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*Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again.
And meeting again, after moments or lifetime, is certain for those who are friends.*
~Richard Bach

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Samantha Cohen & Sinziana Scoarta
*Clubs & Orgs Editor,
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Theory of a Deadman is the major spring concert band performing at SNHU. The band is originally from Vancouver, British Columbia and is well known for hit singles such as "Bad Girlfriend" and "Not Meant to Be." They have been around the world sharing their music with anyone who is willing to listen, as they just came back from a European tour.

Tyler Connolly, Theory of a Deadman's front man, joined us for an interview before the concert and shared that his main inspiration for his songs is how he feels day to day, as he confessed, "It's the truest way to write, and it's almost a lot faster to write good songs." Connolly added on that "If I wake up in a bad mood, I'll write a cranky song, and if I wake up and feel like I am in love, or really happy, then I'll write a happy song."

One of Connolly's favorite concert souvenirs is when the band got to play at the 2010

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Theory of a Deadman performing live at SNHU

What to Expect from the New Health Care Bill

Samantha Cohen
A&E, Clubs & Orgs Editor

For months now, the possibility of a new health care bill has been a hot topic not only in the world of politics, but for all citizens of the United States. With the provisions revealed months ago, everyone has had something to say both good and bad. Of course the most recent news concerning the health care bill is that it has passed, and President Obama has signed it into law. With all the excitement and emo-

tions surrounding the issue, it is difficult for anyone to focus on the underlying important facts.

President Obama, elated as the bill passed, exclaimed "This is what change looks like, we proved that we are still a people capable of doing big things, and we proved that this government -- a government of the people and by the people -- still works for the people."

A very important aspect of the new health care bill is the insurance reforms. According to Huma Khan from ABC News,

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President Obama celebrating the critical Democratic victory.

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Letter from the Editor

Tim Callahan

Editor in Chief

Hello, everyone! The last issue of the Observer every school year is generally one of transition. New editors, writers, ideas, and ambition present a great many changes for the paper and its development. Unfortunately for everyone involved (editors, writers, readers and critics), I was elected Editor in Chief for the Observer, so you're all going to have to deal with my rants in this space from time to time.

The current Observer staff is grateful for the countless hours that the graduating staff members invested in the paper. These seniors were paramount to the paper's progress as a whole. Moreover, I would like to recognize the work of both Judy Timney and Michael Chambers as faculty advisors over the course of the academic year; without their guidance, the Observer would probably be scrawled on a cave wall somewhere.

We all put a great deal of time and effort into this issue, and I hope that has been reflected in the quality of the paper. Be sure to check out the Horoscopes, International Student Spotlight, and NFL Mock Draft (a little bit of self-promotion never hurt) in this issue. The Observer will hopefully continue to expand, and the staff is looking forward to printing a newspaper that is reflective of the SNHU campus in the upcoming school year. Enjoy!

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Letter to the Editor: Looking At Whole Health

Kate Barlow

Contributing Writer

When most people hear the word 'test,' they tend to cringe. However, there's one test that is extremely important to take if you are sexually active. The best part is you do not even have to study for it. Sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing is now easier than ever. Two of the most common STIs, Gonorrhea and Chlamydia, are now urine-based tests. HIV tests can provide fast results with a swab to the month in as little as 20 minutes.

Alarming statistics show that getting yourself tested now is more important. By age 25, one in two sexually active young people will contract an STI. Of the 19 million people in America infected with an STI each year, most will go undiagnosed. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America is involved in a campaign called GYT: Get Yourself Tested. They have partnered up with MTV, the Kaiser Family Foundation, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in an attempt to get the message across to people of all ages, especially those who are under 25. To find your local STI testing center, text your zip code to GYTNOW (498669). You can find more information about the GYT campaign at www.plannedparenthood.com or call 1-800-230-PLAN! Take control of your sex life and GET YOURSELF TESTED!

Sexual Assault
Awareness Month

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"peacing Together Our Community"

Join us to raise awareness and to celebrate the strength of survivors of violence in our community. Come help us "peace" together our community. The YWCA of Manchester will host an evening of art and poetry created and written by or for survivors of violence.



"The lotus flower is a symbol for courage, purity, and awakening, and it mirrors survivors' journey toward healing and recovery."

When: Friday April 23rd

Time: 6:00 – 9:00pm

Where: CREATE!

**On the corner of Harvard and
Union St. Manchester, NH**

- ❖ Light refreshments will be served.
- ❖ Advocates will be available for support.
- ❖ Visual art should be submitted by April 9th
- ❖ Poetry and other written performances welcome that evening.
- ❖ Performers are encouraged to pre-register by calling 625-5785 ext. 150.
- ❖ For confidentiality reasons, artist may choose to use pseudonyms.

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Can We Just Discuss: *A Love Story*

Chad Marden

Photo Editor

As cold as I may act in my articles, I'm actually quite the hopeless romantic. Baring that in mind, I'd like to share a true story about two close friends of mind as we enter the lovesick days of spring.

Two of my good friends – no names mentioned – were obviously attracted to each other. They made each other laugh and they loved to hang out with each other. The problem was that they wouldn't admit it to each other or themselves. It took some persuasion on my part to get one of them to, quoting my

exact words, "get out there and just tell 'em, you dip." Eventually, they did start talking about it and are still exploring their feelings. The thing is that if they didn't speak up, they would have gone through life not knowing.

If you honestly love someone – or just have something you want to share with them – I encourage you to "get out there and just tell 'em." The worst that can happen is that they say 'no'. Isn't it better to chance something then to never know what you could be missing? In the words of Wayne Gretzky, "You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take."

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6 pm "The SNHU Chew Hour"

8-10 pm "rave wave"

Thursday

8-10 pm "rave wave"

Saturday

1-3 pm "level 1"

Have an opinion about something? Let us know! The Observer is always seeking submissions.
Submit via
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News

Saudi Student Club Introduced at SNHU



President LeBlanc and many of the individuals in the Saudi Student Club attended the inaugural event.

Tim Callahan
Editor in Chief

On Friday, March 12, the Saudi Student Club held its inaugural event and club initiation in Walker Auditorium, representing over 80 SNHU students from Saudi Arabia.

