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Hello, President LeBlanc

By Gregg Mazzola
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Southern New Hampshire University formally inaugurated Dr. Paul J. LeBlanc as the institution's fifth president in its 72-year history on April 16.

LeBlanc, who came to the university last July, told students, alumni, faculty and staff at the Inauguration Ceremony that the event was more a celebration of the university and its future than his appointment as president.

"At its heart, the university is a community of teachers and learners and I know that at best I am a conductor for an orchestra that is in its collective self larger and more talented than the person wielding the baton," he said.

Before swearing in the new president, Board of Trustees Chairman Richard Courtemanche reflected on the many changes at the university, including the creation of new academic programs, the expansion of

the campus, the broadening of scholarship and research and the change to university status. He then called on LeBlanc to help carry the university forward in its mission.

"We entrust you to honor our past, shape our present and lead us into the future," Courtemanche said.

State Sen. Lou D'Allesandro read a proclamation from the New Hampshire Senate and SNHU Vice President Charles Outcalt read a commendation from Gov. Craig Benson that both recognized LeBlanc's presidency. Manchester Mayor Robert Baines proclaimed April 16 as Paul J. LeBlanc Day in Manchester.

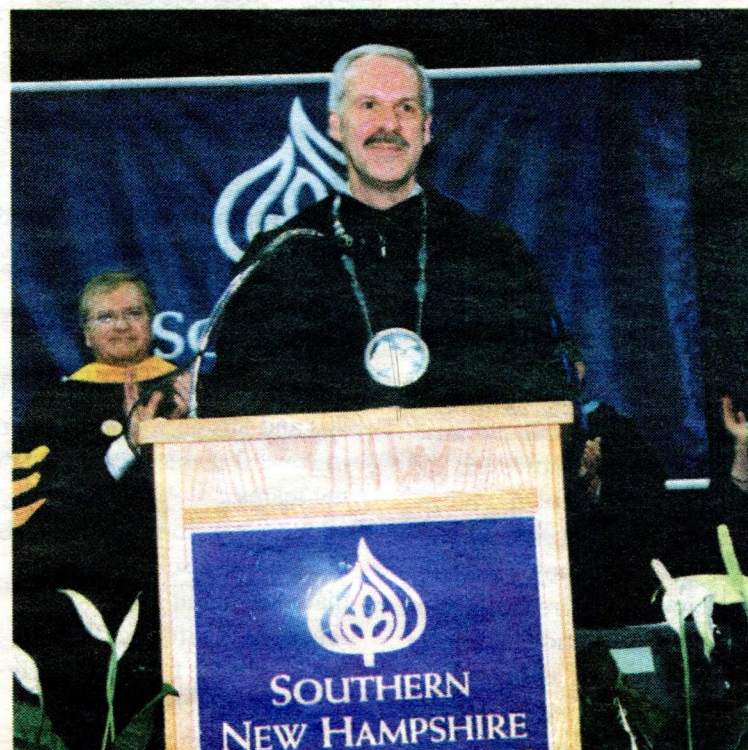
LeBlanc credited the Shapiro family for the founding of the university in 1932 as the New Hampshire College of Accounting and Secretarial Science and remarked on the institution's progress from its beginnings in a downtown storefront to today's 300-acre campus. He and Courtemanche also praised former SNHU President Richard Gustafson for the many accomplishments

that made the university "one of the most entrepreneurial and innovative universities in the region."

In a self-effacing speech infused with humor and gravity, the president outlined several obligations and goals for the university: to engage fearlessly in the important questions facing our society today, to meet the highest standards of excellence in the classroom and on the playing field, to continue serving students who might otherwise be neglected in their pursuit of higher education and to increase fund raising to build a world-class campus and provide students with even more opportunities for success in their careers and personal lives.

"We must build on all of the hard work and leadership that came before and now deliver on our obligations as a university," he said.

Formerly president of Marlboro College in Vermont, LeBlanc previously was vice president for new technology at Houghton Mifflin Company. He also served as chair of the Humanities Department at Springfield College in



Dr. Paul LeBlanc was inaugurated as Southern New Hampshire University's 5th president on April 16.

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Massachusetts from 1993 to 1996. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and is the author or editor of three books: "Computers and Writing: A History;" "Writing Teachers Writing Software: Creating Our Place in the

Electronic Age" and "Re Imagining Computers and Composition: Teaching and Research in the Virtual Age."

Goodbye, Vice President Larkin

By Heather Anderson
Managing Editor

Dr. George Larkin is retiring after 38 years with SNHU. Larkin is the Vice President of Student Affairs. This means he supervises 10 departments, such as athletics, campus ministry, the center for international exchange, financial aid, residence life, and others. He oversees 72 staff members and 50 student workers. He is a very important member of SNHU.

Larkin didn't start as the VPSA; he has put in many years to reach that title. In September 1966 he began as Director of Counseling Services, became Dean of Students in 1969, earned his doctorate at Boston College in 1981, and was then ap-

pointed Vice President of Student Affairs in 1983.

He is not only an active member of the staff, he is also active in the community. He is a member of the United Way of Greater Manchester Board of Directors, the Manchester Mental Health Board of Directors and the Joe Yukica, NH Chapter, National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Board of Directors. He is a man of many jobs but his most important has been the work he has put in at SNHU.

Although Larkin was supposed to retire last year he waited because President Richard Gustafson was retiring. Larkin was asked to wait so that he could help the new president, Dr. Paul LeBlanc. When asked about

his retirement he said he can't wait to spend time with his family, especially his three grandchildren. Over the past 38 years he has gotten to know many students: after he retires he will not stop his work with the school; he will still keep in touch with everyone. Just because he is leaving doesn't mean he will forget everyone he has had the opportunity to meet.

Larkin has made an impression here at SNHU and he will never be forgotten, especially because the brand new turf field is dedicated to him. He worked hard to help make that field possible and he is very appreciative that it will be named the Dr. George J. Larkin Field.

A BBQ was held in the Last Chapter Pub on Tuesday,

April 20, giving students and faculty a chance to hang out with Larkin outside the office. On Friday, April 23, a celebration in his honor was held in the small gym. Students, faculty and members of the community got a chance to say one last goodbye. Many people spoke about him.

Before the reception the field dedication took place. Larkin's dedication to this school has helped bring it to where it is today. Jackie Dunn, who has worked closely with Dr. Larkin said: "Larkin, will be missed by many people at the university. For the past few months, there isn't one day that goes by that a staff member, faculty member or a student comes to me and tells me how much they are going to miss him. I don't think he

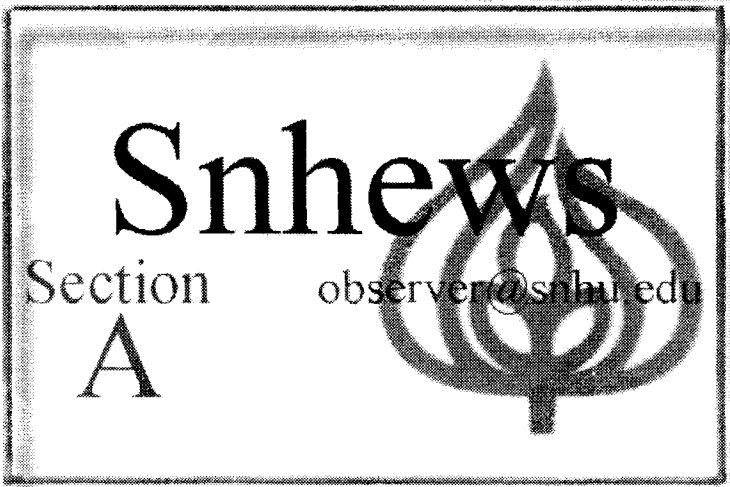
fully realizes the impact he had on people, especially me. He has been a great mentor and friend. I wish him all of the happiness he deserves during his

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Professor "Tuffy" Phelps Retiring

By Stephanie Herget
Editor in Chief

Professor Norman Phelps, also known as Tuffy, has been a huge asset to the SNHU community and will be missed by all. This semester is his last time teaching at SNHU because he is retiring; however, his legacy will remain. Phelps came here in 1968, when SNHU was known as the New Hampshire College of Accounting and Commerce, to teach math and coach baseball and soccer. He coached soccer for ten years and baseball for nine years; he even spent a year coaching the junior varsity basketball team.

During the early 70s the school moved to a new location (here on River Road) and received a new name, New Hampshire College. In 1980 Phelps retired from coaching and went back to school to get his MBA. As part of his MBA, he began to research sport management programs at other colleges and in 1986 he proposed a sport management program at NHC. He was not able to start the sport management major until 1990. Now the sport

management major has 200 students, making it the second largest major at SNHU. Phelps was also the founder of the personnel committee and chaired the committee three times, and during the 70s and 80s he was a member of several employee-negotiating teams.

Before coming to SNHU Phelps was a science and math teacher at a public school in California; thus he has taught for forty years. He has enjoyed teaching and coaching young people. "I never really thought of my work as a job," Phelps said. His advice to students is to "be industrious and to value learning, so that you can be the best that you can be. Then, you will be satisfied and successful." Phelps' wife, Alice, will also be retiring from her job in June they have already planned a ten-day cruise tour in Alaska. Phelps is looking forward to spoiling his granddaughter and spending more time with his three children. All of us wish him well in his endeavors.

(Information for this article is from an interview conducted by Shawn Phetteplace, Advertising Editor.)

Graduation: Clearing up the rumors

By Stephanie Herget
Editor in Chief

Here are answers to questions you may have been asking yourself about this year's graduation:

-Graduation will not be taking place on the field because of the new artificial field. Putting a tent up would damage the turf and void the warranty.

-Both graduate and undergraduate students will be graduating on May 9, and it will be done by schools. The order is as follows:

- * School of Business (including CED)
- * School of Hospitality
- * School of Liberal Arts (including Education)

-Graduation will begin at 11:00 and should end by 1:30.

-Each graduate has the opportunity of receiving five tickets because there are 1700 students graduating and there are only 8,000 available seats (the Verizon seats 10,000).

-Students who are interested in receiving additional tickets are being put on a waiting list. To get your name on the list, go to your center of record (room C-50 in Exeter Hall). All tickets that aren't picked up by May 1 will be given away.

-Guests must arrive by 10:30. After 10:30 the doors will be open to those with or without tickets. The doors will close once all of the seats are full. If guests arrive with a ticket and there are no seats left they will not be allowed in.

-The graduation will be webcast and available through the SNHU website.

-Everyone's name will be called.

-Transportation: a shuttle will be provided from campus to the Verizon for students and guests with tickets. The shuttle will begin at 8:30 with the last shuttle leaving at 10:00. Shuttles will also run after the event.

-You will need to pick up your diploma after the ceremony.

This information was provided by Dr. Paul LeBlanc, President, and Dr. Elisabeth Noyes, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

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retirement. The time has come for you to have fun, Dr. Larkin. Enjoy life to the fullest with your family and friends!" While he will no longer be at SNHU next year, we will never forget what he has done for our university. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

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Contact us at:

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for a complete list of open positions!

