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Gustafson to step aside as president

By Katelyn Duggan
Opinion Editor

President Richard Gustafson announced on Monday July 29, 2002, he would be stepping down as president of SNHU to assume the title of President Emeritus as of June 30, 2003.

Emeritus is Latin for retired; however, it also has an honorary connotation. When used in an academic setting it is a term to honor someone who has done an incredible amount to help and better the institution, and who will also continue to be very involved with the institution.

"I am more stepping aside, than stepping down," says Gustafson.

He plans to continue working on fundraising for the university, especially on the Capital Campaign the university is planning, to determine the capacity and fund the ideas of a new student center, library and academic building.

"There are a number of initiatives that remain priority," he says. "The first one that is of large concern to the university, is working very hard to build additional student housing apartments that will be built on the east side of North River Road."

Some other plans for the upcoming year are developing the Distance Education (DE) program, which represents an overwhelming growth area for the university. SNHU has also assumed the responsibility of the education programs from recently closed Notre Dame College. The university is also preparing for a fundraising campaign, and they plan on testing the strength of the

fundraising capability for new ideas and buildings.

As for his personal plans after two years as Emeritus, Gustafson is unsure. He enjoys international experience, getting involved in community activities and volunteering.

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~President Richard Gustafson

As for the future of SNHU, Gustafson says, "There is an enormous potential for the institution to continue to grow. The academic programs and the campus are growing, as well as a growing sense of acknowledgement." The endowment is being enhanced as well as the addition of the education programs, which complete the basic staples of every university's scholastic programs.

SNHU has come a distance from when Gustafson first began his position as President. Phase one, which was com-

pleted by 1997-1998, began with the consolidating of the two campuses, into the current main Manchester campus. Then there was the construction of Washington Hall, the Hospitality Building, Webster Hall and Belknap Hall.

Phase two, which has begun and is still in progress, consists of enhancing the campus due to growing population, the building of New Castle Hall, addition onto the Athletic Complex, Robert Frost Hall, addition onto Belknap Hall, the new entrance to the university, new tennis courts, more parking, new signs, re-vamping the AV Studio and the renovation of Exeter and Stark halls. The monumental change occurred with the school's transformation from college to university.

The result of all the changes is the cause for increase in enrollment. With the freshman class of 540 and around 240 transfer students, the school is expanding more and more. However, "The enrollment will not continue to increase at the rate it has been, we just don't have the capacity," says Gustafson. "We need to step back, take a breath, and make sure we have a firm footing before we move forward again."

After everything Gustafson has done for the Institution and all the changes he has seen, the one thing that he says he will miss the most is the people. "Graduation is one of my favorite times," he says. "It is so gratifying for all faculty and staff to witness the culmination of students' work here. The energy and pride of the students and families feels special."

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Freshmen classes increase throughout state

By Cari Welch
Photography Editor

The start of the season always marks very distinct changes, customs and traditions. A New England fall is no exception. Just like the changing of the leaves, with the onset of sweaters and apple picking comes perhaps the most important event of the year. As this time of year rolls around, the new crop of college freshmen pack their belongings and leave the comfort of parents and high school to embrace the next chapter in their lives.

Colleges and universities around the nation open their doors to the onslaught of incoming freshmen. However, this year New Hampshire schools have had to open their doors even wider to handle the surplus of new students. Plymouth, Keene State, UNH and SNHU are attracting larger numbers.

UNH had a freshman class of 2,500 last year and expected to increase that number to 2,600. Their current number for this year's class is up to 2,728. Keene jumped from 1,000 to 1,200, and Plymouth's increase gave them a number of around 1,000. SNHU's numbers jumped from 590 to 723 new

students this year, with 489 living on campus. What makes this year such a popular year for New Hampshire universities?

Mark Rubinstein, from UNH, attributes the size of the freshman class at UNH to the number of students accepted. He believes this surge in UNH's popularity is due to the decrease in Massachusetts' state funding for higher education. With less money available in Massachusetts, New Hampshire looks much more appealing than it did last year.

While those reasons may account for numbers jumping around the state, including SNHU, the increase here is a little more complex. Officials on campus were expecting a jump due to the name change from New Hampshire College to the new Southern New Hampshire University. Since the name change, there have been more applicants, which has yielded larger class sizes. Another reason for this change is the closing of Notre Dame College last spring, which garnered more interest here. SNHU registrar Richard Ouellette also pointed out that there are more students graduating from high school. Each year there are simply more students seeking higher education.

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Campus Security Log

Compiled by Kara Dufour
Editor in Chief

Date: 9/2/02
Time: 22:52

At the above date and time a parent stopped at the gate and complained that as she was driving she got squirted in the face by a sprinkler near the new sign in front of the gym. She told PS that the sprinklers needed to be adjusted.

Date: 9/6/02
Time: 22:11

At the above date and time two PSOs saw a female student with a red plastic cup in the front door of Greeley. As the PSOs approached the student she set the cup on the ground. One of the PSOs picked it up to find it was some type of alcoholic mixed beverage. The PSOs requested her ID but she refused to tell the PSOs her name. The student called the PSOs "(expletives deleted)" several times and "want-to-be cops." As the PSOs left she continued to swear at them. Her name was checked with the housing roster and the drink dumped outside. At 00:07 hours the student walked by the PSOs and called them a bunch of "(expletive deleted)."

Date: 9/6/02
Time: 23:41

At the above date and time a PSO observed a female student fall off a large rock twice at the north end of the apartment quad. The PSO got her to her feet and observed that she had a strong odor of alcohol on her breath, was unsteady on her feet, had slurred speech, and she admitted to having "a few beers." She was taken to her room by friends.

Date: 9/7/02
Time: 22:22

At the above date and time two PSOs saw a male student walking in front of Kearsarge with a large bulge in his front pants waist. He was holding the bulge as he walked. As one of the PSOs approached the student, he could hear beer bottles hitting together. The PSO asked him to remove the beer from his pants. The student gave the PSO two closed bottles of Sam Adams.

Date: 9/7/02
Time: 03:10

At the above date and time an irate person came to the gatehouse because PS towed his friend's car from campus. The male called the PSO whom he spoke with a "want-to-be" cop and told him that

he would lose his \$9 an hour job over this. The male claimed he was a student, but would not give his name. The male continued to put the PSO and the university down. The PSO said that he was not going to talk to him anymore and that he should leave. He then asked the PSO to call Eastern towing and the PSO refused. The PSO gave the student Eastern's number. This made the male mad and he said his father would fire the PSO.

Date: 9/14/02
Time: 23:50

At the above date and time two PSOs responded to Whittier after the apartment RA's advised objects were being thrown from a window. Upon arrival two residents admitted to throwing the objects. Their reason was that one of them was doing badly on the track team. Both were ID'd and told they were being documented. As the PSOs spoke with the residents, the RD had the residents pick up one window fan and two lamps that had been thrown. Shortly after both the residents were seen stumbling about on campus. Both had slurred speech. One of the residents said, "I am 21 I can be drunk." Both had a strong odor of alcohol on their breath, and one of them fell in the dirt. There was no obstruction to cause her to fall.

SNHU welcomes new residence directors

By Matt Miville
Co-News Editor

Along with the changes SNHU underwent this summer, the Office of Residence Life was no exception. With the departures of former Residence Directors Kristin Keyes-Olson and Christine Clifford, Residence Life set out in search of replacements.