The event itself was relatively informal, with an emphasis on mingling and getting to know the people in the group. Hamdi Al Rajhi, the President of the Saudi Student Club, stated that main purpose of the club was to present Saudi Arabian culture and participate and coop-

erate with other groups around campus. According to Al Rajhi, Saudi Arabian students represent the second largest population of international students on campus, only behind Chinese. In support of the group, individuals from the International Student Association, Campus Programming and Leadership, and the Career Development Center were in attendance.

Among the many people present at the event, President LeBlanc was also in attendance, insisting that Saudi Arabia is “an important part of the world that we need to know better.” He

also announced that a reception will be in Riyadh for the Saudi Arabian students’ parents, and a nondenominational prayer room will be opened in the Student Center. Moreover, President LeBlanc jested about the hard work and determination that Al Rahji invested in creating the group: “I’m worried about the club. Hamdi has only been here for a few months, and he’s already created this club. In another year, he might have my job.”

A particular point of emphasis of those in the club was that it was open to everyone and the

membership is free. Regardless of your cultural or ethnic background, enrich your SNHU experience by learning more about a

very important part of the world and the SNHU campus with the Saudi Student Club.

"[Saudi Arabia] is an important part of the world that we need to know better."

-President LeBlanc

SNHU Implements Direct Loans

Tim Callahan
Editor in Chief

Effective July 1, 2010, SNHU will be transitioning from the Federal Family Educational Loan (FFEL) program to the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program (Direct Loans), which receives its funding from the federal government.

The Office of Financial Aid made the transition to Direct Loans in anticipation of the related legislation (which was attached to the health care bill) being passed. Previously, the FFEL program had banks receiving federal subsidies to loan money to students; however, under the Direct Loans program, students will borrow directly from the federal government, saving billions of dollars in the process. According to the New York Times, estimates made by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) have taxpayers saving \$61 billion over the next ten years as a result of the Direct Loans program, and nearly \$40 billion of that will go directly towards higher education, including Pell grants. Though that is a significant sum, these figures are misleading. The CBO also estimated that, within the next ten years, the maximum Pell Grant will increase from \$5550 to \$5900, which is a paltry increase of \$350 in the face of ever-inflating higher education costs. In addition to the increase in Pell Grants, there will be a reduction in the percentage of income a graduate must dedicate

to loan payments (from 15% to 10%) and also a reduction in the time it takes for outstanding loans to be forgiven (from 25 years to 20) for loans originating after July 1, 2014.

Jeff Penta, the Assistant Director of the Office of Financial Aid, discussed the ramifications that the implementation of this new loan program would have on SNHU students, potentially providing them with a better service in general. Specifically, there are four changes in particular (aside from Pell grants) that help students: quicker disbursement of federal loan funds, an overall reduction in fees, the ability for students to participate in more loan repayment programs and loan forgiveness after ten years in some non-profit jobs. Moreover, Penta stated that “students who have borrowed under the FFEL program have the option of consolidating these loans into the Direct Loan program.” To make the transition to Direct Loans, students must sign and complete a new Master Promissory Note (MPN). Additional information and the web link to sign the MPN can be found at snhu.edu/directloans.

Penta emphasized that the Office of Financial Aid is “more than welcome and open to having students contact us with questions and anything like that.” Thus, if you have any questions, then contact the Office of Financial Aid via email at finaid@snhu.edu or call 603-645-9645.

Brown Sparks War of Words



Scott Brown, newly elected Massachusetts Senator

Patrick Trouve
Copy Editor

The Friday, March 26 issue of the Boston Globe featured a very controversial advertisement put in by MSNBC television host and Massachusetts resident Rachel Maddow. The letter was in direct criticism to newly elected Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown's claim that Maddow had plans to run against him in the coming senatorial elections, something Maddow claimed was completely false.

The controversy began when Bill Dwight, a liberal radio talk show host out of Northampton, Mass., jokingly posted “Rachel Maddow for U.S. Senator from Massachusetts in 2012” on the radio station's Facebook page. Taking this as a challenge, Brown called for monetary donations from his supporters before allegedly contacting Maddow to inquire as to her intentions, a

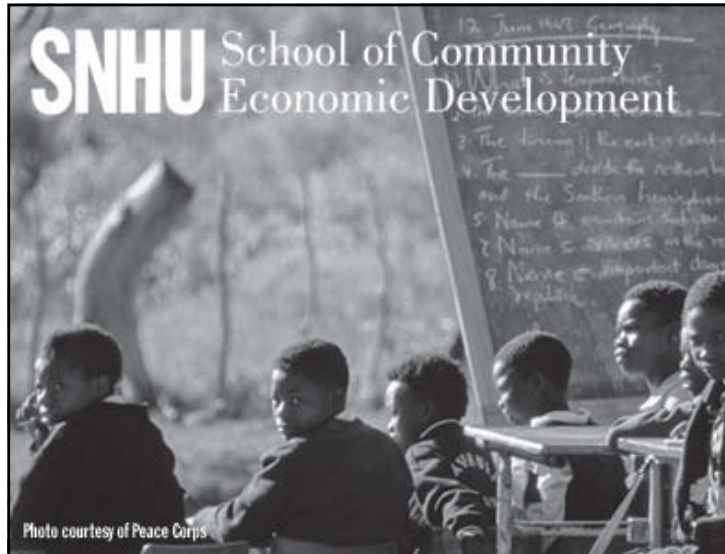
call Maddow claimed never took place.

In a bold attempt to quell any rumors of her formal opposition to Brown, aside from openly denying claims that she would run on her television show, Maddow had a letter commenting on the whole issue included in every issue of the Boston Globe. The letter attacked Brown claiming that he was telling supporters that she would run against him so that they would donate money to Brown's campaign. The letter advertisement also formally acknowledged that Maddow did not and will not attempt to oppose Scott Brown in the 2010 Massachusetts Senatorial elections. Maddow's letter concluded with a statement explaining that, despite numerous requests, Scott Brown has refused to appear on Maddow's MSNBC show to discuss their conflict in front of a national audience. Generally, the

advertisement served as a sort of warning to Brown's Massachusetts constituents; Maddow questioned whether Brown's character, called into question after his slanderous comments made about Maddow's political ideology, is sufficient for representing the voters of Massachusetts.

