans! The league won't fold without Kobe. They'll get their money. With all the questions waiting to be answered, I have another one. If Kobe is convicted, will his prison ball games be part of my subscription to NBA League Pass? The NBA somehow has to make up revenue lost in marketing Bryant because of the incident.

The bottom line is that in the end the only people who will win are the lawyers. Get the book deals ready and have the television movies in line right next to Dan Rather looking for the 60 Minutes exclusive story on the trial aftermath. The lawyers see the dollars signs. After the Simpson trial, most people remembered Johnnie Cochran rather than the slain victims.

This trial is another "black eye" for sports. If Bryant is acquitted, then people will believe that money and fame dodged the law once again. If Bryant is found guilty, it will be another shameful story of an athlete wasting his talents for one moment of self-gratification. My only hope is that the court decision provides justice.

Surprising season for women's soccer

By Lindsay Frydryk
Staff Writer

When you hear the words "determined", "talented", "exhilarating", "surprising", "hard-working", "successful", "inspirational" and "classy", what comes to your mind? It should be the SNHU women's soccer team. These young women have done a complete turnaround compared to last year's season. This year they are going into the Northeast-10 tournament with high expectations of doing well, due to their seasonal record of 10-3-4. The 2-1 loss against Franklin Pierce College is not going to slow them down. With their coaches, captains, teammates and fans supporting them 100 percent, they don't have any doubts in their mind that they will perform to their best capabilities.

The ten-game unbeaten streak may have come to an end, but that just gives the girls more motivation to come back better than ever. The last time the women's soccer team had such an amazing record was in

1997 with Coach Peter Tufts leading them into a 15-4-0 season.

Freshman Amanda Wiggins has been a big addition to the team this season. If you were lucky enough to catch one of the women's soccer games, you would have seen this amazing midfielder and her foot skills playing around with the ball as she passed by opponents. Wiggins started playing soccer at the age of five, moving up to club soccer at age ten. She was involved with the Olympic Development teams at 11 and varsity all four years of high school at Brewster Academy. It was easy for her to choose SNHU as the right school for her, due to the appealing atmosphere, the academics and of course soccer. Living away from home is not the only change Wiggins has had to deal with while being at college. College ball is a whole other level from what she is used to. "They study game tapes constantly," she explained, "bringing what we need to focus on to the next practice. I enjoy college soccer more though, because it is more professional and more of a challenge. Plus more

fans are there to support us." Unfortunately, Wiggins will be more of a sideline supporter and fan for the remainder of the season. In the recent away game at St. Anselm's College she injured her MCL. Nonetheless, Wiggins is proud to be a part of this team.

With so many freshmen on the team this year, they need as much leadership as they can get from the upperclassmen and their coaches. They will be the future leaders of the women's soccer team. One girl they know they can count on is senior and second-year co-captain Amanda Johnson. She has every desire to help lead her team to victory in the NE-10 tournament and believes they can accomplish just that. "I think our team has what it takes to make it all the way," Johnson states. "When we play our best we are unstoppable, and that's exactly what will be expected of us. SNHU isn't one of those teams other people look at and think oh they are not good anymore. People are afraid of us now, and it is an awesome feeling."

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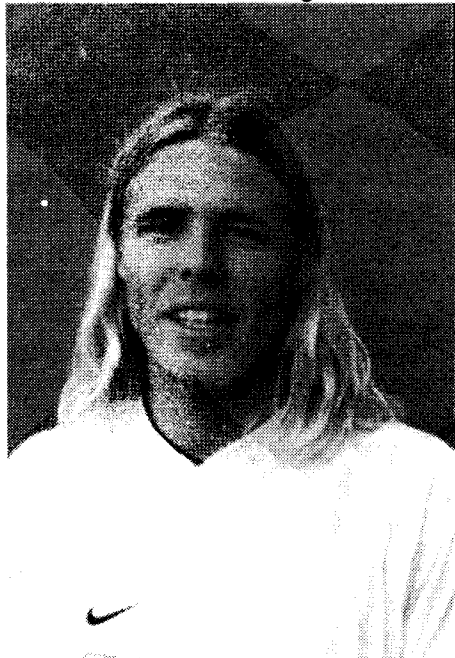
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Clint Borrill

By Cari Welch
Co-Editor in Chief

As the soccer season comes to a close, it seems fitting to recognize one of the season's most dedicated and versatile seniors, Clint Borrill. This defense-prone player has helped the Penmen reach some of their highest



Clint Borrill photo courtesy SI Dept.

moments and has pushed them through some of their more difficult times.