Keri Sayer, Residence Director for New Castle Hall, comes to SNHU from Plymouth State College. Originally from Lowell, Massachusetts, Keri has completed her Bachelor of Science in Business Psychology and Health. Upon graduation she decided to continue in Residence Life because of the great experience in working with her supervisors and her desire to help students. "One goal for

this year is to get to know the residents well," says Keri.

Mark Pierce, Residence Director for Washington Hall, comes to us with an extensive background. First he received his Bachelor of Arts in English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He completed his Master of Science in Education at Quincy University. Mark saw his position at SNHU as, "a chance to deal directly with and help students. Also, it's not a job that's about how many units you can deliver, or how much product you can sell." A goal of his this year is to learn as many Washington Hall residents' names as possible and to become well acquainted with them.

With their different backgrounds and dedication to the field, both Keri and Mark are sure to make their mark at the university.



Photo by Cari Welch

**Left: Keri Sayer,
Residence
Director for New
Castle Hall**

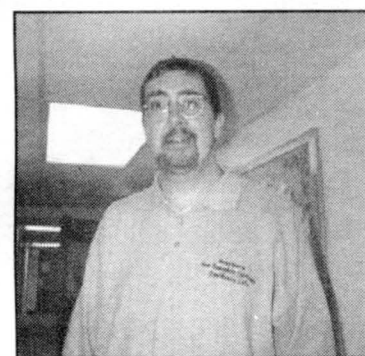


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**Right: Mark
Pierce, Residence
Director for
Washington Hall**

SNHU becomes privy to the world of advertising

By Nick Beltz
Contributing Writer

One new addition at SNHU is the creation and development of our very own advertising agency. The SNHU Ad Agency is completely student run and set up in a professional manner; actual clients from around New Hampshire will be brought in. It is only the second school in the United States to have their own on-campus, student-run ad agency, after the University of Texas.

The Ad Lab, formerly the Graphics Lab, is set up with a computer terminal for each student and a conference area where the clients meet with the students to discuss their advertising and public relations needs. From these dis-

cussions, students formulate goals and strategies to assist these companies with their campaigns. The agency's focus is on real-world advertising offering students the ability to work together in groups promoting teamwork, which is found in most ad agencies across the world. The SNHU Ad Lab "Exposes students to professionalism that you wouldn't get in a regular classroom," says Nicole Curci, business major. Last semester's projects included Elliot Hospital, Business and Computer Solutions and other incubator program companies. In the past the students have formulated campaigns for Visa, Shorty's Mexican Roadhouse, Black Brimmer, Verizon, Kayem, Arcadydia, For Manchester, United Way and Fleet. Each semester students are also

exposed to "non-profit" issues in advertising and as a result the students have not only experienced "for profit" businesses, but also organizations that are attempting to increase revenues for supporting services to the general public. Asuman Bolat, advertising major, says, "The Ad Lab is a great idea so that we (the students) can experience what it feels like to do advertising before the real world."

"My goal is to differentiate our students by giving them the opportunity to gain real-world experience, to expand on their resumes and expand their portfolios. A senior advertising major will leave here with 15 different ad campaigns in their portfolio," says Dr. Pat Spirou, the developer/coordinator of the SNHU Ad Lab.

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Work-study vs. payroll jobs

By Katelyn Duggan
Opinion Editor

“Doesn’t this campus offer jobs for students who don’t have work-study?” How many times has the question been heard around campus? Some students believe SNHU offers mainly jobs for only work-study students. On the contrary, out of 43 departments there are only 10 that hire solely work-study students.

This year, with a larger number of freshmen at SNHU, many of the upperclassmen believe that finding a job would be impossible, especially after seeing endless lines at the job-fair. However, with the availability of both payroll and work-study jobs on campus, finding a job should be no problem at all. To the right is a list of departments that hire on campus. Those with an asterisk hire work-study only.

Department	Location	Supervisor	On-campus ext.
Academic Affairs	Exeter	Roberta Banfield	2111
Admissions	Belknap	Christie Lenda	9611
Admissions Processing*	Belknap	Chuck Cook	2231
Alumni	Madison House	Michael DeBlasi	9799
Annual Giving/Development	Madison House	Steven Kowlessar	2071
Art Gallery/SLA	Robert Frost	Robert Craven	2226
Athletics	Athletics Complex	Chad Mason	9786
AV Studio	AV Studio/Library	Judy Ciesielski	2172
C.L.A.S.S.	Exeter	Brenda Rossignol	2031
Computer Center	Exeter	Daryl Dreffs	9628
Computing Resources	Exeter	Marc Cote	9730
Conference Services	Exeter	Denise Morin	9612
Continuing Education	Robert Frost	Jane Powers	2120
Copy Center/Postal Services	Exeter	Jason Labassiere	9651
Credit Department*	Exeter	Melinda Parker	9754
Database Management*	Exeter	Monique Fonner	9634
Distance Education	Stark	Christine Javery	2208
Facilities	Maintenance Bldg.	Christopher Morris	9613
Financial Aid*	Exeter	Robin Gagnon	9645
Fitness Center	Athletics Complex	Wendy Goodro	9656
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Human Resources	Exeter	James Whitmore	3125
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Library Services	Library	Barbara Hickok	2158
Math/Writing Center*	Stark	Kathy Willis	2148
OSOL	Student Center	Heather Downs	9608
Partnership Program	Belknap	Rick Groleau	9698
President's Office	Exeter	Nancy Richardson	9631
Psychology Department	Robert Frost	Betsy Gunzelmann	2207
Public Relations/Marketing	Campbell	Patti Garrity	9635
Public Safety	Belknap	George Miville	9700
Purchasing*	Exeter	Gail Duckless	9622
Residence Life	Chocorua	Brenda Schadick	9758
S.O.B./Dean's Office*	Webster Hall	Dr. Paul Shneiderman	3102
School of Liberal Arts	Robert Frost	Jackie Hickox	9692
School of Business	Webster Hall	Paula James	3316
School of CED	Webster Hall	Sharon Hunt	3123
School of Hospitality	Hospitality	Julie Rain	3128
Student Administrative Serv.	Exeter	Terri Gerlitz	2128
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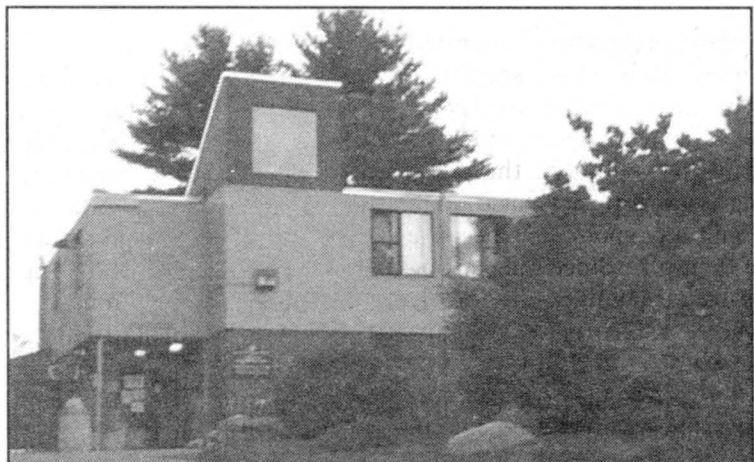


Photo by Kara Dufour

The Wellness Floor is located in Chocorua Hall.

You live where?