In defending attacks against Scott Brown, Brown's spokesman, Eric Fehrstrom, explained, “It was an open secret that the Democrats were trying to recruit Rachel Maddow to run against Scott Brown in 2012,” a statement attempting to bring legitimacy to Brown's call for support money and attack on Maddow. A debate or proper meeting between the two has yet to be seen. The only thing that is certain is that Rachel Maddow has absolutely no intention to oppose Scott Brown in the 2010 Massachusetts Senate election.

The End of the School of CED?



SNHU's School of Community Economic Development

Maranda Twombly
Creative Editor

How will the discontinuation of the School for Community Economic Development affect the student body? Will there be a momentous change for the future of Southern New Hampshire University? As said by Cary Gladstone, this particularly unique program offers students the ability to ultimately work at ending poverty throughout the world.

The School of CED has lost well-known and appreciated faculty that worked tirelessly with their students. Those enrolled in the school were long delayed receiving information as to which courses will be available for the upcoming semester as well as the scholastic agenda. As of this article, students are still without information as to who will be teaching these courses.

For students currently enrolled in CED courses, there is a concern that they will not meet the qualifications of the new system of faculty grading.

No information has yet been given as to who the advisors will be.

Although online courses have been made available to students who join the school, they do not receive the same interaction and resources as those who do in a classroom. The online courses, according to Gladstone, do not fulfill the seemingly necessary guidance that a student may desire from a faculty member.

The concern and passion for this field of education is significant to students. "There are few programs that can make such a bold statement. I have found no other program like it in terms of course content," Gladstone mentioned.

Many choose to attend Southern New Hampshire University solely based on the programs offered. With an exclusive opportunity to choose the School of CED, students have to ask why? Why would there be a discontinuation of the program they chose to concentrate? Why would the school risk the outlook of Southern New Hampshire University?

What Disability?

Chris Swett
Layout Editor

The Disability Awareness Panel was held on Wednesday, April 7. The event's main focus was to make the audience aware of the different disabilities and to eliminate the many stereotypes associated with disabilities. The panel consisted of five different members of the SNHU community: Dan Marquis, Courtney Hatch, Jason Lemay, Doreen Boutin, and Marek Rivero.

Dan has Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a form of Muscular Dystrophy. Because of this disease, a metal rod needed to be inserted into his back to straighten it, and he must utilize a wheelchair for mobility. Dan joked, saying that he "likes walks on a beach, but it doesn't work too well for [him] though." Dan's hope for the night was to educate people about his disability and to eliminate stereotypes.

Doreen, who has Lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease, expressed her concern that people are afraid of what they don't know. About twenty years ago, "[she] was on life support due to a seizure coma, and due to her mother's unwillingness to disconnect [her] from life support, [she] has learned that life can stop at any moment."

Marek has Chronic Fatigue Immune Deficiency Syndrome. He decided to participate in the panel because "a lot of people don't look like they have a disability." Marek is just such a person. He looks like any other student, and many people would never even guess that he has a disability. His disease causes him to be physically exhausted with no apparent reason. Because there is no reason for the exhaustion, there is no treatment and no cure.

Jason has Asperger's Syndrome, which is a form of autism. Asperger's causes him

to be uncomfortable in large social settings. His hope from this panel is to reach out to others with Asperger's. Jason's favorite quote is "We are all temporarily abled."

Courtney has a Nonverbal Learning Disability. Courtney explained her condition, saying, "the two sides of my brain have difficulty communicating with each other." Courtney has difficulty gauging distances and believes it is really important to be able to learn from others.

When the panel was asked the question "How do people react to your disability," Dan said that many people seem "shocked that he can form a sentence." Of the 5 panelists, Dan is the only one with a visually noticeable disability. The remaining panel members said in their own way that people are shocked when they learn of their disabilities.

The panelists were also asked "What message do you have?" Courtney said "everyone has their own issues, and everyone needs a little compassion." Jason said "Anyone could be diagnosed with a disability tomorrow, or be in an accident." Marek stated that people should "do what you can with what you have." Doreen's message was "if you don't know something, just

"We are all temporarily abled."

—Jason Lemay,

ask." Dan said that he hoped people would "be able to understand that, yes, I have a disability and have to do things differently, but it doesn't mean I am different."

The disability panel was very informative and, for much of the audience, very eye-opening. I recommend to everyone to go to the next Disability Panel held at SNHU, whether you have a disability, know someone with a disability, or think that you have never met someone with a disability.



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The International Student Gala

Sinziana Scoarta
A&E Editor

Every year, SNHU hosts a celebration of culture from across the world: the International Student Gala. This year the event brought together over 420 international and domestic students as well as staff and faculty members at an event that was sold out on the day of.

The program of the night consisted of a menu that focused on international cuisine accompanied by piano music, followed by a two and a half hour show comprising thirteen performances. President Paul LeBlanc opened the evening, welcoming the guests in a couple of foreign languages and reiterating the importance and impact that the international community has on the diversity of the SNHU campus. The Parade of Nations followed the President's speech, during which 35 students from all over the world proudly car-

ried their countries' flags. The performances of the night opened with a group of students who took up belly dancing only this semester and succeeded in putting together a jaw-dropping performance. Drop Down, a SNHU originated band energized the audience with their rock music, while the Turkish dancers amazed the audience with a seeming ethereal performance. Other acts included a Latin Dance group, as well as a medley of American and International songs performed by international students. The event was concluded in an animated manner with the performances of the SNHU Pussycat Dolls and that of the visiting Bhangra group that overwhelmed the audience with the energy and beauty of the Indian dance.

The night was overall a success due to the fact that this year's theme, "We are the World" brought students from all over the world on the same page in terms of their appreciation and acknowledgement of culture.



International Student Gala

Krupa Patel

Brunelle Discusses the NHDP



Weare Democrats

Mike Brunelle at recent Democratic party meet and greet.

Tim Callahan
Editor in Chief

In an effort to remain on the media offensive, Mike Brunelle, the Executive Director of the New Hampshire Democratic Party (NHDP), discussed the Democratic platform in light of recent legislation and the upcoming elections in November.

As a general principle, Brunelle said in an interview that Democrats have "tried in a very productive manner to fix these problems that they have inherited." He asserted that Democratic legislation has created more than 162,000 jobs over the past month, while also emphasizing the need to continue to improve the quality and value in education and health care. Moreover, he wished to convey the concept that "it's not just Washington. Democrats in House and Senate are working very hard to create new jobs and

pass health care reform." Thus, New Hampshire Democrats hope that constituents perceive that their elected officials from the Democratic Party are "providing real results."