(we will be checking e-mail over the summer)

**Have a great summer and we hope to
see you all next year!**

From the Editor

The end of the school year is quickly approaching. Teachers have handed out their last assignments, and students are scattering around trying to finish their last papers. This stressful time of year has a light at the end of the tunnel for some students at SNHU, seniors. As our title switches from students to graduates we begin to realize that the end has truly come. Next fall there will be a new group of students while yet another group prepares for the inevitable.

We came here as immature freshmen, moving in our belongings and meeting new people every day. As the year went on we began to realize that going to class was a necessity even if that meant not going to bed till 2 to wake up at 7:45 with just enough time to stop by the cafe before heading to class. Once the year was over many of us couldn't believe we had actually survived it and couldn't wait for the summer to be over so that we could do it all over again.

During sophomore year we started taking classes that had to do more with our major. We became a little bit more social and realized that joining clubs didn't mean you were a geek. Many of us began to look to the future, but knew that we still had two more solid years here. By the end of sophomore year you can't wait to get out



Stephanie Herget, Observer Editor in Chief
Observer File Photo

of the dorms and into the apartments. You would finally have a stove where you could cook your own food and a living room where you could hang out and relax.

Coming back for the third year you are ready to get the heck out of here! The excitement of being here isn't the same as it was when you were a freshman or a sophomore. The classes are beginning to get harder and the teachers are expecting more out of you. The excuses that worked before aren't working anymore. Time is definitely an issue because there just isn't enough of it. You soon realize that living with six people is not all it's cracked up to be, and you dream about the days when you lived in the dorms.

When senior year gets here you wonder where the time went. You say to yourself I remember moving in freshman year, going to orientation, and playing those stupid name games. When I look back to freshman year,

sometimes I wish I could go back, but then again I realize that my time here is up and it is some else's turn to live the "college life." Senior year is the time to get close with your class and make as many memories as you can because it won't be too long before you're wearing that goofy robe and hat and receiving that priceless piece of paper.

This issue of the Observer will cover President Paul LeBlanc's inauguration and Vice President of Student Affairs George Larkin's retirement. We answered some questions you may have been asking yourself about graduation. As always, keep your eyes open for Juanita and Spike as well as the Public Safety Log. Voices and Faces is addressing seniors, and Sports will keep you up to date with your favorite team.

I hope you enjoy this year's final issue of the Observer. If you would like to join the Observer next year, make sure you check out Club Day and find our table. I would like to thank the staff as well as those who have contributed to the success of the Observer. Also, our advisor Dr. Ausra Kubilius deserves applause for all of her hard work and dedication. I hope you all have a wonderful summer.

Your editor,

Stephanie Herget

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SUV debate

By Tala Fernando
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"People who drive SUVs are immoral, selfish, environment haters." "And this man is just wrong." It was a sight worth seeing and sounds worth hearing. Students and professors side by side on the seats of Walker Auditorium shouting their "Hear-hears!" or hissing, depending on which side they were on. If you've never encountered this scene on campus, you should have been there.

As part of the Transparency Conference, the SNHU Debate Society co-hosted a debate on SUVs. The resolu-

tion? People who drive SUVs are immoral, selfish, environment haters. That probably caught your attention. It sure did catch the attention of the students and professors who were there the evening of March 30.

Before the debate began, the audience was encouraged to participate by being told that they were allowed to express their feelings about anything that the debaters said. And so it was that students and professors alike were booing and hissing their dissent when they disagreed with the speaking debater and shouting "hear-hear!" and "that's right" at every opportunity.

There were six debaters, three on each side. The anti-SUV team was composed of Professor Nicholas Hunt-Bull, Eric Monty and Craig Sorvillo, who happily threw out their statistics and argu-

ments basically trying to prove that those on the other team were "immoral, selfish, environment haters." The pro-SUV team, composed of Professor Bill Dolbow, Alicia Hutchinson and Ken Lewis gladly retorted with their own statistics and arguments.

The debate was light, and the audience and debaters seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. Laughter was prevalent. It turned out to be a great debate, and the debaters and organizers of the event have not heard anything but praise ever since.

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**Date: 4/3/04
Time: 11:20**

At the above date and time residents in Attitash reported ants in one of their bedrooms. Maintenance was notified.

**Date: 4/5/04
Time: 1:41**

At the above date and time a PSO ticketed a running vehicle. The driver came out and said that his vehicle was running. The driver got into the vehicle and drove off as the PSO was printing the ticket. The driver almost hit the PSO as he was pulling out.

**Date: 4/7/04
Time: 3:00**

At the above date and time two females came to PSO to report that someone had stolen their Bissel vacuum cleaner. It was black and had a red triangle on it. It didn't work and whoever took the vacuum did not take all the parts for it.

**Date: 4/8/04
Time: 11:24**

At the above date and time hospitality called PS regarding two males selling pictures out of their vehicle. A PSO responded and spoke to the driver. The PSO informed the driver that they were on private property and would be arrested if they came back. The men claimed that their boss had told them to sell the paintings at SNHU. The driver picked up a female and male from Frost Hall and left campus.

**Date: 4/17/04
Time: 3:10**

At the above date and time PS received a phone call requesting that someone come check a female with a leg "that will not bend." Upon arrival, the PSO was told that the lady was all set and was bending just fine. No further action was taken.

**Date: 4/18/04
Time: 2:10**

At the above date and time a PSO was sent to New Castle because someone had thrown a jar of spaghetti sauce through a window from the outside. The window was

smashed and the curtain was ripped and hanging. The jar had broken through the window, hit the curtain, and smashed open on the floor. There was glass and spaghetti sauce right in front of the window. The area was cleaned.

**Date: 4/19/04
Time: 5:20**

At the above date and time all PSO's responded to a fire alarm in Winnisquam. Upon arrival, the PSOs found the center stairwell full of smoke. Some students had pulled the burning newspaper rack and recycling bin outside and sprayed it with an extinguisher. The Manchester Fire Department was notified. During an investigation of the area, a Camel cigarette was found melted to the recycling bin. The carpet and a small section of the wall were damaged.

**Date: 4/19/04
Time: 21:20**

At the above date and time PS received a call that there was a fire behind Chocorua. Upon arrival, a PSO found a baseball cap burning. The PSO did a walk

through suites 1 and 2 in Chocorua and nothing was found.

**Date: 4/19/04
Time: 1:30**

At the above date and time a PSO responded to a call for a male in a female bathroom in Winnisquam. Two girls reported the male looking at them through the cracks in the stalls. He was also reported looking in the shower. Two males tried to talk to the male but he walked away too quickly. He was last seen running towards the townhouses. A PSO check the area and no one was found.

**Date: 4/19/04
Time: 22:40**

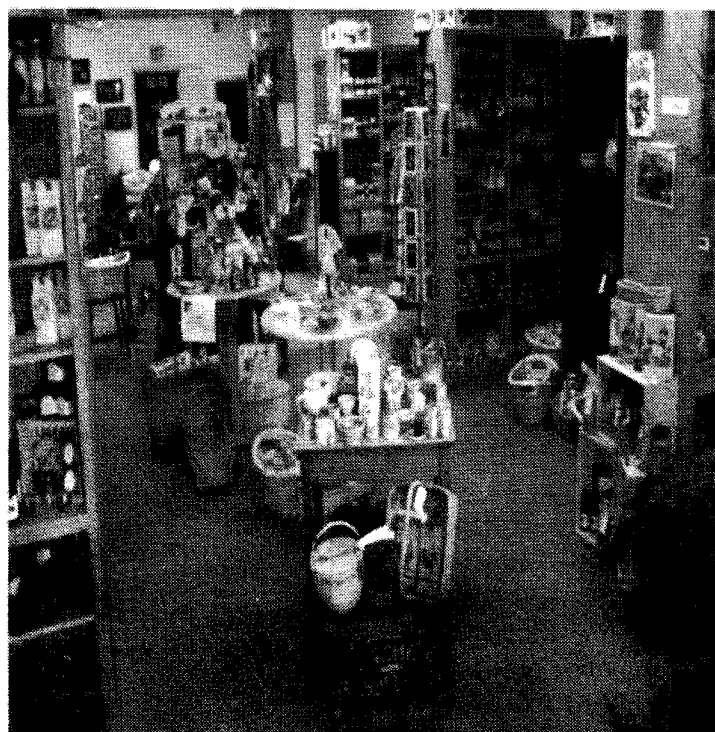
At the above date and time while on patrol a PSO observed a female student walking with white cup in her hand. The student went into the Kearsage stairwell with the cup. As the PSO approached her, she set the cup on a stair. When asked what was in the cup the girl kicked it over and said nothing. The PSO picked up the cup and detected the odor of alcohol. No further action was taken.

**Date: 4/20/04
Time: 12:35**

At the above date and time three PSOs responded to a fire outside of Merrimack. The PSOs found a small BBQ grill. The grill was two feet from the building and the flames were two feet high and being fueled by sticks. When the PSOs arrived, everyone ran inside except for three students. The PSOs told the students that what they were doing was foolish and that they needed to use their heads. The students said that the RA had been by and didn't say anything about the fire. The PSOs stood to the side while one of the students put water on the fire and moved it away from the building.

**Date: 4/20/04
Time: 3:15**

At the above date and time a PSO left the gatehouse to assist another PSO with a student at Greeley. When the PSO returned to the gatehouse, he found that someone had shot the gatehouse with purple paint balls. There were about twenty shots on the ground and building.



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Job market tight for grads

By Maggie Large
(KRT)

When Seneca McRae graduates from college this spring, she worries she'll have to accept a job as a low-paid payroll clerk.

Even with a business degree from Fort Valley State University in Georgia, a competitive job market means that students like McRae may have to lower their expectations.

Some of her friends haven't been able to find jobs in their field at all, she said.

"I have one friend who graduated as a computer and information systems major, and she's working as a flight attendant," McRae said.

Unless they're in a growing sector such as health care or education, this year's college graduates may have a hard time finding a job in their field, experts said.

Though some say the nation's economy has rebounded, that hasn't necessarily translated to more jobs for newly minted graduates.

This year's graduates may also be competing with past graduates who still haven't been able to find jobs in their fields, said Charlie Schroder, legislative liaison for the Georgia Department of Labor.

"You've got a pool of grads from the last few years that are looking for their first jobs. These are lean times," Schroder said.

Applications to law

schools, one of the traditional bellwethers to gauge how the employment market looks, shows that many graduates are choosing to ride out the "jobless recovery" in graduate school. Giles Kennedy, director of law admissions for the University of Georgia School of Law in Athens, said applications for the fall class of 2004 are at a five-year high.

"It's a fairly established fact that applications to law school increase when the economy sours," Kennedy said.

This year, 2,870 applications came in for an estimated class size of 210. Compared to the fall 1999 class, when only 1,680 applications came in, that's a 70-percent increase.

Business schools in Georgia also are experiencing growth. Wesleyan College's executive MBA program, which started in fall 2001 with one "cohort" of students, now has four "cohorts" for a total enrollment of 59, said Danielle Lodge, the college's director of recruiting.

At Mercer's business school on its Atlanta campus, applications to the MBA program are up 10 to 15 percent this year compared to last year, said Karen Goss, assistant vice president of admissions.