On the team for the last three years, Borrill was one of the members who helped the team reach the NCAA National Championship tournament in 2002. When asked what made Borrill such an effective player, former teammate Jerney Bonomo said, "He's a very technical player, a good head: he's smart on the field."

Although this year's team didn't advance quite as far as the season before, Borrill gave validity to his ex-teammate's quote by playing a variety of positions ranging from right midfielder to sweeper in the defense. Personal highlights of the season include the game against local-rival Saint Anselm, whom they defeated on Oct. 18 with a score of 3-0.



Now that his last season at SNHU has come to a close, Borrill finds himself without an active team for the first time since he was seven. A native of Johannesburg, South Africa, he is used to a much longer playing season. He has not yet decided what to do after graduation.

Looking back on his past seasons, Borrill commented that he would remember the special group atmosphere of his 2002 season and the valuable character lessons he was taught by some of his teammates during the 2003 season.

Win or lose, one thing to keep in mind would be Borrill's quote of choice: "Don't do it unless you're having fun doing it. If you don't enjoy it, don't bother."

Anastasia Carson

By Cari Welch
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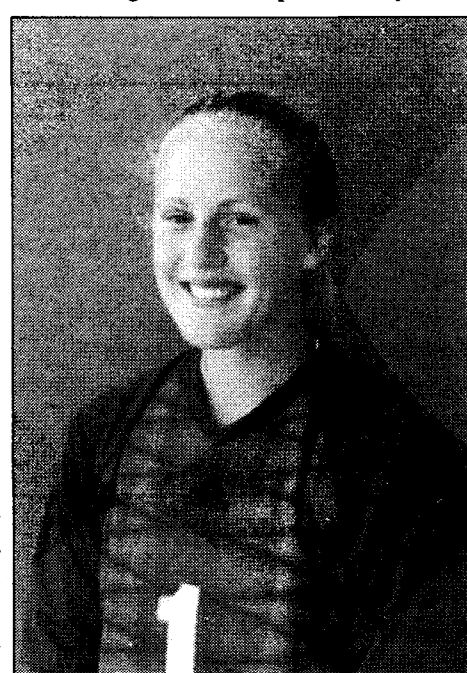
Senior goaltender Anastasia Carson already has her fondest memory of the 2003 season locked in place. When asked what that moment is, she answers quickly "the double overtime win over Bryant in the quarter finals." She goes on to explain that moment's significance, "In the last three years we've never made the tournament, so it was a whole new feeling, we came from behind and won."

That win was just one in a string of successful games for Carson. She was the starting goalie in all 18 of the year's games. In this season alone she has been ranked third in the league leaders in both goals against average and shutout games. She was two-time New England Conference 10 goalie of the week, and a six-time honor roll selection. Her game record for the season includes six shut-outs, and only 15 goals made it past her in regular season play.

After growing up in New Hampshire, Carson moved to Texas with her mother, father and brother when she was in high school. She plans to move back there after completing her degree this May with a

Bachelor's in Sport Management.

Carson has been playing soccer since she was five years old and will miss the experience of being on a team. When talking about her successful season, Carson mentions team members who helped make the season such a highlight for SNHU sports. "This year has



Anastasia Carson photo courtesy SI Dept.