While simultaneously bolstering the Democrat's platform, Brunelle attempted to negate the GOP's platform. He referred to George W. Bush's two terms in office as "eight years of failure," which the Democratic Party needed to correct. With regard to legislation trying to pass through Congress and state legislatures, Brunelle characterized Republicans as "just want[ing] to say no" or "saying no in lock-step."

With elections looming, Brunelle asserted that "Democrats are more excited to vote than Republicans in 2010." To support the campaign of Paul Hodes, a Democratic New Hampshire state representative who is running for the open Senate seat, Brunelle stated that

Hodes "stood up to lobbyists and health insurance companies" in his vote for health care legislation, emphasizing a popular characterization of the representative as a champion of the middle-class. Also, Democrats remain hopeful regarding the effect that the health care legislation will have on the ballot box. Brunelle maintained that, when people see that the health care bill doesn't come crashing down upon itself, it will be a boon for the Democrats who are up for election.

Brunelle described the upcoming Gubernatorial, Senate, and House races as the "most important election of our lifetime." Though the boldness of that statement could be questioned, there is no doubting that November represents a very important shaping of the political landscape, as constituents react, whether negatively or positively, to a slew of emphatically liberal legislation.

Cyan Magenta Yellow Black

Video Slots May Become Legal in New Hampshire



Slot Machines

Samantha Cohen
A&E, Clubs & Orgs Editor

When one thinks of video slot machines, the mind tends to wander to a casino setting, maybe even to a warm climate such as Las Vegas. While considering this, chances are that the State of New Hampshire probably does not come to mind, but that could soon change.

Recently, a Senate bill went to the House requesting video slot machines to be legal in six New Hampshire locations. Two of which would be right on the Massachusetts border.

The Associated Press stated that these video slot machines would be placed all throughout the state at locations such as race tracks, golf resorts, convention

centers, and also up in the North Country.

Like anything else, there are good and bad aspects of video slot machines being legal. The Associated Press also stated that the first \$50 million dollars made by the slots would go towards social service programs. Since there had been previous cuts, the extra revenue would be very helpful. Video slots could also create more jobs, and with this economy, anything will help. Also, on a website called fixitnh.org, a whole site dedicated to supporting the video slot machines, it says that the revenue created by the slots will go towards lowering taxes. If there are slots at the racetrack, that money will benefit New Hampshire and it will also draw people to come.

However, with the good also comes the bad, and there are many people who oppose video slot machines being placed in New Hampshire. The State of New Hampshire is most commonly known for its expanses of nature. Whether it is the beach, mountains, lakes, or trails, New Hampshire has plenty to offer. People who are opposed to video slots argue that they will take away from New Hampshire's true roots. They say that these machines would make New Hampshire out to be something that it is not. So, what will it be? Is it the money and revenue people are concerned with, or is it nature and the beauty of the State? Only time will tell, as the House will determine the fate of the bill.

Health Care

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some of the many changes concerning insurance include children with any kind of pre-existing condition will be covered, and they cannot be denied health insurance. Now, for kids, coverage does not end at the age of 18; young adults can be covered under their parents' insurance up until they turn 26 years old. Insurance companies will also be banned from putting caps on lifetime coverage. When talking about insurance reform, the main goal of the health care bill is to put the consumer first and eliminate any unfit practices.

Another huge issue is that people cannot be denied coverage due to their salary. Also, those employees who make more money do not have any advantages over those who make less when it comes to the issue of health care. Insurance companies are now required to cover services that are intended to prevent diseases and conditions.

Small businesses and American families benefit greatly from the bill being passed because overall costs are being reduced and health care is becoming very affordable, as it should if it is something everyone needs to have.

Although the health care bill has many positive features, not everyone is happy about it. House Minority Leader John Boehner, Republican representative from Ohio, has a lot of negative things to say. "Can you say it was done openly, with transparency and accountability -- without back-room deals, struck behind closed doors, hidden from the people?" Boehner questioned. "Hell no, you can't."

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TAKE BACK THE NIGHT
SOUTHERN NH UNIVERSITY

Friday, April 30th
9:00pm - In Front of the Dining Center

Be a part of SNHU's 1st Annual Take Back the Night March and Rally!

The purpose of this event is to raise awareness on campus about the issue of sexual violence and to let it be known that violence of any kind will not be tolerated on our campus or anywhere else. The Rally will include a candle light vigil, musical performance, and a 1.5 mile march throughout campus. The event will conclude by 10:00pm at the Dining Center just in time for the FREE Late Night Breakfast sponsored by the Student Affairs Division.

Free T-Shirt for those who Participate!

Creative

To Truth Comes All Lies

Megan MacFarlane
Secretary

Whatever life brings,
Take in stride.
When your heart sings;
Sing along with pride.
When devotion is a question;
Answer without delay.
When you take to long
A lie may be surfaced
Being untrue to who you are
Tears you up inside,
And takes away all youthful desires

Untitled

Megan MacFarlane
Secretary

To botch a lewd personality
Would be a substance in its own.
Changing the world and the way we see,
Paving the way home.
Creating an essence of reality,
Within these simple walls.

When all the while strength is hindered
Behind ones unjust truth
And I lay dying
because that someone is just like you.

No, I Cannot

Dillon St. Jean
Creative Editor

I cannot see a perfect union being possible at this moment.
There's a bit too much going us for us to make this a likelihood
Because you haven't looked at us from every angle and everyscope.
I realize all too late that you can't see the forest for the trees
And we two are the tallest redwoods standing at the forefront
Those surrounding us are simply the conflicts keeping us apart
Until you are willing, none of those will be cut down,
Neither of us will be uprooted and placed closer together.
If anything, we will be paved over along with the rest,
Our union having lead to the end of us both.
We are going to have to face facts and admit that this doesn't work.
Stop ignoring the problems we have and face them head on,
Or I will hold your eyes open with toothpicks
And expose you to the truth of the matter.

No, I cannot see a perfect union being possible at this moment.
You fight me at every turn and refuse to hear my pleas.
Maybe you can give the wound the time it needs to heal,
Or at least avoid the further infection that would lead to amputa-
tion
See, if I cut you off at this point, and put you on ice
There remains a chance, just a slim possibility, that you can be reat-
tached.
Not today, God no, not today, but at some point.
When you're willing to cooperate, which was the problem in the first
place.
You see, you refused to heed my word, that you were ruining things,
Things that would have worked out fine if you hadn't been ignoring
them.
Take off the blinders, just as a favor to me,
And there would remain that small opportunity for us to keep things
going.
I don't understand why you never listened to me.
That's why I hope you'll smarten up and listen to me now.