"People are thinking, maybe I'll want to defer looking at the job market and get my MBA," Goss said.

Another traditional option, the Peace Corps, is seeing landmark interest,

according to spokeswoman Barbara Daly. She credits the Bush administration's focus on volunteer service for the uptick in interest. During the January to March application period, 4,002 people sent in applications in 2004, compared to 2,576 in 2001, representing a 70 percent increase, Daly said.

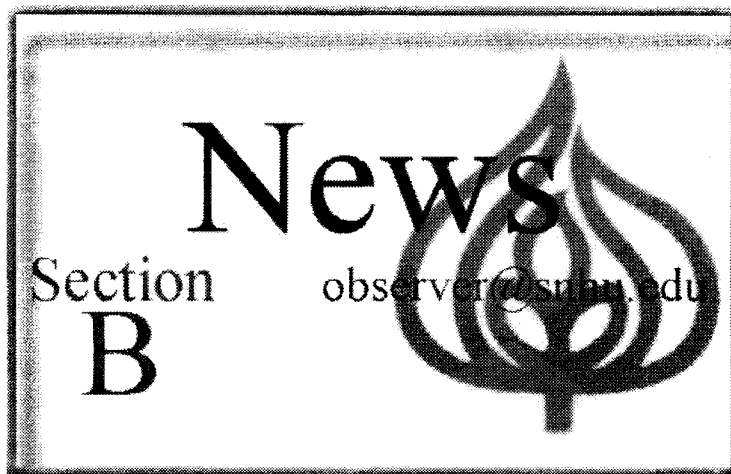
"Right now we're seeing a 28-year high in the number of volunteers serving. We had 5.7 million people visiting our Web site in 2003," Daly said.

Despite the mixed news about the economy, companies are continuing to recruit on college campuses. Mercer University's career fair had 73 employers participate, up from 55 last year.

Geico, which has 3,900 employees at its Macon site, sends representatives to colleges across the Southeast to recruit graduates for the company's professional development program, said recruiter Madie Queen. The company expects to add at least 485 employees in Macon this year across the different departments.

"Typically, we meet with college career services departments, set up information tables on campus and schedule on-campus interviews. We also sponsor events, like a graduation breakfast at (Georgia College & State University) and an 'intern for a day' program at UGA," Queen said.

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Through the Looking Glass

By Mike Pingree
(KRT)

AFTER ALL, HE WAS A THIEF:

A woman in Port Macquarie, Australia, whose car had been stolen, sent text messages to the thief on her son's cell phone, which she had left on the front seat, begging him to return her vehicle. She told him birthday presents for her son were in the trunk. The thief apologized and told her in a message where she could find her car. But he did steal the cell phone and the birthday presents.

A LOT OF CRAZY DRIVERS OUT THERE:

An 86-year-old man was stopped for driving the wrong way on a divided highway in Bern, Switzerland. He told the police that he thought everyone else was driving the wrong way.

SO SAYETH THE LORD:

In a light-hearted competition, pub patrons in Britain were asked to suggest an 11th Commandment. Among the top entries:

"Thou shalt not consume thine own bodyweight in fudge."

COME ON, YOU CAN DO IT! SPLAT!

A man driving down a Pennsylvania highway at 65 mph saw a turkey on a guardrail suddenly take off and fly across the road right in front of him, putting bird and windshield on an unavoidable collision course. After the turkey made his unceremonious, high-impact entrance into the vehicle's passenger seat, the man said, "I kept hoping that he would get higher, but he didn't."

DOES THIS MEANS 'DESSERT' IS OFF?

A chef who has a TV cooking show in England, playfully prepared a roast at his home for his wife while in the nude. Unfortunately, he got too close to the oven and burned his privates.

IT'S OK, WE LIKE THIS MUCH BETTER:

A Pennsylvania woman was jailed for putting on a strip show at her teenage son's birthday party after becoming intoxicated on pills and alcohol. The striptease was a last-minute thing, which came to pass when plans for a go-cart ride fell through.

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Columbine, reminders linger 5 years after shootings

By Paul Nussbaum
(KRT)

LITTLETON, Colo. The prom was Saturday night (the theme: You're Everything), followed by an all-night party at the high school for students and parents. Student actors are rehearsing "The Tempest." Seniors are getting ready for graduation.

And school will be closed Tuesday for a memorial service.

Five years after the Columbine High School massacre, the reassuring routines of the present and the horrific memories of the past are inextricably entwined.

Time has eroded

many overt reminders of the day two students killed 12 classmates and a teacher and wounded 23 others before killing themselves. All the students who were here on April 20, 1999, have graduated. About 70 percent of the teachers are gone. The cafeteria has been remodeled and the library replaced.

But reminders remain. The 13 names engraved on a floor-to-ceiling stone panel at the entrance to the new library. The memorial poems and pictures on the walls of the principal's office, with a drawing of slain teacher Dave Sanders prominent in the middle. The senior picture of the Class of 1999,

with Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold in the extreme corner of the back row.

Columbine's name will always be linked to their murderous rampage five years ago, and today's students resent that.

"To us, we're normal high school students having a normal high school experience," said Jeff Wahl, senior class president.

"The only thing different is what everybody else perceives about Columbine. Whenever there is a school shooting, it's 'another Columbine.' Our goal is to have the name not mean that. That's not what Columbine is to me."

Wahl wants his high school memories to be of good times with his classmates and his girlfriend, Maggie Ireland. There, too, is an inescapable connection to five years ago: Maggie is the younger sister of Patrick Ireland, the "boy in the window" who was shot in the head but dragged himself to a library window and was rescued.

Lee Andres, football coach and chorus teacher, said his music students, who will sing at Tuesday's memorial, recently asked him, Why is there such a big deal about this?

"It's their high school. They don't see it as the most famous high school in

America, for all the wrong reasons," Andres said. "They don't spend a lot of time thinking about what happened here."

Andres does. He remembers that his fifth-period guitar class had started, and a student who had left for the rest room returned to report someone had a gun. Andres emerged to find students huddled on the floor of the commons room and hiding in bathrooms and elevators. He herded them out. Then, he recalls, "the boys were coming down the hallway," so he and about 25 students locked themselves in

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You can hurt yourself when you run with scissors

By Omer Salidzik
Contributing Writer

It is 2004 and the last few months the whole state has been gripped by election fever. I have to admit that as a person who has no political representation possibilities in the form of voting (I am a legal resident) I have never felt more left out than when election time comes around. The reason for that is quite simple; my parents have instilled a deep tradition of civic duty and political activity within me since I could talk. I still remember the student-led demonstration against the government when the political head of my country turned tyrannical and slowly steered the country towards war. Although the students lost the battle that April of 1990, they won the war ten years later when they finally unseated Milosevic and ended his bloodstained rule.

So ever since those times I have been used to talking about politics and following the arena closely. As almost a habit, I follow the presidential campaigns. I look at the candidates and follow the gladiatorial games closely as each candidate offers himself to the crowd and they either condemn him or allow him to live one more day, just so the deathblow can be dealt to him in the next state, where the populace did not like his appearance. As pretty much everyone, I have my own favorite and closely scrutinize his ideas and stands on issues I care about.

There are a few things I have noticed when it comes to the games. The first one is that the candidates are progressively more in the middle. Very

few candidates dare express leftist or extremely conservative ideas. In the end, the presidential campaigns remind me of the gladiatorial games of Rome hundreds of years ago. The candidates enter the arena and deal blows to one another until one of them is on the ground, and the crowd decides whether the gladiator will be allowed to move on to the next arena in a different state. The battles go on like this until only two contenders are left. Once the battle is over and the dust settles on the sand of the Coliseum, the Assembly (the Electoral College) gets to decide who will be the next leader of the empire. The fallen one retreats to lick his wounds and try again four years later or tries to sell his publicity won during the few battles he had fought to get to the final confrontation.

The presidential campaign has been reduced to a popularity contest where the candidates sound the same and deliberately avoid taking a real stand on the issues that count. Instead, the candidates just talk about the small things that will make sure that the views are in the middle of the bell curve that has come to represent the voters. Instead of real ideas, we hear strategically written speeches that avoid a strong stand on any issue. Where Caesar once said that he was like the Northern Star, today's politicians say we are flexible and will bend to the weight of the wind as the crowd pleases. Instead of distinct differences being present in each of the gladiators' fighting styles, we have competitors who can be differentiated only by the worth of their armor.

Another thing I have

* Scissors

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Bring graduation back on campus

By Stephanie Herget
Editor in Chief

Every year at around this time you see workers setting up a big white tent on the soccer field, indicating that graduation is right around the corner. However, this year there won't be any of that because the seniors have been forced to graduate off campus in an arena that has nothing to do with where they earned their degrees. That's right, this year's graduation will be held at the Verizon Wireless Arena in downtown Manchester. Why, you ask? I don't know, but to tell you the truth I would rather graduate in the Washington Hall parking lot than at the Verizon.

OK, so now that I am over the fact that I will be graduating in a huge arena where my family and friends are going to need binoculars to see me get my diploma, I realize that tickets are being handed out and we are allowed only to bring five (that's right, five) guests. Five guests! What if

some families have five children or more? What do you do then? Pick out of a hat and apologize to those who can't come. I understand that HUGE universities put a cap on the number of guests you can bring, but we aren't a HUGE university yet. The Verizon seats at least ten thousand people; however, we aren't able to use the whole place because of the way the stage is being set up.

Having graduation on campus has been a tradition for years, but 2003 may have been the last. Will SNHU students be allowed to go? Since my sophomore year I have been attending graduation, but this year there may not be any underclassmen attending unless they are able to scrounge up a ticket.

So now we are graduating at the Verizon, allowed only five tickets, and underclassmen might not be able to attend. WOW! I'm not looking forward to graduation. Graduation is supposed to be for the graduates. I can remember in high school my principal telling us that it was "OUR" graduation, and it was up to us how we wanted things run. Did we want it

inside or outside, long or short? But now I feel as though SNHU graduates weren't even considered; there was never a question about it. I didn't find out that we were allowed only five tickets until about a month ago, and now I have family coming from across the country that most likely won't be able to attend the ceremony. It isn't the fact that we are graduating in a place that means nothing to us or that we are allowed only five guests, it is the fact that we, the graduates, were never asked what we wanted. It is supposed to be our day to shine, but instead it came down to what was more convenient for the university.

Now that I have accepted all of this hoopla, I am going to try and make the best of graduation. But I am telling you underclassmen: If you want a memorable graduation, one that is held at SNHU because it may be the last time you are ever here, then you need to speak up. Don't let the Verizon be the way of the future for SNHU graduations; bring it back to campus just like the good ole days!

Open college doors to low-income students

KRT

(Editor's note: The following editorial appeared in the *Miami Herald* on Thursday, April 22)

A college diploma can open doors to a brighter, productive future. But the high cost of higher education has slammed the door in the faces of many students who, though academically qualified to attend four-year colleges and universities, can't afford to do so. The lack of access will prevent thousands of capable students from reaching their full potential. In the long run, our society will be the poorer for it.