Men's soccer wraps up 2003 season

By Michael Lombardi
Staff Writer

SNHU men's soccer has wrapped up their 17-game 2003 season posting a 7-6-4 (5-6-2 NE-10) record. The last half of the season began with SNHU coming up short in a heartbreaker to visiting Bentley College on Oct. 21. With 6:18 left in the second overtime period, sophomore Mike Purpura lifted a shot over net minder Mike Simone to put his Bentley squad over the Pen-

men.

Offense was not a problem on Oct. 4 when SNHU bounced back in a 6-1 defeat over Stonehill College. Junior Mike Savastra had a goal and three assists and senior Jay Willis added two goals and an assist to lead Penmen over NE-10 Rival Chieftains. Other scoring came from Coolidge Durham, Anthony Augustine and Sherwin Merryman.

On Oct. 8 Merrimack scored with just 45 seconds left in regulation to lift the Warriors over the Penmen. SNHU out-shot

Merrimack 9-8, but came up empty in the scoring column.

Another tough break and lack of scoring handed the Penmen their second loss in a row, as Southern Connecticut State edged SNHU 1-0 on Oct. 11. SNHU sophomore Kevin Cumberbatch headed the ball in the wrong direction—over goalie Mike Simone's head at 65:10 to give SCSU the lone win.

On Oct. 13 SNHU fell behind early to Saint Michael's College after sophomore Jerrod Hall lifted a shot over Simone

just 13 seconds into play. 4:36 into the second half the Penmen answered back when Sherwin Merryman scored off of an Arlindo Neto pass. After an overtime period with no scoring, SNHU walked away from the battle winless in their last three games.

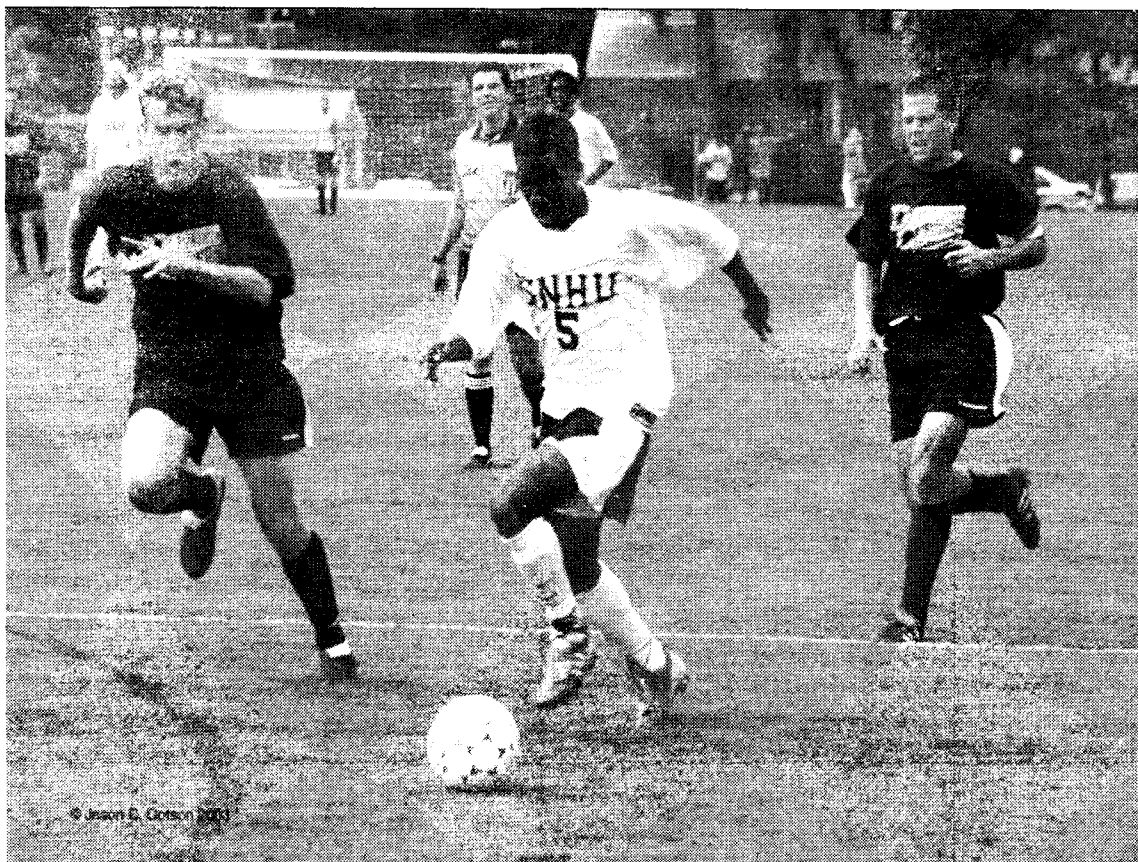
SNHU came out on top versus NE-10 rival Saint Anselm's College on Oct. 18. Merryman started the scoring off with a goal in the twelfth minute. Augustine scored six minutes into the second half for his fifth goal of the season. Bobby Dufour put the nail in the coffin with 19:31 left to play. All three assists in the Penmen's victory Alumni Weekend came from Savastra. Goalkeeper Simone made one save for his fourth shutout of the season.