I just cannot see a perfect union being possible at this moment.

Untitled

Aimee Terravechia
Layout Editor

Stupidly ironic messages
Heighten our outward understanding
Intensifying the appearance of our knowledge
Truthfully gaining no ground.

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International Student Spotlight: Surinder Pal Singh

Jaclyn Blute
Contributing Writer

How did you find out about and Choose SNHU?

After my Bachelors degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering, I was working with a US based multi-national company, Hewitt, as a setup configuration analyst for two years. I wanted to move ahead in my career, so I decided to go for an MBA degree. Working with an American company motivated me to see this part of world, so I decided to look for Business schools in the USA. As per my survey, I found most of the good Business schools were on east coast of the country. SNHU was one of the Business schools that I was looking in to get admitted to the MBA program. Luckily, I was selected here and here I am! I feel my decision to join SNHU will really prove beneficial in my career. Inspired from the academics and expert guidance from my advisors and professors, I ended up doing dual master degrees – Global MBA and Master of Science in Operations and Project Management.

Why did you want to come to the US to study?

As already mentioned, I was working in a US based MNC. While working with my co-workers in the USA, I found American work-culture really interesting. My two years of work experience with them motivated me to come and study here in the USA. I wanted to do my master's degree with a global prospective, so I felt that coming to the USA would be the best option to carry on my higher education and learn about global business. Besides my career prospective, I wanted to explore this beautiful country and western culture.

What's been the biggest thing to adjust to here in the US?

FOOD. FOOD. FOOD. American food is totally different from food available in my home country. In India, we eat food with lots of spices and flavors, so in the beginning, I faced lots of problems in finding what to eat. I learned cooking after coming to the USA. My mom used to send me recipes of Indian dishes via e-mails, and I burnt multiple

dishes before experiencing a successful hit in my cooking experiments. But still I cannot cook as good as my mom. Anyway, as time passed, and with my hectic schedule, slowly-slowly I adapted myself to American food.

What do you miss most from home?

Aahh... you should have asked me what I don't miss from my home! Ha ha... that would have been easier for me to answer. Anyway, I miss each and every thing from my home. I miss food cooked by my mom, fights with my younger brother, playing with my dog, Tiger, scolding from my dad, fun with my friends... and the list goes on. India is the land of festivals and celebrations. The worst part is when you are alone here and you receive good wishes and celebration photographs from your friends and relatives in e-mails. I missed so many birthday parties and weddings of my dear friends in the last one and a half years. Homesickness is one such thing that I am still struggling to overcome. But new friends and celebrations in US are helping me to enjoy here a lot.

What are some of the similarities and differences between life at home and life in the US?

Both countries are democracies. The major similarity that I found is diversity. Both countries are highly diverse with people from different origins, cultures and beliefs. After Hindi, English is most common language spoken or used officially in India. Both countries have a big film industry – Hollywood in USA & Bollywood in India.

In terms of differences, there are lots of them. Indian food is highly spicy. Relationship with neighbors is very informal in India. They are just like family members who can come and go anytime. Sunday is the only holiday in India. However, in the USA, we have Saturday and Sunday off. Servants and maids are really common in India, but in the USA, everything has to be done by yourself – laundry, gardening, washing utensils etc. In the USA, we reset watches twice for daylight saving every year, but in India, it is kept same all year long. There is only one time zone in India. There is a different measurement system in India: Weight in Grams/Kilograms, Distance in Kilometers, Temperature in degree Celsius, and volume in liters. All electrical devices in

India run on 220-240 volts as compared to 110-120 volts in USA.

How specifically does life here at SNHU compare with life at a university back home?

Professors, students and other staff members are really friendly and supportive here at SNHU, same as at university back home. I found similar open door environment at SNHU as I was having at University back in my home country. I could reach every professor and advisor whenever I wanted and could share my concern and was given best advice. SNHU being highly diverse in terms of student population on campus, Professors are really sensitive to understanding level of international students. They are highly cooperative.

How do dating traditions differ between the US and home?

Although India has experienced changes in its traditions in part due to Western influences, the culture has held steadfast to many of its traditions and customs. It varies from region to region. This is because India has about 29 states, each with a different language, customs etc. It is also a land of diverse religions. In general the people tend to marry within their community. Arranged marriages are still most common in India. But at the same time, in some parts, parents and society do allow singles to find their life partners.

In America, parents and society encourages singles to date people that are similar in terms of religion, values and socio-economic status. Everyone is free to choose their dating partners.

I think the differences are due to the extent of both religious faith and parental control, which considerably affect the ease around the customs of dating.

Do you have any memorable incidents to share about anything that's happened to you here in the US?

I was selected for internship in Disneyland Resort, Anaheim, California. I think that was one of my biggest dreams come true. I got a chance to see and live on the West coast of the country. Walt Disney is a great company anyone would love to work for. I worked in Operations Management department. During my internship, I shadowed the Area Manager, Tech Manager and Entertainment Man-



ager and learned about one of the biggest operations on earth. Disneyland resort handles 80,000 to 90,000 guests in one day during peak times of the year. That is a big number. I got a chance to interact with nine Vice-Presidents from different lines of business within the organization. The whole experience was amazing. I loved the weather in California. Besides this, I visited New York, Niagara Falls, Boston and Ohio. I loved them all.

What have you done outside of class in terms of clubs, activities, sightseeing trips, etc.?

I am contributing as Project Manager of International Student Association. I helped in organizing International Student Gala last year, and we worked on bringing up a similar great show this year on April 16, 2010. Besides this we have organized Safety behind the wheels and Alumni Panel.

I am also working part-time as a Graduate Assistant in the School of Business.

What do you want others to know about people and life in your country?

India is a beautiful country which is home to more than one billion people who follow religions like Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism & Jainism. There are more than 21 languages spoken all over the country. Besides the large number of Doctors, Engineers and Scientists, India has second largest Army in the world. With its in-your-face diversity, from snow-dusted mountains to sun-washed beaches, tranquil temples to feisty festivals, lantern-lit villages to software-supremo cities, it's hardly surprising that this country has been dubbed the worlds most multidimensional.