By Kara Dufour
Editor in Chief

Let me introduce myself. My name is Kara Dufour and I am a sophomore at SNHU. I run cross country, am a member of the Honors Program, and am editor of the student newspaper. I snowboard, like punk rock music, and spend time with my friends and family. I consider myself a typical college student...that is until another student asks me where I live. This is the part where I respond and say that I live on the Wellness Floor. Big mistake. All of a sudden that other student looks at me like I have grown another limb, have something in my teeth, or have developed some sort of twitch.

For those students who might not know what the "Wellness Floor" means, let me explain. The rooms on the second floor of Chocorua Hall are occupied by students who prefer a substance-free environment, hence, the reasoning behind the shock students have of someone actually wanting to LIVE on this floor. After all, college students seem to assume that the in-thing to do is attend parties, consume alcohol, and well yeah. However, the truth is that most students DO NOT party. According to a poll taken by Wellness last year, 9/10 SNHU students report getting drunk is NOT okay and students party LESS than two nights a week.

However, the question remains, if most students do not actually party or drink then why is it that students still look down upon other students who chose to live on the Wellness Floor? According to Sarah Wilson, director of Wellness, students want no reason to be singled out. "There tends to be a conformity in freshman classes. ev-

erybody wants to fit in." I agree and also believe that freshmen consider college as a new start. They look at college as a chance to be popular. Hence, even though a significant number of students on this campus live a substance-free life, they do not want to risk the chance of being made fun of or looked down upon by their peers by living on the Wellness Floor.

In addition to being looked down upon by their peers, students tend not to understand certain factors about the Wellness housing. First, we are all typical college students no matter how you put it. We all have friends, girlfriends/boyfriends, are athletes, are members of organizations, avoid homework, etc. Second, quiet hours are NOT 24/7. We all get yelled at by our RA much like someone living in Washington or New Castle. Third, members of the Wellness floor are more open and understanding about being who they are. Every person on the Wellness floor knows that they are not going to be looked down upon by any other member of the floor for how they dress, what music they listen to, or what friends they have. Finally, we do share the fact that we enjoy a substance-free environment. A place where students are not puking their stomachs out in the middle of the night, where a student does not smell smoke trickling out someone's door, or have to worry about the behavior of other people around them who may be intoxicated.

Thus, I think students of SNHU need to reconsider their perceptions before looking at someone who lives on the Wellness Floor as being different. After all, the students who live in Chocorua, like myself, are no more different than any other typical college student on this campus.

What's happening in Iraq?

By Garrett Boucher
Staff Writer

When I sat down to plan this article, the subject matter was originally students' reactions, thoughts and feelings to a possible invasion of Iraq. Today, this issue is extensively covered in nearly every newspaper, news program and on talk radio broadcasts. I figured something so controversial and debatable would have to arouse some deep feelings in the students on campus. To my dismay, when I began the researching process, I found that the average student does not have a clue about this extremely serious situation that is taking place. I asked approximately thirty different students "Have you been following recent news stories about a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq?" This was the first of a series of questions that would probe into the students' feelings about this issue. The most common response to my first question was either "No" or a

nervous giggle followed by "No...what's happening with Iraq?" Since the interview basically ended at this point, I then asked out of curiosity, "Have you heard anything about it?" and once again, the most common response was "No."

Now, a philosophical question needs to be posed: *If the student body represents the future generation of those who will eventually lead this country, should we be nervous that there is no interest in serious national and/or world issues?* The reasons for lack of interest could stem from numerous sources: the notion of being "too busy" to watch the news, lack of attention to current events addressed in school, or failure to see the connection between the student's personal life and events that take place throughout the world.

Whatever the cause may be, there is still an opportunity to become acquainted with the issues that *do* affect you. Watching a news pro-

gram for fifteen minutes a day to see the headlines can make quite a difference. Scanning the front page of a newspaper while waiting in line at the convenience store is also another way to become informed. I also strongly suggest to professors that they integrate current issues into their teaching. It is a great motivational force for students to see real-life, up-to-date examples of what they are studying. This theory is widely understood but from my experience taking courses, rarely used. Understanding what is going on around you will help you make better, more informed decisions. We can begin to shape our future now! If we do not begin to become aware of this, then we will suffer the consequences of hastily made political and life decisions. There will come a time when we will not be able to turn back the clock and ignorance could shape a hideous world for future generations.

~Musings~ yours...sincerely

By Kristen Van Horn
Managing Editor

Every time I see that commercial for Dentyne Ice, I laugh. You know which one I'm talking about. It's the one where this cheeseball guy pulls out every bad pick-up line he knows to try to get the girl in the laundromat. Lines like "Are those astronaut pants you're wearing because your butt is out of this world" flow from his mouth freely and smoothly. Well, I'm here to tell you these lines are nothing but fodder for humor.

I work in a bar, and let me tell you I have heard them all. I'm not going to go through and list every pick-up line I have heard because it would take up the whole paper. To me, they are funny and I get a

kick out of sitting around with my co-workers and swapping lines. To others, they are annoying and insulting. On the first day of classes, one of my professors, Mike Jones, ran an exercise in class. The point of the exercise was to stress sincerity. He gave the class a bit of advice, "Learn to sound sincere, even if you don't mean it."

Whether picking up guys or girls, negotiating with a professor or an employer, or pretty much dealing with every situation you come across in life, this is important advice. There are a lot of times when you have to say things you really don't mean or feel passionate about. However, if you want to get the best outcome, then you have to compromise and do or say certain things. If you can learn to

sound like you mean absolutely everything you say, you could quite possibly move onto bigger and better things, things you never imagined (think Bill Clinton). I guess that's what politics are all about. But I don't just mean traditional politics. I mean sexual politics, office politics, and politics in every aspect of life (even in your family).

So keep this advice in mind. Try to always mean what you say and, if you don't, sound like you do. Second piece of advice, ladies, next time a guy walks up to you and says, "I really like your outfit, it would look great crumpled up on my floor" or "Is that a halo because you look like you just fell from heaven," turn and walk quickly away and don't look back. Have a great semester, everyone!

