

"I stopped believing in Santa Claus when I was six. Mother took me to see him in a department store and he asked for my autograph."
-Shirley Temple



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*Happy Holidays
from everyone at The
Observer*



The Tribune Company Goes Bankrupt

Timothy Callahan
Staff Writer

The Tribune Company, which owns the "Los Angeles Times" and the "Chicago Tribune," filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on December 8th after amassing a \$13 billion debt.

According to National Public Radio (NPR), the Tribune, created in 1847, "took on massive debt when it went private last year under a deal led by [Sam] Zell, a Chicago real estate mogul." In fact, the amount of resources needed to privatize the company effectively tripled the Tribune's debts.

With circulation rates declining due to internet publications, the current financial market lying in shambles, and banks refusing to negotiate loans, it was unrealistic for the Tribune to pay off its debts, according to CNN. The Los Angeles Times, one of the media outlets for the Tribune, reported that the \$240 million in profits it made two years ago declined to a projected \$100 million this year, before its controlling company filed for

bankruptcy. Such a drop-off in profits on a company-wide scale made it impossible for the Tribune to maintain the company status-quo.

Before filing for bankruptcy, the Tribune attempted to sell off various assets in order to pay down its debts, and it continues to do so. Tribune sold one of its media assets, "Newsday," as well as a 10 percent stake in Career-Builder, according to NPR. The latter of the two assets was sold for \$135 million to Gannett Co.

The Chicago Cubs, which is also owned by the Tribune, will not be affected by the bankruptcy. However, the company has made a concerted effort to sell the team in order to allay some of the financial pressure the Tribune is facing, reported CNN. Also, NPR reports that the Tribune was forced to cut many jobs at its newspapers, includ-



Tribune's Chairman and CEO, Sam Zell

ing 80 editorial positions at the "Los Angeles Times."

Operations for the "Los Angeles Times," "Chicago Tribune," and other affected companies of the Tribune Com-

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Burton Banned

Ashley Manley
News Editor

Mixed opinions have been voiced in the state of Vermont as well as throughout the United States regarding the recent launch of the controversial "Primo" and "Love" lines of Burton snowboards.

The "Love" snowboard line features snowboards of vintage nude Playboy girls. The "Love" snowboard line also features a risqué description that makes various sexual references.

The description of the line begins with "...I'm on the market

for someone who's looking to score serious action, no matter where they like to stick it. I enjoy laps through the park; long, hard grinds on my meaty Park Edges followed by a good, hot waxing." The description continues by stating "... whether you're hitting it from the front or the back, my mid wide shape, supple flex, and twin tips like it kinky."

Although some parts of the description have double meanings, being both sexual but relat-

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Burton's "Love" snowboard line -- altered for publication purposes

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Minutes of the Southern New Hampshire University
Student Government Association

Meeting Date: December 2, 2008

Members in Attendance: 22

Special Guest: Dr. Patty Lynott, Vice President of Academic Affairs was invited to meet with the senate. She discussed about the “Excellence in Teaching Awards” which is held every year. Two professors (one full-time and one-part time) are nominated and given the awards for their excellence in teaching. She advised that students should be actively involved in the nomination of faculty members for this award, because the awards come from students. She also asked students to meet with her to discuss about this. Four senators volunteered to meet with Dr. Lynott.

Unfinished Business:

Subject: Penmen Cash

- A Senator was curious about the status of Penmen cash off campus. Advisor Scott Tierno informed the senate that by the end of January, there will be solutions in place, and that Copies Plus will accept Penmen cash.

New Business:

Officer Reports:

President Deloria

Subject: Office Hours for senators: Every senator will spend at least an hour a week in the SGA office, so that they can answer students’ questions. There will be sign-up sheets for all senators to sign-up.

- Soccer Club: discussions were held.
- Motion not to approve funds for soccer club. Soccer Club is not approved.

Vice President Alex Pillsbury

- o PR/Elections Committee: Advertising elections
- o Committee Responsibility: Advised senators to attend all the meetings of their respective committees.

Subject: recognition of the International Business Association (IBA)

- o Discussion about IBA was held. They have 20 members and their mission is to develop an environment that students can interact with international trade centers.
- o Motion to recognize IBA was approved.

Treasurer Robert Breault

Subject- Allocation process- needs to be finalized. Motion to approve \$600 T-shirts was proposed and passed.

Subject- Additional Allocation

- o Motion for sending the proposal to give CAPE more money back to Budget/ Finance Committee was not passed.
- o Motion to give CAPE \$49,920 for concert passes.
- o Motion to allocate Senior Week \$19,050 in additional funds for programming was proposed and passed.

- o Motion to give IGC \$4928 to reimburse them for their NACA trip was proposed and passed.

- o Motion to allow Phi Delta Psi to use more than \$200 for food was proposed and passed.

Letter From
the Editor

Libby Parent

Editor in Chief

Awww. As the semester comes to an end it is finally time to exhale. Oh wait, after we complete all of our finals. And after “the Observer” staff finishes the paper. Whose brilliant idea was it to have layout the weekend before finals? Ugh. Unfortunately the blame is placed on me for that one. Sorry guys.

Thankfully I have an amazing staff of writers and editors who worked their tails off getting out a 32-page December issue. I have no idea what the paper would look like without all of their dedication. Well, of course we would have no paper, but you catch my drift.

Oddly enough, the paper was sent out by 11 pm this past Sunday; this is easily a new record for this year’s staff. Although I was somewhat tyrannical this weekend about getting the paper done, I must say that I am very pleased with the work and effort that was put forth. Thank you Dan and Carter for putting up with my shenanigans.

In the pages to follow, you will find our usual mix of articles; sports, entertainment, and political coverage. Also, a rather saucy front page may have caught your attention; Ashley Manley, our News Editor delved into the Burton controversy present not only in Vermont, but nationwide. Be sure to check out our SNHU sports coverage as well!

Unfortunately, no one wrote me a letter this month, just like every other month. Very devastating. Let me know what you think...good or bad (although I prefer the good, I am open to suggestions)!

Side note: anyone know of job openings in Vermont for winter break? Unfortunately my summer job (working construction with my dad) is no longer available due to inclement weather and the unfortunate economic crisis affecting new projects. Either way, if you know of any, let me know because I am on the lookout!

I hope you enjoy this month’s issue. I also must tell you, we are planning a website unveiling party for February of 2009. Yes that is right, you will soon be able to read all of our juicy news online. Aren’t we becoming so environmentally friendly? And you KNOW that makes me happy. From everyone at “the Observer” I wish you a safe and happy holiday and winter break. Be safe. Rock on.

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Presidential Appointments Abound

Timothy Callahan
Staff Writer

Preparing for the presidency, President-elect Barack Obama made a flurry of appointments to his Cabinet that brought together some of the most savvy political minds.

Despite their brutal sparring during the Democratic primary, Obama appointed Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State, which is the president's adviser for foreign policy and the highest-ranking office in the Cabinet. Clinton became familiar with White House operations during her time as First Lady and was an influential junior senator from New York. Elected in 2000 and 2006, she has gained a great deal of power in Congress and is very familiar with its environment.

Bill Richardson, another Democratic nominee and governor of New Mexico, was appointed Secretary of Commerce, which presides over the country's economic interests. Though he did not receive the Secretary of State position, which he had hoped for, Richardson's role as Secretary of Commerce is an important one. Richardson was once Secretary of Energy and the U.S. ambassador to the U.N. under the Clinton administration. For nearly twenty years, he served as a congressman for New Mexico. In 2002 and 2006, Richardson was elected governor of New Mexico.

Eric H. Holder Jr. is Obama's nominee for Attorney General, which acts as the country's legal representative and leader of the Department of Justice. Prior to this nomination, Ronald Reagan appointed Holder an associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and Bill Clinton subsequently appointed him U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia. Moreover, he served under Janet Reno as Deputy Attorney General and acting Attorney General for a short time in the Bush administration before John Ashcroft was appointed. Holder has been questioned for pardoning Marc Rich and his controversial comments regarding terrorist detainees, he is a proven individual. He will be the first African American Attorney General.

Robert Gates is a holdover from the Bush Cabinet, as he was appointed Secre-

tary of Defense in 2006, a position that Obama allowed him to retain. The Secretary of Defense functions as the president's main defense advisor and controls the Defense Department. Gates was in the CIA from 1966 to 1993 and served as Director from 1991 to 1993. Furthermore, he served as Deputy National Security Advisor from 1989 to 1991 in the Bush administration. Gates presided over the surge in Iraq, which John McCain championed during his presidential campaign. Though he favors redoubling efforts in Afghanistan, Gates remains wary of timetables in Iraq. Many political pundits speculate that his appointment may only be a temporary position.

Nearly a month ago, Rahm Emanuel was appointed White House Chief of Staff; this is a position that concerns itself with the major decisions of the president, implements these decisions, and serves as a negotiator between the White House and Congress. Emanuel served as a representative from Illinois for six years since 2002, and worked in the Clinton administration for seven years. He was the fourth highest member in the House of Representatives and knows how the political system works. Due to Emanuel's extreme Democratic tendencies, Obama received criticism for appointing him, since it appeared to work against his ideal of bipartisanship. However divisive he may be, Emanuel is a close friend and adviser to Obama, and his political expertise is seldom matched.

Also, Obama appointed Timothy Geithner as Secretary of the Treasury, Jim Jones as National Security Adviser, Susan Rice as US Ambassador to the United Nations, Janet Napolitano as Secretary of Homeland Security and Robert Gibbs as Press Secretary. Many pundits have cited the book "Team of Rivals," which discussed the political adversaries of Abraham Lincoln's Cabinet, as Obama's inspiration for his own cabinet.

As of yet, the secretaries of Energy, Education, Health and Human Services, and Agriculture have not been determined.

Ask Aimee

A column by Aimee Terrevecchia

Disclaimer: The following questions were written by idiots- they are only jokes. Please, do not take it seriously- but if you do, I suggest that you write to my column to get help.

Thank you,
Aimee Terravechia

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Dear So and So,

Try breathing in-between words rather than in the middle of them.

Best wishes,
Aimee

Dear Aimee,

I have a very serious problem. I am so embarrassed that I don't even know how to begin. I can't help myself—even in public. When I do it people just stop and stare at me! Some laugh, and others cover their eyes. I just can't stop it—I have this uncontrollable urge to....do the chicken dance. I know, I know! You must be thinking, "But why the chicken dance?! WHY?!" I don't know...

There doesn't even need to be music playing, and all of a sudden I will start clapping, flapping my arms, and wiggling while singing that obnoxious song! Please help!

Sincerely,

Chicken Dancer

Dear Chicken Dancer,

You must resist this urge! People will think you are crazy, which you very well may be. Since the "chicken dance" is the most un-hip thing you could possibly be doing in public, I recommend combating this urge with something very "cool" or "in." Try rap music. Hopefully the "gangsta" rhymes of the Beastie Boys or the rhythmic beats of Kanye West will be able to stop your chicken-like flapping and wiggling.

Best Wishes,
Aimee

Are you confused, frustrated or concerned about a personal situation? Are you eager to learn the secrets to life's great mysteries? Look no further! Send all your queries to Ask Aimee and your questions, along with an answer, will be published in the monthly issue of "the Observer."

E-mail AskAimee@gmail.com or drop off your questions at "the Observer" office in Stark Hall.

Your identity will be kept anonymous unless otherwise requested.

Tribune Files Chapter 11

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pany will continue as usual. In a statement issued by the company, “[it] will continue to operate its media businesses during the restructuring, including publishing its newspapers and running its television stations and interactive properties without interruption, and has sufficient cash to do so.” During the term of restructuring, the Tribune plans to run everything as close to normalcy as possible.

The Tribune is not the only example of a media-based company falling into financial trouble; the “Los Angeles Times” stated, “the ‘New York Times’ said it would mortgage its Manhattan headquarters for as much as \$225 million to help cover operating costs, industry leader Gannett Co. pushed ahead with the layoff of 2,000 employees, and Denver’s ‘Rocky Mountain News’ and the ‘Miami Herald’ were put up for sale.” Furthermore, the “New York Times” reports that the newspaper industry lost nearly 15 percent of its ad revenue over the course of the year. Clearly, these statistics and case studies exhibit the adverse market for media-based companies, rather than just one exceptional case, the Tribune.

Though the Tribune’s bankruptcy displays a more severe case than many of the other media companies, it exemplifies the hardships being faced by these companies in the current market.

Burton Banned

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ing to snowboarding terminology, some consumers, businesses, and ski resorts are boycotting and banning the use of the “Love” line of boards due to their offensiveness.

According to the RutlandHerald.com, “Vermont’s Smuggler’s Notch Resort, Sugarbush, and five of Colorado’s Vail Resorts have deemed Burton’s “Love” and “Primo” boards “inappropriate” and “offensive” to their guests, forbidding employees from using the boards when representing the ski resort, according to statements made by public relations officials.”

The “Primo” line of snowboards depicts self-mutilation. One board showcases an image of an index finger being cut off with scissors and being replaced by a foam finger being sewn on. Other boards feature fingers being bitten off by a dog and cut off with a razor blade. Some protestors feel the “Primo” line of boards is “unsuitable” for children.

Burton Chief Executive Officer Laurent Potdevin stated, according to the RutlandHerald.com, “these boards have been embraced...it is our sincere belief that these graphics do not condone or encourage violence towards women...and [we] have no intention of recalling them.”

Burton has prohibited the sale of the “Love” line of boards to those that are under the age of 18. Burton also took the precaution of wrapping the boards in order to conceal the images while in stores. Burton only created approximately 1,000 boards from each line, with expectations that the boards will become a collector’s item, and therefore be rarely seen on the slopes. Burton claims that the boards are “merely a form of artistic expression.”

To view the full “Primo” and “Love” Burton snowboard lines visit www.burton.com

‘Going Down Under’: You’re Coming with Me, Mate!

A column by Suzanne Lentell

I will be ‘Going Down Under’ for the next five months as I study, experience, travel, explore, and learn in Fiji and Sydney, Australia through the Study Abroad Program. This new section in the Observer will allow readers to see what it is like in Fiji and Sydney, Australia, as well as what one can expect when studying abroad.

I intend on sharing my interactions and words of advice as I interact with professors, peers, and locals through both interviews and my personal experiences while abroad. Readers will be updated as I learn how to surf, explore the differences between American and Australian classes, discover the wildlife, learn Aussie slang, and adjust to the time zone differences.

The Study Abroad Program at Southern New Hampshire University was introduced to campus in 2007. The University Studies Abroad Consortium, (USAC), was the first program available for students to go through in order to study abroad. Currently, four more programs are available for SNHU students to go through to study abroad. USAC alone offers over 35 study abroad locations such as Ireland, Australia, England, and Germany.

In the Spring of 2007, nine SNHU students ventured abroad. Those numbers heightened to 14 in Fall 2008, and to 25 in the Spring of 2009. Of the 25 traveling next semester, eight are going to Australia, one to Fiji, 11 to Italy, three to Ireland, one to China, and two to the Netherlands.

I have chosen to study abroad with the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) to Macquarie University, in Sydney, Australia. Through AIFS, I will begin my journey on February 5th and depart from Boston, MA and travel to Fiji for a 10-day study at the University of Fiji.

Once in Fiji, I will stay with a host family, attend five lectures, and embark on 50 hours of field trips that will count towards a three-credit social science elective. These field trips will provide the opportunity for me to explore Fiji and learn about their traditions, customs, and culture while there. After 10 days I will continue my journey and reside in Sydney, Australia and begin classes February 20th.

I am anxious, excited, and nervous since this experience will be unlike any other I have had. I have never been out of the United States, with the exception of traveling to Canada. It will be hard to leave my family and friends for five months but with the help of technology such as webcams and Skype, I should be okay.

The study abroad locations vary by program, but the only program with limited availability is Trinity College in Crete, Greece. After meeting with President Paul LeBlanc, it was clarified that the program in Crete, once believed to be cancelled, was actually a “misunderstanding and [that] it is an exchange program.” LeBlanc further explained, “for instance if we were to send five students over and they send three to us, then Trinity will have two in the bank.”

Follow Suzi’s journey in the next installment of ‘Going Down Under’ in the upcoming February issue!

For more information regarding studying abroad contact studyabroad@snhu.edu or to ask Suzi questions while she is on her journey contact Suzanne.Lentell@snhu.edu.

Athletic Sale Tries Something New

James Hering
Contributing Writer

The Southern New Hampshire University Athletic Department held their Annual Athletic Sale on Friday, November 19th through Sunday, November 21st. The sale featured a new aspect of giving a free SNHU "classic" warm-up for those who donated a toy to benefit the Angel Tree Committee.

All of the toys were donated from the Athletic Sale to the Angel Tree Committee, a charity that was going to give the toys to children residing in the Manchester area. Although this was the first year donations were encouraged and accepted, event organizer Stephanie Belida, remarked that "the response was amazing."

The idea to incorporate the acceptance of toy donations started out with Belida, who brought the idea to Chad Mason, Assistant Athletic Director, for approval. Mason stated that "we wanted to be a good neighbor and support people in our community who need a little extra help this time of year."

After the event was approved, Belida ran with it. "[Mason] was very supportive of the idea to add a toy drive into the sales this year, and he was helpful with making sure we had everything together and that planning was going along [smoothly]," explained Belida.

Proceeds from the Athletic Sale benefit the Penman Club which aids in funding the athletic teams on campus. The plan is to continue to build upon the community outreach tied into the Athletic Sale in upcoming years in order to make it an annual tradition. "In the future we would like to get the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) involved along with other organizations on campus so that we can have a greater impact on the local community," stated Mason.

Give to Charity Without Spending a Dime

Ashley Manley
News Editor

JJ Ramberg and Ken Ramberg (founder of MonsterTRAK) developed a way for people to donate to charities of their choice without spending any money by using GoodSearch.com. They also developed a way to turn percentages of online purchases into donations to charities through GoodShop.com.

GoodSearch.com is a Yahoo-powered search engine that was launched in 2005. GoodSearch.com donates a penny per a search to any participating nonprofit organization selected by the search engine user, with no purchase necessary.

GoodShop.com is a virtual shopping mall that requires a purchase in order to make a donation. GoodShop.com donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to a user's favorite charitable organization.

Spring Break, Italian Style

Kate Barlow
Contributing Writer

On November 17, 2008 a group of approximately 30 Southern New Hampshire University students and trip coordinators gathered in Walker Auditorium to discuss a planned spring break trip to Italy. Junior Holly Arnold, a trip coordinator, introduced herself as well as the other trip coordinators, Tiffany Lyon, Sarah Jacobs, and Stephanie Barry.

Plans have been in the works for the spring break trip to Italy for months. Lyon, Jacobs, Barry, and Arnold chose the destination and worked on pricing in order to ensure students would be able to afford the trip. Lyon pointed out that the trip coordinators have been working on planning the trip since August and remarked that "it is nice to see it finally coming together."

The trip will begin on March 21st from Logan Airport. While in Italy, cities such as Florence, Venice, Pisa, Siena, Montecatini, Lucca, and San Gimignano will be visited.

Tours of Florence will allow the group to experience Giotto's Bell Tower, Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, as well as Brunelleschi's Dome. The trip will conclude on March 29th.

The trip is both structured with activities and tours, but also provides the group with opportunities to explore Italy on their own. "I am really looking forward to experiencing a new culture," Arnold said.