Stakeholders at the local, state and national levels are being urged to develop partnerships that will capitalize on this human capital rather than squander it.

The cost of paying for a public four-year college

eats up 71 percent of a low-income family's annual earnings. Thirty years ago, tuition took a 42 percent bite. However, during the intervening decades, tuition has consistently taken 19 percent of a middle-class family's yearly income and 5 percent of that of an affluent family.

Financial aid has failed to keep pace with tuition increases; government grants now cover just a fraction of the cost of a year's worth of classes, books and room and board.

In the United States, 23 percent of Hispanics and 22 percent of blacks live in poverty. Many pin their hopes on having children who will be the first in their families to graduate from college.

The odds are stacked against these academically prepared, but poor, minority children and the toll is high: 25 percent no longer even apply to college. A strong commitment from public institutions and the private

sector can break that cycle of resignation.

The Higher Education Act, set to expire this year, puts funding and programming behind the goal of sending more low-income students to college. But its efforts now lag behind the need.

The Washington-based Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance, an independent committee created by Congress, recommends a comprehensive set of public-private partnerships. These would help states combine financial assistance, academic preparation, mentoring and counseling programs that help students early in their middle-school years see college as a realistic goal and attain it without the worry of not being able to afford it.

This is a commendable goal that puts commitment behind the value of education.

Juanita and Spike

Dear Juanita and Spike,
I have been considering plastic surgery. I have seen so many new shows on television that make average people look beautiful. Although I am not as bad as some of the people they make over, I don't like what I see when I look in the mirror. I am not even sure what I want to have done. I have considered rhinoplasty or breast augmentation. There are a number of things I want to improve. One thing may lead to another; I just don't want to end up looking like somebody different. How do you feel about plastic surgery?

Under the knife

Dear Under the knife,
You are not the only person who is experiencing these feelings. You are one of the millions who are either thinking about or have already had some sort of plastic surgery and want more. Our advice to you is if you don't even know what it is you want to improve then you should not go through with the procedure. If you knew there was one thing you really wanted to change, although we are not encouraging plastic surgery, we could maybe rationalize this step. Plastic surgery is on the rise due to people's obsessions with perfection. The only problem with these new makeover shows is that they do so much work they aren't even the same person after. You don't want to lose your true self by

having too much work done. We are sure you have heard this all before but we will say it again; if you really are serious about having any type of surgery we encourage you to research not only the procedure but also the doctors. Don't go with a doctor because of the lowest price; this is permanent and in the long run it will be worth the money to go to the best doctor. We hope that you realize you're beautiful, but we also wish you luck and hope all goes well if you do follow through with the procedure.

Dear Juanita and Spike,
I'm not going to sugar-coat the situation; I can't stand my stepmother. I have been holding back my feelings because I don't want to hurt my dad. My dad is the greatest man in the world and I just don't feel like he gets any respect from his wife and I see that and it kills me. There have been so many times I have gotten to a point where I feel like I could literally get into a physical fight with this woman. I am afraid that one of these times I might not be able to hold back my true feelings and all this build up could really make the situation ugly. What should I do?

Cinderella

Dear Cinderella,
Sounds like you definitely have an evil stepmother. One of us is from a

separated family, so I know what it's like to have stepparents. After many years you can really grow to love your stepparent because they do become a part of your family. But it gets really hard when the other person is making it almost impossible for you to like them. No matter what, your mom and dad come first so if you see them getting hurt you can't help but be upset. You don't want this to turn ugly so you first need to go to your dad and let him know how you feel. Maybe you shouldn't tell him everything you feel at once, remember he does love this woman. Just let him know you get really upset at some of the things that she does and let him know how much it really bothers you. If things keep getting bad, maybe you should warn your dad before you let her have it. Chances are your stepmother might be jealous of your relationship with your dad; crazy, but it happens. Things get really complicated if other sisters or brothers are involved. If you share one of the same parents you have to realize that your sibling shares one of the same parents. Maybe you could also go to your stepmother in a casual manner and just let her know that sometimes you don't like the way she treats your father, but this should really be a last resort. We hope everything works out for you without violence; believe us nothing good will come from that. We are sure you wouldn't do that

and were trying to stress how bad it was getting. But definitely speak up; you don't want this to keep building inside.

Dear Juanita and Spike,
I am having a real hard time keeping up with everything I have to do. I am doing my best to keep my grades up, hold a job, and play a sport. With all of these things going on I have little time for my friends and they are starting to get upset. They keep telling me to live it up and I want to, but I can't help the fact that I have all these commitments. How can I balance all of this and still have a social life?

Professional Juggler

Dear Professional Juggler,
These days finding time to have a life outside of school, work, etc. is almost impossible, but you have to have it. You know the saying, all work and no play. Make time for yourself, even if it's only one day a week. Whether you spend it relaxing with your friends or just doing absolutely nothing, enjoy it. There has to be one day of rest or you will end up losing your mind. Your friends' being upset is a little absurd; your friends need to realize you are a responsible young adult and you have priorities. When you get out of school it won't be such a shock to you because you have been working so hard all along. Just keep doing things that are

important for you. If they can't realize that you don't mean to upset them, then are they worth your time?

Dear Juanita and Spike,
I want to change my reputation. I have never really cared about the decisions I have made, until now. I have gotten suspended from school, arrested, gotten in fights, and plenty more. Now I want people to respect me, but they can't seem to get the "old" me out of their minds and take me as the serious person I want to be. Do I have to move to get respect? And can I still have fun without getting in trouble?

Bad boy rehab

Dear Bad boy rehab,
It's never too late to better yourself. And no, you don't have move. It may take a while to prove to people that you are really serious about changing, but if you really want to change you will prove them wrong. People may be used to seeing you causing trouble and may need to see the proof for themselves. It's a great thing you want to do. Going down the road you were was only going to lead to more problems. And of course you can still have fun, just in different ways than you did before.

Send your questions for Juanita and Spike to:

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Please remember that even though they offer good advice J&S are not professionals and their advice should be taken with some degree of humor.

My view of the SUV debate

By Tala Fernando
News Editor

I was standing at the podium on the stage tapping the mic to see if it was working when people started coming in. As a freshman and the new president of a new club (Debate Society), I had many qualms as to how the event would turn out. I was nervous and giddy and ecstatic all at the same time. I knew the debaters would be on stage with me and the audience's attention would be on them most of the time. Silently, I said a prayer, hoping that no one would trip and that a reasonable audience would show up.

I was more than happy when people started coming

in small groups. The professors somehow clumped together on one side and the students on the other. You could feel an invisible boundary between the two big groups until the debate began.

Professor Nicholas Hunt-Bull, who in debating terms was referred to as the "Prime Minister," gave a short introduction as to what the debate was about. "The Consequences of Consumerism, to Buy or Not to Buy an SUV" was the main topic of the event. But following the debating tradition, the statement we were to debate was "People who drive SUVs are immoral, selfish, environment haters." For those unfamiliar with how debates work, Hunt-Bull explained that we were

following a British parliamentary form of debate that night and, therefore, we would be following rules pertaining to it. For those who have seen real parliament debates on TV, with politicians flagrantly insulting each other and calling each other crazy, the SNHU debate that night was similar.

As the debate commenced, I could not help but laugh aloud with the audience when a debater said something hilarious, like after an accident "I am walking away, baby!" countered by the anti-SUV team with "Sure you are, but those people in the other car sure aren't!" At other times, I couldn't help but agree and shout my "Hear-hears!" along with the audi-

ence and thump the floor with my foot when I disagreed.

At the end of the speeches, the audience was asked for their input and several people stood up, which made me proud of what the debaters had done. They pulled everyone into the debate and everyone had their opinion. Some were notably quite passionate, in a very good way, which relieved me as a first-time organizer.

In the end, we had a "Division of the House" when the audience stood up to choose the winner of the debate. Those who were for the anti-SUVs walked over to their side of the room and those who were for SUVs walked over to the other side. Those for SUVs won the

debate, but not by a large margin.

It was a fun, interesting night, and I left feeling ecstatic about what had been done.

Have an opinion about something on or off campus?

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and you just might see it in print.

Voices and Faces

By Stephanie Herget, Editor-in-Chief
& Heather Anderson, Managing Editor

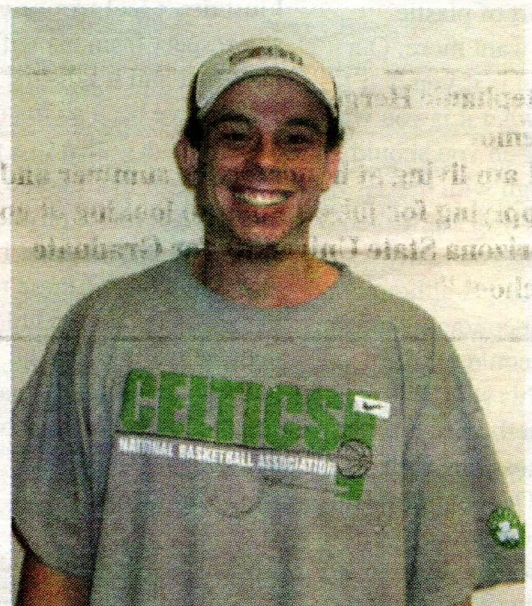
We asked seniors:

What are
your plans
after
graduation?

Adrienne Kisonas
Senior
"Going back to the West Side."



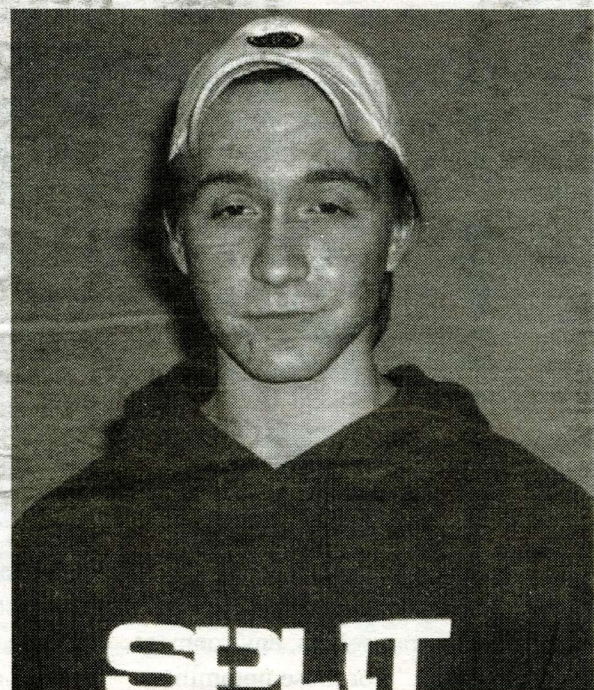
Bryan Bechard
Senior
"Enjoying finally being out of school and hopefully getting a job."



Kathryn Roberts
Senior
"To work in the creative end of a marketing firm and be very successful in that field."



Geoff Morgan
Senior
"One day I hope to become a successful writer...in the meantime I'll be pouring foundations."