Arts & Entertainment

Horoscopes

Aimee Terravechia

Layout Editor



Taurus (Bull):
April 20–May 20

The time is coming when you will finally be able to relax. Until then, however, you'll have to fully commit to your work. You may feel bored with the tasks at hand, but just remember that there is a reward upon completion.



Gemini (Twins):
May 21–June 20

Your love life is beginning to warm. That special someone you met recently may not seem like a romantic interest, but that will change around the 27th of the month. Keep alert as that person may be signaling that he or she is interested in you.



Cancer (Crab):
June 21–July 22

You are currently under a lot of stress. Expect things to calm down around the middle of next month. Until then, however, you'll be expected to work your hardest to achieve your goals. Don't spend too much time worrying; instead, focus on the task at hand.

April 21, 2010



Leo (Lion):
July 23–Aug. 22

You may be feeling a little underappreciated as of late. Don't fret! Your hard work has not gone unnoticed. Simply keep at it and you should expect recognition soon. Don't get discouraged, and keep on pushing.



Virgo (Virgin):
Aug. 23–Sept. 22

Try to relax and have a little fun. Your anxieties are getting the best of you. Take a little time off and enjoy yourself before you get back to work. Everyone needs a vacation, and you are no exception! After the taking a break, you will feel unstoppable.



Libra (Scales):
Sept. 23–Oct. 22

A close friend is in need of your help and guidance. Try to be supportive during this time. Although you may not feel like you are capable of helping, simply listening will do a world of good.



Scorpio (Scorpion):
Oct. 23–Nov. 21

So you haven't been working as hard as you should be. Now, it's time to play catch-up. Don't let yourself get overwhelmed by the extra work load that you have accumulated. Stay focused and tackle your tasks head on.



Sagittarius (Archer):
Nov. 22–Dec. 21

Good news is just around the corner. Although things may have been rough these past few weeks, you can expect a turn in your luck soon. Use this news to your advantage, and try to stay positive until then.



Capricorn (Goat):
Dec. 22–Jan. 19

Things are about to get a bit hectic. Don't get too stressed about your obligations, but remember that you have a lot on your plate right now. Keep picking away at the mound of tasks you must complete and things will calm down soon.



Aquarius (Water Bearer):
Jan. 20–Feb. 18

Make some time for friends and family. You've been too dug into your work and school obligations lately and some socialization would be beneficial. Don't completely forget about your responsibilities, but take some time for those you care about.



Pisces (Fish):
Feb. 19–March 20

You have a busy month ahead. Being busy again will be a welcome change from the lull of the previous weeks. Prepare yourself for the added work but don't allow yourself to get stressed out. You'll handle everything fine as long as you keep on task.



Aries (Ram):
March 21–April 19

Love is in the air! Someone already in your life will turn out to be more than just a friend. Pay attention though, as that someone might be a bad influence on you too. Try to make the best decision possible.

The Verizon Gym Class Heroes



Kelcie Wentworth

Gym Class Heroes

Sinziana Scoarta
A&E Editor

This year SNHU had the chance to host two concerts; one of which was won through the hard work of a large number of students who texted SNH to a Verizon number every Wireless Wednesday. Despite being in competition to win a free concert with universities such as Penn State, SNHU's students made proof of dedication and willingness to win this challenge.

Verizon Wireless brought Gym Class Heroes to the SNHU campus on Sunday. Gym Class Heroes are returning visitors, as they were the major spring concert four years ago. The SNHU students welcomed the band with the same euphoric enthusiasm as four years ago, singing along on their most popular songs. The event was sold out on the day of the concert, which yet again proved the excitement and hype that concerts bring to our campus.

Matt McGiney, the drummer of Gym Class mentioned that he remembers the SNHU visit from four years ago, particularly the helpfulness of the staff that worked with them. When asked about how he feels about the concert, McGiney said that "having kids excited gets us gassed up and sup-

ports our performance." McGiney also mentioned that one of the songs that he would not mind playing would be "The Queen and I" as it is "faster and different in terms of the tempo" and also fun to the audience.

As far as the source of the band's inspiration is concerned, McGiney mentions that originally it stemmed from a diverse variety of music, ranging from the Deaftones, Rage Against the Machine and Miles Davis. Now, the band is focused on catering to a variety of musical tastes, and McGiney adds that it is great to extend to experiment musically.

The band will continue touring to colleges and universities throughout the summer, and they are also starting to come up with a new album "slowly and steadily." As McGiney mentions, once the bar is set high, it takes more time to write 14 to 15 songs that are up to par with what they have accustomed their fans to. The fact that Travis McCoy, the front man, is continuing his solo projects seems to be encouraging Gym Class Heroes for the projects that are coming up.

McGiney wanted to thank the SNHU students for bringing them back and said that "it is cool to think we were received well" for the second time around.

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Top 10's: MOVIES

Top 10 Grossing

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2. Date Night
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3. How to Train Your Dragon
\$24.9M
4. Tyler Perry's Why Did I...
\$11.0M
5. The Last Song
\$9.8M
6. Hot Tub Time Machine
\$5.4M
7. Alice in Wonderland
\$5.3M
8. Bounty Hunter
\$4.2M
9. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
\$4.0M
10. Letters to God
\$1.1M

Top 10 Rentals

1. Sherlock Holmes
2. Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel
3. Blind Side
4. Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans
5. Twilight Saga: New Moon
6. Men Who Stare at Goats
7. Brothers
8. Did You Hear About the Morgans?
9. The Fourth Kind
10. Up in the Air

*According to Rotten Tomatoes

A Titanic Look at Mediocrity



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The Kraken Was Quite Impressive

Patrick Trouve
Copy Editor



Following the great success of 3D films in the past few years (namely James Cameron's *Avatar*), the Hollywood machine has set its sights on exploiting this astonishing feat of cinema. However, despite the immediate, but brief, awe of explosions firing towards you from the silver screen, it becomes obvious that the script and plot of the given movie suffers. This was certainly the case in Louis Leterrier's widely anticipated "Clash of the Titans."