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Jacqueline Breault, junior, looks at the trip as her way to get a taste of what studying abroad would be like. "I regret not studying abroad, so I am beyond happy to get this opportunity," explained Breault.

Future meetings for the spring break trip to Italy will be held in the Last Chapter Pub on February 9th, March 2nd, and March 16, at 7:30 p.m.

GoodShop.com currently has over 800 stores participating such as Gap, Target, Amazon, Best Buy, eBay, and Apple. Each store has varying percentages of purchases that are donated to charities. The idea behind GoodShop.com is that consumers are going to make online purchases anyways, but by doing them through GoodShop.com, they can still shop at their favorite stores and benefit a charity at the same time. By shopping through GoodShop.com, a percentage of their purchase will go to a charity of their choice.

Senior, Ashley Lacroix, stated that "GoodSearch.com is a great idea...being a college student, I don't always have the money to donate to charity even though I want to support their cause...GoodSearch allows me to help out...without spending money I don't have!"

GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com make it easy for people to donate to charities and nonprofit organizations during the difficult financial times in the US right now. To start donating to a charity without spending any money, visit GoodSearch.com. To donate a percentage of Holiday shopping purchases to charity, shop through GoodShop.com this Holiday season.

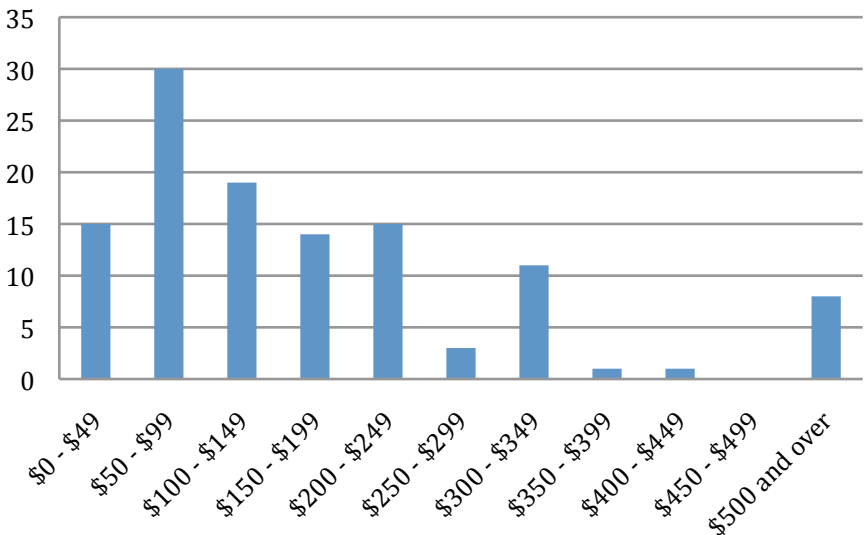


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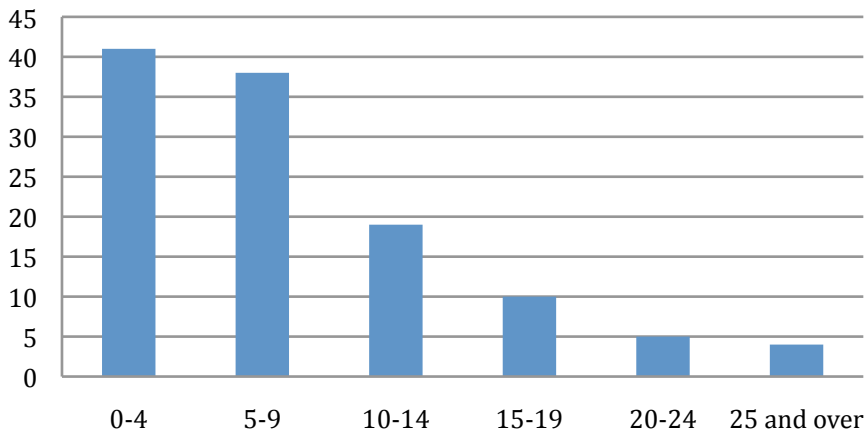
Fun survey results from your friends in Honors Statistics

Honors Statistics (MAT250) asked 117 students about their gift giving plans for this holiday season. They were asked how much money they would spend and how many gifts they would buy. The results are below. Your friends in MAT250 would like to say “we hope your 2008 holiday season is at least two standard deviations over the mean.”

How Much Will You Spend on Gifts This Holiday Season?



How Many Gifts Will You Buy This Holiday Season?



International Education Week Connections

Ken Pothier
Staff Writer

Southern New Hampshire University and campuses across the United States celebrated International Education Week November 17th through the 21st.

The week featured international food, music, art, and drama. Presentations describing the experiences that the sport management students had at the Olympics in China, the Culture of India, as well as a presentation from the organization Doctors Without Borders were given. Students who studied abroad also shared their experiences living in another country and being part of a different culture.

Over the course of the week, Chinese, Japanese, Vietnamese, and Korean lunches were available in the cafeteria. A Thanksgiving Dinner was also a highlight of the week for those students who were part of the Cousins Program. The Cousins Program matches international undergraduate students with American undergraduate student “cousins.”

The International Drama Club performed three one act plays: “Baby-Sitting” by Gary Carkin, “Life Insurance” also by Carkin, and “Superman and the Psychiatrist” by Doug Case and Ken Wilson. Emmy Award winning film, “Promises,” portrait of seven Palestinian and Israeli natives, was also shown. This film gave insight into the complex physical, historical and emotional boundaries in Palestine and Israel. Past enemies from the organization Combatants for Peace gave a talk on their efforts of working for peace in those countries.

The events throughout the week offered American students and faculty new and unique viewpoints into life internationally. Samplings of different cultures, foods, music, art, and drama provided students and faculty at SNHU an opportunity to diversify and to connect with cultures and places never visited.

Trip to Brazil in INT-655 Course

Press Release

Manchester, N.H. (Dec. 9, 2008) – Build your global network and meet multinational business executives by taking INT 655 Understanding Emerging Markets this spring. The course includes a trip to Brazil.

The course involves online work focusing on issues surrounding emerging market economies, and two half Saturday meetings to discuss the logistics of the trip. As part of this course, students will work with companies participating in a New Hampshire International Trade Resource Center trade mission to Brazil. During the trip students will shadow company representatives and will participate in business meetings.

The deadline to register for this course is Jan. 2. Please contact Dr. Bulent Aybar at c.aybar@snhu.edu for more information



Students at the International Cultural Fair

Cyan Magenta Yellow Black

Gorillas Living on the Edge

Sinziana Scoarta

Staff Writer

December 1st represented the first day of the 2009 “Year of the Gorilla” as declared by the United Nations at a ceremony held in Rome. This ceremony provided the basis for the presentation made by Associate Professor of Science, Michele Goldsmith on December 4th. Goldsmith spoke about her experiences conducting research on mountain gorillas over the course of the past year.

Known as “one of the three experts on gorillas in the US,” Goldsmith was awarded a Fulbright Award to study in the Central African Republic where she collaborated with the National Geographic Society. Co-author of “Gorilla Biology: A Multidisciplinary Perspective” (Cambridge University Press), Goldsmith titled her presentation “Gorillas Living on the Edge, Literally and Figuratively.” The title represents how the mountain gorillas are both living on the edge of the forest and on the edge of extinction.

Her most recent research in the Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda focused on the impact of ecotourism on the endangered moun-

tain gorillas. Goldsmith’s research entailed tracking mountain gorillas by following their nests that they made nightly and by analyzing their feeding remains.

According to Goldsmith, the negative impact of human activities on this species is major. Due to pet trade, the heads of gorillas are typically cut off in order to mount them as trophies. Hands and feet are also cut off to use as ashtrays. Other activities that have a negative impact include logging, which destroys the gorilla’s homes, the use of gorillas as bush meat and the spread of disease, such as Ebola, by humans.

Seeing numbers of mountain gorillas dwindling over the year, the solution found to protect these species was to develop tourism. In Uganda, ecotourism in the form of gorilla tracking started in 2004 and is now ranked third as Uganda’s source of income. According to the Gorilla Tracker Uganda website, Bwindi Impenetrable Forest National Park, Goldsmith’s research site, has twenty-three mountain gorilla families, three



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A mountain gorilla

of which, group M, K, and H are habituated to humans.

Habituation, “a process by which wild animals accept human observers as a neutral element in their environment,” represents a prerequisite for gorilla-tracking tourism activity, however, could also represent the demise of the mountain gorilla, according to Goldsmith. Since tourism and habituation started, the mountain gorillas are more prone to go outside the forest and the park. Research has shown that they are going 200 meters outside the park, causing an impact on ecology.

There is a two-year wait for obtaining a gorilla-tracking permit. A four-night gorilla safari trip costs approximately \$1,600, which includes accommodations, meals, park fees, a gorilla permit, and transportation in a safari vehicle.

When asked what college students can do to help, Goldsmith stated, “support conservation organizations” and “become more responsible consumers.”

Dining Services Concerns Answered

Sinziana Scoarta

Staff Writer

Sodexo inherited the responsibility of managing the dining services at Southern New Hampshire University on August 1st. The change from the dining services once being controlled by SNHU themselves has brought on mixed reviews from students.

Students that have been attending SNHU while the dining services were controlled in-house, are now blaming Sodexo for the changes they dislike. Dan Van Avery, the General Manager of Dining Services, noted that “we adopted a lot of existing policies. We actually enhanced the program.”

Sodexo has added a hundred recipes, introduced the Global Chef Program and Traveling Chef, and brought Green Mountain coffee on the

premises. Van Avery stated that although changes have been made, most have been “subtle and behind the scenes.”

The sustainability ratio of the Dining Services has changed as well. It has increased from 15 percent to 20 percent by using recycled napkins, recyclable to-go containers and environmentally friendly chemicals. When asked about the large amount of plastic bottles being sold, Van Avery stated that, “that is what students want.”

When asked whether the Dining Services impose the existence of the \$1,200 meal plan requirement for freshmen, Van Avery stated that this issue is handled by the SNHU administration, specifically the Student Affairs Office.

Dr. Scott Kalicki, the Vice President of Student Affairs, stated that the freshman meal plan exists because the residence halls in which some of the students are living have no student facilities. Secondly, the cafeteria area is meant for students “to have a common place” and that it is “more cost-efficient to cook for fifty than ten.” In other words, requiring the large meal plan drives students to make purchases at the café, which allows prices to stay low due to cooking for large quantities of students.

Sam Hastings, sophomore, thinks that the “cafe food has good variety and is tolerable.”

On the other side, Arinna Fauzi believes that “the cafe food is overpriced, tasteless, and some things are just not edible.”

Students have noticed pricing inconsistencies, but Van Avery stated that he was “not aware of such issues.” He noted “I would imagine that can happen...[but] it happens everywhere.”

On the topic of pricing, Van Avery stated that “for most of our entrees the prices have not changed, [but] we have increased the value on portion sizes.” Van Avery did note that his main concern is getting students the most value for their dollar.

The changes to be made for next semester will include an update of the menu. Van Avery encourages students to come forward to talk to him whenever issues arise. “I cannot encourage people enough – come see me, come ask us.”

Abroad Students Offer Traveling Tips

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Returning abroad students gathered to present traveling tips in the Southern New Hampshire University Hospitality building on Friday, November 21, 2008. Three returnees presented PowerPoint presentations that showcased their experiences from studying abroad while offering advice as well.

The event was hosted by Lydia Chiang, the Director of the Study Abroad programs and welcomed all students, faculty, and staff.

First to present was senior Ryan Huston, who studied abroad in Melbourne, Australia in the Spring of 2008.

"Just go!" Huston exclaimed. "Don't even second guess it. I met people from many different cultures, stepped outside of my comfort zone, and had the time of my life."

Huston explained that it is vital to experience as much as you can while away. He encouraged those present to take trips, to go exploring, and to be adventurous.

John Trant, also a senior, traveled to Prague to study abroad this past summer for six weeks. He suggested to "pack your belongings in a duffel bag...It weighs less than a suitcase; therefore you are able to pack more when it comes to the weight requirements at the airport" continued Trant.

Senior, Helen Rivera, spoke about her study abroad experience in Madrid, Spain, where she spent her 2008 Spring semester.

Rivera was at first "scared to go alone," but the trip ended up being "the greatest thing" that she could have done. Rivera added that she still keeps in touch with the friends that she made while abroad.

While abroad, Rivera had the opportunity to travel throughout Europe visiting Ireland, the Netherlands, Italy, Portugal, and France.

The students shared some similar tips throughout the evening. They strongly suggested buying a cell phone when one arrives abroad, instead of purchasing a calling card or an international plan for your phone.

The students also advised not to always trust the taxi drivers. Be aware of what things cost and what the exchange rate is before traveling abroad. The students encouraged listeners to share cultures, learn about diversity, and travel the world.

Junior, Gabriella McNevin, who plans on studying abroad in Italy in the spring of 2009, commented on how insightful the presentations were. McNevin thought that the presentations were "well done and informative."

"Go abroad!" Chiang exclaimed toward the end of the night. "Do it for yourself. You will have an amazing experience. When else will you get this amazing opportunity?"

Questions about studying abroad can be directed to the informational sessions held on Fridays in the Study Abroad office in Robert Frost Hall, room 105A or email L.Chiang@snhu.edu.



Helen Rivera

Helen Rivera traveling while studying abroad

New East Side Parking Lot Ready for Use

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The parking lot that was created on the East Side of campus was finished and ready for use on December 6, 2008. Leighton White Construction Company was given the task of clearing, flattening, and paving the lot, which holds up to 150 cars.

Construction on the parking lot began on September 15 and was scheduled to be finished by Nov. 30, however, cold weather pushed back the completion date.

"We're waiting for a warm day to complete the finish coat of asphalt," stated Director of Facilities, Robert Vachon. "If we do not get the warmer temperatures, we will stripe the lot as is, and apply the finish coat in the Spring."

The lot currently has all necessary safety and security features, including proper lighting, surveillance cameras, and two emergency

call boxes. There is also an officer on duty every night from 8:00 PM to 4:00 AM who will patrol the lot.

Many students at Southern New Hampshire University, both commuters and residents, have complained that not enough parking spaces are available. According to Jim Winn, Director of Public Safety, the new lot should allow all East Side residents to park on that side, which will free up additional parking spots on the West Side of campus. "The lot will cut down on the complaints, which are caused by student frustration," stated Winn.

Lincoln, Conway, Windsor, and Hampton Halls are located on the East Side of campus. The Lincoln and Conway parking lot offer enough spots for students residing in those buildings to park there. However, the approximate two hundred students living in Hampton and Windsor share 47 parking spots behind their buildings. Students must park on the West Side of campus or down the street by Webster Hall if there are not any open parking spaces behind their building.

Megan Smith, sophomore, lives in Hampton and has car. "I am looking forward to the completion of the new parking lot," she said. "It can't come soon enough."

James Hering, Senior, lives in Hampton on the East Side of campus. "I park on West Side all the time," he stated. Hering is looking forward to the shorter walk back to his room after parking his car in the new, closer parking lot.

The Future of U.S. Foreign Policy: A Discussion with David Gergen

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David Gergen

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Mumbai, India Under Terrorist Siege

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On Wednesday, November 26, on the eve of the American Thanksgiving holiday, the city of Mumbai (formerly known as Bombay), India became the new ground for terrorist attacks.

The first targets were two of the most well known landmarks, the Taj Mahal Palace & Tower Hotel and the Oberoi-Trident Hotel located in the financial district at the heart of the city. The attacks spread over the metropolis and the Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Station, Nariman House, Cama Hospital as well as the Leopold's Restaurant, a well-known tourist spot.

The area over which the attacks spread surrounded the city and became the scene of a siege. According to "The New York Times," at least 188 people were killed, 28 of which were foreigners, alongside the over 250 wounded individuals. When the attacks started, the terrorists were "talking about British and Americans specifically" to be taken as hostages.

The attacks started on Wednesday, but there were still one to two hundred people still reported as being trapped in the two hotels on Thursday. By Friday, the number of terrorists had been reduced, but it was not until Saturday, that the last two terrorists from Taj

The World Affairs Council of New Hampshire held its 2008 fall forum at Southern New Hampshire University. The keynote speaker was David Gergen: commentator, editor, teacher, public servant, best-selling author, and advisor to presidents for the past 30 years.

Gergen enumerated the main problems faced by the U.S. and the world. He spoke about how far off track the American dream has gone and offered possible solutions and questions which need to be answered before progress can be made. "I have felt for some time that the next president will face the toughest set of problems since Franklin Roosevelt's time," Gergen stated. He mentioned that statistics show a recession for the past year, and that the U.S. is the greatest debtor nation in the world with next year's deficit projected to be over 7 trillion dollars.

One element necessary for any improvement is leadership. He stated that "quality of leadership matters." He continued by stating that "very tough problems are overwhelming us and we have one big shot to get it right." He explained that although the United States has lost respect on the world stage, countries still look to the US for guidance and leadership.

David Gergen has worked with Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan, and Clinton. He pointed out President Clinton as a leader who listened to all points of view, labeling him as having "360 degree listening." On foreign policy he stated that "America succeeds when [we] listen to other points of view; when we show honor and respect for nations."

Gergen finds hope in the involvement of young people in the recent election. He teaches at Harvard and says that this generation of students is enthused, idealistic, and feels they have and will continue to have a major influence in the country's future.

Mahal were killed that put the violence to an end.

During the siege, those hiding from terrorists communicated with their families and also the news crews via their phones and Twitter accounts (an instant messenger-like communication tool).

The terrorist's gate of entry in the country was the Mumbai's Cuffe Parade neighborhood which they accessed by boat. They were reported to be dressed in jeans and T-shirts and wearing backpacks. These backpacks were later found to contain guns such as AK-47s and grenades.

The attacks were claimed via e-mail by a group named Deccan Mujahedeen that has not been heard of until these attacks. However, the Pakistani group Lashkar-e-Taiba is more closely associated with the attacks and it is reported to have connections with Al-Qaeda. India is not unfamiliar with terrorist attacks, as it has become a common recurrence due to tensions between the Hindu and the Muslim populations.

In the light of the events, president-elect Barack Obama stated on Friday, November 28th that "these terrorists who targeted innocent civilians will not defeat India's great democracy, nor shake the will of a global coalition to defeat them."



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533,000 Jobs Lost in November

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During November, the job market cut 533,000 jobs, which is the biggest decline of jobs lost from the market since December 1974.

The last time a large jobs loss was experienced was over a single month in 1974 towards the end of a severe recession. With the current recession far from over, it is believed that more jobs losses will occur, according to the "New York Times."

"We are caught in a downward spiral in which employment, incomes, and spending are collapsing together," said Nigel Gault, chief domestic economist for IHS Global Insight stated to the "New York Times." "With private spending frozen, we have no choice but to rely on a stimulus package to revive the economy."

According to the "New York Times," the report of the jobs lost in November will put pressure on Congress and the administration to pass a stimulus package, mortgage relief, or financial aid for Detroit's big automakers. Scott Stanzel, spokesman for the White House, stated to the "New York Times" that any expectation of a change in policy by officials for a stimulus package or other solutions would "happen in the next administration."

The Labor Department stated that the decline brings total job losses for the year to 1.9 million, two-thirds of which have been lost since September. During November, the unemployment rate rose 6.7 percent, which is an increase of two-tenths of a percentage from October. Overall, over the last three months unemployment is up six-tenths of a percentage. Over 420,000 workers and job hunters left the labor force during November.