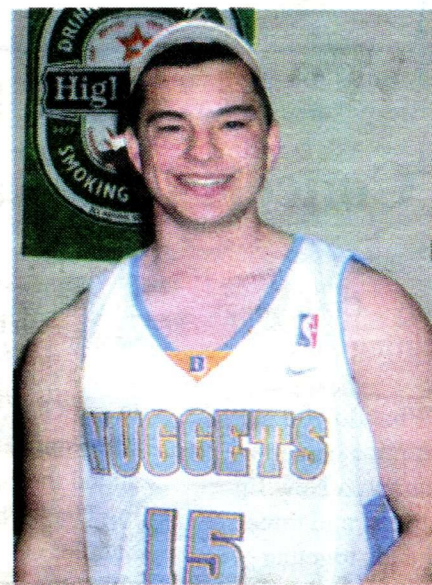
Greg Nolin
Senior
"I want to own a pizza place and live with Raw-dog."



Mike Flynn
Senior
"R&R"



Mike Molloy
Senior
"I'm going to California."



Stephanie Herget
Senior
"I am living at home for the summer and applying for jobs. I am also looking at going to Arizona State University for Graduate School."



Brianne White
Senior
"Relaxing and hanging out with my friends."



Arts & Entertainment

Section D

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Concert for a cause

By Carolyn Costello
Contributing Writer

What do you get when you put a comedian, the world-champion New England Patriots, and three musical bands together? How about The Massachusetts 9/11 Benefit Fund Concert held at the Tsongas Arena on April 7. To begin the night, Kelly Malone from Mix 98.5 and Nicole Sandler from The River 92.5 came out to welcome everyone to a great night of entertainment.

Then came a comedian from Boston, Dave Russo. You might have seen Russo on a Dunkin' Donuts commercial and on Comedy Central. He opened the show and

lighted out the first band of the night, Averi. They live in Boston and were at the SNHU Pub on Feb. 13. Averi opened the show with their "Return to Innocence" song and blew the crowd the way. After Averi ended with "This Liminal Life," Malone and Sandler came back and introduced some very special guests who are very well known. Five big members from the number-one defense and offense football team, the New England Patriots, came out and introduced themselves. Last to come to the stage was the top field-goal kicker and winning field-goal kick of Super Bowl 38, Adam Vinatieri, with the line, "I guess I'm the only little one here, right?"

The crowd stood when Vinatieri introduced a video on the 9/11 funding program and the families. As soon as the video went on, I don't think I have ever heard the Tsongas Arena so quiet. When the video ended, it was time to get ready for Guster to hit the stage.

Guster, also from

Boston, was on campus last year in the Field House. The crowd got even more excited to see Guster, and more seats were starting to fill up. They ended their night by performing "Fa." Then Malone and Sandler came back to talk about the funds and to thank everyone for their support. They re-introduced Russo. He made the arena crack up laughing. He took us into his life, comically, and introduced Bare Naked Ladies. As soon as they hit the stage, the crowd went wild. They got the crowd involved by having us do the chicken dance with them and dancing in our seats. They made us laugh with the rhymes they gave and the songs pumped us up. They did their hit songs like "One Week," "Pinch Me" and "If I Had A Million Dollars." They also added other songs like "Alcohol" and slowed us down at the end of the show with "Call and Answer."

Then Guster, Averi and Russo came back with Malone and Sandler, who presented each band and the comedian with a shirt autographed by the families of those lost in the tragic disasters. After the award they came together to do a performance of Bon Jovi's "Rockin in the Free World." They did a great job and got the whole crowd singing with them. If you were not able to go, you missed out on a really great show. If you want more information on the Massachusetts 9/11 fund, you can check out the website:

www.massfund.org

Restaurant Review: La Carreta

By The SNHU
Review Guru

Almost everybody likes to go out to eat at a great restaurant. But when someone decides that they want to go out they never know where they should go. I would like to offer my assistance with that.

While flipping through the pages of this publication, I have noticed one major thing lacking: the regular appearance of a restaurant review article. Here it is for this edition (and I will be writing next year with regularity).

First a little background on myself: I am not a Food and Beverage major, nor a Culinary Arts major. In fact in my three years at SNHU I have set foot in the Hospitality Center all of once. I do not consider myself a so-called expert in this field, but I do know what I like. I am the proverbial "broke" college student (but my girlfriend and I somehow seem to scrounge up the money to go out to eat, probably more than we should), so I also enjoy a good value for the money that I spend at any given establishment. Since when I go out to eat it is usually with my girlfriend I will also try to find (and recommend) good "date" restaurants for my SNHU brethren looking to impress a special friend. I look forward to the retelling of these experiences in this column right through the end of next year.

The most recent experience I had was at La Carreta, a Mexican restaurant at the north end of

Manchester. La Carreta is located at 545 Daniel Webster Highway and can be reached by phone at (603) 628-6899.

If you are going to go on a Friday or Saturday night, go early or late because La Carreta is popular and an hour and a half wait should not be unexpected. But trust me, the wait is well worth it.

The atmosphere in La Carreta is fast paced but a lot of fun. Most of the wait staff are fluent in Spanish (and their pronunciation of the dishes will put yours to shame) and they couldn't be friendlier. The wait staff is attentive and can tell you what is in each dish and just how spicy the food really is. And, I DARE you to go to La Carreta on your birthday; if you do just be prepared.

There is no need to worry about ordering an appetizer since warm tortilla chips and salsa await you when you arrive at your table. But should you want something a little more, appetizer prices range from \$5.95 to \$8.95.

Beverages include a full complement of Coca-Cola products (with free refills) and a full-service bar for those old enough to partake in adult libations; if you are, I would recommend the margaritas (made from "top-shelf" liquors), which are generous in size (after two I had to turn over the keys). Also, for you wine lovers out there, try the Sangria (wine and fruit juice); it was wonderful and inexpensive at \$3.95 per glass.

Dinner plates include burritos, chimichongas

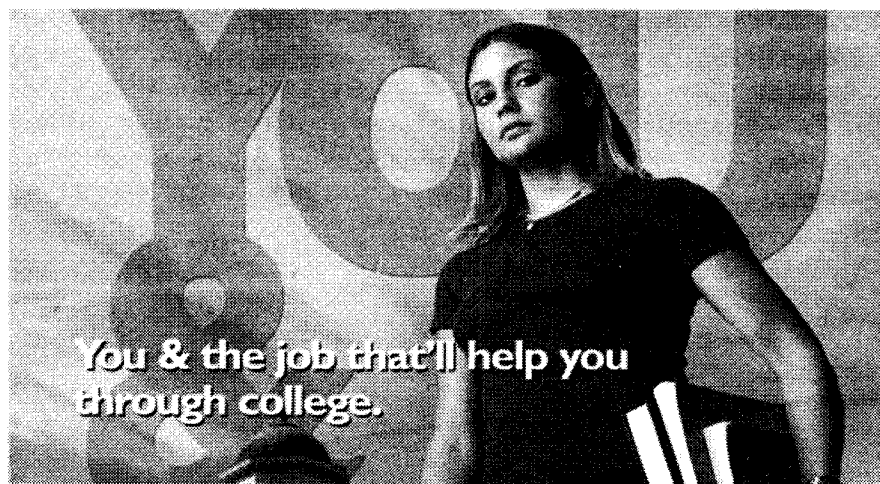
(basically a fried burrito for those of you unfamiliar with Mexican cuisine), quesadillas and fajitas. The best thing about the menu at La Carreta is that anything on it can be made for the vegetarian; all meats and cheeses can be removed and extra beans added to the dish should you request it. Prices for dinner entrees range from a \$7.95 for your basic burrito dishes to \$14.95 for an all out-steak dinner.

This trip for my dinner choice I ordered the Chicken Fajitas. The Fajitas were delivered on a still-sizzling, steaming frying pan by the owner of La Carreta himself, a tall Mexican-American man with a smile that never stopped and a laugh that was contagious.

The chicken was served with red and green peppers and onions and full of Mexican flavor and spices. The only drawback was that you get only two flour tortillas (probably 10 inches in diameter or so), and there is an extra charge if you want more. There was enough on this platter of fajita to make two meals out of one dinner. Great value!

For dessert there was fried ice-cream. I was a little unhappy since this was not real fried ice-cream, but

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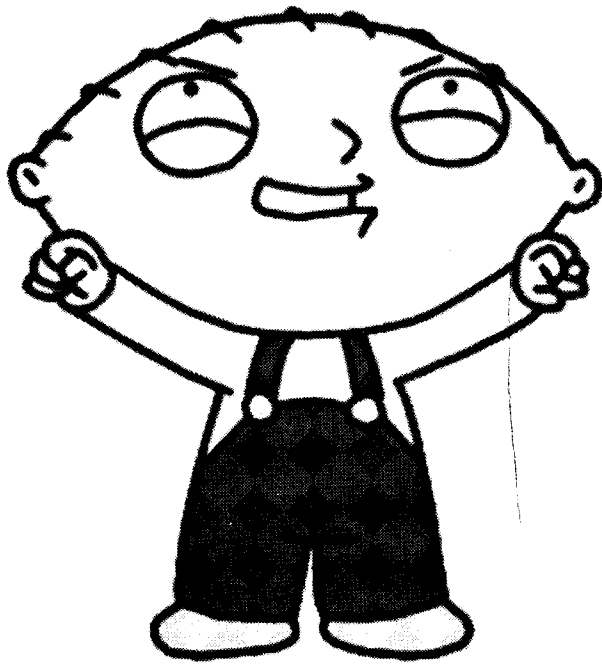
"Family Guy" will return to TV

By Jason C. Dotson
Layout Editor

For all of you fans of the Griffin family, here is some exciting news! USA Today reports that as many as 35 new episodes of the animated family series have been ordered and will start production sometime in June with new episodes starting to air in mid-January 2005. This would mark the first time in television history that a canceled series has ever "come back from the grave," so to speak.

The Family Guy originally aired right after the Super Bowl on Fox in 1999. Initial episodes had 22 million viewers, but as the show progressed Fox bounced the show around to many different time slots and viewer loyalty fell by the wayside. Fox finally canceled the show in 2002.

The three seasons that aired on Fox then went into the DVD market. Last year they sold 1.6 million copies, the most-purchased DVD of the year. This fan loyalty has caused the revival of the Family Guy. "The best thing about this," series creator Seth McFarland said about the resurrection, "is that



Stewie Griffin, along with the rest of the Griffin Family, will return to television in mid-January with possibly as many as 35 new episodes.

-clip art from planet-family guy.com

there is no sets that need to be reconstructed. Our animators can get to work drawing the series again and the series can be put back into production quickly," an E! on-line interview reports.

Since 2003 Cartoon Network has been airing the animated series during its Adult Swim time frame (weeknights from 10 p.m. to midnight) where it has been

the highest rated television series, generating an estimated 1.9 million viewers each night. There is still some speculation as to which station will get the new episodes. Cartoon Network wants them, but in all likelihood Fox will get them before Cartoon Network would.