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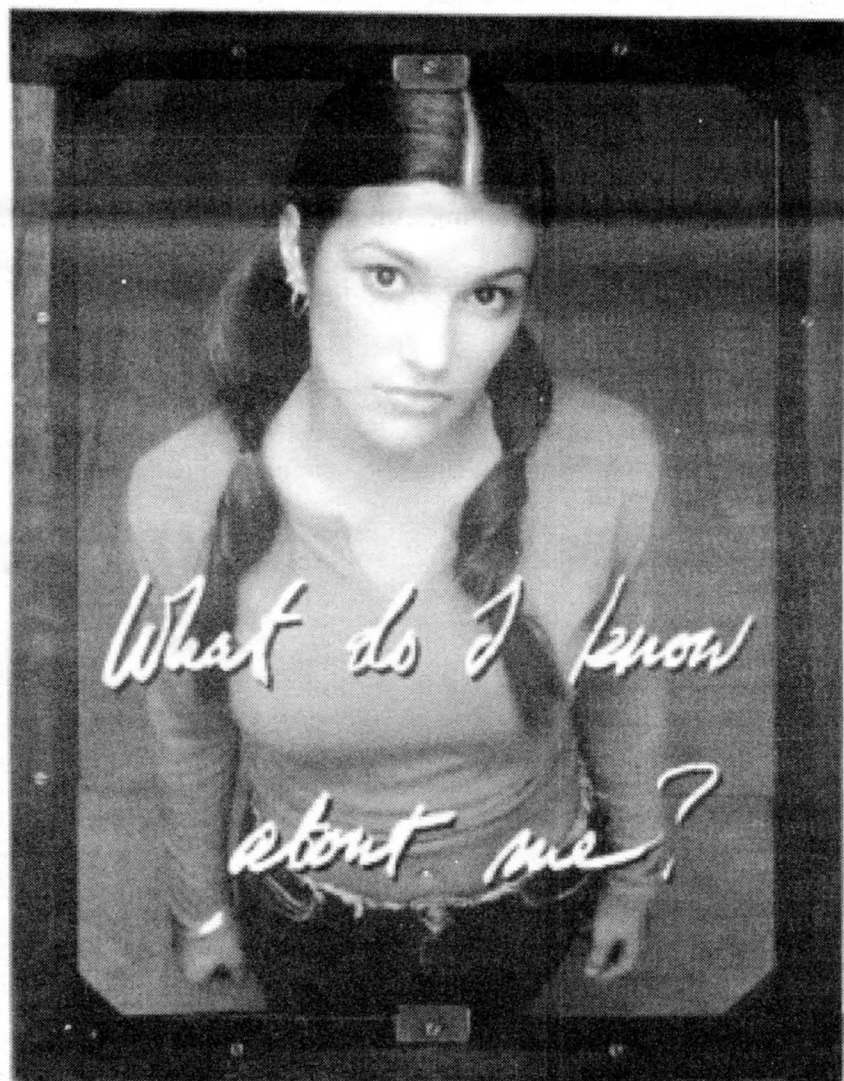
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Petty parking issues at SNHU

By Matt Miville
Co-News Editor

I agree that the parking at SNHU can sometimes be horrendous. With the largest incoming class of freshmen the university has ever seen, this is to be somewhat expected. However, the reason students are frustrated over the parking issue is not because there aren't any spots, it is because of the walk. Since the parking situation changed drastically last year, George Miville, director of Public Safety, unofficially announced that a student should always be able to find a parking spot within a quarter mile of their destination. He has indeed stuck to his words in that students are able to park in several places around campus; however, students don't see those available spots as desirable.

Another issue people are discussing over the parking situation is the constant debate over freshmen being allowed to have cars on campus. In speaking with several upperclassmen, the consensus seems to be that new students should not be allowed to have their cars. I would

agree with this; however, one must consider the public transportation that is offered by Hooksett and Manchester (or lack thereof). While city buses do exist, an efficient transportation system still has not been developed. It isn't fair for anyone to have to pay for a taxi or a bus plan just to be able to go to the mall. For example, if one takes the bus to the Mall of New Hampshire, you have to change bus stops twice and the whole trip takes about 20 to 25 minutes. Until Manchester and Hooksett develop a much more efficient public transportation system, students will just have to deal with parking in the lower suites.

For a few years now, parking has become an issue with students. The university has responded with the appropriate means; they have built two entirely new lots, given commuters more spaces closer to the academic buildings, and as of right now, Public Safety and corresponding departments are working on evenly dividing parking lot #3 for commuters and residents (the big lot in front of Washington).

Problems with parking not so petty

By Jon Bisbing
Contributing Writer

As another school year begins at SNHU, there seem to be more and more complaints about parking. With the arrival of incoming freshmen and transfer students, parking spaces have disappeared and residents and commuters of SNHU have begun to grow more and more frustrated. Parking has seemed to be a problem over the past few years and now is the time to find a better way to accommodate residents and commuters here.

I have been a commuter student at SNHU for the past two years. Over those years I have learned that it would be easier to contact the president of the US than it would be to find a parking spot. There have certainly been some changes to make the parking situation easier for residents and commuters, such as the new parking lot across from the tennis courts. This new lot may make parking easier, but it certainly does not help commuter students from making the trek across a dangerous road to get to their class on time.

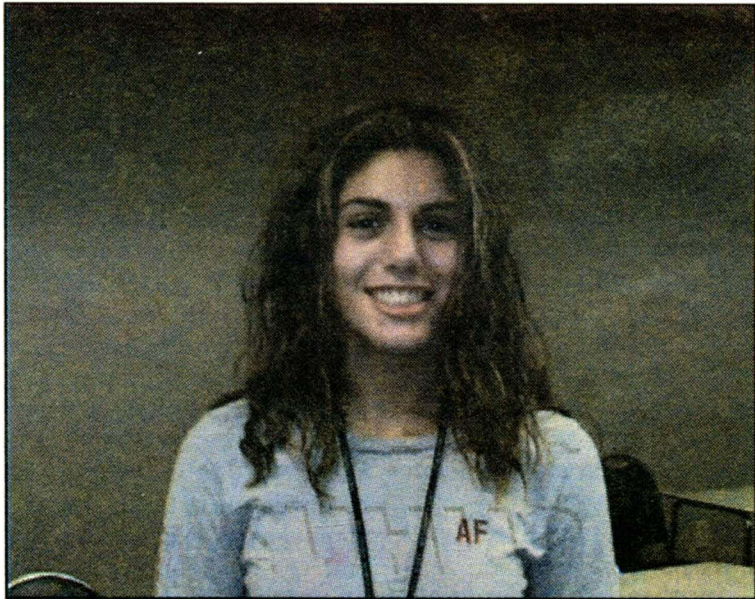
One change that would decrease the number of cars at SNHU would be to prohibit freshmen from having cars on campus. Not allowing freshmen to have cars would allow

for many more parking spots for upperclassmen and commuter students.

As student complaints continue, it seems as if less is done to improve the situation. A view of the upper parking lot around 12:30 p.m. is a total disaster. Cars are lined up along no parking areas, fire lanes, and visitor spots throughout the day. Public Safety will continue to hand out tickets, but that does not seem to stop people from parking in no parking areas. A \$10 ticket is not enough to stop a person from parking illegally again. Unless something is done to improve the parking at SNHU, the problems will only get worse as more students enroll.

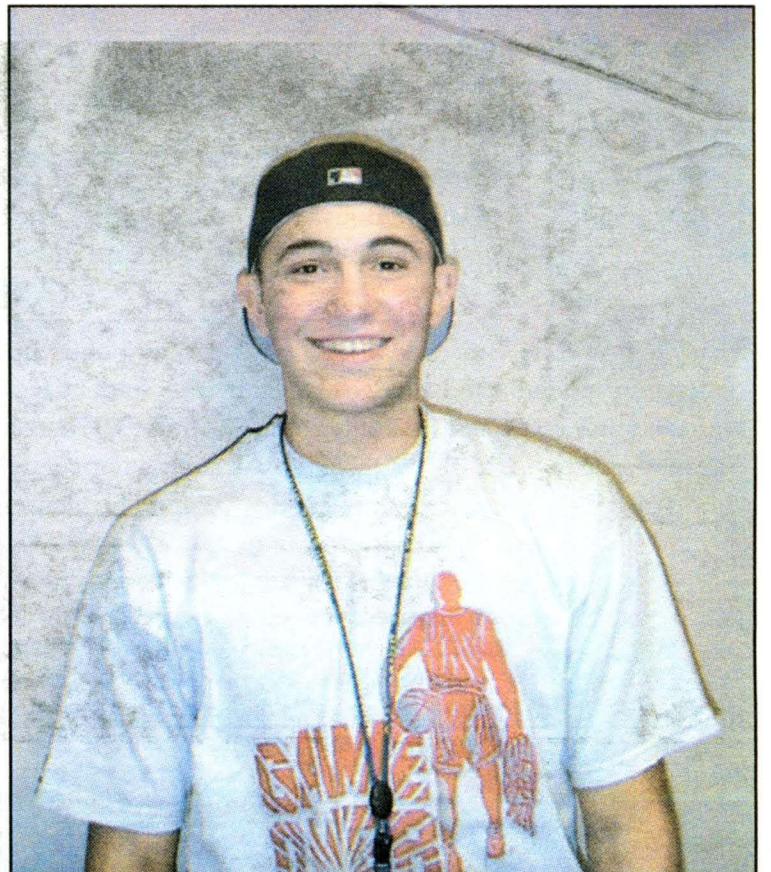
Parking has seemingly become one of the biggest complaints of commuter and resident students alike. As I continue to commute to school and bang my head against the wheel in frustration every morning, the parking spots become fewer and fewer. After finally finding a spot to park, I usually find myself training for the Olympic games in my dash for Robert Frost Hall. Parking is a problem here and will continue to be a problem if something is not done to improve it. Until something is done, I guess I will just have to continue banging my head and sprinting towards the finish line.....or Robert Frost Hall.