When discouraged job hunters and workers with decreased hours are included in unemployment figures, the unemployment rate hits a record 12.5 percent during November, which is a 1.5 percent increase over the last three months. The unemployment figures for September and October were revised by the government from 524,000 jobs lost to 723,000, which brings the total losses for the last three months to 1.2 million.

Big Three Bailout

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The bill to bailout the "Big Three" of the auto-industry was proposed in order to save GM, Chrysler, and Ford from complete collapse during the current economic crisis.

In order to alleviate the impending financial collapse of the Big Three, Congress proposed a bill that would allocate \$15 billion to GM and Chrysler to stave off their crises for the time being. The money was taken from the Energy Independence and Security Act, which was meant to provide funding for the auto-industry's development of fuel-efficient vehicles.

These loans would continue across a period of seven years with a five percent interest rate. Since the government is able to buy nearly twenty percent of the companies' loans, taxpayers will own a stake in said companies. Ford has since rescinded its request for funds, since it determined it was not in nearly the same predicament as the other two companies.

By accepting these funds, GM and Chrysler would be subject to a great deal of government

oversight. Oversight would include the creation of a so-called "car czar," who would be a government appointed official that presides over the decisions of both companies. This car czar, or overseer, would have to set benchmarks for the companies to check their progress.

If, by the end of March, the companies have shown little progress or sustainability, then the overseer has the authority to collect the government loans issued. It has yet to be established whether or not the car czar will be an agreed upon figure between the current and future administrations, but the bill proposes that the appointment will not have to go to the Senate for confirmation.

Although the money is significantly less than the \$34 billion that the companies requested, it is still enough to prevent the short-term collapse of both GM and Chrysler. Indeed, many Congressmen have cited the bailout as being a short-term solution, so that the companies may be realigned to make a long-term plan more feasible.

The Economics of Black Friday Crowds

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Preliminary sales figures for Black Friday this year suggest that many consumers feel that the benefits of Black Friday sales outweigh the costs. According to ShopperTrak, a company that calculates shopper traffic, 2008 Black Friday sales totaled about \$10.6 billion, 3 percent higher than the previous year.

Black Friday is the term that has been given to the day after Thanksgiving. Typically stores open early and offer numerous deals in order to attract customers. Black Friday is one of the busiest shopping days of the year and generally signals the beginning of the holiday shopping season.

In addition to great deals on electronics, we often associate Black Friday with massive crowds. Customers show up early and wait in line outside, hoping to be one of the fortunate few who obtain the limited quantity of low priced items. In some instances, reports of violence have surfaced in recent years.

In addition to lines and somewhat questionable behavior, customers that attend Black Friday sales events may observe shoppers paying other customers for goods before they even checked out. Other customers may acquire a quantity of one sale item in order to trade it for other desired items.

Economics students will notice that these seemingly odd behaviors are the result of a price that is set below the market price for the goods on sale. When the price of a good or service is set below the equilibrium market price, individuals will want to purchase more of the good than the amount that is available to purchase at the low price.

Under normal conditions, the price of the good rises and eliminates the effective shortage at the

low price. The good is rationed to those individuals that will pay the market price. However, on Black Friday, price is no longer the sole determinant of who purchases the item. Other rationing mechanisms must be used. These other mechanisms include lines and sometimes disorderly behavior.

While consumers may pay a lower money price for the sale items, they will face other costs such as getting up early, waiting in lines, and potentially dealing with unruly crowds. Additionally, shoppers are not guaranteed to get the item that they want

as the quantity demanded at the low price exceeds the quantity supplied. As mentioned above, shoppers may have to resort to bartering or bribing in order to obtain the goods that they want.

In their decision to shop early on Black Friday, consumers must weigh the marginal benefits against the marginal costs. The marginal benefit is the savings on purchases and any enjoyment that the consumer receives from shopping specifically on Black Friday. The marginal costs include all of the aforementioned additional costs that the shopper incurs on Black Friday relative to other shopping days.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Prosperity or Depression, Where Are We Headed?

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“It is not going to get any better in 2009, the Government is the only way out and a good monetary policy so banks are able to end it as well,” stated Diane Mercier, the Senior VP Group Manager of Commercial Banking at Ocean Bank.

The panel discussion on "Prosperity or Depression, Where Are We Headed" took place on December 4th from 6:30 to 8 pm in Walker Auditorium with four panelists. The Economics and Finance Association hosted the discussion.

Mr. Peter Hildreth, the commissioner of Banking for NH; Ms. Diane Mercier; Nancy Philbrick, President of the Manchester Board of Realtors; and Mr. David Fehr, the Associate Professor of Finance, here at Southern New Hampshire University were the four panelists. There was a great turnout per-

haps from the incentives from the Economics and Finance professors, regardless it had packed the house and was interesting and informative.

The discussion was based on how this economic crisis is affecting New England and New Hampshire in particular. “The issue is about perception and confidence,” stated Professor Fehr. Professor Fehr had six alternatives to the economic crisis that were either tried or are still options the government can look into. These alternatives ranged from reinstituting the Resolution Trust and providing money to the banks, although it “would be like moving deck chair around on the Titanic: nothing changes,” stated Fehr. The fifth and sixth alternatives would be giving money to AIG and the Big Three Car companies and the most current alternative being to

pay for 90 percent of Citi-banks losses from these troubled assets. Professor Fehr also stated, “the most important asset in question here is confidence.”

So how bad is it? “It’s bad and there will be Nobel Prize winning articles about it,” stated Mercier. The key issue is businesses and consumers driven by the individual consumers in the recession. New England is more insulated than the previous recession in the 90’s. Recessions normally last between 12 and 18 months, we are at 12 months in now and have a long time till we get out. Mercier also added that “Letting Leiman Brothers fall was a huge turning point as lending money stopped. Banks are not tolerating delinquencies anymore.”

On the real estate side was Nancy Philbrick to who named the three top places to live; Laco-

nia, Key West, and Keene. “Late 50’s and early 60’s after WWII was the best time to buy homes and it is like that now,” stated Philbrick.

For the first nine months of 2008 there have been 6,304 foreclosures in New Hampshire, a rise from 3,915 in 2007. The increase is sure to continue steadily and as soon as they are foreclosed there will surely be ready buyers. Philbrick gave advice to stay away from investments in stock markets “although the stock market fluctuates you can see a doubling of investment in Real Estate, so if you can invest in Real Estate.”

“The way we got here was greed, You think we would learn,” stated Hildreth. Bank loaners are making about \$10,000 for opening a loan. “Oh, we can get you in there. We have a great program for you it’s called the

“you can live there for a year or two then we kick you out.” The community and state banks are the way to go, they have money to lend,” Hildreth added.

A few ending questions were given to the audience to consider as they left. Are these U.S. car industries ever going to be competitive with foreign competitors? Should it only be the big two by removing Chrysler from the mix? Should we only reorganize Ford and GM after they declare bankruptcy? Would you buy a car from a business in bankruptcy? At what point do we not become a market economy but a political economy?

It is a judgment call like musical chairs. “We are somewhat insulated, this is still a tragedy,” stated Mercier. “People who did take care of their finances are getting punished,” Philbrick added.

Stock Market Overview					
Industry	Company	Symbol	Price	Historic Price	Percent Change
Retail	Best Buy	BBY	\$ 23.75	\$ 44.18	-47.3%
	J Crew	JCG	\$ 12.84	\$ 33.64	-63.6%
	Lowes	LOW	\$ 22.09	\$ 23.23	-5.2%
	Target	TGT	\$ 37.98	\$ 52.45	-28.6%
	Wal Mart	WMT	\$ 55.81	\$ 59.57	-6.6%
Financials	Capital One	COF	\$ 32.88	\$ 44.44	-25.4%
	E Trade Financial	ETFC	\$ 1.32	\$ 3.81	-63.7%
	MasterCard	MA	\$ 143.21	\$ 291.40	-49.9%
	Morgan Stanley	MS	\$ 14.97	\$ 39.39	-61.8%
	Visa Inc.	V	\$ 53.53	\$ 82.14	-33.4%
Internet	Amazon	AMZN	\$ 51.25	\$ 79.43	-35.6%
	Ebay Inc.	EBAY	\$ 14.18	\$ 29.07	-51.1%
	Google	GOOG	\$ 305.97	\$ 557.87	-44.8%
	Rediff	REDF	\$ 2.30	\$ 7.22	-67.2%
	Yahoo Inc.	YHOO	\$ 12.19	\$ 26.58	-53.8%
Oil and Gas	Conoco Philips	COP	\$ 51.13	\$ 95.24	-44.9%
	Diamond Offshore Drilling	DO	\$ 64.21	\$ 135.42	-51.2%
	ExxonMobil	XOM	\$ 78.20	\$ 89.07	-11.0%
	Halliburton	HAL	\$ 15.68	\$ 50.60	-68.4%
	Sunoco Inc.	SUN	\$ 37.56	\$ 41.38	-5.7%
Healthcare	Aetna Inc.	AET	\$ 20.50	\$ 46.11	-54.6%
	Boston Scientific	BSX	\$ 7.36	\$ 13.33	-43.8%
	Eli Lilly	LLY	\$ 34.57	\$ 48.18	-27.9%
	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	\$ 57.81	\$ 65.63	-11.9%
	Pfizer	PFE	\$ 16.47	\$ 18.02	-8.2%

Data is from 12/9/08. Source: www.MSNMoney.com

Crude Oil (per barrel):	\$42.07
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Gold (oz.):	\$775.60
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Natural Gas (per 1,000 cubic feet):	\$5.58
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National Average for a Gallon of Unleaded Gas:	\$1.68
Year Ago	\$3.00

Dow Jones Industrials:	8,691.33
Year Ago	11,230.73

NASDAQ Composite:	1,547.34
Year Ago	2,209.81

S&P 500:	888.67
Year Ago	1,504.66

Stores Hire Less Holiday Help

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According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, retailers have cut holiday hiring by 26 percent. 65,900 jobs were added this holiday season in October, which represents a decline in hiring of 19 percent from last year and the smallest work force of holiday help hired since 1991.

"Retailers are holding off and hiring later this year," said Don Firth president and CEO of AllRetailJobs.com, according to the "Hartford Courant." With

retailers expecting an anticipated decline in sales, they are hiring fewer cashiers, salespeople, and stockers to cut costs. Discount retailers like Wal-Mart and Target, according to the "Hartford Courant," are expecting to hire the same amount of seasonal workers as last year.

The Hay Group stated to the "Hartford Courant" that as stores saw sales slip 2.5 percent in October they revised prior holiday hiring plans. Only 53

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Phi Psi Says "Bye" Until 2009

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'Tis the season for finals, and giving and spreading holiday cheer – at least that's what the sisters of Phi Omega Psi have been up to.

On November 21, 2008 the sisters of Phi Omega Psi celebrated the initiation of their new sisters, Kristin Staine and Allison Conboy at their pledge party. With pledging over, Phi Omega Psi has been showing the new girls what sisterhood is all about by volunteering for individual and group community service, bonding, and studying.

In November, the sisters participated in the Breast Cancer Walk and Happy Birthday Visitors. In December, the girls bought gifts for children for

the Angel Tree Program and they made every person at Mt. Carmel Nursing Home a unique homemade holiday card.

In addition, the sisters participated in the holiday rendition of the Happy Birthday Visitors on Saturday, December 18. Some girls even contributed to their hometown's holiday giving program at their church. In February, the sisters will also take part in Relay for Life, and will continue to raise money in order to reach their \$100 goal per sister for the charity event.

As the holiday break nears and the stress level heightens for finals, Phi Omega Psi decided to end the semester by supporting their brother's (Phi Delta Psi) at

the Lip Sync Contest and by co-sponsoring a holiday event with the sisters of Kappa Chi. The Holiday Craft Event occurred on Wednesday, December 10 from 3–5:30 p.m. in the pub. At the event, students listened to holiday music while making and decorating their own holiday ornaments and stockings.

As the semester and year comes to an end, the sisters of Phi Omega Psi wish everyone the best of luck during finals, and to everyone and their families, a happy and safe Holiday Season. The sisters look forward to being home for the holidays and relaxing during break, and will see everyone back at SNHU in January 2009!

Ashley Burke



Phi Omega Psi

SIFE Speaker Series Comes to SNHU

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One of the largest student organizations present worldwide, SIFE is an international organization always striving for new business opportunities to integrate with involved college students. While making a difference in their surrounding communities, the SIFE organization assists students in developing the necessary skills to become successful business leaders of their own. With a current 38,000 + student involvement in over 1,500 universities, SIFE is quickly and efficiently benefiting families and businesses while helping students make a mark in their future.

With the Organization's primary goals of gathering students and communities together to enhance learning from a Business perspective, they have organized an exclusive Speaker Series to attend Southern New Hampshire University following a series of dates. These speakers will be presenting useful information on financial fraud, business, and career information. Being exposed to this useful information presented by professionals such as professors, corporate members of Fidelity Investments, and business members will assist students and the community in gaining personal

insight on important topics such as financial, economical, and managerial information for everyday life.

Beginning on Jan. 27, 2009, the Speaker Series will be conducted on the last Tuesday of each month until its end in April. The schedule for the series as well as the presenters is as follows: January: Dr. Hanson on Financial Fraud, February: Ian Muir, March: Fidelity Investments Vice President David Tesconi, April: Professor Keith Moon on Students in Free Enterprise and The Center of Entrepreneurship. In order to make these wonderful presentations a success for all in attendance, we need all interested to spread the word on these beneficial series of events. Students and Faculty are more than welcome to bring guests/family members to join in on the presentations as well. Informational faculty/staff emails will be sent with location information on the appropriate SNHU auditoriums as well as flyers and promotions.

As we approach the series, any initial questions regarding attendees will be happily answered. We look forward to seeing all of you witness these informational speeches!

Spotlight on Beta... 5 Questions with Meg Dower

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Meg Dower, a member of Phi Delta Beta, was the talk of the town in August when she was featured in two newspapers: "The Union Leader" and "The Christian Science Monitor." "The Union Leader" highlighted her as an outstanding Resident Assistant on campus, while "The Christian Science Monitor" asked her to comment on President Paul LeBlanc's decision to sign a nation-wide petition to lower the drinking age. Meg Dower has been an active member of the Phi Delta Beta Sorority since spring of 2007. She currently holds the position

of Internal Relations where she is responsible for planning and hosting events for the sorority. Next semester Meg will hold the positions of Social Chair and IGC (Inter Greek Council) Representative, and will join the Executive Board next year as the Sorority's Treasurer.

Q. You were featured in two newspapers as being an outstanding RA. How do you balance being a student, a Sister of Phi Delta Beta and an RA?

A. Time management skills such as scheduling, keeping appointments and making to do lists. It feels good to cross things

off my to-do lists!

Q. What would you say is your greatest achievement thus far?

A. That's a hard one. I guess my greatest achievement is being happy with where I am in life, but I'm always working to make it better.

Q. With the most controversial Presidential Election in history only a few weeks behind us, do you feel it was important to be informed on all the candidates and their stances on issues?

A. Yes, I do feel it is very

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Look Who's Drunk On Facebook!

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As the winter break approaches, many students are already thinking about which big holiday parties they will be attending. Although celebrating New Year's might be fun for the night, it's the pictures posted later that can cause some students lots of trouble in their future careers. Yes, those crazy party pics that you posted on your Facebook page are entertaining for your friends, but did you realize that employers are increasingly searching on social networking sites to get a glimpse at your "private" behavior, too?

Careerbuilder.com recently stated that 20 percent of employers are engaging in the practice of checking out your profiles before making a hiring decision. Many others are running your name through Google to look for postings on blogs or videos on YouTube. Careerbuilder's research also confirmed that 33 percent of employers decided NOT to make an offer to someone because of inappropriate images they saw online (typically drinking, drug use, "offensive talk," or "provocative" pictures).

The debate about whether this 'online snooping' is an invasion of privacy or a legitimate way for employers to perform background

checks may continue to go on for years; however, the reality is some employers will run a search on your electronic image. What they find out about you online could sway their decision on whether to hire you for an internship or a full-time position. What can you do to make sure you don't lose an opportunity that you have been working so hard for? First, you should run a search on yourself periodically to see what different search engines will list under your name. Switching the setting on your networking sites to "private" will enable you to choose who is seeing your profile and pictures. Double-checking with your friends to make sure you know what pictures they have posted can also be useful.

Finally, if you have pictures that would not pass the "would it be okay if my parents saw this?" test, then you may want to think about what type of image you are putting out in cyberspace in the first place. So go ahead and enjoy your break, just keep in mind, being responsible can mean much more than just having a designated driver. Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday break from your friends at the Career Development Center, and remember; it's your career...what have you done lately?!

Outreach Wraps Up a Successful Semester

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Smiling faces of members from the Outreach Association filled Room 303 in the Hospitality Building on Wednesday, December 3, 2008. This particular weekly meeting was the second to last of a very busy and exciting semester. As soon as the clock struck 5 pm, the meeting was underway.

Justin Woodard, president of Outreach, started the meeting off with a discussion regarding the previous week's Hunger and Homelessness events. He explained that the involvement from students at Southern New Hampshire University was record breaking. In past years, students did participate, but not half as much as this year.

"The Speaker's Panel from the National Coalition for the Homeless is one of the staple events of the week that we normally struggle to get attendance at," said Woodard. He said that

the program involves currently and formerly homeless persons from the Washington D.C. area who meet together in Manchester, New Hampshire and talk about their individual experiences in front of students. Their conversation helps students gain perspective on the reality of being homeless.

"This year, we ran the program twice and at the first showing had a little over 50 students attend. In years past we were lucky to get 20," said Woodard. "The fact that so many students came out for this was extremely exciting!"

The announcement of October's Outreach Member of the Month followed. The Executive Board had a difficult time deciding whether or not to continue with the Member of the Month award. Outreach has been a small organization with few members. The fall semester attracted a very large group, making the decision to go forward with the

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Choosing a Major Blues?

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I remember staring at the pages of my academic catalogue as a freshman, crossing out majors until I had two left. Simple decision, I thought to myself, I will major in one of these and minor in the other! Playing a grown-up version of eeny, meeny, miny, moe is NOT the best way to choose a major. If you are trying to choose a major or looking to explore other majors, there are a couple of things that can help.

Start with some self-reflection. You are the one that needs to go to classes and fulfill the requirements of your major so your mother/father/uncle/sister/teacher/dog's opinions are not as important as YOURS. Take some time to think about your likes and dislikes, interests, and the things that you are good at!

After some self-assessing, try a little exploration to find a major that fits who you are. Unless you are an academic advisor, you probably do not know what each major entails. To learn more about majors

SNHU offers explore what types of classes and opportunities are available, check out the websites online, read class descriptions, and talk to professors.

If none of this works, we can help! The Academic Advising Office (Exeter 59) is open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. You can make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor about your academic goals, choosing a major or minor, selecting classes, or anything academic! While you are in Exeter 59, why not set up an appointment to meet with Bill Jenkins or Chance Clutter in the Career Development Center? They can help you explore the world of work, career opportunities, internships, resumes, and more!

In the end remember that no matter what your major, your academic and career goals depend on you. Four years may not seem like a long time, but it will fly by! Do not wait until senior year to start thinking about what you want out of college and a career.

Spotlight on Beta

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important for young voters and college students to be informed, because the people we vote for now will make decisions that impact us for the rest of our lives.