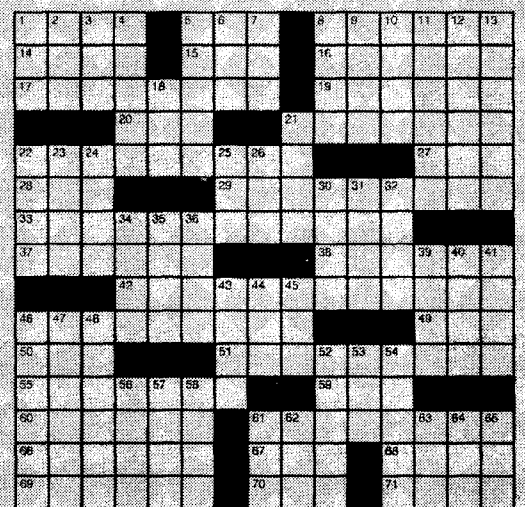
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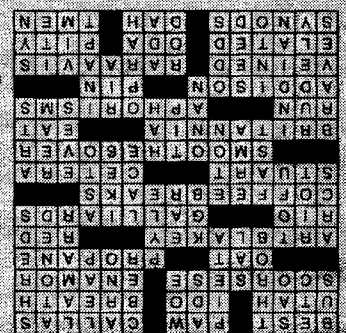
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"Pershing's Own" stops by SNHU

By Amanda L'Heureux
A&E Editor

The Brass Ensemble of the United States Army Band performed in Walker Auditorium on April 15. They had a morning and an evening show; both were interesting and entertaining.

The musicians were John Terry Bingham and Scott Sabo on trumpet, Rob Craven (son of SNHU professor Bob Craven) on the horn, George Allen on the trombone and Jon Voth rocking the tuba. Each gave descriptions of their instruments and answered audience questions throughout the performance.

The ensemble played many different types of music ranging from patriotic tunes to jazz. The selections included "Little Fugue in G Minor" by Johann Sebastian Bach, "The Liberty Bell March" by John Phillip Sousa and "Tin Roof Blues" by The New Orleans Rhythm Kings. They ended with a beautiful version of America the Beautiful.

The audience, including members of the Manchester Memorial High School band, really got into the music.

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By Rick Holter
(KRT)

'BILL' KILLS: Last fall, Quentin Tarantino endured heaps of scorn for bloating his violent chop-socky epic "Kill Bill" so big it had to be split in two. Now he's enjoying a pretty nice pile of cash. "Vol. 2" topped the charts with \$25 million, up 14 percent from "Vol. 1." The first part collected \$70 mil in all, so Q's on his way to seeing this two-flick, \$110 million project end up in the black.

be criticized."

MANNERS: TOP 5 MISTAKES MEN MAKE

1. Poor table manners. Eat like a slob, and people will think of you as a slob. To be a good meal companion, focus on the people you're eating with. Think about making their experience with you the very best possible.
2. Leaving the seat up. Raise the toilet seat to do

your business and then put it back down. Look at that rim. Would you want to sit on it? Neither does she.

3. Putting a loved one down. Do the little things that build her up and make her smile when she thinks of you, such as helping in the kitchen and opening the car door for her.

4. Staring at another woman. It's OK to notice, but keep the attention on the

the megabomb "The Alamo," which is falling a lot faster than the original mission did, none of the six will earn back its cost at theaters except possibly "The Ladykillers," with \$34 million in hand at No. 15. But even that one wouldn't have a chance if Tom Hanks were earning his standard high-dollar paycheck. Hey, Mickey: You're not so fine.

one you're with.

5. Not saying "please" and "thank you." Saying "please" turns a demand into a request. "Thank you" shows

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ents, particularly fathers, to model them, Post says. That means both at home and out in the community.

Who's buying the book? Both men and women. "Women buy it and give it to men," Post says. Some

couples tell him they're reading it together. It's a way they can have a conversation, they say, about behaviors that are difficult to discuss.

Etiquette isn't a list of rules, he says. It's being considerate of the people around you. Men want to use good manners, he says.

"They just don't want to

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Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope May 3-9

By Lasha Seniuk
(KRT)

Aries (March 21-April 20). Before next week, romantic partners may be inconsistent or sensitive to criticism. Expect friends and lovers to avoid serious information and yet demand key discussions. Wait for moodiness to pass. Emotional progress may be temporarily delayed but it is worthwhile. After Thursday co-workers or close friends may challenge the authority of key officials. Remain quietly diplomatic. Managers and business partners will avoid confrontation but privately evaluate job assignments.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Romance and sensuality return. Before midweek, watch for key relationships to begin an era of new proposals and common goals. Many Taureans will soon leave behind almost six weeks of fading romantic hope and family disruptions. Don't look back. Later this week, loved ones announce unexpected home changes. Family finances, short-term travel and shared expenses may be at issue. Take time to fully research creative solutions. Progress will be fast.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Luck and rare social circumstance may soon introduce a powerful new friendship into your life. Early Tuesday, watch for unusual flirtations and accept all

invitations. Past emotional history or outdated love affairs may soon create unexpected alliances. Some Gemini also may experience a sudden reversal of work titles or job assignments. If so, expect yesterday's abandoned projects to soon demand decisive action. Don't hesitate to share your ideas. Key officials are receptive.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Friends may provide misinformation or vague social promises. Before Thursday, expect times and dates to be easily reversed. At present, loved ones are temporarily unsure of their own social priorities. Don't confront; innocent misunderstandings and last-minute changes will not prove bothersome. Later this week, business officials may demand new research and detailed records. Pay close attention to the past mistakes of colleagues. Your efforts will be appreciated.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22). Early this week, documents and important work information may need to be edited or revised. Pay close attention to minor facts and yesterday's legal issues. After Tuesday, romance and sensuality will bring renewed energy and focus. Plan cozy encounters and spend extra private time with loved ones. Over the next few weeks, previously strained relationships will steadily improve.

Watch for a powerful wave of intimacy, trust and shared commitment to soon arrive.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Over the next five days, social gatherings will provide the context for charming flirtation. Enjoy entertaining moments with friends and potential lovers. For many Virgos, long-term romance will soon offer encouragement and solid rewards. Don't withhold your thoughts, dreams and wishes. Friday through Sunday also accent unexpected news from distant relatives or friends. Key concerns may involve older family members and daily health obligations. Stay focused.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Late Monday, friends and lovers may expand their expectations. Revised social roles or short-term love affairs may be key concerns. Accept private compliments but remain cautious. Over the next few days, romantic promises and brief flirtations will be highly unpredictable. After midweek, business officials may ask probing personal questions. Workplace politics and relations with younger colleagues will require careful diplomacy. Avoid bold opinions and group discussions.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Over the next few days, expect key officials to request detailed paperwork or rapidly completed projects.

Private employee information may be a key concern. Stay alert and respond quickly to new assignments. Your ability to react calmly and make valid decisions is being evaluated. After Thursday, loved ones may propose new schedules or revised home duties. Before next week, complex family obligations will create ongoing tensions. Remain flexible to the needs of others.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Social reluctance may be a temporary theme. Over the next three days, expect friends or close relatives to be moody or distant. Don't press for detailed explanations. At present, bothersome doubts or a fear of abandonment may need to be resolved. After midweek, loved ones may also ask for special consideration concerning a private family dispute. If so, offer encouragement but avoid acting as mediator. Your attention to detail may not be appreciated. Remain detached.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Strong social and romantic sentiments are distracting. Before midweek, watch for loved ones to be briefly thoughtful or silent. All is positive, however, so not to worry. Join in and explore old memories. After Wednesday, sensuality and physical attraction are accented. Expect passionate

overtures from potential lovers. Before June, minor social triangles and ethical decisions are accented. In the coming weeks, ongoing tensions may be unavoidable. Stay calm.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Over the next four days, vital bits of information may arrive from yesterday's paperwork or long-completed work tasks. Respond quickly to minor mistakes and factual errors. An unyielding dedication to accuracy will bring recognition and support. Wednesday through Saturday also accent romantic progress and delightful invitations from loved ones. Key relationships will begin moving forward. Don't hesitate to express your needs and ask for reliable promises.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Loved ones may need to examine past relationships. Vital issues may involve emotional truths between friends, romantic promises and long-forgotten expectations. Stay focused on an honest discussion of the facts and all will be well. After midweek, some Pisceans also will experience a dramatic expansion of workplace duties. If so, expect older officials to press for rapid and sustained progress. Remain dedicated. Financial rewards will soon arrive.

*Pingree

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**I FEEL PRETTY,
OH SO PRETTY:**

The Texas House election campaign has perked up somewhat with the appearance of photos of one of the candidates wearing a dress, high heels and a wig. The man in question blamed his opponents for using "very old, personal information" to "blackmail" him. He said he no longer wears women's clothes.

**BUT, THIS IS AN
EMERGENCY:**

A man went into a pharmacy in Mostar, Bosnia, just as it was closing to buy some condoms. The pharmacist refused, saying he would serve him only if it was an emergency. So the man pulled a gun and demanded

the condoms.

**HE'S THE MAN OF
MY DREAMS, SIGH:**

After an intoxicated groom crashed his car on the way to his wedding, police in Bremen, Germany, took pity on him and drove him to his bride. After the ceremony, they took him to the police station, booked him for drunk driving and confiscated his license. His mother came and drove him to the reception.

**SOMETHING TO
REMEMBER HER BY:**

A man jailed in New York for eight years for theft said that the cops confiscated a home video "of a personal nature with his wife" when they searched his home. He says the police have not returned it, and he wants it back.



Poetry by Tia

Double Standard

I never meant to set a double standard,
I only wanted the perfect compromise ...
But in the process I lost a bit of you, and a bit of
me ...
And now I am left wanting, and so are you.

And there's an awful ache in-between...

The Morning After

I woke up this morning and you weren't there beside
me.

I turned onto my side and hugged my arms in tight,
Imagining yours around me and smiled,
with tears threatening my still closed eyes

I see your picture on the wall,
And its as if I'm pulled back in time,
Back to that place where Dreams become reality

It's still hard to believe that you were here,
And gone again so quickly.

Yet I take comfort in the thought
That soon I will be back!

Submitted by Tia C. Downing

Pick your warm-weather drinks carefully

By Joan Chrissos
(KRT)

As the weather gets warmer, it's time to think about staying hydrated at the ballpark or on the ball field. (And no, we don't mean beer.)

Many sports drinks consist of water and cheap sweeteners. Yes, they contain sodium and potassium, but their restorative formulas are for those who really work up a sweat; say, marathoners. A trip to my local supermarket was quite revealing:

* Gatorade: An eight-ounce bottle contains 50 calories, 110 mg of sodium and 14 grams of sugar. The first three ingredients: water, sucrose syrup (sugar) and glucose-fructose syrup (sugar). And if you grab a 20-ounce

bottle, remember the nutrition label is based on an eight-ounce serving.

* Capri Sun Sports: One pouch (11.25 ounces) contains 100 calories, 90 mg of sodium and 26 grams of sugar. First three ingredients: water, high fructose corn syrup and sugar.

* Tropicana Twister: New on the market, these bottles sound luscious raspberry lemonade, grape-strawberry, etc. But they're loaded with sugar and sweeteners (the label says 3 percent juice). A 10-ounce bottle of raspberry lemonade has 170 calories (whoa!), 30 mg of sodium and 42 grams of sugar or 10 teaspoons!