Sam Worthington stars as Perseus in this remake of the original film of the same name from 1981. Perseus, the estranged son of Zeus (Liam Neeson), lives in a world where humans are beginning to rebel against the Gods in willful defiance. After witnessing the destruction of a sacred statue, Hades (Ralph Fiennes) murders Perseus's family on the open sea in a show of power and might. Perseus is later discovered and brought to Argos by soldiers where he

learns that the Gods intend to release the Kraken, a gigantic sea-dwelling beast that no man or God can destroy, unless the king of Argos sacrifices his beautiful daughter, Andromeda.

Worthington then sets off on a quest with a rag-tag group of soldiers and his guardian Io (Gemma Arterton) to seek the advice of witches that have the ability to foresee the consequences of not sacrificing Andromeda and battling the Kraken. Along the way, Worthington and company take on a variety of obstacles, from his own embattled father to giant scorpions, in a half-hearted sequence of mediocre action scenes. The movie tends to jump from these less than stunning fight sequences to dull, forced scenes of poorly written dialogue in a failing attempt for audiences to actually feel for the plight that the antagonists face.

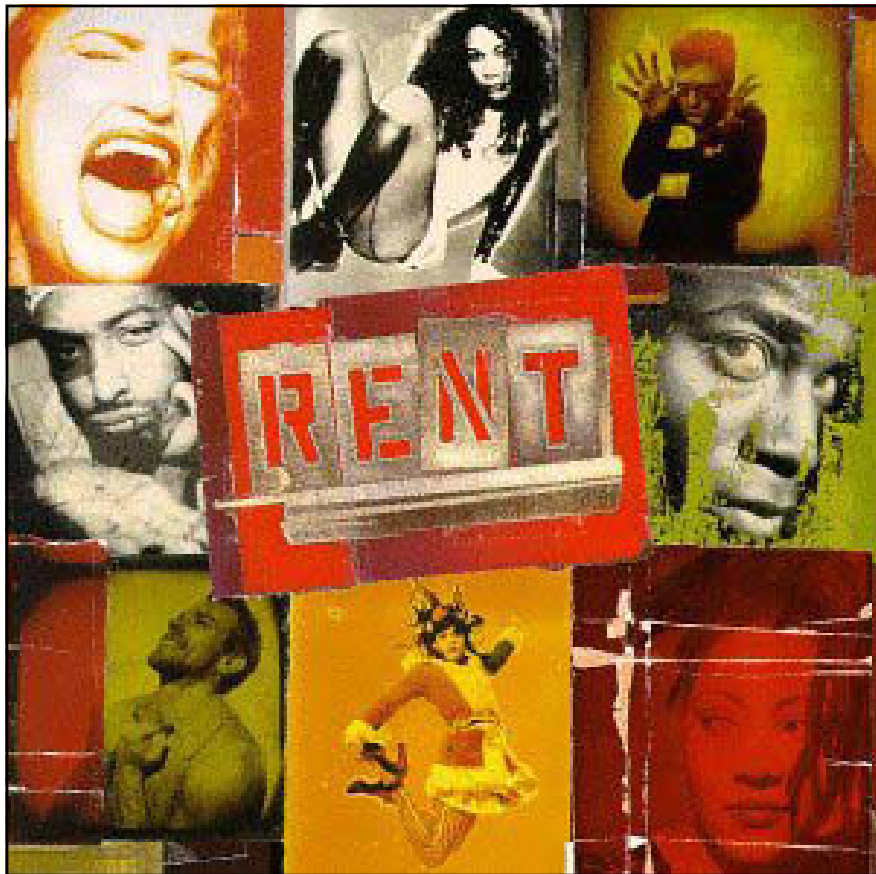
This pattern continues until Perseus and friends end up at the peak of a mountain where the aforementioned witches await. These three blind witches, led only by one severed eye between the three of them, warn Perseus of the only way to defeat the Kraken: the head of the infamous mythological beast

Medusa. From there, the motley crew travels to Hades with Leterrier attempting to plant as many ancient Greek mythological visuals in each frame as humanly possible, and coupled with more dull dialogue between Perseus and Io, the film loses its suspense despite the task at hand.

Without ruining the ending of the film, the revisualization of Medusa was actually impressive and fun for the audience to watch, and the Kraken (anyone who saw the trailer knows the Kraken makes a grand entrance) was visually stunning despite the lack of destruction it actually causes to the city of Argos.

Ultimately, the film was decent and not a bad way to spend two hours. The special effects were excellent and certainly telling of the strides computer imaging has taken in the past few years. However, the combination of very ordinary fight sequences and uninspiring dialogue between all parties involved make for a very average cinematic experience. Also, the pointless, corny love story created at the very end of the film could be easily removed with nothing lost from the movie. Red Boxing this one might be your best bet.

RENT Comes to the Palace



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Marissa Twombly
News Editor



This onstage production is flourishing with colors, emotions and extraordinary characters. The Palace Theater's RENT has provided the public with a sense of life and everyday troubles.

The struggling characters of Mimi Márquez (Virginia Cavaliere), Roger Davis (Anton Fero), Tom Collins (Chris Anthony Giles), and Angel Dumott Schunard (William Bailey) are thriving in the Alphabet city that is hit with the reality of HIV/AIDS. Apart from fighting for their lives, being able to pay the rent and get work is a struggle for Mark Cohen (E.J. Marotta) and Roger.

The director, Carl Rajotte, has chosen a cast that not only portrays each character but also successfully develops the attitude and emotion that each orig-

inal cast member of RENT had. As I was watching the musical, I felt part of a new phenomenon of energy and liveliness. The cast members, including Natalie McKnight (Maureen Johnson), Marisha Wallace (Joanne Jefferson) and Sam Port (Benjamin Coffin III), "ignite the night with passionate fire," and provide the audience with an unforgettable night of singing and dancing.

EJ Marotta captures Mark in his goofy, filmmaker self and, besides Anthony Rapp (original Mark), is one of the best performances of Mark Cohen I have ever seen. Anton Fero took Roger's character and transformed himself into the once successful musician Roger is portrayed as. Virginia Cavaliere plays the part of Mimi Márquez and captures her sexy, drug addicted self to grab the audience's attention. Natalie McKnight and Marisha Wallace team up as Maureen and Joanne to lead the audience into laughter and emotion throughout their performance.

Chris Anthony Giles and William Bailey were none other than exceptional in their roles as Tom Collins and Angel Dumott Schunard.