Q. Who is your greatest hero and why?

A. Oprah Winfrey for several reasons. She is very charitable and helps a lot of people. She worked hard her whole life to get where she is. I think she is a great inspiration to all people regardless of race, age or gender.

Q. As a closing question, if you could leave any lasting impact at SNHU, what would it be?

A. I would like to leave a sense of unity within all SNHU organizations so that they work together more.

Clubs

Outreach Wrap Up

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award an easy one.

"We decided to do it to show the members that we do see what they do and that their hard work does not go unrewarded," explained Dan Smith, Outreach's Publicity Chair. "We feel that it boasts participation and morale to recognize people in this manner."

The member of the month, Sarah Nichols, was pleasantly surprised when her name was called. She was chosen for her incredible dedication, having been part of every single Outreach event during the month of October. She also seemed quite happy when she received a gift card to the SNHU bookstore.

The meeting continued with recaps and updates regarding past and upcoming Outreach events, such as the Sundance Village pumpkin decorating and leaf-raking for the elderly. Outreach decorated pumpkins for the senior citizens residing in the Sundance Village neighborhood in Manchester and residents displayed their pumpkin art in windows and doorways. They also planned a day to rake leaves for the elderly, but changed it to a snow shoveling activity due to the weather.

Woodard closed the meeting with a brief preview of the final Outreach meeting for fall semester. As a thank you, a party will take place on Wednesday December 10 to thank all of the members for their hard work over the last three and a half months.

Sarah Jacobs, Outreach's Advisor, added her thoughts regarding the final meeting. "It was a time to have fun together," said Jacobs. "It was a great to mingle and enjoy one another's company."

Who's Going to Rock Around SNHU?

Laura Rotolo
Opinion Editor

The week of December 1, 2008, CAPE sent out e-mails to all students containing a student survey. The survey is for the concert of the year that is held towards the end of the 2008-2009 school year. CAPE will use the feedback from the survey to book a show for all SNHU students at the end of the year.

This survey contains what prices students would pay to attend, if they would attend, and lastly a list of artists. Students had to list your choices from the artist you would most like to see to the artist you would least like to see. This year's list contains Gavin Degraw, Red Jumpsuit Aparatus, Yellow Card, Boys Like Girls, Ben Folds, Flo Rida, Secondhand Serenade, Sarah Bareillas, Finger Eleven, and New Found Glory.

Gavin Degraw, whose genre is mainly rock to pop rock, is a singer-songwriter, vocalist, and plays piano and guitar. He began performing in 2001 and has many hit singles. Some of Degraw's most popular songs were; in 2004 "I Don't Want to Be," in 2005 "Chariot" and "Follow Through," in 2006 "Just Friends" and "We Belong Together," and lastly in 2008 there was "In Love with a Girl" and "She Holds the Key".

Sarah Bareillas is a pop/pop rock performer, singer-songwriter, vocalist, and also plays piano and guitar. She has been in this business since 2003. Bareillas has three albums already out in stores. Some of her most popular songs from those albums were "Love Song"

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Justice Studies Association Brings in Guest Speaker

Sean McCormack
Contributing Writer

On November 19, 2008, Lieutenant Scott Sweet of the New Hampshire State Police visited SNHU and made a presentation to the Justice Studies Association (J.S.A.). He has 20 years of experience in law enforcement. Lt. Sweet first joined the State Police after graduating with a degree in Political Science from UNH in 1988.

His presentation included an array of information on the application process and testing for those wishing to become N.H. State Troopers. His presentation helped explain the details, time, and success rates of the application process. These included the physical training test, the 4 to 6 month process, interviews, background checks, and Academy training. The JSA

was very appreciative for Lt. Sweet's time as a guest speaker on campus.

The JSA will be hosting a monthly Guest Speaker Series throughout the upcoming spring semester. All SNHU students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend. Watch the university

calendar or announcements for details of February's guest speaker.

If you would like additional information about the JSA please contact Sean McCormack, President at sean.mccormack@snhu.edu or stop by the Justice Studies Department in Stark 36-38.



Lt. Sweet giving presentation

Lip Sync Draws Impressive Turnout

Sinziana Scoarta
Staff Writer

The Lip Sync event, held on December 4, 2008 in the Last Chapter Pub was co-sponsored by the Phi Delta Psi Fraternity and Radio SNHU. The turnout was impressive for an event organized in the eve of the final exams. However, Lip Sync is one of the most famous SNHU events of the year as SNHU students are both entertainers and spectators.

The jury, formed by Gavin Telfer, Vincent Bryan Davaughn and Scott Tierno was reminiscent of American's Idol jury in the Lip Sync variant as it proved

to have high evaluation criteria to match their expectations. Flashes of humor from both the jury and the Phi Delta Psi MCs entertained the audience and ensured that everybody was enjoying a laugh.

The performers truly entered their roles and did their best while trying to fight the stage fright. All seven performances were cheered on by the public, but some definitely proved to be more memorable than others. Britney Spears appeared to be a favorite impersonation alongside other "oldies but good-

ies" such as Madonna's "Like a Prayer" and the Backstreet Boys' "Millennium" performed by the Backstreet Betas.

The winners of the contest were Rob and Erin with their original "Like a Prayer" performance, in second place were the Backstreet Betas that succeeded in putting a five-guy show on the shoulders of three girls and third place was awarded to Nicole and Karissa, for whom country fit like a glove. There were also a series of raffle items such as Dunkin Donuts, Hannaford's, and Wendy's gift cards.

New Music Programs Strike up a Tune!

Daniel Smith
Managing Editor

Every Wednesday the new SNHU jazz ensemble practices their craft in Windsor Hall. The jazz ensemble is one of six musical outlets this year at SNHU.

Southern New Hampshire University has welcomed an emergence of musical talent. SNHU now has a jazz ensemble, brass ensemble, string orchestra, two rock bands, and a chorus. The Chorus has been in existence for a few years and has taken on new life with a membership of over 40 students, faculty, and staff. The new instrumental groups were formed this year from the enthusiasm of the new music professor, Rick Cook.

Rick Cook, who replaced Chris Hossfeld, took over the music program last summer. Professor Cook teaches the Music Appreciation and Choral courses in addition to his work with the instrumental programs. The administration has been very receptive to the new ideas professor Cook has brought up. "Nobody said no," he said as he talked about how exciting the new programs were.

In order to gain interest in programs such as this, Cook went through all of the freshman applications to find students who had listed Music on their applications. He e-mailed a large group of students and organized a meeting.

"One day, long after I thought I'd never play my saxophone again, I received an email from Rick Cook," said Chelsea McCoy. "It was slow to start, but eventually things got moving." Many students had a similar experience with professor Cook and are excited to have the chance to play music again.

Originally Cook intended on starting a pep band because it seemed to be the easiest way to start. However, at the first meeting the group decided that they wanted to form the ensembles. "I first got an email from Professor Cook [saying] that he needed someone to accompany the Chorus on the piano," said Nora Darvirris, "I ended up joining two more ensembles."

The success of the program is due in large part to the efforts

of Cook and his willingness to work with these programs. "I love the laid-back style of rehearsal that we maintain," said McCoy. "It makes rehearsing something that I can look forward to."

All of the groups are directed by Cook and are open to all faculty, staff, and students. Most of the groups have a mixture; one group even has two high school students playing with them. The programs are very open to outside involvement from the community.

The Music Program has grown significantly in the last two years and will continue to do so in the future. SNHU is expected to bring more music faculty and is looking into creating a music minor. Students like Nora are excited about the minor, "I look forward to going to rehearsal ... [and] now it's even better because I can get a Music Minor."

The music program at SNHU was expected to play its first joint concert on December 11th, however you can still catch their performances next semester.

What's Next for CAPE?

Joe Vartanian
Staff Writer

CAPE is putting forth a great effort to make the rest of the year a fun and exciting for Southern New Hampshire University students.

CAPE president Danielle Kireyczuk is excited about the results of CAPE events lately. "I've definitely seen a big turnout, we are getting more and more people and it's great." She

credits her staff. "CAPE people are very enthusiastic and work hard for us to be so successful."

Kireyczuk and CAPE were pleased with the outcome of the western theme they had back in October. "The café dinner got the most votes from people, it went well with the band we had and the food was great," said Kireyczuk.

CAPE members recently visited National Campus for Campus Activities (NACA) in Connecticut, where they acquired nine contracts. Some are comedians such as Mark Deras on January 22, Amy Anderson January 29, and Mike James February 12, to name a few.

CAPE members also received an award at NACA. "Our Brady Bunch themed advertisement won us an award at NACA for best recruitment tool, which we are very proud of," said Elizabeth Irwin, who

Rock Around SNHU

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(2007), "The River" (2008), "Bottle it Up," "Love on the Rocks," and "City." Bareillas is a very well known artist around the world.

Yellow Card is a pop punk, alternative rock, or hardcore punk. The band is led by Ryan Key on lead vocals, Sean Mackin on violin and back vocals, Ryan Mendez with lead guitar and also back vocals, and Longineu W. Parsons III on drums. Popular songs include Yellow Card are "Ocean Avenue," "Only One," "Lights and Sounds," "Rough Landing," "Holly," and lastly "Light up the Sky."

Boys Like Girls, a newer band to the industry performing more alternative rock or emo songs is a four person band with Martin Johnson leading in vocals and rhythm guitar. Behind him are Paul DiGiovanni who is lead guitar and backup vocals, Bryan Donahue on bass guitar and backup vocals, and lastly John Keefe on drums. Being so new they only have three popular songs, "The Great Escape," "Hero/Heroine," and lastly "Thunder." This band will definitely get the crowd going.

Flo-Rida is a singer-song writer with a few recent hit songs, the most popular ones lately are "In the Ayer," "Low," and "Elevator." The crowd would turn into a huge dance club with Flo Rida in the house.

New Found Glory is a pop punk/emo band that has been known since they first started in 1997. The band is led by Jordan Pundik on lead vocals, Chad Gilbert on lead guitar and vocals, Steve Klein on rhythm guitar, Ian Grushka on bass, and lastly Cyrus Bolooki on drums. Known for their popular songs like "Situations," "Kiss Me," "My Friends Over You," "Dig my own Grave," and "Truth of My Youth."

The bands listed above could put on a great show at the end of the year, with the help of CAPE. So stay tuned for more helpful surveys and enjoy the concert with whoever gets chosen. Merry Christmas and see you all next year!



New Found Glory

heads CAPE's music and comedy committee.

Winter week will be occurring after break. "Winter week I think we will have a good turnout," said Kireyczuk. The theme will be Circ-De-SNHU. They will have a magician, comedian, and contortionist. "The contortionist will be roaming around the café for an hour and then do an hour in the pub," said Kireyczuk. "He can fit himself through a tennis racket!"

CAPE's next big move is going to Nashville, Tennessee, where they will attend the national NACA conference. "We are choosing two general members so they can gain the experience and two executive members," said Kireyczuk. They are going to recruit talent for this upcoming Fall 2009.

The effort by Kireyczuk and the members of CAPE is nothing short of amazing. Kireyczuk still encourages feedback from students and ideas that CAPE could do for the future. If you have any questions or ideas for CAPE, you can contact Danielle Kireyczuk directly at Danielle.Kireyczuk@snhu.edu or at cape@snhu.edu.

Around the World: Celebrity Style!

Laura Rotolo
Opinion Editor

Don't mess with David Beckham!

...E! News Online...

On Sunday December 7th, like all other celebrities, Beckham was being followed by paparazzi in Beverly Hills. By the looks of it, Beckham wanted the paparazzi car to stop following him, so he decided to try and take matters into his own hands. The soccer stud confronted a photographer, and a little later a fight broke out between Beckham's bodyguard and the paparazzi. An eyewitness says that Beckham went up to the car and tried to get the driver to come out of their car. When the driver refused, Beckham decided to call for backup. Beckham's bodyguard went to the passenger's side and punches began to fly. Not only were punches being thrown in the middle of the street, they were being thrown in front of a police station. While the fight was going on, Beckham ran back to his car and drove off with Victoria. "We took a report at the scene, but no one was taken into custody or cited," said the Beverly Hills Police Department Sgt. Gregg Mader. "We'll review what we have to see if further action needs to be taken." The photographer himself commented and said that celebrities can't just do this. "They put me on the floor, they got my camera and they threw it in the trash can. They can't do this to us."

Don't get close to Alyssa Milano!

...E! News Online...

Alyssa Milano has resorted to be filling a temporary restraining order against a man who has been classified as an "obsessed and mentally unstable fan." The petition was filled on Friday December 5th in Los Angeles Superior Court. Jeff Turner, 54, has tried on two occasions to break into Milano's L.A. home and has made many attempts to contact her. Turner has made statements saying that unless restrained the conduct will continue. "Milano's request also asks that her parents, Tom and Lin, and her brother, Cory, be protected by the terms of any restraining order against Turner, as well." Milano has asked that Turner be ordered to stay at least 100 yards away from her, her family, home, workplace and car. If I were you Turner, I would stay away!

Its About Time! O.J Goes To Jail!

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"O.J. Simpson did the crime, and now, at long last, he's doing the time. At least a decade of it, most likely." Las Vegas District Judge Jackie Glass sentenced Simpson on December 7th to up to 33 years behind bars for his conviction on 10 felony counts in a Sept. 13, 2007, heist. He will be credited for 64 days served, but won't be eligible for parole for at least nine years. "The sentence falls between the defense's request that Simpson receive the minimum six-year sentence and the 18 years recommended by the state Division of Parole and Probation." Glass called the evidence towards Simpson "overwhelming" and continued to ask if Simpson was arrogant, ignorant or both. Simpson was convicted on a dozen felonies on October 3, including armed robbery, kidnapping, burglary, conspiracy and assault for leading a raid on two sports collectors at Las Vegas' Palace Station Hotel. Only two charges of coercion were dropped prior to the sentencing. By the looks of it, it's about time Simpson is behind bars.



O.J. bearing the verdict

OTHER CELEBRITY NEWS!



E! Online

David Beckham

Paris Hilton and her new BFF already making a mess.

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Hilton finally introduced her made-for-TV BFF Brit-tany Flickinger to the madness of Paparazzi this past week (December 7th) at a Bar Deluxe in Hollywood. When leaving a bar, there was a massive amount of paparazzi; Paris then got her foot accidentally stomped on as she heads to her ride. This then sets off a huge brawl that resulted in one bloody nose, one

unconscious person and one sour-faced. Check out the video on E! Online! It's worth watching.

Another Arrest Warrant for DMX!

...E! News Online...

The one thing DMX has is consistency. Yet again DMX is making a run for it with another warrant under his belt. For the third time in 2008, a warrant was issued Friday, December 5th, for missing a court date. The hearing on December 7th was meant to address the 13 felonies he's accused of committing, including animal cruelty, drug possession, and identify theft. There was "X," now... there was jail.



E! Online

DMX Mug Shot

Top 10 Current Artists

1. Kanye West
2. Beyonce
3. The Killers
4. Coldplay
5. Nickelback
6. Taylor Swift
7. T. I.
8. Trans-Siberian Orchestra
9. Pink
10. Jack Johnson

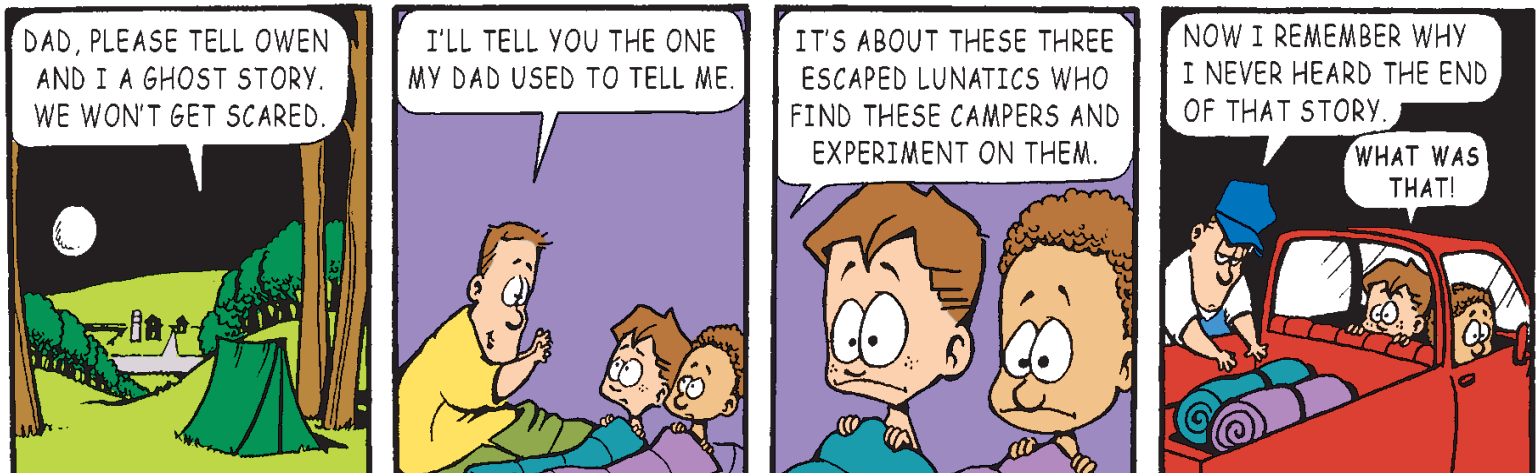
Top 5 Current Albums

1. I Am... Sasha Fierce
Beyonce
2. Dark Horse
Nickelback
3. 808s & Heartbreak
Kanye West
4. Fearless
Taylor Swift
5. Day & Age
The Killers