* Welch's Fruit Punch: A 10-ounce bottle has 160 calories and 38 grams of sugar. First two ingredients: water and corn syrup.

* Welch's Low-Cal Apple Cranberry Juice: This is a much better choice. A 10-ounce bottle contains only 15 calories and 2 grams of sugar. The main ingredients are water, cranberry and apple juice concentrates and Splenda, a no-calorie sweetener.

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Great-grandson of Emily Post has some advice for men

By Kay Harvey
(KRT)

Don't hog the remote. Be discreet about scratching where it itches. And always put the toilet seat down.

Why? That's the considerate way of doing things, Peter Post tells the men of America.

And that's not the only reason.

"There's a big payoff for good manners," promises Post, great-grandson of the late Emily Post, the matriarch of etiquette. "You'll be more successful."

Not just successful at work, but in social situations and relationships, on a date or at home, he says in his new book, "Essential Manners for Men: What to Do, When to Do It, and Why" (Emily Post Institute, \$19.95 hardcover).

For men who share a bathroom with a woman, take the toilet seat scenario. "With two seconds of effort, you can save yourself lots of trouble down the road," he suggests.

Most women would call that a no-brainer. But what about most men?

"With guys, there's sometimes a certain degree of cluelessness," he says. "Take spitting. Most boys grow up doing it. As a kid, we had spitting contests."

As he got older, he figured out _ as most men do _ he needed to appeal to common sense to figure out the right thing to do.

But confusion remains about what's proper and what's not, Post explained in an interview during a recent Twin Cities visit to promote his book. Fast-paced lifestyles and casual trends have cut the chances children will learn good manners around the dinner table, as they did in his great-grandmother's day.

And those who learn from TV programming can get the wrong ideas about what manner-conscious people might consider appropriate.

"On TV, people can do something revolting, and what

do you hear? A laugh track," he says.

His book intends to provide an antidote to confusion, evidenced in growing numbers of queries to the Vermont-based Emily Post Institute, where he is a director. The book covers about 10 percent of manners, he says. But they apply to about 90 percent of situations people encounter in a lifetime.

"Etiquette is actually the opposite of confusion," he says. "It gives you the skills to be confident about what to do."

Here are some examples to fit various scenarios:

Dinner date success. Some women don't mind a man showing up with two days' worth of Don Johnson stubble. But if he chews with his mouth open or talks with his mouth full, that's sure to turn off a date.

Dining at home. Ditto the above. Plus, it is good manners to clean up before appearing at the table. "You

can't be a slob, even at home," Post says. "It's a time when people socialize with each other." That means everyone at the table is expected to participate.

Kitchen cleanup. Even if a man doesn't help with cooking, he's not excused from helping to clean up after a meal. When he makes a snack, it's his job to clean up the mess. In either case, that means putting dishes in the dishwasher, not just stacking them in the sink.

Laundry. Do it. "Men who help with laundry have better sex lives," Post says.

Crude behaviors. It gets personal in this category of gas-passing, scratching one's privates and burping. The right move is to take care of these things privately. If that means finding a bathroom, politely excuse yourself. The same goes for severe coughing and sneezing attacks.

On the job. Professional skills get a man the job, but it's the way he interacts with people that gets him the

promotion.

On the road. "Just back off." Acting out anger can be life-threatening.

Paying the dinner tab. The person who extends the invitation always pays the bill. But after multiple invitations, it is mannerly for a guest to return the favor. Or to offer to take a turn at paying the tab. The time for that offer is when the invitation is extended, not when the check arrives at the table.

Baseball cap etiquette. It's pretty much the same as hat-wearing protocol always has been. Wearing a cap is OK in stores and fast-food restaurants, but ditch the cap at fine-dining establishments, churches, upscale events and people's homes. Especially Grandma's house, when you know she holds fast to more traditional rules.

The best way to teach manners to boys is for par-

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* Jobs

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For students set to graduate this spring, whether or not they have a job offer in hand seems to depend on two things: their field and their contacts.

Ann Loyd, director of counseling and the career center at Macon State, said accounting students also have been successful in finding jobs.

"We have a co-op program with Robins Air Force Base, and there are lots of requests for accounting majors," Loyd said.

For students who are having a more difficult time in the job market, Loyd recommends lowering expectations a tad.

"Take a job, even an entry-level job, that's similar to your field. To expect a six-figure job right out of school is pretty unrealistic. I'm still waiting for that," Loyd said.

Romelda Simmons, director of the career development center at Fort Valley State University, said some of the hot fields for her students this year are education and agriculture. Dozens of school systems recruit for teachers, and a strong relationship with the United States Department of Agriculture helps students in that field, she said.

"When students participate in our teacher

recruitment program, they're practically guaranteed a job. Ninety to 95 percent find a placement in a school system," Simmons said.

Mercer student April Thompson, an electrical engineering major, chose to attend graduate school at Michigan State University to learn more about the field of biomedical imaging.

"Some of my classmates are still having a problem finding a job. But a lot of them are tired of school and just ready to get into the work force," Thompson said.

Mercer Career Services assistant director Mary Roberts said some students are having a hard time gaining acceptance to competitive graduate programs. Others are finding it difficult to get a job in their fields, she said.

"We don't have as many consulting firms recruiting on campus as we used to," Roberts said.

Roberts said she counsels students to tap into the "hidden job market" by networking and completing internships.

"I think it's important that students make themselves as competitive as possible," Roberts said. "Do internships in your field. A high GPA is required. Get involved in campus activities."

* Columbine

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the auditorium.

The auditorium was below the library, and Andres and his terrified students could hear the thudding explosions they later learned were the shootings of 22 students.

"It's hard to get through a day without thinking about it," Andres said.

Principal Frank DeAngelis said certain mundane events trigger five-year-old memories for him. Passing a church where he attended a memorial service. Weather reminiscent of that sunny April day. Driving on Hampden Avenue, the route he took to school that morning.

"I relive it and relive it," he said, rubbing his face with his hands. He remembers coming out of his office about 11:25 a.m. and seeing Harris fire a shotgun at him from about 60 yards away, shattering the plate-glass windows behind him.

"I said to myself,

'Oh my God... I'm going to die. What's it going to feel like to have bullets pierce my body?' I froze there. Then I heard some girls come out of the gym, and they didn't know what was going on. That made me move. I went down that hallway to warn them."

The shooter did not follow DeAngelis, and the principal believes it was because he was distracted by Dave Sanders coming up the stairs.

"Dave probably saved me from being shot. I go through survivor's guilt I lived and my best friend died."

Sanders was shot and bled to death waiting vainly for rescue with several students, as hundreds of sheriff's deputies and police officers waited outside the building for hours. One of the students who tried to save Sanders later committed suicide.

Of the 144 faculty and staff at Columbine on the day of the shooting, 94 have left.

DeAngelis, the principal, saw his marriage

of 17 years dissolve. He said he "had trouble shedding a tear for the first couple of years," but recalls that on the second anniversary of the shooting, "I was reading the names of the murdered, and I couldn't stop crying. It was like turning on a faucet."

He promised the class of 2002, freshmen at the time of the shooting, that he "would be here till the last one walked across the stage." And now, after 25 years at Columbine as a history teacher and administrator, DeAngelis said he stays "because it's my home. I can't imagine being anywhere else."

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* Scissors

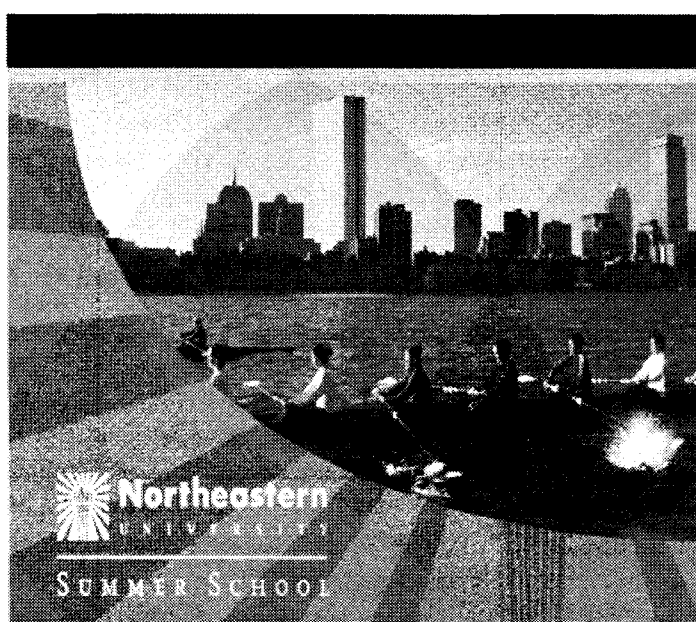
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noticed here is that where in ancient times the arena was full of spectators, today the arena is half empty and not even those who are watching care enough to vote for their favorite. That means that the people who do know all the candidates' agendas are not only few in numbers, but also the ones that possess this information are reluctant to cast their vote. In the end who ends up deciding which fighter moves on is not the voter but the *aristoi* (special groups), which as can be expected are more than eager to take the burden of

choosing our emperors away from the people. Moreover, in the end even if the voter does stay interested and involved enough to see his champion be one of the two last contenders for the wreath of power, it is not he who decides whose chains of public scrutiny will be cut by the scissors of the presidential title, but instead it is the Electoral College that does that.

In the end, it is no wonder that Washington's Coliseum is empty. The contenders all look and talk alike, with a few exceptions, the plans they propose are too much in the middle to make a

real difference, and even if one does pick a champion, it is very unlikely that the wreath of emperor will be placed upon his head. For the special groups and the Electoral College will make sure to choose the candidate they see fit to represent them best. And as the Assembly is about to pick another Caesar, this slave leaves the Coliseum knowing that there are few champions who wore the wreath of power not because of the splendor of their estates, but because of the ideas the ruler professed in public forums.



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* La Carreta

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rather what seemed to be ice-cream wrapped in corn-flakes, but for \$2.50 I wasn't too upset.

All in all, a trip to La Carreta is a good time. The food is excellent, the wait staff is awesome and the atmosphere is great. With tip, the cost came to just under \$35 for dinner, which is not outrageous for two people.

QUICK REVIEW:
FOOD QUALITY:

8 out of 10

PORTION SIZE:

9 out of 10

ATMOSPHERE:

8 out of 10

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Men's lacrosse going strong

By Lindsay Frydryk
Staff Writer

Dedication and determination are the two main factors which have contributed to why the men's lacrosse team has had such an improving season. With their current record of 4-4, and 4-2 in the NE-10, the players are continuing to prove they have what it takes to win. On April 19 the men hosted a nail biting game against our cross-town rivals, the St. Anselm Hawks. In a sudden-death overtime the Penmen held their heads high as they scored the winning goal, making the final score 12-11. This also marked the first time since 1996 that Southern New Hampshire beat St. A's.

The men's season isn't over yet. Not only do they have a few remaining scheduled games, but by defeating the Hawks the Penmen are now guaranteed a spot in the NE-10 Tournament. The men have not been in a tournament since 1995 when they competed in the ECAC Division II Tournament. To prepare for the games to come, the players will be practicing hard and training themselves for the teams they must beat. The team has a chance of finishing this year with a winning season, which has not been achieved since 1994.