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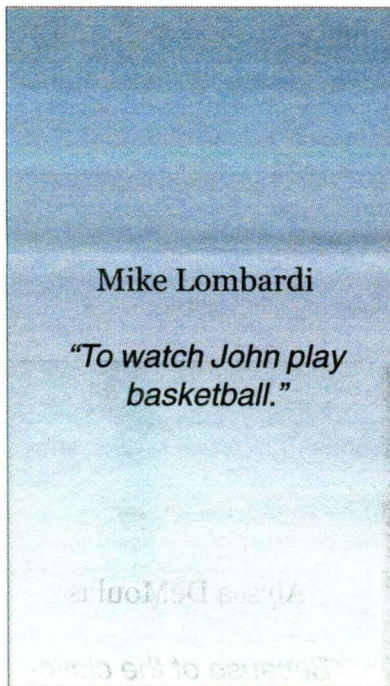
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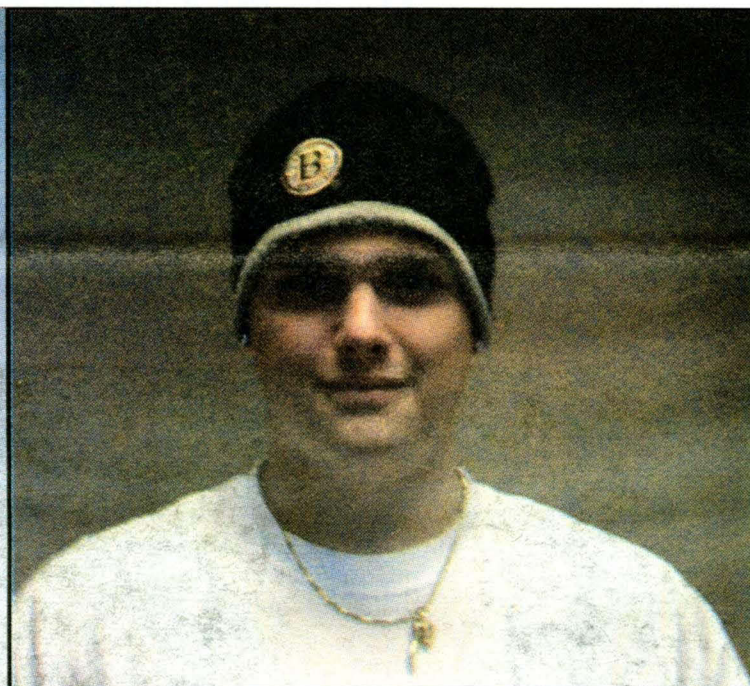
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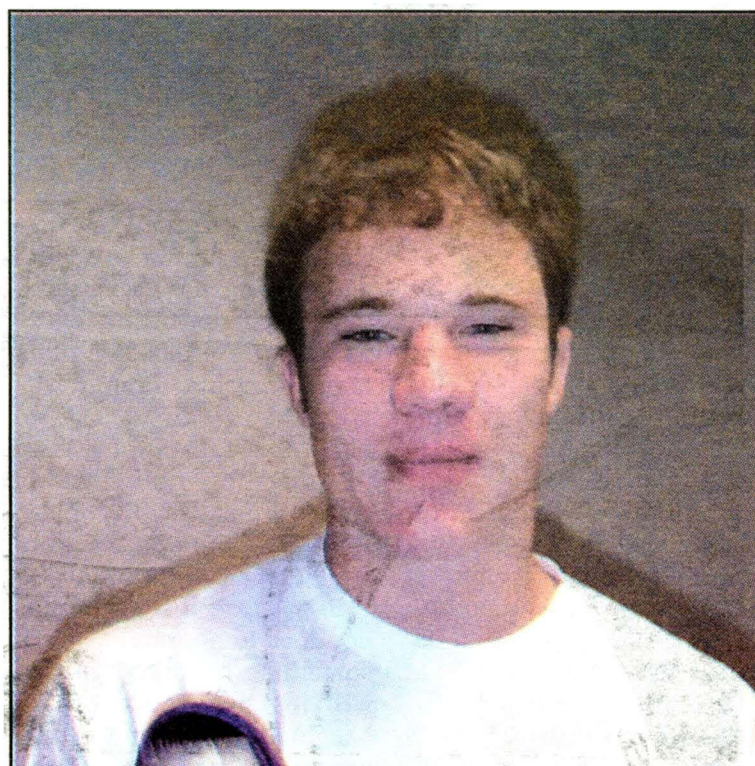
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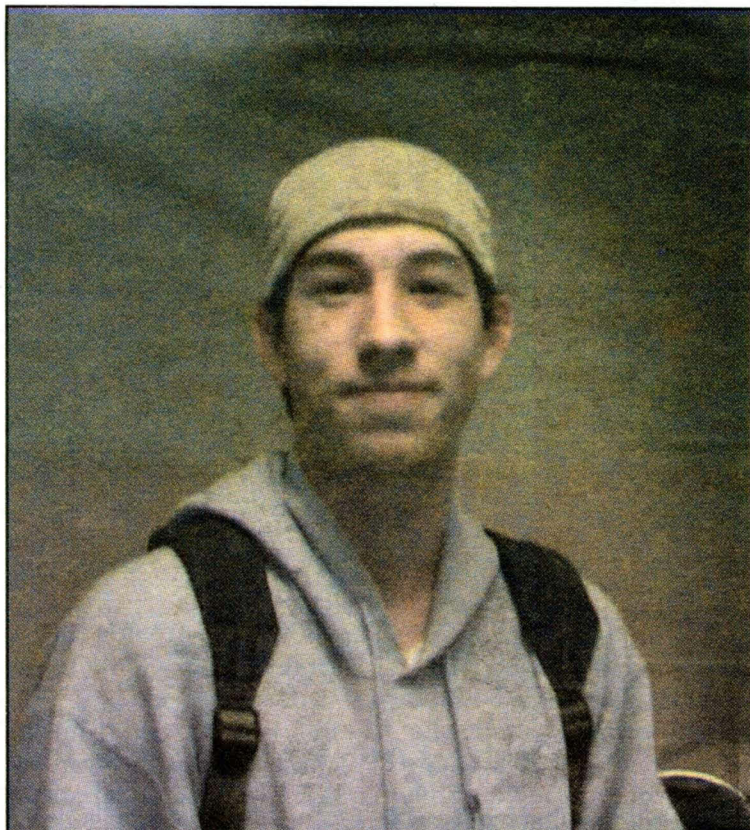


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"I like the campus."