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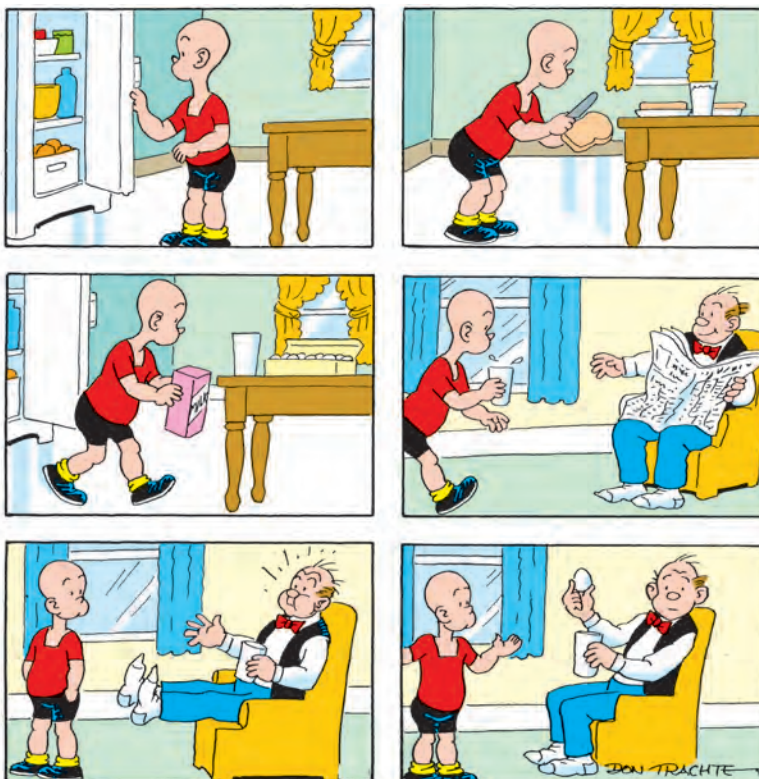
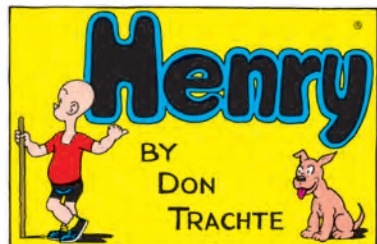
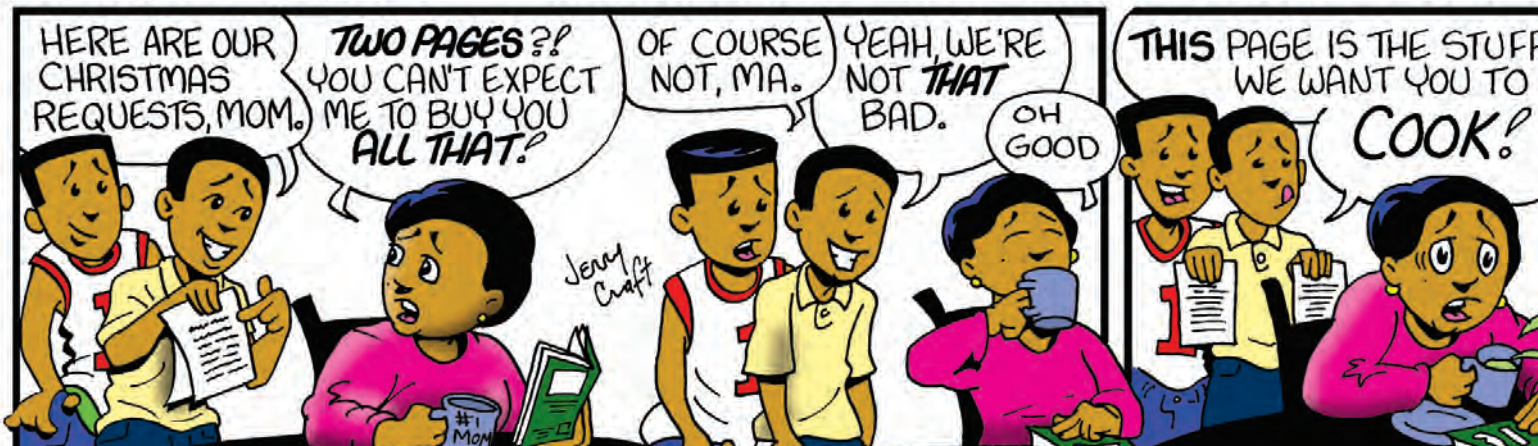
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2. O Holy Night
3. O Little Town of Bethlehem
4. Silent Night
5. Angels From the Realms of Glory
6. Do You Hear What I Hear?
7. Go Tell It On the Mountain
8. Joy To the World
9. What Child Is This
10. I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

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- 25 Busy one
- 27 Spandex material
- 29 Tranquillize
- 31 Knob
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- 38 Harold of "Ghost-busters"
- 41 Upper limb
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- 44 Sheltered
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- 49 Shocking weapon

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A Year For Reunions

Caitlin Murphy
Entertainment Editor

They are back. Who are they? They would be some of the biggest names in music that have left their mark on our generation and generations past. It seems as though this year of reunions has in store something for everyone's musical taste; rap, rock, pop, and more.

ACDC, the legendary Australian rocker band formed in 1973 has returned to the spotlight. They have released their fifteenth studio album entitled "Black Ice," and have embarked on a large U.S. tour hitting every major city from New York to L.A.

Switching genres, one of the first boy bands to make their name in the music industry and make teenage girls scream until their voices gave out, has also embarked on a world tour. New Kids on the Block, who recently reunited after their 1994 break up, has returned. Now well into their thirties, these five boys turned men have collectively sold over 50 million albums together.

Mixing it up once again, Detroit's bad boy is back at it. Marshal Mathers, a.k.a. Slim Shady, a.k.a. Eminem has returned to the studio recoding his sixth album, which he will entitle "Relapse." This will be the first album Eminem has put out in over four years, after a hiatus he took in which he dealt with legal troubles, the loss of his best friend, and drug addiction. The album, produced by Dr. Dre, will be in stores early next year.

Dr. Dre has been holding hip-hop hostage for the past nine years with the belief that his final album, "Detox" will be released. Now no one should hold their breath, but sources have confirmed that Dr. Dre will finally release the much-anticipated album "Detox" in 2009, let's just hope it lives up to nine years of expectations.

This next band has a front woman who, for the past four years, has kept herself quite busy with two children and several independent projects. Even so, Gwen Stefani seems incomplete without the three men in her life that help make up No Doubt. The band is hitting the road for a 2009 tour where they are hoping to gain inspiration for their next album, which they will record after the tour.

Following suite, Phish, a band based out of Vermont, is also reuniting after they called it quits in 2004. The band is scheduled to play several shows at the Hampton Coliseum in March, after which they will release more tour dates for 2009.

The Grateful Dead, a band out of the San Francisco area, was formed during the mid 60's; they attracted fans from all over the country who were appropriately known as Deadheads. The group was successful for many years but disbanded after the lead singer, Jerry Garcia's death in 1995. On February 4th, the remaining members came together for a Barack Obama benefit concert. Since then, it has been rumored that a possible reunion tour is in the works.

Last but certainly not least on the list of comebacks and reunions is Guns N' Roses. The band has released their newest album since 1993 entitled "Chinese Democracy." Does this mean there is the possibility of a 2009 tour for them as well? Watch out for the comebacks to come!

Less Holiday Help

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percent of store are planning to hire the same number of seasonal workers and 26 percent planned to hire 15 percent fewer seasonal workers.

Many job hunters looking for seasonal jobs for additional income or employee discounts to help with the season are finding jobs hard to find and less discounts to employees available. Holiday help job seekers are finding less jobs and fierce competition from the amount of workers seeking jobs because of high unemployment rates. Rick Henry, owner of Stellabella Toys, said in response to the more than 300 applications he received to the four openings in his store "I've never seen this kind of response...it's overwhelming."

According to the "Boston Globe," retailer L.L. Bean stated it is only hiring 5,400 compared to the 7,000 seasonal staff it hired last year, a 23 percent decline. The Kittery Trading Post in Maine is planning to hire only half of the seasonal staff it has in prior years only adding 35 workers to its work force. More stores, like Macy's, this year are looking for workers to be on-call in case of an increase in holiday shoppers so that they don't find themselves shorthanded. Many workers are finding that business are trying to shorten holiday shifts, according to the "Boston Globe."

McCartney to Release 'Lost' Beatles Track

Aimee Terrevechia
Staff Writer

Originally recorded in January of 1967, a lost experimental Beatles track entitled "Carnival of Light" may soon be released.

According to the British publication, "The Observer," the 14-minute track is, "a jumble of shrieks and psychedelic effects," and was originally left out because of it was thought to be overly experimental. Paul McCartney, however, thinks the world is now ready to hear it.

In an interview on the BBC Radio 4 arts program, McCartney confirmed the tracks existence and said, "...the time has come for it to get its moment."

According to "Rolling Stone" magazine, the track was created when McCartney requested the band to be "indulgent" for 10 minutes and to, "walk around playing on whatever surface/instrument they felt like." The track has only been played once at a Million Volt Light and Sound Rave festival in London. McCartney said that the track highlights the versatility of the band, saying, "...it would be great to put this on because it would show we were working with really avant-garde stuff."

Because it has never before been released, the track has taken on an almost mythical quality with die-hard Beatles fans. Many are considering it the "Holy Grail" of Beatles songs.

McCartney, who has in his possession the master tape of the recording, has only to obtain the consent of both Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and George Harrison's widow, Olivia Harrison in order to release the never-before heard track.



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A Critical Eye

Transporter 3

Daniel Smith
Managing Editor

Unfortunately, with movies, it is all about experience. We go to the theater expecting to see a great movie and have an enjoyable time. We walk into the theater and buy our outrageously priced ticket, buy our overly buttered and heart attack provoking popcorn, walk to the crowded theater and sit in a seat that has been sat in by an incredible amount of people, watch the movie, and have a good time.

Most of the time, this process works well. You go to the movie and come home with a satisfied grin on your face. However, sometimes it doesn't work quite that way. I have found that the only way to really enjoy a movie is to get lost in it. The movie must pull you out of your seat and get you lost in a whole other world.

This is why I gave *Transporter 3* a B. Jason Statham did a great job in the movie; he executed his role with precision and accuracy. His co-star was also riveting and beautiful. However, there were only a select few parts of the movie that made me forget that I was sitting in the worst possible seat in the theater and that the air conditioning was blasting so much that I could see my breath.

I was continually reminded of my surroundings and the fact that I was not a dare devil driver with the nicest car this side of a Porsche. Now I know that it is unfair to judge a movie based on the conditions of the theater, but when I saw "The Dark Night" I was in a terrible theater in Derry, New Hampshire and I didn't even realize that my feet were stuck to the floor until the end of the movie.

A movie is only as good as its script and its actors. The actors did a great job with a script that lacked luster. My suggestion is to see the movie when it reaches HBO, but make sure you are comfortable and have a bowl of low fat Doritos ready.



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"I am...Sasha Fierce"

Sinziana Scoarta
Staff Writer

Rating: 4.5 / 5

The latest Beyonce album entitled "I am...Sasha Fierce," launched on November 18, reveals the dual personality that the former Destiny's Child front-woman bears. The seventeen song album is composed from the sensitive, pop-sounding "I am" introduction and the vibrant-pop, soul and R&B "Sasha Fierce" sequel.

"I am..." presents a vulnerable Beyonce that is as assertive of supporting feminism on stage (by having a front-line all-women band) as she is in the opening single of the album, "If I Were a Boy," "Halo," "Ave Maria," and "Disappear," bring forward a spiritual praise of the beloved as well as the fear of losing him/her.

In the same note "Broken-Hearted Girl" presents the refusal of being deceived when in love. The idea of perfection as "two become

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Eminem Returns

West Full of Heartbreak

Joe Vartanian
Staff Writer

Kanye West's new album, "808's and Heartbreaks," can best be described as...different.

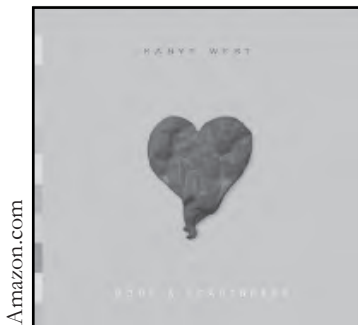
If you haven't heard this album yet and you're expecting traditional Kanye West, brace yourself, because you will not get it. I am not going to say it is bad album, but being a Kanye West fan, it is something I for one am not used to. Kanye West uses a voice synthesizer throughout the entire CD, its like listening to a T-Pain album.

Another big change in this CD is he barely raps, in the majority of songs he sings. He also uses an 808 machine, a programmable drum machine, throughout the entire album. "I wanted to break away from the traditional hip-hop beats and go for more of a tribal feel," said Kanye West. "This is more of a pop album," said West. He does have some hit singles on it already—"Love Lockdown" and "Heartless"—so if those are the only ones you have heard and you did not like them, do not purchase the CD. Look for his third single "See You in My Nightmares," featuring Lil Wayne to be on the radio station in the near future.

The album's theme, from what I can understand after listening to the CD, is that Kanye West is dealing with a lot of heartbreak of his own. After losing his mother in a surgery procedure, separating from his fiancé and receiving scrutiny from the media about various events, "808's and Heartbreaks" was created. The songs deal with loss, loneliness, and looking for companionship. The CD has debuted

number one on the Billboard 200 chart and in its first week sold over 450,000 copies. I am going to give the album a C. Kanye West really expresses his problems and what he is going through and definitely takes hip-hop to a whole other creative side.

I can't say that I can listen to every song like I can on his other albums, but there are definitely some great songs on "808's and Heartbreaks." Don't worry Kanye West fans, this is not his final album, apparently this was just side project and he needed to get his emotions out there. Hopefully he will go back to being the old Kanye West when he makes his final CD.



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Eminem Posts A Comeback

Joe Vartanian
Staff Writer

Just a few years ago it seemed like Eminem was one of the biggest stars in the music industry. He had multi-platinum albums and even made a cross-over in the movie business where he won an academy award for best original song. Eminem seemed to be untouchable and then he just disappeared from it all.

He had talked about it in plenty of songs, about walking away from the music business but no one ever took him seriously. After the death of a member of his music group and best friend, Proof, in addition to some own personal issues with prescription drugs, he climbed into a hole and didn't come out.

Shady is back though, after an interview on his Sirius satellite radio station, Shade 45, he talks about his new book, "The Way I Am," and talks about how he is releasing an album at the end of this year titled "Relapse." He has a single on there that has leaked out called, "I Think I'm Having a Relapse." The CD produced by Dr. Dre and apparently has featured artists such as T.I., Lil Wayne, and 50 Cent, to name a few.

Hopefully this will bring Eminem back to where he once was. It's been almost 4 years since he put out an album of his own, and expectations are high from fans and critics. Will this be a return to glory or should Eminem have stayed in retirement?

Around the World

Sinziana Scoarta
Staff Writer

Name: Henry Andres Moreno
City and Country: Bogota, Columbia
Government: Democracy
Language: Spanish
Favorite traditional food: Bandeja Paisa
Country trademarks: Juan Valdez Coffee
Culture peculiarities: A lot of people like to have fun, take it easy with life. We are passionate about folklore and soccer.
Opinion about the US: I think it has everything to offer but not everyone likes the offerings. It is a different culture.

Thoughts: I now see in the United States a new beginning with Obama and I hope it is for the best, that it can help my country in the future.



Sinziana Scoarta

Henry Andres Moreno

Fractured Fairytales

Caitlin Murphy
Entertainment Editor

The SNHU Drama Club put on their rendition of Fractured Fairy Tales December fifth through seventh in Walker Auditorium. Although it was not one of the best plays I've seen put on here by the drama club, it was certainly comical. The show was split into two sections and had two directors, Steven Rogers and Tawny Bowen.

The first half of the play featured three fairytales, Rumpelstiltskin, Rapunzel, and Little Red Riding Hood. They were not your typical fairy tales however; they were remixed into a comedy of errors.

The second half of the play was directed by Tawny Bowen and featured the story of a little girl who accidentally dropped her mom's fairy tale book and got the stories all mixed up. Prince Charming dumped Cinderella and decided to chase after Snow White, and Hanzel and Grettle's father decided to run away with the Miller's Daughter from Rumpelstiltskin.

The cast did a fantastic job and had the whole auditorium laughing during parts of the play. Director Tawny Bowen commented after the play, "I think it went pretty well. It was as good as it was going to get and I think, all things considered, it was funny and enjoyable." I would agree, Fractured Fairy Tales was fun and funny for all who attended.

Movie Review

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Caitlin Murphy
Entertainment Editor

Grade: A+

If you are looking for a happy-go-lucky flick, this movie is not for you. Based on the novel by John Boyne, this heartbreaking novel turned motion picture will leave you sitting in your seat staring at the screen when it is over. It is sure to be one of the most intense movies of 2008.

"The Boy in the Stripped Pajamas" tells the tale of an eight year old boy, Bruno, who is living in Nazi Germany during World War II. His father, who is a commodore in the military, moves his family to the country close to a Nazi work camp. He tells his son the Jews are the enemy.

Even so, one day Bruno comes across the back of this work camp and meets an eight-year-old Jewish boy named Shmuel. The two become friends through the electric fence that divides them and Bruno comes to realize this enemy his father calls the Jew, is not really an enemy at all. Unfortunately, this movie does not have a happy ending; however, it does give a realistic view of the pain the Holocaust caused so many people.

If you haven't heard of this movie, you should definitely check it out. "The Boy in the Stripped Pajamas" is only playing in limited theatres, so if you have to take a bit of a drive to find a theatre that has it playing, I highly suggest you do. The acting in this movie is absolutely phenomenal, and although it is a short movie, running 1 hour and 40 minutes, the impact it will leave is bound to be very large.

November 2008

Movie Reivew : Australia

Ken Pothier
Staff Writer

"Australia" is a movie as big and broad as the continent it is named after. The movie is an action adventure epic with romantic development. Baz Luhrmann, a visual director, directs the film. The film is magnificent in scope and follows the tradition of John Ford. Luhrmann uses the harshness of landscape as another player to drive the action. It is a well-researched time piece set in Australia at the onset of World War II.

Nicole Kidman plays Lady Sarah Ashley who comes to Australia to check on her husband and property, a sprawling cattle ranch. Ashley is as tight as her outfits as she arrives in Australia. Hugh Jackman, the "Drover," has been sent by her husband to escort her to the ranch. The English Aristocrat and the rough and tumble Drover could not be more opposite at their journey's start.

Complications abound in their travels and travails. Besides the beautiful and unforgiving terrain, they face the attempts of King Carney (Byron Brown) to stop them and force sale of the ranch to him. David Wenham as the villain, Neil Fletcher, plays his hired gun. After the murder of Ashley's husband, she finds that Fletcher has been stealing cattle and fires him. Drover reluctantly joins forces with Lady Ashley and a motley crew of servants and a drunkard Kipling Flynn (Jack Thompson). Their quest is to save the ranch by driving the cattle down to Darwin for sale to the British Armed Forces.

A critical sub-plot involves Aboriginal religion and culture, the dream state, which is felt in sequences throughout the film. Two main characters are involved in its portrayal. The young aboriginal half-breed, Nullah, played by Brandon Walters, is both narrator and fellow traveler. He travels with Ashley and Drover on their journey in the real world. Nullah is also the connection to the aboriginal dream world. His grandfather, the Aboriginal holy man or shaman, King George is played by David Gulpell. King George and the ancient magic provide an intriguing addition to the main plot.

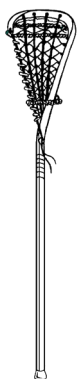
"Australia" is a beautiful movie, respecting older movie traditions, but seen through the lens of modern movie making technology. It is a great escape movie that places the viewer in the harsh environment of the continent at a critical time in world history. Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, and Brandon Walters are brilliant in their portrayals of the main characters. The movie is almost three hours in length, but the action, romance, plot turns and landscape make the journey well worth watching.