Junior captain Robert Gartmayer explains why this

season is different from others: "In past seasons we never really played as a team. This season we have come together and played as one. This sport isn't about playing for oneself, rather playing for the good of the team."

As many of the other students at Southern New Hampshire agonize about finals, the lacrosse team will have the added pressure of their games. They have come so far, and worked so hard this season, that losing is not an option to them. They have more than enough motivation to show they have the talent to win. Conquering their rivals proves just that.



Robert Gartmayer and the rest of the Penmen lacrosse team find themselves in the playoffs for the first time in 9 years.

Sports Information Department photo

Manning is top pick, is moved to Giants in deal

By Marc Narducci
(KRT)

NEW YORK: In the span of 30 minutes, Eli Manning was moving quickly in the same place. The University of Mississippi all-American quarterback was first interviewed by the media as a San Diego Charger, then reinterviewed as a New York Giant. More important, the madcap moments surrounding Manning during the first half hour of Saturday's 69th annual NFL draft at Madison Square Garden Theater could shape the course of the league in general and the NFC East in particular.

Whether Manning ever becomes the quarterback his father, Archie, was during a playoff-starved career in New Orleans or his brother, Peyton, who is with Indianapolis, there is no doubt that his controversial entrance into the league has upstaged any of his famous family members.

Manning's selection as the first pick by the Chargers and subsequent trade to the Giants was the natural headliner in an event that sure didn't lack for story lines. The first three rounds were Saturday; the final four will be Sunday.

This was a good draft to be a wide receiver and not a bad one to be a quarterback. Ben Roethlisberger of Miami of Ohio was picked by Pittsburgh with the 11th pick, and Buffalo took Tulane

quarterback J.P. Losman with the 22nd.

In a draft in which seven wide receivers and four quarterbacks were selected in the first round, it was not a good day to be a running back. The first wasn't chosen until St. Louis selected Oregon State's Steven Jackson with the 24th selection.

There are still many unanswered questions left to debate about the draft, but maybe the biggest is how in the world did the University of Miami lose two games last season?

Almost as impressive as the draft's wealth of receivers was the assembly line of Miami players. A record six Hurricanes were selected in the first round.

Despite all this, Manning remained the big story. After earlier stating this week that he would not play with San Diego, Manning was still selected by the Chargers and greeted Saturday by a chorus of boos.

Manning met the press as a Charger, albeit a disgruntled one. He made it clear that if he remained with San Diego, he would sit out the season and reenter the draft next year.

Shortly after his interview, a group of NFL league officials huddled around Manning and told him he was now a Giant. Selecting fourth, the Giants drafted North Carolina State quarterback Philip Rivers and sent him to the Chargers for

Manning. The Chargers also received a third-round pick this year and first- and fifth-round selections next year.

Thus, Manning was paraded back to the podium as a New York Giant, a very relieved one at that.

"I'm excited about the whole situation," he said. "I'm looking forward to it."

He may not be as excited once he plays behind the Giants' patchwork offensive line, but on this day he was gratified for his exile from San Diego.

Manning wouldn't specify why he didn't want to play for the Chargers, although inept management could be a good guess. He simply is happy to be moving on to his second NFL team.

"I didn't want to have to sit through and sit out of football and wait a long time for this to happen and deal with that," Manning said. "I'm glad it did happen quickly."

The acquisition of Manning isn't a vote of confidence by new Giants coach Tom Coughlin for incumbent quarterback Kerry Collins, who can become a free agent after the 2004 season.

Besides being the first player named Eli ever drafted in the first round, Manning and brother Peyton are the first brothers to be taken with the overall first pick in the draft. Peyton was the first selection in 1998.

The run on wide

receivers began when Arizona, as expected, chose Pitt's Larry Fitzgerald with the third pick. Fitzgerald, who prepped a year at Valley Forge, was selected after Oakland chose massive Iowa offensive tackle Robert Gallery.

The 6-foot-7, 323-pound Gallery is looked on as a cornerstone left tackle and future all-pro.

"I want to be the best, and I'm going to go in and shoot for the starting job," Gallery said.

Local product Kevin Jones, the former Cardinal O'Hara running back from Virginia Tech, became the first area player selected. The Detroit Lions, a team in dire need of a running back, sent three lower draft picks to Kansas City to take Jones with the 30th selection of the first round.

There were 10 trades in the first round, including one made by the Eagles, who moved up from 28th to 16th in a deal after swapping picks with San Francisco. (The 49ers eventually traded the choice to Carolina, who selected Ohio State defensive back Chris Gamble.)

With the 16th pick, the Eagles selected Arkansas lineman Shawn Andrews, who could play guard or tackle at the same time. Once weighing more than 400 pounds, he is listed at 6-4 and 373 pounds. With a wealth of extra picks, the Eagles also sent the 49ers a second-round choice, 58th overall.

Maybe the Eagles were looking for a first-round receiver, but the one who was a potential target, LSU's Michael Clayton, was selected by Tampa Bay as the 15th pick. Other first-round receivers were Texas' Roy Williams, who went seventh to Detroit; Washington's Reggie Williams (Jacksonville, ninth); Wisconsin's Lee Evans (Buffalo, 13th); Ohio State's Michael Jenkins (Atlanta, 29th); and Oklahoma State's Rashaun Woods (San Francisco, 31st).

The NFC East team that helped itself immediately was Washington, which selected the first University of Miami player, safety Sean Taylor, as the fifth pick. The Redskins, with a number of key off-season acquisitions, were selecting for need, especially since their secondary was porous, and that was before trading Champ Bailey to Denver earlier this off-season. The other NFC East team, Dallas, traded out of the first round and wasn't a major factor Saturday.

Cleveland paid a steep price to select Miami tight end Kellen Winslow at No. 6. The Browns, who were seventh, swapped picks with Detroit and gave the Lions a second-round choice (37th overall). Still, Winslow might turn out to be the best player in the draft, a true difference-maker.



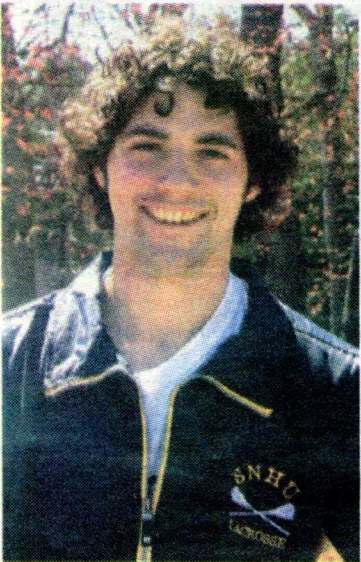
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SNHU All-Stars

**By Heather Anderson
Managing Editor**



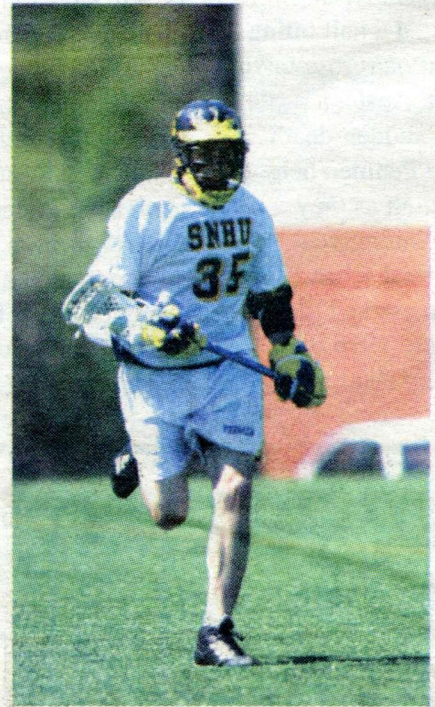
Dan Bergeron graduates in May and will continue his education at Saint A's, only after the SNHU lacrosse season is over.

Stephanie Herget photo

Dan Bergeron is this month's male all-star, and he deserves it. He plays for the men's lacrosse team, which will be in the playoffs this year for the first time since 1996. When he graduates in May he will receive his degree in psychology. He will continue his education right down the road at St. A's for a year to get his pre-med classes out of the way. While attending St. A's he plans to take the MCATs and apply to med school. He plans to apply to Duke, the University of Virginia, Johns Hopkins, and Dartmouth. In medical school he will be studying psychiatry.

Here at SNHU he has

the highest GPA on the men's lacrosse team. He is doing research this semester with Dr. Peter Frost, professor of psychology here. Dan has also been published in a psychology journal working with Frost. Dan is a member of Psi Chi, the psychology honor society. He received the "gold star" for academic achievement in the Northeast-10 conference last year; this means that his GPA was in the top 5-10% of athletes at this school. Not only is he on the verge of getting his degree and playing on the lacrosse team; he is also interning at the Cypress Center, which is a 15-patient psychiatric unit. He will be employed there while he attends St. A's. Dan is a very focused student with a bright future.



*Dan Bergeron on the lacrosse field
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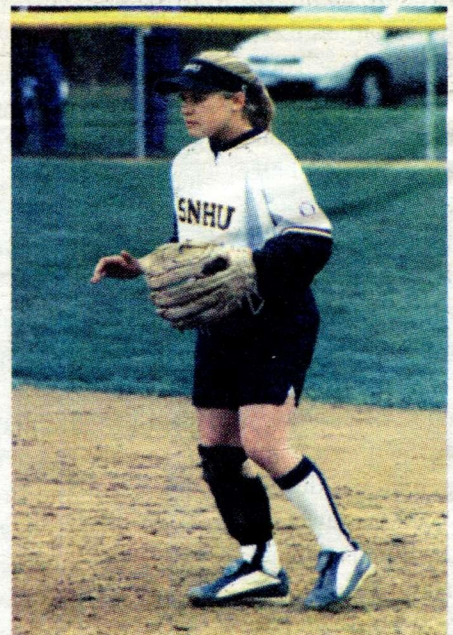
**By Stephanie Herget
Editor in Chief**

Danielle Jendrasko has played on the women's softball team for four solid years. She always brings energy and a positive attitude to her team, and that is why she is this month's female sports all-star. When Danielle came here her freshman year, she was on both the women's soccer and softball teams. Keeping up with her classes and contributing to both of these teams was not easy; however, she always played at her highest level. By the end of her sophomore year she realized that she wanted to stop playing soccer and

concentrate more on softball. This decision has definitely helped contribute to her and her team's success.

This year has been the most memorable season for Danielle, "I feel that my team has really come together and that has always been important to me," she said. The team is extremely young, having only one senior (Danielle) and ten freshmen; however, their record has not been affected by that. Their overall record this year is 19-15, but their record in the NE-10 is 15-9. Danielle feels that her team will mature over the next couple of years and sooner or later they will be unstoppable.

Danielle has worked hard on and off the field, which has contributed to her success at SNHU. She will be coming back here next year as a GA for the Partnership Program. Even though she will be back on campus, it won't be the same without softball. "I am going to miss taking infield practice before games, cheering on my teammates and just being part of a team," she said.



Danielle Jendrasko has helped the Penmen softball team to an overall record of 19-15.

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