***Freshmen, why did
you decide to
attend SNHU?***

By Cari Welch



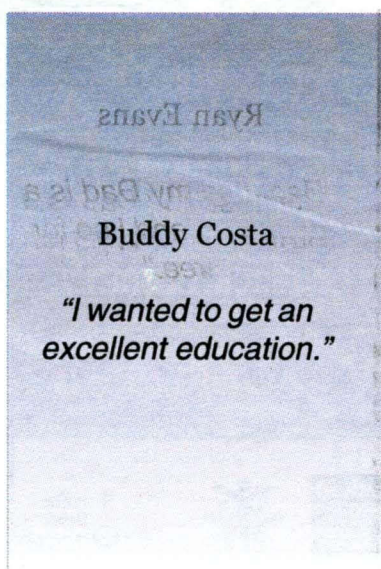
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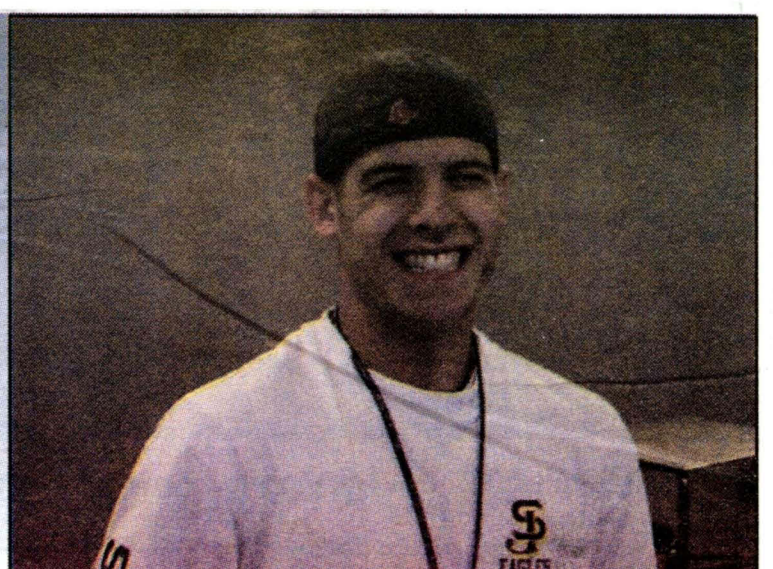
Alyssa DeMoulas

"Because of the close-knit family atmosphere."



Buddy Costa

*"I wanted to get an
excellent education."*



Ryan Evans

Rockin' the river

By Amanda L'Heureux
A & E Editor

The city of Manchester celebrated itself Sept 6-8 during the 22nd annual Riverfest on the grounds of Singer Family Park. The weekend included music, food vendors, a beer tent, fireworks and various genres of music, ranging from the 1960's to recent hits. Although the food and carnival rides seemed to be the biggest attraction, the music spoke for itself.

Starting off the weekend was 60's Invasion, a cover band from Boston, playing hits ranging from Elvis Presley to The Byrds. Their version of "Runaround Sue" by Dion and the Belmonts reminded many of their youth in the 1960's.

Following 60's Invasion in the musical lineup was Blessid

Union of Souls, whose hits include "I Believe," "There's a Light in your Eyes," and "Hey Leonardo (she likes me for me)." Eliot Sloan's amazing vocals, along with Jeff Pence and Tony Clark's guitar rhythms, made the crowd dance and scream. After the show, they stuck around to meet their fans and sign autographs, a ritual of every concert they have. The guys are currently working on their fifth album.

Saturday brought the Colgate Country Showdown, featuring Avery Hovey, Roadrunner 2000, Hearts on Fire, and the Cherokee Band. The park was filled with different styles of country music and many Riverfester's dancing. Picking up the stage immediately after was jazz singer and composer Eric Mintel. His

classical but jazzy style made many eyes water. Those in attendance will not forget his powerful lyrics and astounding vocals. Whirl Magnet, an alternative-pop band from San Francisco closed the evening playing music from their self-titled debut album.

The weekend concluded Sunday with Fantasy, a pop group out of Manchester. Sisters Arsha and Ashley Alexander, both a year apart, released their debut album last summer. They attracted tons of fans and envious little girls.

Manchester really outdid itself this year with all of its musical guests. The true spirit of Manchester shone through the harmony of Singer Family Park with people of all ages, sharing the music of many eras.

Todd's Tunes

By Todd Strauss
Staff Writer

Huey Lewis and the News: Time Flies... The Best Of

One of the last CDs I picked up before last school year ended was this gem. This is quite possibly the perfect album to take on a road trip. Huey Lewis took the 80s by storm with a string of fun, lighthearted hits that practically anyone can remember and enjoy, even today. Unfortunately, the band neglected to include "Hip to be Square," "But it's Alright" and "Some Kind of Wonderful" from this collection, but the awesome tracks that are on *Time Flies* more than make up for it: "The Heart of Rock & Roll," "Workin' for a Livin'" and the #1 smash featured on *Back to the Future* "The Power of Love" are just a couple examples. Fans may also recall "Heart and Soul," "Doing it All for My Baby," "Do You Believe in Love" and "I Want a New Drug" as well. The only other problem I can think of about this CD is that it's quite hard to find, but if you're lucky enough to locate a copy, consider purchasing it! It's definitely worth it. Grade: 97 A

Jimmy Eat World: Jimmy Eat World

Jimmy Eat World is multiple albums into their career already, but this 2001 breakthrough formerly titled *Bleed American* has made them superstars, and with good reason. The instant the CD starts, it packs a punch with the true hard rock anthem "Bleed American." Of course, I would be remiss to not mention the song that made Jimmy famous: the feel-good hit of 2002 "The Middle." Presently, the band is supporting another rock & roll theme song "Sweetness." Jimmy Eat World is not just about alternative rock, though. They mellow out by adding in tracks such as "My Sundown," "Cautioners" and "Hear You Me." But for rock fans, they also include "A Praise Cho-

rus," "Get it Faster" and "The Authority Song." Overall, it provides a great variety for many different kinds of music fans and should be given a listen. Grade: 90 A

Concert Review: Default

Default, as the second band on a bill of eight, unfortunately did not get too long of a show, but what I did get to see was convincing enough for me to buy their CD *The Fallout*. The band, known most for "Wasting My Time," opened with the power rock sound of "Sick and Tired." Immediately, the crowd was pumped for a great concert. My excitement peaked during my personal favorite song of theirs, the energy-packed "Deny." The fans got really into songs like "Slow Me Down" and "Seize the Day," myself included. "By Your Side," "Let Me Down" and "Live a Lie" are more toned down songs that Default also performed. The biggest regret of this show was the short setlist; I would have liked to hear more of their material! Grade: 88 B+

Trivia

Elton John's real name is Reginald Dwight!

Adema singer Mark Chavez is the half-brother of Korn vocalist Jonathan Davis!

Heavy metal band Fear Factory hails from Brazil!

Phil Collins was not only the singer from Genesis, but also the drummer!

The original bassist for Metallica was not Cliff Burton, but Ron McGovney!

Black Sabbath's *Paranoid* album was originally titled *Walpurgis*!

Van Halen has had three different singers since 1978: David Lee Roth (until 1984), Sammy Hagar (1985-1996), and Gary Cherone (1997-2000)!