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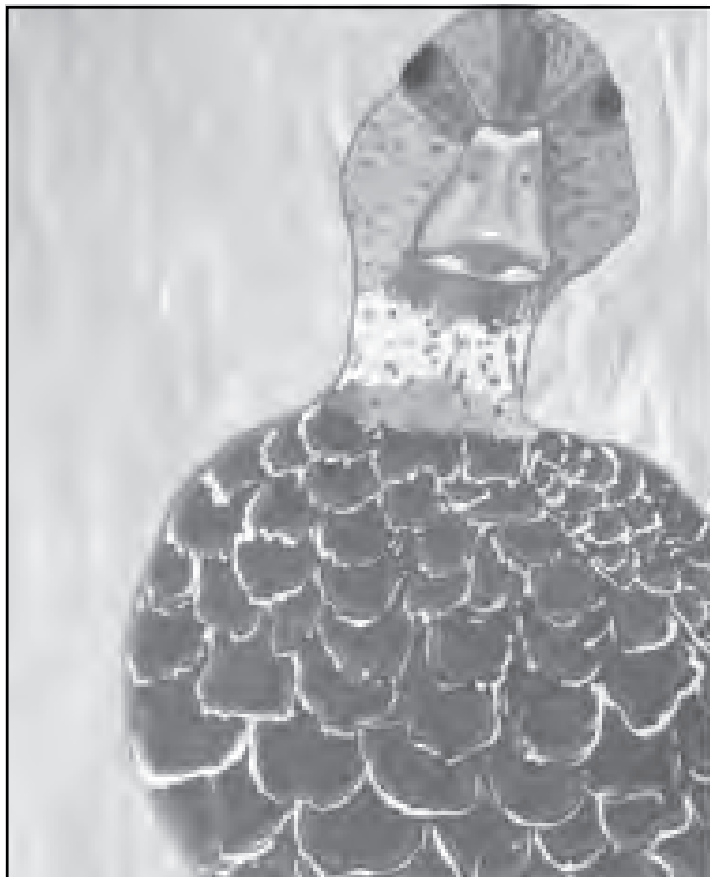


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Aimee Terrevecchia



Quack

Untitled

Kate Marie
Contributing Writer

The past is a memory
Something you can not change
Just like the sun
Must set at the end of every
day
You can watch the sun fade
Along with the time or place
Each memory fades away
Closing a section to your life
But soon the sun will rise again
Warming the earth
Allowing life to spread
Closing a circuit
Or tying up loose threads
But thinking makes you wonder
Questioning the moon and stars
Are those years a yonder
Really so far
Must the sun rise in the east
Or set in the west
And when the day dies
Is it really laid to rest
Or does time act like dirt
Trapping a coffin still
Holding back emotions
Containing their wills
Paralyzing thoughts
Terror in the mind

What heals the best
Most philosophers say time
But open wounds
Attracts hosts
Good or bad
I'm not one to boast
So ignorance isn't bliss
Silence isn't golden
Some betrayed with a kiss
For being so opened
So what's really right
Or what's really wrong
Are words to live by
Recorded in a song
Or is advice stolen
Killed and hung
Licked all over
By the devil's tongue
So mouths are dirty
Contaminated by the air we
breath
An opening for expression
By what we see the
So what is pure
Heart or soul
Maybe that's something
We may never know.

Say Goodbye to Hollywood

Vincent Casciato
Contributing Writer

A greasy Chicano in a wife-beater is scratching himself as he holds onto his grossly unsanitary hot dog wagon for support, its contents sprawled everywhere among stained cloths. Sitting across from me is a sweaty young man in a tight cheerleading outfit. He's accompanied by a fairly normal looking woman, whom I haven't seen all night, and on her lap is a guy who's wasted. I watch them as I ride the Metro from Hollywood/Highland to Del Mar. It's 1 A.M. and my first time in L.A.

I turn around in my seat to see Batman and Robin, or, my friend Jen and her boyfriend Lionel. Jen and I have been good friends for five years, but first met this morning. We're in California for a Halloween series convention. We've been message board and mail buddies for a long time so it made sense we would hang out. Jen, who flew from San Antonio, is soft-spoken, kind, and just as thrilled as I am to be in L.A.

A hotel clerk had told me that I had to check out West Hollywood because every year there's a big party in the streets – a wild costumed affair – and everyone's invited. I was hooked. We had to take a train and a subway, the latter extremely crowded that Friday night. Lionel was dressed as Batman with Joker make-up and a note on his chest, ala a scene in the recent film. He had a miserable look on his face the whole time, which was the point. Everywhere, he received many looks and compliments for his creative variation. Between rides a cop asked to take a picture with him. Jen and I were laughing.

I didn't really know which subway stop to get off, so we were trying to figure it out. Jen is calm and patient and doesn't seem to mind that we don't know what we're doing. With

each stop, a storm of costumed people flooded the platforms, the shrieks of excitement everywhere, and the underground sounded like a giant party. I knew we were getting closer.

Somebody suggested we get off at Hollywood and Highland. The platform and steps leading to ground level were mobbed as we struggled to stay together and push our way through. Hollywood Boulevard felt like an enormous movie set. A loud hip-hop beat was coming from somewhere as I gazed at the tall palm trees, jumbo movie ads, and buildings. A helicopter was flying low, its spotlight scanning as thousands of people in various costumes swamped the streets. Cops were on every corner with barricades and dogs.

We began to walk around, sticking close. Many were dressed as hookers, clad in leather, both sexes, walking in groups. There was a lot of variety in what we saw. When I asked the LAPD for directions they said they were blocking part of the boulevard so they recommended we take a detour through an alley. We walked with a bunch of people through a steel blue alley and it didn't feel right to me. I started to panic as a man in long black coat and gas mask began to follow us, whispering, "Batman... Batman..." We were lucky nothing happened.

Here an Edward Scissorhands, there a Heath Ledger's Joker, but when we took another off-Hollywood detour, a stiffly walking man in a blue outfit, white gloves, and a doughy pale mask. As laughter ensued and pedestrians wanted to take pictures of one another, he walked in the dark and I couldn't help but wonder if a truly dangerous person was among us – and if one could easily get away with murder in this chaos.

We walked the mainstream areas for a while and looked at the Walk of Fame. The streets were trashed. Jen and Lionel seemed to be enjoying themselves as we pointed out various funny, weird, and interesting things. Later we decided to call it a night as it approached midnight because transportation was to end soon. Running down a brightly lit yet half-empty subway station to catch the last ride, with echoed cries bouncing off the walls and sporadic masqueraders felt like we were escaping a sinking ship, but it was exciting. On the subway cart, the three of us have a good laugh as we reflect on our night. All of us are amazed we were actually in Hollywood, a place we associate with movies and glamour. We've come a long way. Then we rest in silence, fatigued.

After the "hot dog vendor" leaves, a thunder of screaming erupts on the platform and an Asian man scrambles frantically inside, shouting obscenities as a tin can flies into the cart, and he violently thrusts it back at someone. It appears to be a hooker in a red dress, who's yelling back. With confusion I fear that something dangerous is about to go down. This man is going crazy. Thankfully, he calms down as we start to move again, and as my chest is beating, I look at my friend. The three of us are half-mortified, half smiles.

I always wanted to visit the seedy underbelly of L.A. and witness some colorful characters, like Jen and I read about in horror novels. I wanted this to be more than just a tourist experience. I'm glad I got to see some of this. Almost getting lost in one of the most dangerous cities, in the middle of the night, as a first-time traveler, on

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The Monster Expedition

Dillon St. Jean
Creative Editor

Every year, several of the giant monsters from their home on Gorgon Island decide to swim the short distance from their place of origin to view the human world. Approximately four or five giant creatures would leave at once to travel the world and see the sights. Unfortunately, their intense size would often be their downfall at they attempted to fit in with the society they were invading.

One year, the creatures who had left to travel the world were a leviathan, a basilisk, a chimera, a wyvern, and a cyclops. They bid farewell to their families and set upon the ocean to make their journey a reality. By the time the island was out of their sight, they had made the decision to split off. Each beast seemed to be interested in seeing a different sight, which made travelling in unison quite impossible. The five separated and scattered to find their perfect place in the world.

The leviathan was first to

arrive at land. Unfortunately, he was a sea creature who could not walk upon it, and he was forced to reside in the ocean. However, after the unintended destruction of a cruise ship, that country's naval reserves were set upon him quickly. Next to find a place was the basilisk, who found himself in Boston, Massachusetts. While trying to attend a musical performance, he was savagely beaten by the members of the band and suffered a most unfortunate fate.

The chimera wandered around until he came into France, where he met with a number of gargoyles who resided in a bell tower. It was only due to the angry mob in that city small town that he was forced to leave, at which point he took up residence in a small cave he discovered in the woods. The gargoyles continued to visit their friend to stave off any depression he may have felt. The wyvern flew across the American Midwest until deciding to settle in Ohio.

However, Ohio was home to a number of young monster hunters, none of which took kindly to a monster residing in their state. They captured the wyvern and kept him in a cage at their headquarters. He was then sold at auction to the highest bidder.

The cyclops, being the slowest of the five, was the last to reach land. He arrived in a small beachfront town, where his first instinct was to visit a pub. Rather than stepping inside, due to his great size, he instead just looked through a window and caught a glimpse of the television kept above the bar. While he couldn't hear it very well, he learned the gist of it easily: four different monsters had all met poor fates in the recent month. Upon realizing this, the Cyclops turned and headed back for the ocean, disheartened by the treatment of his fellow travelers.

"It's not worth it, this time around," he said. "Maybe I'll try again next year."

Sasha Fierce

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one," is melodically focused into "Smash Into You." "Satellites" focuses on the universe as an example of the motions that have to exist in a relationship, while patience is the theme in "That's Why You're Beautiful." From the "I am ..." part, "Save the Hero" represents a transition to the powerful tones of "Sasha Fierce".

"Sasha Fierce" is a determined go-getter that certainly distances herself from the emotional-breakdown persona of "I am..." When Beyonce, as Sasha Fierce says that "Diva is a female version of a hustler" her bluntness is certainly noticed. The techno beat in "Sweet Dream" is a welcomed experiment while "Video Phone" focuses on the overdependence of technology in a relationship. "Ego" criticizes those guy's egos that are overemphasized without any good reason. To conclude, the album, the mellow tone of "Scared of Lonely" practically connects the alter-ego, Sasha Fierce, with the persona "I am..." Beyonce.

Whether a fan of Beyonce or not, she yet again manages to put forward a convincing album whose powerful message is endorsed by the honesty of her complex vocal ability. The album will certainly provide some spectacular hits that will accompany the year to come.

Say Goodbye to Hollywood

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Halloween and Friday night, is something I won't forget.

I look at Jen and think about the things we do as Halloween fans. We only know each other and are here because our favorite movie was released thirty years ago. It sounds dumb at first, but I'm reminded of everything you can build on top of this, such as friendships and crazy events. The subway cart glides, screeching when slowing. Outside the windows, blackness. I can't wait to step out into the cool night air and look at a palm tree. As we part Hollywood, I decide I'll go back one day.



Aimee Terrevecchia

Inquisitive Owl

Dining Service's Dirty Secret Scam

Mike Capalbo
Clubs & Orgs Editor

Here at SNHU, and at most other schools, many people complain about the cafeteria, usually about the quality (or lack thereof) of the food. It's not hard to find things to bash SNHU Dining Services for, so it has been somewhat of an SNHU tradition to do so.

I myself am pretty fired up this year about our cafeteria and how much it has changed since big bad Sodexho took over (the same company that supplies many hospitals and prisons). However, my beef with Dining Services isn't about the food, although much of it has changed for the worse this year while the prices have gone up, but I am amazed at the money scam they are pulling right in front of students' noses.

We all know about the classic "misc" charge move the checkers have pulled since the beginning of time. You go into the snack bar, get yourself a chicken basket (over \$5 by the way) a hot pocket, a few beverages, and a candy bar, and when you go to check out, everything in front of you pops up on the little screen, and then, ever so sneaky, the person tacks on a couple of "misc" charges at the end, usually \$1 each. This is part of an even older scam, Dining Service's most famous one, never ringing anything up the same. It's comical how you can get the same exact thing every day and it is never the same price. Maybe they take advantage of the fact that many students don't care how much they are charged because it isn't "real" money, and if they can pull that kind of scam off for as long as they have without being exposed, they are some smooth criminals.

But now, Dining Services has a new trick of their sleeve. Ever since the new Penmen Cash/Change system came along, Dining Services changed the way they take it, setting up separate swiping machines for them. If you have them ring up all your food, and let them assume you are paying with your meal card, you will discover their latest scam when they switch to Penmen Cash. The total drops when they do whatever they do to switch from meal plan to Penmen Cash, meaning they have been scamming us hardcore this whole time, more than we ever imagined! For example, I was rung up at somewhere around \$5.40, and when I told them I had Penmen Cash, the checker hit a few buttons and the total magically changed to \$5.00 before they swiped my card! I don't see any reason why the total should ever change, and I don't want to hear some excuse like tax because all money is the same and should be treated that way.

I don't know how the people in charge of these scams year after year can sleep at night after all the money they have stolen from students. Add up all those "misc" charges and the Penmen Cash scam profits and they have racked up some serious profit. Pay close attention when you get rung up from now on, and don't let yourself be a victim any longer to the criminals we call Dining Services.

Resident Assistant Speaks Up

Katie Perry
Contributing Writer

A Resident Assistant is not out to get any of the students, nor are the RAs lurking behind corners to catch people. RAs are doing a job and are required to abide by SNHU policies, while making sure other students do the same. Everyone signed an agreement with SNHU saying they to will abide by the policies of the University; so, if one gets in trouble for breaking those

policies, then do not blame it on the RA.

If RAs hear a party happening and do not do anything, and then if something happens at that party, the RA will be questioned on why he/she did not act. A student who was documented cannot blame the RAs for doing their job. If a cop pulls you over for speeding, are you going to get mad at the cop

for enforcing the state laws? If a mail person delivers an overdue bill, are you going to blame that person for doing his/her job? No, you are not. Do not blame an RA for doing their job, when it is the student who is breaking the rules.

Students need to start taking responsibility for their own actions. Being documented by an RA is not the end of the world.

You're 21? Are You Sure? YES!

Ashley Manley
News Editor

Most young American adults have a few birthdays they are overly excited and anxious to have, one of them being the big 2-1.

About 8 months ago, I finally reached the coveted age of 21 while I was living at home in Rhode Island. No big deal, I got carded here and there, that's expected, I mean I do not really look old enough to drink, so it's fine.

But no, as soon as I cross over the border and come back to school I get grilled everywhere I go. Restaurants, bars, gas stations, supermarkets, anywhere I want to buy alcohol I am looked at like I am committing this huge crime, like I am an axe murderer or something.

Yes, I understand the whole so many kids have fake IDs, and your ID is out of state, blah, blah, blah. Why am I getting stared down like I am this huge criminal? I'm finally 21...let me drink for god sakes.

I went to Irving to buy beer and boy did I get the third degree. I got the death stare as soon as I picked up the 30 rack. When I put it on the counter, I got an icy glare as I rummaged through my purse to find my ID, because let's be serious, I was definitely getting carded this time. I got the quadruple take, the look at the ID, the look back at me, then the ID, then back to me. I got the eyebrow raise and the... "How old are you?" In which I replied "I'm 21." OBVIOUSLY. Even if I had a fake ID wouldn't you think I memorized the information anyways? Then I got asked if anyone was in my car. In my car? Yes, actually I brought all of my underage friends with me to buy beer for myself so you could tell me I couldn't buy it. "No," I answered, "no one is in my car with me." Eye brow raise again. To which she proceeded to ask me which car was mine, and then looked out the window for two minutes to make sure no one was ducking behind the seats. Give me a break!

What the hell is going on here? I'm 21 finally. Let me enjoy it. Stop treating me like I still can't enjoy a beverage...I mean I have waited 21 years for this!

Then I go to Hannaford's to buy beer another time. Not only did she call over someone to check my ID to the book, I held up the whole line. So not only was I getting the evil eye from the cashier but from the four people held up behind me all because I wanted to exercise my constitutional right to finally be able to buy alcohol.

If students want to complain about having an RA break up a party and document the situation, then let's take RAs out of the picture. The cops can come on campus and break up the parties; the students can be documented and handled by them instead. Does that sound better?

Resident Assistants are doing a job, and yet, they are being blamed for somehow creating

the University's policies. RAs did not write the handbook, but they are hired to enforce it. RAs are not the enemy, and a majority of the student body is in some way or are also friends with SNHU RAs. Students need to realize that "Resident Assistant" is a job title, and it does not make the person filling that position a horrible being, because one is simply doing one's job.

Piece of Crap Car

Laura Rotolo
Opinion Editor

To all the people that can relate to me right now, I've come to conclusion that my 1996 Honda Accord has made the list for piece of crap cars! I'm just going to fill you in on how much of a piece of crap car mine is.

On December 3rd, I was driving back from Henniker, NH and when I got off of exit 9S towards Manchester, I heard a very weird noise. By the time I arrived to the SNHU campus, the noise got louder and louder. I proceed to turn down my music (because it was the only thing keeping me awake at 6:45am) and I heard another strange noise coming from my car. I thought to myself what that noise could possible be, and what I was thinking was correct.

My exhaust was dragging underneath my car, and the other loud noise was the sound of 10 go-carts put into one car. A little

history on my car, about a month and a half ago my car wasn't really starting. So, I decided to send my car back home to get fixed. \$600 later my car was all better. Well, that didn't last me too long and now my car is back where I started, at my auto body shop at home.

So the point of my article, I know a lot more of probably know how I feel. I was so embarrassed to bring my car on campus that I took the back ways behind Washington to get to the athletic complex, and the same back to the lower parking lot near the town houses. I was driving my car at 6am and was probably waking up all of SNHU campus! So, I apologize if you were woken up at that time on the date shown above. Hopefully my car comes back to me sounding like 3 go-carts put together then 10!

Can We Just Discuss... The Darkness?

Caitlin Murphy
Entertainment Editor

So its 9:00 at night, you are leaving the gym, and it is pitch black out. Luckily our campus provides plenty of lighting for a safe return back to your dorm right...WRONG! If you're like me, you're hoping some crazy doesn't jump out of the bushes and attack you in the darkness. The police wouldn't even be able to catch your attacker on our camera's because, unless they have night vision goggle mode (which I highly doubt they do), they aren't gonna see anything.

Our campus is so dark at night, I can't even tell you how

many times I have gone down that creepy staircase to the Cranmore laundry room in the darkness, or crossed my fingers and hoped that on coming car sees me crossing the street to East Side. To be honest, I'm surprised no one has been struck by a vehicle at the four way stop near the Hospitality building, because from my experience there have definitely been a few close calls. It's pretty much a toss up after the sunsets. So for crying out loud SNHU, how about we install a few more lights here and there!?

WHEN DID BIG DREAMS AND HARD WORK GET REPLACED BY THE EASY WAY OUT AND IGNORANCE IN THIS COUNTRY!!! So many people in this country want the quick fix, they want the easy route. They don't want to put the work in to get the result. They would rather take a pill, which harms their overall health to lose weight or throw their money away into the lottery in hopes to cash in big. The problem with this is that it is not the success that shapes the human character, it is the experiences on route to that success. Failure is something that makes you stronger, it is a learning experience. Napoleon Hill says it best: "Every adversity, every failure, and every unpleasant experience carries with it the seed of an equivalent or greater benefit which may prove to be a blessing in disguise."

Here is the big secret to success: there is no secret. The majority of people already know what it takes to succeed, and that is a whole lot of hard work, a burning desire to succeed, and an unbreakable faith in yourself, in your dreams, and in God. The problem is people let fear and laziness take control. They start listening to the negative voices around them and they begin making excuses: the economy is bad, if the government provided us with more support, I grew up poor, I just haven't had the same opportunity as others. The excuses go on for days and if you want to become successful the first step is to stop the excuses, take a deep look at yourself and see what it is that is holding you back from your greatest dreams. Just imagine what the

world would be like if Martin Luther King Jr. said to himself "I haven't been given an equal opportunity, I'm just going to quit," or what if Mother Theresa said "I have no money, I can't make a difference." Yes, these are extreme examples of great success, but these were ordinary people who changed the world for the better. Everyone has the ability to change this world for the better in a monumental way.