SNHU out shot Green Mountain College 12-5, but could only settle for a tie on Oct. 22 in Poultney, Vt. Augustine scored his sixth goal of the year to give SNHU the lead in the 75th minute in regulation. Green Mountain answered just two minutes later when Tudor Jones put the game in a dead-

seen extremely good play from players like sweeper Katie Guimond," she says.



Mike Savastra of SNHU photo by Jason Dotson, Photography Editor



Romelle Burgess of Southern New Hampshire University photo by Jason Dotson, Photography Editor



Sports

SNHU All Stars
INSIDE BACK COVER

Penmen hockey looking for a powerful season

By Katelyn Duggan
Opinion Editor

As winter is quickly approaching, so is hockey season. The Penmen hockey team is taping up their pads and lacing up their skates in anticipation of a strong season. The seniors this year, Dan Brown, Darren Catalano, Mike Flynn and Dave Yazinka, will continue to be assets to the team, helping to build team unity, as well as stepping it up on the ice. On top of the returning seventeen players, SNHU has added six new forwards, three new defensemen, one new goalie, as well as three tentative players for the 2003-2004 season. The team lost a number of players from last year, but the new players have meshed well and seem like a team that has been playing together for years.

"We were pretty strong coming into this season, and the new class can only help us. We acquired some more speed, as well as more depth on defense and offense," says Flynn.

The team this year is looking to solidify their skills. "We have good forwards and awesome goalies, but we have all young defensemen so we need to work on the defense," says Brown.

The team this year looks to face a new conference, now being in the NE 10 as well as the Northeast Conference, which they have been in previous years. The team has three main goals this year-to win at least seventeen games (because it hasn't been done in four years), to finish in the top five of the Northeast Conference and to be the first to win the NE-10 tournament for hockey.

However, there will not be too many changes made by the Penmen; they are mostly going to concentrate on not making mistakes that will come back and hurt them later in the game.

The team has changed some of their schedule, and will not be playing in the Christmas tournament this year; however, they have added two more regular season games against St. Anselm and Tufts University that will definitely be exciting to watch.

The Penmen opened their season Wednesday, Nov. 12, at home against Franklin Pierce College.



From left to right: Seniors Dave Yazinka, Mike Flynn, Dan Brown and Darren Catalano are ready and eager for the season to begin. Photo by Katelyn Duggan, Opinion Editor

Closing in on a goal, SNHU women's volleyball wraps up season

By Brittany Porter
Co-Sports Editor

SNHU women's volleyball wrapped up regular season play on Tuesday, Nov. 4, against St. Anselm. In an upsetting 3-1 loss to the Lady Hawks. The Penmen's post-season qualification for the NE-10 tournament hadn't yet been decided. A win would have secured the Penmen into the tournament; however, the defeat left the team to hold their breath in contention for one of the eight bids to the conference tournament.