Before fronting Whitesnake, David Coverdale was one of the vocalists in Deep Purple!

Pat Benatar is married to the guitarist from her own band, Neil Gerardo!

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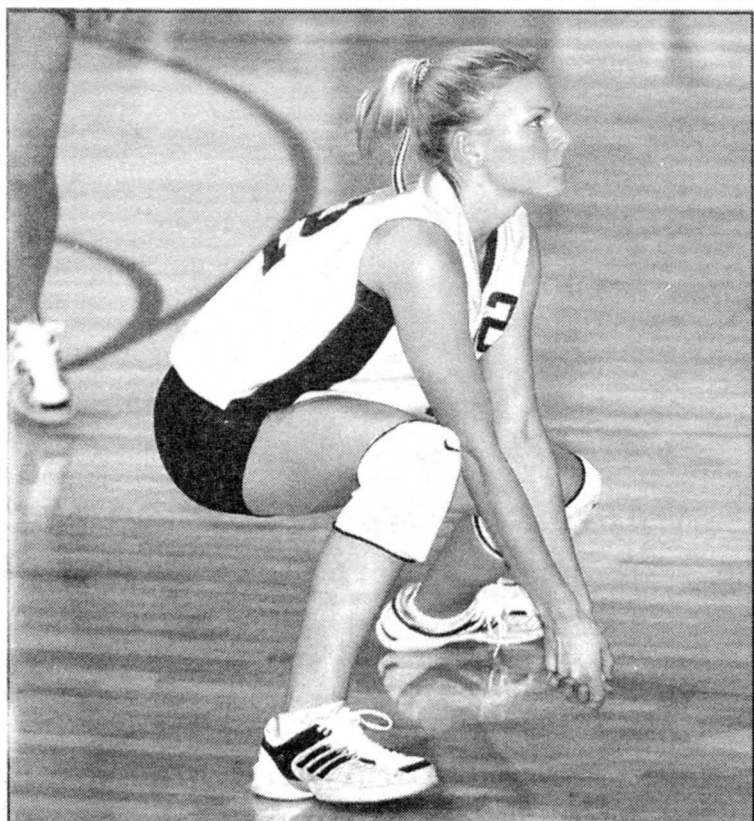


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Porter again led the attack with 15 kills and seven solo blocks, while Enny added 14 kills, 14 digs and six service aces. Laczek chipped in 19 digs and three aces. Ellis recorded a team-high 23 assists, while Cowles added 21 assists.

The team suffered a 3-1 loss to host University of Bridgeport in the championship game of the tournament. Porter and Laczek were named to the all-tournament team.

Though SNHU opened their next best-of-five match with a 30-28 victory, Merrimack College answered with a 30-15 win in game two and completed the match with wins of 31-29 and 30-20 in games three and four.

However, the team evened its record to 3-3 overall and 1-1 in the Northeast-10 Conference following a 3-0 victory over Southern Connecticut State University. Porter led the SNHU attack with 16 kills, seven digs and four blocks, while Enny totaled nine kills, 14 digs and four service aces. Laczek registered a team-high 30 digs, while Cowles posted 14 assists and eight service aces.

Following a loss to the undefeated UMass Lowell women's volleyball team, SNHU went on to sweep Daniel Webster College, Porter leading the attack with seven kills and seven blocks, while Enny added six kills. Laczek chipped in four kills, five service aces and six digs. Ellis dished out a team-high 12 assists. Cowles added seven assists and six aces in the match.

The team suffered a loss to Pace University leaving their record at 4-5 overall and 1-3 in the Northeast-10 Conference. They will look to improve that record when they face Bryant College and St. Michael's College before the month of September is out.

Men's and Women's Cross Country will be featured in next month's issue of the OBSERVER.

End of summer — almost

By Abby Kyriakoutsakos
Sports Editor

When I think of fall I think about going to a soccer game, having a cozy sweater to wrap myself up in and making a beeline for the hot chocolate at half-time. But then, 85 degree weather will kill that nice little fall fantasy in a jiff. So, since it seems like we've yet to leave summer behind, let's talk about just what went on with SNHU coaches and student-athletes since we left them in May.

I'll start with the summer camps. I went to camp once. It was music camp at age 10 when SNHU was NHC. I decided to revisit the site of that frightful summer (long story better left untold) and see just what the sports camps had to offer. What I found was that for between four and five weeks of the summer, camps for soccer, softball, baseball, basketball and lacrosse are being held simultaneously. If you do the math for even one camp, that's about 200 kids each week ranging in age from 6 to 17. And many of these kids attended more than one week of the same camp.

Well, you'd think that by August the kids would be tired of going to camps and listening to coaches tell them how to improve their game. This did not seem to be the case, however, as children from all

over the city came to Saint Anselm College to be taught by the likes of Hubie McDonough, Butch Hobson and Dick Umile.

Those coaches were just a few of the prominent local-area coaches, including our own Stan Spirou, Bob Duffley, Jay Dufour and AD secretary Kim Blanchette, who participated in a charity event called "Taste of the Game."

Well, I hope that I have given you a taste of what the summer was like on the sports front.

- Abby Kyriakoutsakos

The event, in an effort to raise money to fight childhood hunger, brings together coaches and athletes on college campuses across the country for a series of one-day sports-leadership events. Participants get to learn about their sport and train with the best, all while supporting a good cause.

And what about the ath-

letes of SNHU? They were busy doing what they love, playing their sports. While some helped out at the various camps mentioned above, others were competing. In fact, three of the members of the SNHU golf team, Jeff Sullivan, Chris Rivard, and Matt Arvanitis, played in the City Tournament. Rivard and Arvanitis both finished the three-day event in the top ten.

Well, I hope that I have given you a taste of what the summer was like on the sports front. Last year was a sort of trial and error period for me and for this section of the paper, and I am hopeful that the kinks have been worked out or at least cut to a minimum. Expect to see more coverage of individual athletes as well as news on the status of the intramural teams.

The athletic clubs on campus also need representation, and I hope that those of you involved in such will inform me of events and perhaps even submit some pieces of your own. With over 700 new students this fall we will have some fresh blood on staff and will do our best, with the help and cooperation of the athletes and athletic staff, to cover as much as possible. Here's to a great year — Welcome back!

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The team is led by the veteran players such as sophomore Denise Nicolletta, who is an all-around great athlete and works well in any position. Lindsay Parks also returns and will hope to display her dominant presence on the field as a very strong player.

Liz Wheeler, referred to as the "Energizer Bunny" by her coach for her ability to keep going and going strong, returns with teammate Nicole Bradley, a.k.a. "sweet feet," who can be looked to for strong displays of foot skills.

The team will be looking for these women to step up to display some great teamwork; from what has been seen thus far, they are doing a great job already.

Prouty comments, "Our expectations for this year are high. We have a lot of talent



Photo courtesy of Sports Information Department
SNHU's women's soccer team gathers to discuss strategy.

on this team and we are much deeper off the bench. We are looking to make the tourney this year. Right now our record doesn't reflect our talent, but we have come together in the last few games and we are moving forward towards our goal of making the NE-10

[tournament]."

The Penwomen have a current record of 2-5-0 overall and 0-5-0 in the NE-10 Conference. They will look to improve this record as they face upcoming matches against Saint Anselm College and the College of Saint Rose.