Stop sulking, stop making excuses, and start Dreaming Big. Start to follow your dreams; don't go with the crowd, look around, some of the people who are telling you what to do are not happy or successful themselves. Start today, write down your greatest dreams, and start figuring out how it is you are going to

achieve them one-step at a time. For those of you who are not sheep, who aren't content with settling for less, and who want to push their limits; here are some great books that I highly suggest: "Think and Grow Rich" by Napoleon Hill, "The Power of Positive Thinking" by Norman Vincent Peale, "As a Man Thinketh" by James Allen, and "Rich Dad Poor Dad" by Robert Kiyosaki. These books will change your life. "Knowledge is power (Sir Francis Bacon)." Dream, Plan, Do! Never Give Up! "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined (Henry David Thoreau)." Keep your eyes open, I'm bringing the American Dream Back!!!

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SNHU Athlete Profile: Gerald “G-Dot” Carter

Joe Vartanian
Staff Writer

Gerald Carter, originally from Harlem, New York, is the epitome of a hard working basketball player. Day in and day out, he gives his all to the SNHU basketball organization and as co-captain, he leads this young team to a potentially winning season. Carter transferred from Marist College to SNHU because he felt connected to New Hampshire after attending prep school. His stats speak for themselves as he posted 12.4 ppg, 5.4 rebounds, 82 assists and led the team in steals with 40 in last years campaign. After a huge win against nationally ranked Bentley, I was able to sit down with him to talk about how things are going in his final year at SNHU.

Joe Vartanian: You seem to have a real love for the game. Where did your love for basketball come from?

Gerald Carter: My love from basketball came from my grandmother. She told me that whatever I want to do in life, [I should] love doing it and basketball is what I love.

JV: Your nickname around campus is “G Dot,” how did you get this nickname?

GC: I got the nickname “G Dot” from my little cousin when Jay-z, also known as Shawn Carter, put out a song in the late 90’s [called] “S. Carter” [and it goes] competition is nada. So, my little cousin said ‘you should be “G-Dot” because competition is nothing to you.’ But since [then], I have given it my own meaning. My Grandfather and Aunt passed away when I was in middle school [and] I called him “Grand Dad” and Her Name

was “Aunt Dot”, so put them together and you get G-dot.

JV: Why did you choose to attend and play basketball at SNHU?

GC: I chose this school because I didn’t like the original school I was going to transfer to (Long Island University). I felt more at home at SNHU because I attended prep school in Plymouth, NH at the Holderness School. Also, I heard raved reviews about coach [Stan] Spirou; he is a great guy and makes sure his players graduate from college.

JV: You are originally from Harlem, have you played on the infamous Rucker court? Have you seen or played with anyone noteworthy there?

GC: I have played on the Rucker court more times than I have been in the gym here at SNHU. I have played against Kenny Satterfield [who was] drafted by the Denver Nuggets, and Jamal Tinsley, and some other pros from the NBA.

JV: What do you do in the off-season to stay in shape?

GC: During the off-season I go in to “Combat training” where I meet with my personal trainer from back in NYC. We run 25 flights of stairs 20 times, we run miles, we shoot for hours, we dribble, lift weights, stretch, yoga, and we do pretty much what professional athletes do when they are not in season.

JV: Do you do any pregame rituals like listening to music?

GC: My pre-game ritual is to shower then go to sleep. That’s it.

JV: As co-captain of the team, most people view the

team as doing great things this year and expectations are high, do you feel any pressure from that?

GC: No pressure. I’m from NYC pressure is trying to cross the street in Times Square that’s more pressure then performing. We as a team understand that we have a job to do night in night out day in day out. Long as we fight any expectations can be met that have been set.

JV: There was a lot of talk last year about you practicing with various minor league squads for the NBA. If you could be drafted by any NBA team, who would it be and why?

GC: The Knicks because LeBron [James] is coming there in 2010...hahaha....and it would be a honor to play with the next greatest player of all-time.

JV: You are graduating at the end of the year, what are your plans? Are you going into the business world, or instead try and further your basketball career?

GC: My plan at the end of this academic year is to play professional basketball, what level I’m not sure, but that’s the end of the year goal.

JV: You beat Bentley in recent weeks, they were ranked 3rd in the country and had a 46 regular game win streak. What did it feel like to accomplish something like that?

GC: Beating a team like that felt great, and I just hope in my short stay I can accomplish some of what they have done in the last three years in the North East region.



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Gerald Carter

No. 5 Stonehill Squeaks by SNHU

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Manchester, NH -On November 30, the SNHU women’s basketball team had upset on their minds as they battled throughout the game, but No. 5 Stonehill prevailed 79-77 with seconds left in regulation. The Skyhawks improved to 5-1 and 3-1 in the Northeast-10 Conference, while the Penmen dropped to 2-2 overall and 1-2 in the NE-10.

Bethany Tighe finished 9 for 11 from the floor to lead all scorers with 24 points for Stonehill. Tighe also dished out five assists. SNHU was paced by Julia Houghtaling (Franconia, NH) who finished with 20 points on 6-10 shooting and 8-10 from the free throw line. Ashara Carrington (Marblehead, MA) also finished in double figures with a career-best 18 points while grabbing four rebounds for the Penmen.

With 4:30 minutes left to play in the second half, SNHU trailed 69-59, but the Penmen cut the deficit to four with 1:04 left on the clock. Stephanie Houghton (Manchester, NH) converted two free throws to make it 73-69. The Skyhawks quickly regained the lead after Emily Rousseau scored four straight baskets, but the relentless Penmen battled back and were again down by four with nine seconds left.

Stonehill’s Kelsey Simonds was fouled and converted 1 of 2 from the line with 8.9 seconds remaining. SNHU’s Christine Duffy quickly drained a long three-pointer at the buzzer, but it was not enough to lift the Penmen to victory.

SNHU Men's Basketball Opens Season with 3-3 Start

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Through the Penmen's first six games of the 2008-09 season, there have sure been a collection of bright spots for a team that lost its leading scorer from last year. Head coach Stan Spirou's men's team is 3-3 out of the gate, while nearly 80 percent of the regular season schedule still remains. Most impressively, the Penmen raised eyebrows and made headlines following their triumph over then No. 3 Bentley back on November 22 at the SNHU Fieldhouse.

The team kicked off the season with a 76-55 win over Houghton College of Houghton, NY on November 15. In the contest, a game in which SNHU never trailed, sophomore Tory Stapleton came in off the bench to lead all Penmen with 18 points and 7 rebounds. To boot, four others reached double figures in scoring for SNHU, including Duquesne transfer Stephen Wood, who netted 14 points on 6 of 7 shooting.

The 85-77 upset over Bentley came exactly a week later here in Manchester, as senior captain Troy Bowen (17 points, 6 rebounds) led the Penmen in scoring and rebounding. The Nashua native also shot 3 of 5 from beyond the arc. Stapleton (16 points) contributed with another strong effort offensively, helping the Penmen to overcome an eight-point deficit at the half. The win snapped an astounding 46-game win streak in regular season conference play for Bentley.

However, the Penmen ran into some trouble in their next three games following the Bentley thriller. On November 24, host Merrimack defeated the Penmen, 89-71. For the locals, Wood (14 points, 11 rebounds) led the way with a double-double.

On November 30 back at the fieldhouse, the Skyhawks of Stonehill College topped the Penmen, 72-55. SNHU shot just under 37 percent from the floor, in comparison to 53 percent for the visitors from North Easton, Massachusetts.

At 2-2, the Penmen headed back out on the road to visit Saint Michael's, and Spirou's men suffered a difficult 81-78 overtime loss in Colchester, Vermont on December 3. The Penmen, up ten with less than two minutes to go in regulation, missed crucial free throws down

the stretch and eventually squandered the lead with seconds remaining. However, Wood nailed a trey at the buzzer to once again even the score, but the Purple Knights outscored the Penmen 10-7 in the extra quarter to prevail at home.

Following the missed opportunity at St. Mike's, the Penmen then traveled to Keene State to face Franklin Pierce on December 6, where their stern defensive effort solidified a win and snapped their three-game losing streak. A mere 10 first-half points for the Ravens meant SNHU was well on its way to a 65-51 victory. Stapleton led the way in this one with 16 points, as senior captain Gerald Carter chipped in with nine while dominating the glass with 12 rebounds.

As a team, the scoring of the Penmen has been very widespread, as Stapleton (13.0 ppg), Wood (12.7), Bowen (11.3), and Carter (9.7) have helped balance the attack. Bowen is also an impressive 8-19 (42 percent) on three-point shooting. On the boards, Wood (8.0 rpg) and Carter (6.0) lead the team in rebounding.

Freshmen Marcus Matthews and Josh Morgan-Green have both been steady splitting time at the point guard position. Matthews has started five games and is averaging 7.8 points and 2.3 assists per game, while Morgan-Green is scoring at a 4.3 clip.

However, free throw shooting has undoubtedly been the Penmen's Achilles heel so far this winter. As a team, they are shooting just 58 percent, and five regulars are all under 60 percent on the year. Breakdowns at the foul line cost them a win at Saint Michael's, and collectively their opponents are at 70 percent from the charity stripe.

Nonetheless, the Penmen have looked strong defensively, especially in their wins over Bentley and Franklin Pierce. They have outscored and out-rebounded opponents by a narrow margin on the young year, meaning that if the free throws begin to fall and they continue to get stellar defensive efforts, an array of wins may certainly be in the forecast for this Penmen team.

Coming up, SNHU hosts a home game December 20th against Nyack before their holiday tournament gets underway at Bridgeport at the end of the month.



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Penmen Hockey Stays Strong in NE-10

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The SNHU hockey team took on Stonehill College in the second NE-10 game of the season. The Penmen started off fast leading 2-0 from goals by freshmen Mark Smith and sophomore Troy Maybury. The Penmen continued to dominate the game scoring two more goals in the second period off shots by Jake Berube and Andrew Hildreth. Stonehill

College would make things interesting with two goals in the third to bring the game to 4-3 but the Penmen held on to win and stay undefeated in the NE-10 (2-0). Todd Rowley was strong between the pipes for the Penmen making 25 saves in the win. The Penmen have their next home game January 10th when they take on Salve Regina at 7:30 at the Ice Den.

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Saturday, January 17, 2009

Men's Ice Hockey vs. Fitchburg State University: 2:00 PM at the Ice Den Arena

Saturday, January 24, 2009

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Men's Ice Hockey vs. U Mass Dartmouth: 2:00 PM at the Ice Den Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Pace University: 3:30 PM in the Field House

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

Women's Basketball vs. Franklin Pierce University: 5:30 PM in the Field House

Men's Basketball vs. Franklin Pierce University: 7:30 PM in the Field House

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SPORTS QUIZ

Chris Richcreek

King Features

1. Name the last major-leaguer before Colorado's Kazuo Matsui in 2007 to have a double, a triple and a home run in a postseason game.
2. In 1937, Detroit's Rudy York set a major-league record for most home runs in August. How many did he hit?
3. How many consecutive games did the University of Houston football team lose to ranked opponents before stopping the streak in 2008?
4. Entering the 2008-09 season, name the only NBA team to not make a free throw in a regular-season game.
5. Who was the last Chicago Blackhawks coach before Denis Savard in 2007-08 to lead the team to 40 or more victories in a season?
6. When was the last time an American male won the 1,500-meter race at the Summer Olympics?
7. Name the golfer with the most PGA tournament victories after turning 40 years old.

Answers:

1. Lou Brock of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1968.
2. In 1937, York hit 18 of his 35 homers in August.
3. It was 18 games.
4. Toronto was 0-for-3 from the line in a game against Charlotte in 1996.
5. Brian Sutter in 2001-02.
6. Mel Sheppard in 1908.
7. Vijay Singh, with 22.

Off-Season Baseball Update

Daniel Parsons
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The Hot Stove 2008 in baseball could prove to have a big impact on the upcoming 2009 season as some of the biggest names in the games are changing uniforms. CC Sabathia has already inked with the New York Yankees leaving the Milwaukee Brewers and the single season saves leader. Francisco Rodriguez, is also going across town to the New York Mets.

Sabathia signed with the Yankees for \$160 million over seven years. Once Sabathia takes a physical and the deal is finalized, this will be a record contract for any pitcher in the history of Major League Baseball.

The Mets, after falling off at the end of the season two years in a row, the Mets signed Francisco Rodriguez for three years and \$37 million. This is a smart move by the Mets as their recent closer, Billy Wagner, is out for the entire 2009 season and is likely to have thrown his last pitch for New York. The Mets have strong starting pitching, but closing out the games has proven to be their weakest aspect.

The Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein refused to talk to the press about offseason moves. He stated that the Red Sox have a strong line-up in all aspects and did not meet with any free agents on the first day

of winder meetings. Boston did however locked up last year's second baseman and AL MVP Dustin Pedroia to a six year \$40.5 million dollar contract. They remain to be intensely monitoring Mark Teixeira, but are unlikely to get him because they may not want to get into a bidding war with other teams.

Many other big names remain on the free agent market or trading block like Jake Peavy, Jermaine Dye, Jason Varitek, Jason Giambi, Jamie Moyer, and of course the infamous Manny Ramirez. However, it is still early to know where these players will be going. Ramirez is asking for \$100 million contract and it is hard for teams to offer that kind of money for a player with that kind of baggage, especially with some comparable corner outfielders on the market. Obviously, nobody has quite the bat of Ramirez, but less money and a better defense in the outfield could limit Ramirez' possible destinations.

On another note, Greg Maddux was sad but sure about his announcement on his retirement. The 355 career game winner, four time Cy Young winner, and twelve time Golden-Glove winner decided to step down from baseball, but not without leaving a legacy for the future.



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Ohio State Thorpe Award Winner, Jenkins

College Bowl Preview

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FedEx BCS National Championship Game

– Florida vs. Oklahoma – The matchup everyone was looking for is now set in stone as Sam Bradford's Big 12 champion Sooners will take a plane to Miami to face Tim Tebow and the SEC winning Florida Gators on January 8, 2009. Tebow will be looking for his second national title in his 3 year career, and Bradford will have his first crack at the Coach's Trophy as a sophomore. With these two offenses doing battle, expect the score to rise as fast as your heart rate. Each of these teams averages over 40 points a game, with Oklahoma scoring 60 points in each of their last five games. Hang on to whatever you can cause this game could get wild.

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl – Ohio State vs. Texas – Texas and Ohio State will head to the desert in Glendale to do battle for the Fiesta bowl. Quarterback Terrelle Pryor will make his first bowl appearance, and running back Chris Wells will look for a little redemption for State's last two bowl appearances. Quarterback Colt McCoy hopes to make a statement this game that Texas will be back stronger than ever next year, as the junior has already committed to returning for his senior season.

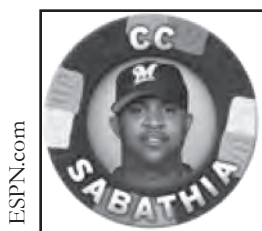
Allstate Sugar Bowl – Alabama vs. Utah – Alabama will look to recover strong after their undefeated season went out the window in their SEC title game loss to Florida. Quarterback John Parker Wilson will look to put on a show for some NFL scouts who will certainly have their eyes on him all game. On the other side of the ball, this is Utah's shot to legitimize their undefeated season. By beating a team like 'Bama, the Utes look to complete their 13-0 season and receive the national

attention they have been pining for all year.

Rose Bowl game presented by Citi – Penn State vs. USC – Joe Paterno's Big 10 champion Nittany Lions will take a trip out west to play Pac-10 champion USC in the Rose Bowl. Quarterback Mark Sanchez looks to lead that potent USC offense, while their defense looks to keep their 7.8 PPG average in tact. The Lions are looking for a Rose Bowl victory to complete what might be Joe Paterno's last season in Happy Valley. Quarterback Darryl Clark and running back Evan Royster will have to put on a show to keep up with the scoring machine that is USC football.

AT & T Cotton Bowl – Texas Tech vs. Ole Miss – Mike Leach's Red Raiders look to make a statement against Ole Miss, the team that handed Florida it's only loss on the season. Quarterback Graham Harrell and wide receiver Michael Crabtree will look to get some spotlight with the NFL draft fast approaching, as the two of them will be on the top of a short list for pro scouts this bowl season.

Capital One Bowl – Georgia vs. Michigan State – Georgia will look to rebound and put a good cap on their disappointing season, as the Bulldogs will go to Orlando to play Big 10 power house Michigan State. Quarterback Matthew Stafford and running back Knowshon Moreno will look to continue their stellar seasons and hopefully come home from central Florida with a little more than a tan. Running back Javon Ringer looks to pass 1,600 yards on the ground for the Spartans, as this is shaping up to be a classic SEC Big 10 matchup.



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NFL Update: NFC

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::NFC East::

Giants – 11-2* - Big Blue was finally handed a loss Week 14 after seven consecutive wins by their division rival Eagles, but they are still the best in the NFC, and arguably the NFL. Their offense has averaged 28.2 points per game (1st in NFL in rushing) and their defense is 5th in the NFL in ppg allowed (17.4) and rushing yards allowed per game (89.9). The Plaxico Burress gun incident was rattling, but this team has shown their resilience time and time again. Next three games: @DAL, CAR, @MIN.

Cowboys – 8-5* - The return of quarterback Tony Romo revitalized a somewhat ravaged team. Many left this team for dead in the elite NFC East, but since Romo's return they have gone 3-1 with their lone lose being to the dominant Steelers on the road. The Stars now control a wildcard spot with Romo's return to form and the struggles of others. They have a huge test against the Giants next, as they try to prevent a season sweep. Next three games: NYG, BAL, @PHI.

Eagles – 7-5-1* - It has been a roller coaster ride in Philly this season thanks to the inconsistency of quarterback Donovan McNabb and Andy Reid's suspect decisions. McNabb exploded on Thanksgiving and has been rejuvenated since, but the infamous tie to the horrid Bengals just may keep the Eagles from the playoffs again. The fate of their season now rests on two divisional matchups to end the season. Next three games: CLE, @WAS, DAL.

Redskins – 7-6* - After a dominant start to the season, the Skins have slid. They have lost three of the last four games, two to divisional opponents, and now sit in the cellar of the division and on the outside of the playoffs. The offense has been flat, averaging just 16.8 ppg, as Clinton Portis has been slowed by injury again. They still have a shot however with a couple easy matchups upcoming. Next three games: @CIN, PHI, @SF.

::NFC North::

Vikings – 8-5* - After an unexpected terrible start to the season, the Vikings have figured things out and have control of the division. Adrian Peterson has led the team and leads the NFL in rushing with 1413 yards. The key to their resurgence has been the defense though, who have allowed just 73.3 rushing ypg (2nd). The division may still come down to the last week when they face the Bears, who they beat in Week 13. - Next three games: @ARI, ATL, NYG.

Bears – 7-6* - The Bears have been mediocre this season due to their weak offense (24th in ypg) and their inability to beat their division (other than Detroit). They still have a stout run defense and quarterback Kyle Orton can win games, but their season will be decided by two divisional games to end the season and the success of the Vikings, with virtually no chance at a wildcard. Next three games: NO, GB, @HOU.

Packers – 5-8* - It looks like Aaron Rodgers' glory in Green Bay will have to wait, as the Pack have no shot at the playoffs. The offense was not the problem, as they average 24.5 ppg (4th), but the defense is at the bottom in almost every category. After beating the Bears 37-3 Week 11, they dropped three straight, killing their playoff hopes. Next three games: @JAX, @CHI, DET.

Lions – 0-13* - The Lions are one of the worst teams (maybe the worst) to ever take the field, and they have a great shot at becoming the first team to go 0-16 with a difficult end to the season. Their defense is dead last in the league and their offense is very close to the bottom also. Next three games: @IND, NO, @GB.