Over the course of the second half of the season, the Penmen have bettered their record to 7-7 in conference and 16-11 overall. In an Oct. 14 showdown against Assumption at SNHU, the Penmen dropped the Greyhounds in the fifth and deciding game of the match when SNHU ran off five-straight points for a 15-12 victory. Junior co-captain Lise Laczek totaled 17 kills and 18 digs while Junior co-captain Lauren Enny helped the cause with 15 kills and six service aces to lead the volleyball team to a come-from-behind victory. The Penmen followed the vic-

tory with a 1-3 road-record from the Kutztown Invitation in Pennsylvania and the Oct. 21 conference match at Bentley.

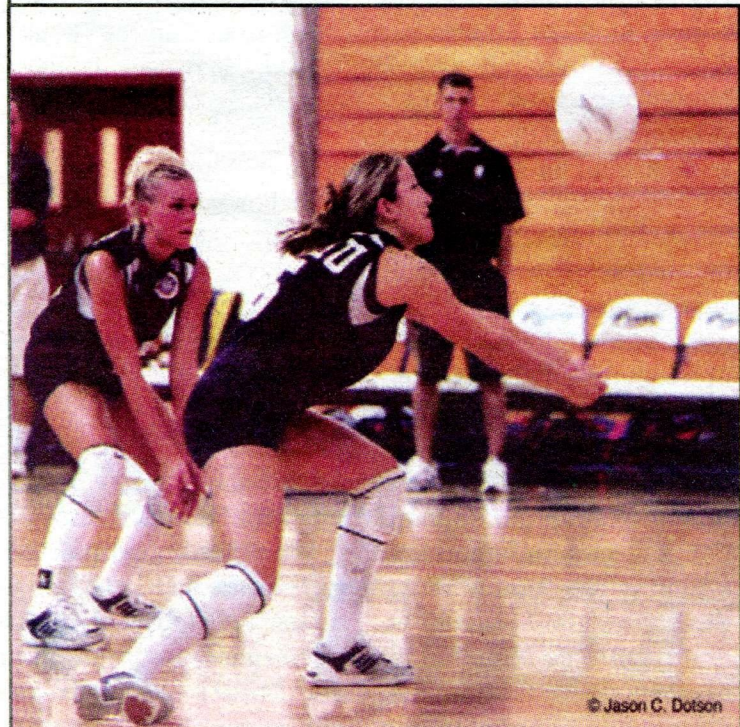
Returning to the comfort zone, the Penmen broke out a four-game winning streak in their final home matches. The first two wins came from the Oct. 25 non-conference tri-match weekend against Colby Sawyer and Newbury College. Junior setter Kristin Ellis dished out 41 assists between the two matches. The success flowed swiftly into the Tuesday night air on Oct. 28. In one of the biggest upsets of the season for the NE-10 Conference, the Penmen took a five-game series from the #3-ranked American International College. Neither team leading by more than two points in the fifth game, SNHU secured a 15-13 win after sophomore setter Kristin Cowles caught the AIC defense off guard with a dump return. The Penmen would finalize their home-floor success on Oct. 30 in a 3-1 victory over non-conference Rivier College. It would mark the final home match for the Penmen and improve their home-court record to

10-1 for the season. The team returned to action with a 3-0 loss to Teikyo Post University and defeated Molloy College 3-1 during a tri-match hosted by TPU on Nov. 2. Sophomore Deanna Guenther helped the SNHU cause with 18 kills, while Enny and Laczek contributed 11 kills and 27 digs, respectively. The Penmen would travel across town to St. Anselm for their final match on Nov. 4. The Penmen came out strong taking the first of the four-game series in a gym-silencing manner. However, the Hawks took game two and continued the momentum throughout the final two games.

With the regular season finished, the Penmen strive toward a post-season showing with determination. The team continues to practice while holding their breath for a bid to the NE-10 tournament this November for the first time in the program's history. As basketball coaching legend Pat Riley once said, "You have no choice about how you lose, but you do have a choice about how you come back and prepare to win again."



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Deanna Guenther photo by Jason Dotson, Photography Editor