SNHU golf prepares to defend its NE-10 golf title

Courtesy of SNHU
Sports Information
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The Southern New Hampshire University golf team placed first among four teams at the Saint Michael's College Invitational. SNHU claimed first place with a team score of 318. Freshman Jeff Sullivan fired a 73 to claim individual medalist honors, while senior Chris Rivard shot a 74 and placed second.

Next, the team finished ninth out of 25 teams at the Duke Nelson Invitational on the campus of Middlebury College. SNHU, which posted a team score of 630, placed second among Division II schools.

Sullivan tied for third overall, as he fired a one-over-par 72 in second-day action and finished just one stroke off the lead with a two-day score of 149. Rivard shot a 76 in second-day action and tied for 33rd overall with a score of 157.

Freshmen Adam Goinsalvos and Nick Boulis both fared well in their first collegiate action. Goinsalvos scored an 80 in second-day action and finished tied for 63rd with a score of 163. Boulis scored an 80 in opening-day action and also finished tied for 63rd with a score of 163. Senior Jerome Harty placed 92nd for the Penmen with a two-day score of 170 (81-89).

Placing third out of 10 teams at the Joe Plante Memorial Tournament, SNHU posted a team score of 308, just one stroke behind team

champion Bentley College. Four of SNHU's five golfers placed among the top 15 finishers.

Senior Matt Arvanitis was the top SNHU finisher, as he tied for third place with a four-over-par 75. Sullivan tied for fifth with a 76, while Rivard shot a 78 and placed 11th. Goinsalvos tied for 14th with a 79, while fellow rookie Boulis shot an 81.

Editor's Note:

The NE-10 Championship will be reported in the next issue of the Observer.

Women's tennis

Courtesy of SNHU
Sports Information
Department

In their Northeast-10 opener, the SNHU women's tennis team was defeated by Saint Anselm College, whose team dropped just seven games during singles play and won a combined three matches by default. Another NE-10 loss in both singles and doubles followed, this time at the hand of LeMoyne College.

The team pulled out an NE-10 win with a 7-0 victory over American International College just a few days later, however. Senior Jessica Labrecque posted a 6-1, 6-0 victory at No. 1 singles and

teamed up with Julie Hautanen to post an 8-5 victory at No. 1 doubles. Hautanen recorded a 6-1, 6-1 victory at No. 4 singles.

Freshmen Ashlee Melsky and Jessica Manis posted their first career singles wins for SNHU. Melsky battled back to post a 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory at No. 2 singles, while Manis posted 6-2, 6-0 at third singles. Sophomore Julie Gordon also recorded her first career singles win, 6-0, 6-0 at No. 5 singles.

Coming up for the Penwomen: They will host Saint Michael's College and travel to Bryant College before the end of September in hopes of improving their record, which

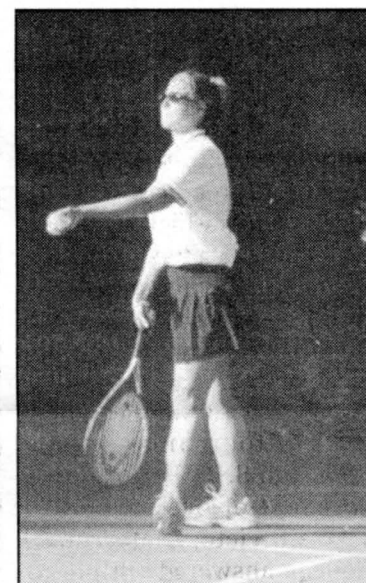
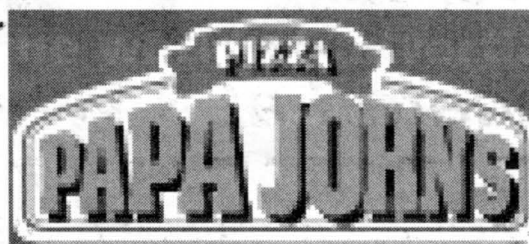


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Julie Hautanen serving.

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Women's soccer kicks off the spring season

Matt Miville
Co-News Editor

Students have returned for another exciting year at SNHU. While most of us have been back for only a few weeks, the women's soccer team returned early and has been extremely hard at work training and getting ready for this season.

In order to replace those women who have graduated, the team was proud to receive new players to fill in the vacant spots. One such addition is Jenn Pezzarossi from Wakefield, Mass. Taking control of the striker position, Pezzarossi, it is hoped, will be

one of the team's top goal scorers. She is also very team-oriented and always there to look for the assist.

Nikki Cote from Bristol, RI, is also a newcomer and will be looked to bring a unique ferocity to the team. "She is fast, aggressive, and reacts with the speed of a firecracker," says head coach Terry Prouty. Katie Alexander of Abington, Mass. is another new, strong asset to the team. She excels at hustling to get ground balls and has great vision for the goal.

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Experience and change equal a winning combination.

By Adam Rauktis
Layout Editor

This year's SNHU men's soccer team is hit with a new dilemma, change. Change is not always bad, and in this case it is just different faces. There are 12 new faces on the field this year that range from other countries like Trinidad and Barbados to right here in Manchester. Along with the new recruits the veterans are fired and ready to go.

Forwards Mounir Tajiou, co-captain, and Cassio Riberio lead the Penmen's offensive attack. Tajiou is leading the Northeast-10 conference with eight goals and one assist, while Riberio has one goal and three assists. Tajiou's goals

have come at times when needed most. In the most recent game against Bryant, Tajiou scored with just 2:25 left in overtime on a penalty kick. With the goal the penmen improved their record to 4-1-1 overall and 3-0 in the NE-10 conference.

One fresh face is freshman goaltender Adam Spinelli who has helped to lead the way for the Penmen's defense. In his first six games Spinelli has allowed just three goals to post an NE-10 conference best-goals-against-average of 0.55 to go along with 17 saves. In front of Spinelli is the backbone of the Penmen's defense;

headed by co-captain Jeremy Bonomo, wily veteran Clint Borrill, and newcomers Dexter Boucher and Matt Willey.

Other faces that have made great impact on the team are mid-fielders Romelle Burgess, Anthony Augustine, Jahkee Smith and Coolidge Durham, who have combined for 2 goals and 5 assists. These five players, along with the other seven newcomers, have given the SNHU soccer team a new twist to their game.

With the combination of a new twist and the experience of the veterans, this Penmen team is a strong force to be reckoned with.



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Attackman Cassio Riberio stretches for the ball.

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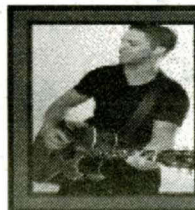
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Women's volleyball

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The Southern New Hampshire University women's volleyball team opened its 2002 season with a loss to Teikyo Post University and a victory over cross-state rival Franklin Pierce College in opening-round action of the University of Bridgeport Purple Knight Classic.

Teikyo Post rallied from two games down in its 3-2 win over the Penmen. SNHU posted wins of 30-21 and 30-26 in the opening two games, only to have the Eagles tie the match with wins of 30-27 and 30-22 in games three and four.

TPU secured the comeback with a 15-13 win in game five.

Freshman middle hitter Brittany Porter led SNHU with 12 kills and two solo blocks. Sophomores Lauren Enny and Lise Laczek added six and five service aces respectively. Freshman setter Kristin Cowles contributed a team-high 19 assists, while sophomore Kristin Ellis added 15 assists.

SNHU rallied from a 2-1 deficit against Franklin Pierce and secured the victory with wins of 30-27 in game four and 15-11 in game five.

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