::NFC South::

Panthers – 10-3* - The Panthers don't get a lot of praise but they play in one of the best divisions in football and have been one of the best teams in the league all season, running the ball effectively and playing solid defense. Running back DeAngelo Williams is having a breakout season with 13 TD, and the division is theirs to lose after a huge win over the Bucs. This team could have great success in the playoffs. Next three games: DEN, @NYG, @NO.

Buccaneers – 9-4* - The Bucs are flying high in the

NFC despite a loss to Carolina in a first place battle. They have the fourth best defense in the league (279.5 ypg allowed) and their run balanced offense led by Jeff Garcia scores enough points. They won four straight before their tough loss to Carolina, and have a great shot at a wildcard spot. Next three games: @ATL, SD, OAK.

Falcons – 8-5* - The Falcons have impressed all season long, continuing to prove critics wrong. They dominated Carolina in Week 12 45-28, keeping them in the hunt for the playoffs, something nobody ever expected. Rookie quarterback Matt Ryan, Michael Turner and Roddy White lead one of the best offenses in the NFL, and regardless of how the Falcons finish they have had a phenomenal season. Next three games: TB, @MIN, STL.

Saints – 7-6* - Despite having the best offense in the NFL (405.9 ypg) and possibly the MVP in quarterback Drew Brees, the Saints season is all but over because of their dreadful defense. They allow over 340 ypg and have struggled against their division all season, as they simply just don't cut it as a team. Next three games: @CHI, @DET, CAR.

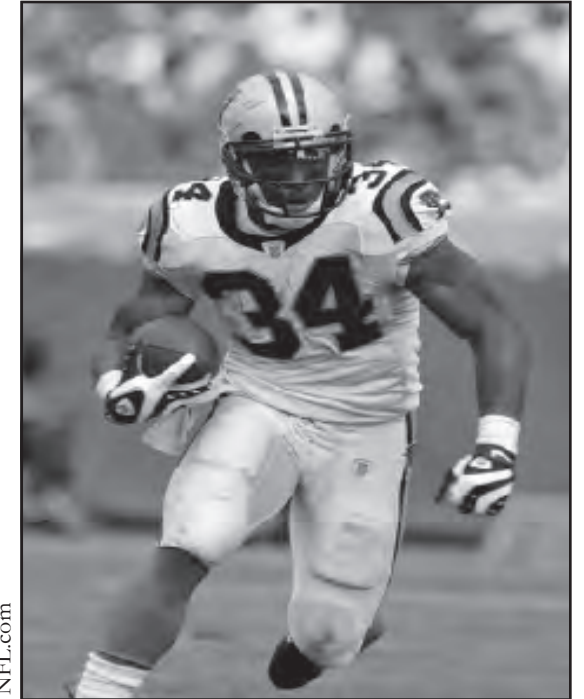
::NFC West::

Cardinals – 8-5* - This division has been locked up for quite some time, as the Cardinals have absolutely no competition in this pathetic division. Quarterback Kurt Warner is an MVP candidate as he has been vintage Warner all season, with over 4,000 yards already. Now all they have to worry about is breaking the first round exit trend of the NFC West over the past few years and not being this year's Seahawks. Next three games: MIN, @NE, SEA.

49ers – 5-8* - The young Niners have played a lot better since head coach Mike Singletary's arrival, as they are finally starting to win some games, including a big win over the Jets in Week 14. They are still among the league's worst but they are showing promise for the Singletary era of the near future. Next three games: @MIA, @STL, WAS.

Seahawks – 2-11* - Mike Holmgren's final season in Seattle has been a disaster, as a once dominant defense is now at the bottom of the league and the Hasselbeck-less offense has been hopeless (263.6 ypg). They are on a six game losing streak, and are probably just looking forward to the end. Next three games: @STL, NYJ, @ARI.

Rams – 2-11* - Unfortunately the Rams haven't done much better than last season and are officially in a period of dreadfulness. Their offense is averaging just 13 ppg (2nd lowest) and their defense is non-existent. They have dropped seven straight and really have some work to do this offseason, but at least they're in the NFC West. Next three games: SEA, SF, @ATL..



DeAngelo Williams of the Carolina Panthers

NFL Update: AFC

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Staff Writer

:::AFC EAST:::

Jets – 8-5* - The Jets are not winning the big games when they count. They got destroyed by Denver two weeks ago and they lost a big game against San Francisco, making this team very vulnerable to losing the top spot. The AFC East will come down to final game and I don't see the Jets winning this division. Next three games: BUF, @SEA, MIA.

Patriots – 8-5* - The Patriots are battling for the top spot in the AFC East. With a comeback win against Seattle this past weekend and the Jets losing to San Francisco, the Patriots are right back in contention for winning the division. Next three games: @OAK, ARI, @BUF.

Dolphins – 8-5* - Miami has had a huge turn around from last year when they we're 1-16 last year and now they are contenders to win the AFC East and have a potential wild card bid. This team has definitely turned around and with the help of Bill Parcells this year I don't see this team falling down in future years. Next three games: SF, @KC, @NYJ.

Bills - *6-7 - The Bills have officially knocked themselves out of the playoffs. They started the season at 4-0, but they have lost 7 of their last 9 games. Trent Edwards is hurt and Marshawn Lynch does not have an offensive line to protect him. Sorry Bills fans, it just isn't their year. Next three games: @NYJ, @DEN, NE.

:::AFC NORTH:::

Steelers – 10-3* - Pittsburgh had a huge comeback win in Week 14 against Dallas. They still lead the AFC North but not by much. This should be a close division for the remainder of the season. Next three games: @BAL, @TEN, CLE.

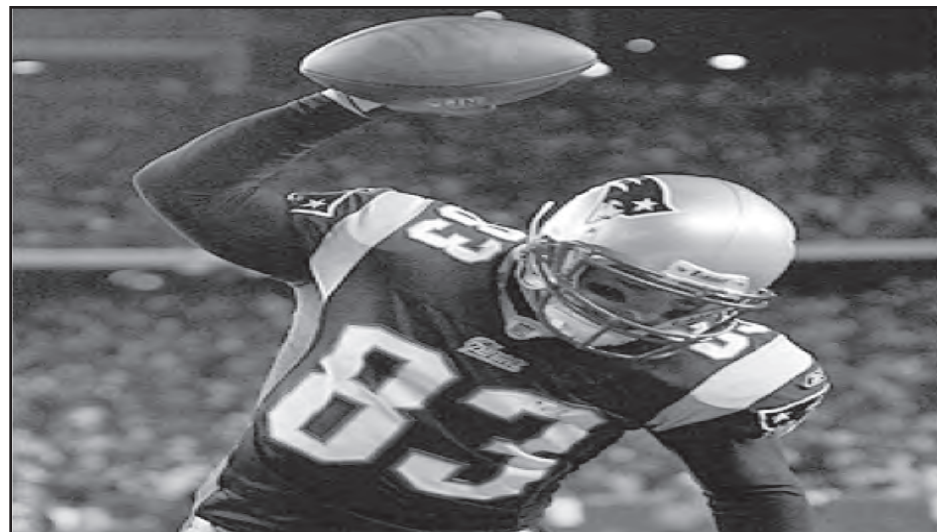
Ravens – 9-4* - The Ravens are still in the hunt for the division title, but right now sit as one of the two teams to take a wild card spot. They are on a 3 game win streak and after a big win against the Washington Redskins on Sunday

night football things should only get better for this team. Next three games: PIT, @DAL, JAX.

Browns – 4-9* - The Browns are all done this season. With Ken "I can't throw a ball" Dorsey at the helm, things are progressively going to get worse. They don't have a reliable running game and the talented wide receivers aren't going to get the ball because they have a quarterback who can't throw the ball more than ten yards. Next three games: @PHI, CIN,



Steelers Safety Troy Polamalu



Wes Welker of the Patriots

@PIT.

Bengals – 1-11-1* - This team is absolutely painful to watch. They were made an example out of by the Indianapolis Colts on Sunday. Their lone win came from the also-horrible Jaguars. Next three games: WAS, @CLE, KC.

:::AFC SOUTH:::

Titans – 12-1* - The Titans received their first loss by the Jets the past few weeks ago but came back on Thanksgiving to destroy the Detroit Lions. This team has an interesting schedule, it will be a test for the Titans but they already have locked up a first round bye.. Next three games: @HOU, PIT, @IND.

Colts – 9-4* - The Colts are looking like a great football organization right now. With an injured running game Peyton Manning still proves why he is among the elite quarterbacks in the NFL. Look for this team to make a push into the playoffs with control of a wildcard spot. Next three games: DET, @JAX, TEN.

Texans – 6-7* - The Texans are surprising everyone this year. After big wins against Green Bay and Jacksonville they are stepping it up. With trouble at quarterback they have continued to impress, and even though they might not get into the playoffs this team has a bright future. Next three games: TEN, @OAK, CHI.

Jaguars – 4-9* - Jacksonville is a huge disappointment this year. This time last year they were pushing into the playoffs and even gave the undefeated Patriots a run for their money. Now they can't even manage a .500 record this year. It looks like they need to just get ready for the next year. Next three games: GB, IND, @BAL.

:::AFC WEST:::

Broncos – 8-5* - The Broncos have this division locked up. There isn't much of a challenge for them to have it taken away from anyone else aside from San Diego who would have to win the rest of their games and Denver would have to lose all the rest of theirs. I don't see them getting far into the playoffs but they will definitely get there because of a very weak division. Next three games: @CAR, BUF, @SD.

Chargers – 5-8* - The Chargers are a huge disappointment this year and I still can't figure out how they have this record with athletes such as Antonio Gates, LaDainian Tomlinson and Phillip Rivers at their offensive helm. They don't really have a shot at playoffs unless some form of divine intervention occurs. Next three games: @KC, @TB, DEN.

Raiders – 3-10* - The Raiders are falling into their own "Black Hole". I have said it since Rich Gannon retired back in 2002, do not expect much of this team for years to come. They have always had issues at quarterback and they will further have issues at quarterback until they got a smart general manager. Next three games: NE, HOU, @TB.

Chiefs – 2-11* - There isn't much to say about these guys except that if you like to gamble that you should always bet against the Chiefs. Tyler Thigpen has been their starting quarterback of recent weeks and has been doing a pretty good job, but they can never close out and get the win. Next three games: SD, MIA, @CIN.

Voices & Faces

Spotlight @ SNHU

Daniel Smith
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:::Kim Donovan:::

Kim Donovan is the Writing Tutor Coordinator for SNHU and as she says "writing is kind of my thing." She started teaching at SNHU in 2000 as well as at the New Hampshire Technical Institute. She was a high school teacher for 13 years before she broke out into colleges and now teaches three to four courses here.

Professor Donovan received her bachelors' degree from the University of New York at Buffalo and her masters' degree from Keene State in Keene, NH. She is working on her Ph.D. in composition and is involved in many things on and off campus.

On campus, several committees keep professor Donovan busy including Writing Placement Committee, the General Education Committee, and the University Curriculum Committee. Off campus, her daughter, who wants to be a veterinarian someday, keeps Donovan busy. She also enjoys hiking, camping, snowshoeing, and watching movies.

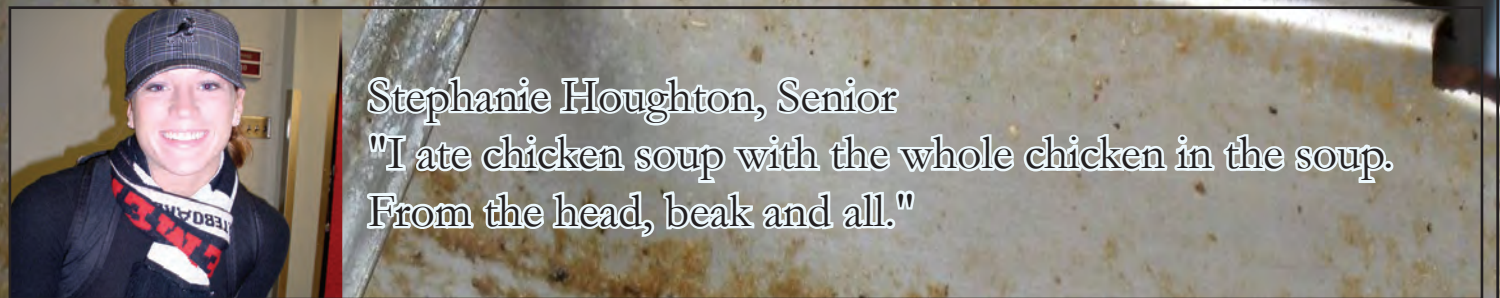
One of professor Donovan's favorite things about SNHU is the students. She feels that the students are "characterized by a desire to achieve." She believes that students really transform here and leave the school as different people from when they entered. Donovan feels that many other colleges have students that lack motivation, but that in general SNHU students are really motivated to succeed.

Donovan also works with the School of Community and Economic Development as part of their graduate program. She enjoys working with a more diverse student base including students from Africa and one student from Mongolia. One thing that Donovan would like to see is SNHU students comfortably interacting with the international student population.

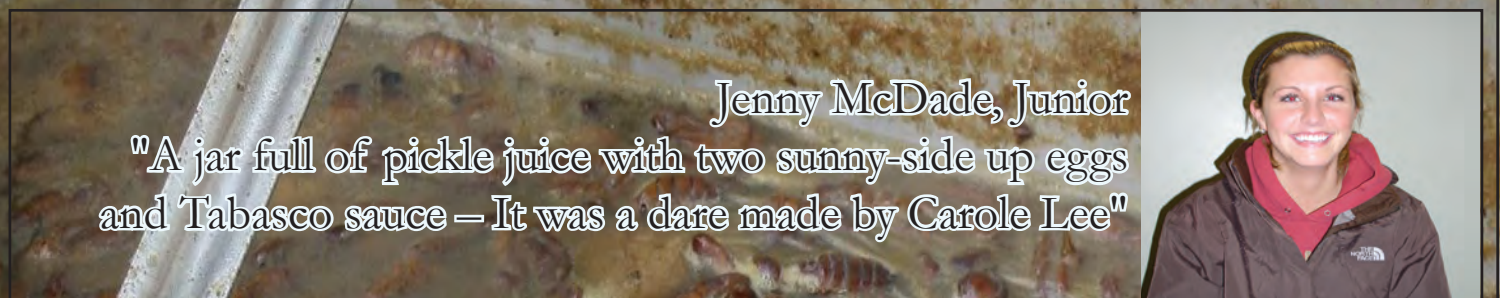
What is the most disgusting thing you have ever eaten?



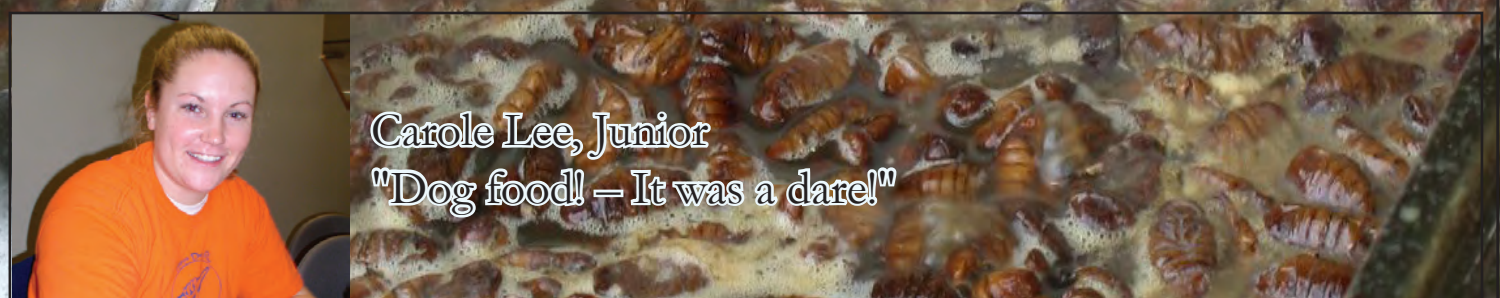
Dylan Benway, Freshmen
"I ate fried worms with ketchup!"



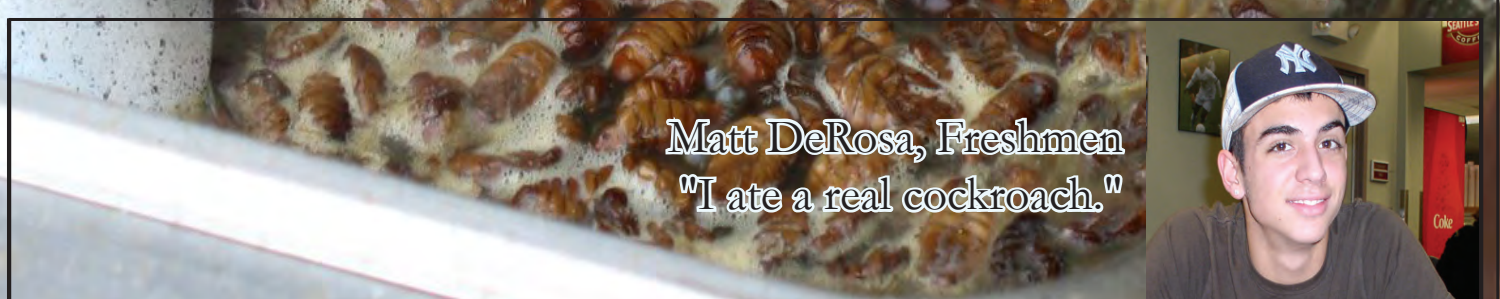
Stephanie Houghton, Senior
"I ate chicken soup with the whole chicken in the soup. From the head, beak and all."



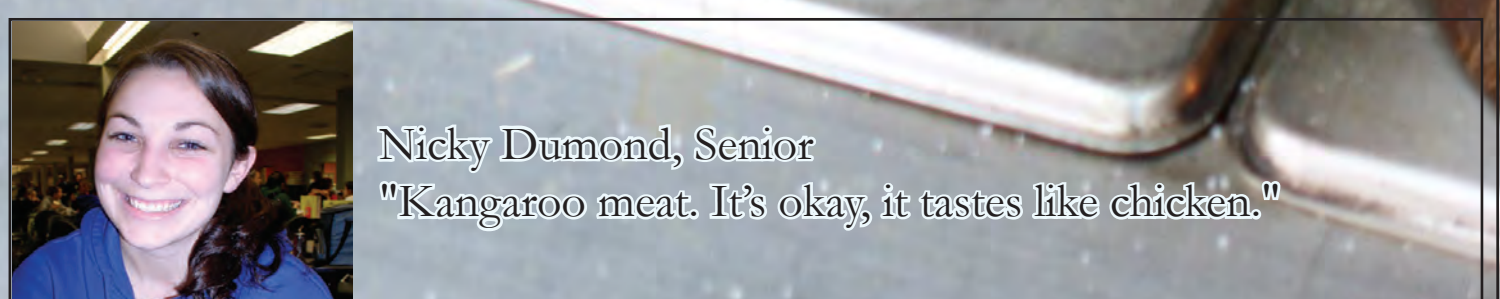
Jenny McDade, Junior
"A jar full of pickle juice with two sunny-side up eggs and Tabasco sauce — It was a dare made by Carole Lee"



Carole Lee, Junior
"Dog food! — It was a dare!"



Matt DeRosa, Freshmen
"I ate a real cockroach."



Nicky Dumond, Senior
"Kangaroo meat. It's okay, it tastes like chicken."

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