We cannot, however, forget the entire cast of musical artists who have spent the time to put on an amazing show. The music, lights, sounds, video production, sound designer, set construction, fly rail, costumes, company manager, musical director, spotlight operators and stage manager/props have really and truly made RENT come to life. Without their hard work and effort, there would be nothing like what I witnessed at this play.

I have had the pleasure of seeing both the Broadway show and the movie, and I have to say that I felt this production to be above and beyond expectations. Overall, the play is inspiring and memorable and captured the hearts of the audiences who had the pleasure of seeing it. In RENT, there really is no day but today.

Top 10's: MUSIC

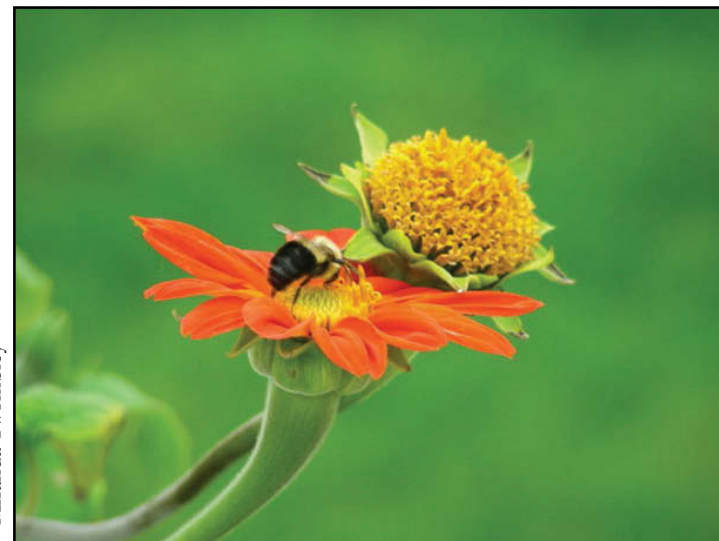
Songs

1. Nothin' On You
by B.o.B.
2. Hey, Soul Sister
by Train
3. Airplanes
by B.o.B.
4. Break Your Heart
by Taio Cruz
5. Your Love Is My Drug
by Ke\$ha
6. OMG
by Usher
7. Rude Boy
by Rihanna
8. Gives You Hell
by Glee Cast
9. Hello
by Glee Cast
10. Whataya Want From...
by Adam Lambert

Albums

1. Congratulations
by MGMT
2. Animal
by Ke\$ha
3. Jason Castro (DLX)
by Jason Castro
4. Year of the Black Rain...
by Coheed & Cambria
5. Raymond v Raymond
by Usher
6. Glee
by Glee Cast
7. Need You Now
by Lady Antebellum
8. Leave Your Sleep
by Natalie Merchant
9. My World 2.0
by Justin Bieber
10. Glee- Vol 1
by Glee Cast

*According to iTunes



Miranda Twombly

Orange Dreamland

Voices & Faces: Senior Edition

What will you miss most about SNHU?

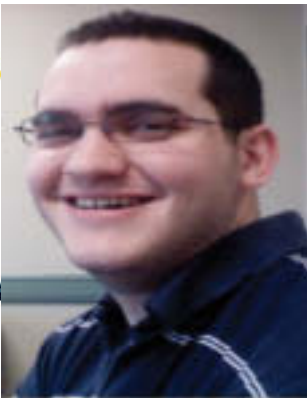
Michael Rizzi

The thing I will miss most about SNHU...the small campus community that we have and always being in walking distance from your friends.



Chris Swett

The thing I will miss most about SNHU are my clubs. They are what made SNHU such a great experience for me.



Christine Delaney

What I will miss most is the people, not only my good friends and some teachers, but the friendly faculty that is always there to help.



Dustin Senor

I'll miss partying obviously, but I'm really going to miss my friends. Hopefully we all stay in touch.



Paulson Edum

I'm going to miss my friends, the teacher-student relationship, but most of all, I'm going to miss being a part of the soccer team.



Sarah Avedisian

The thing I will miss most about SNHU is hanging out with my friends on sunny days, music blaring and dancing around our messy apartment while most of us should actually be in class or doing work, but instead we just chill and have a good time. I will miss all my friends I have made here!



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It's a Food Revolution?



Jamie Oliver

Maranda Twombly *Creative Editor*

Some know him as “The Naked Chef,” others, “The English Restaurateur of Oliver’s Twist.” Here, we will discover him as Jamie Oliver, out to change the world one unhealthy city at a time. At age 34, this English born chef has challenged himself to change the eating habits of the United Kingdom and indeed succeeded. With accomplishments across the pond, Oliver brought himself to the United States.

“Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution” is a television series that airs on ABC, documenting the harmful eating habits of the statistically unhealthiest city in the

United States: Huntington, West Virginia. In an effort to diminish obesity, he visits schools along his journey to help students understand that they need to change their eating habits.

Oliver starts off by visiting a group of first graders and gives them a test to identify fruits and vegetables, ultimately coming to the realization that they are incapable of identifying any of them. Is this what the United States of America has succumbed to, the inability to detect fruits and vegetables?

In an early episode, Oliver visited a family’s home and placed all their food on their kitchen table. The massive mountain of pancakes, hamburgers, frozen pizzas, junk food snacks, etc. was overwhelming. He looked the

mother of the family in the eye and said, “You are killing your children.” During another episode, Oliver visited a grade school during their breakfast schedule to find the students eating pizza for breakfast.

After obtaining permission from the school board to make lunch for these children, Jamie created a fantastic spaghetti dish that incorporated eight different vegetables. However, the head of the school board administration did not allow Jamie to serve that meal anymore because it did not meet the qualifications of the school’s daily food pyramid intake. What further stumped Oliver was that the school accepted hamburgers and french fries as a meal to serve because they consider the french fries a vegetable. Jamie could not believe the argument considering he had incorporated eight different vegetables into his spaghetti dish.

Our country needs to become aware of how serious of an issue obesity has become. Jamie fears that most of the children in these schools already have diabetes, and if such is the case, then most of those children will not live past the age of twenty five or thirty.

Make a stand for the future of the United States of America. We can all change our habits and become a healthier nation - we just need to make an effort first. Follow “Jamie Oliver’s Food Revolution” on ABC Friday nights at 9 P.M. EST, and Saturdays at 3 P.M. EST. If you would like to take the Jamie Oliver food challenge, then you can become a healthier citizen by going to jamieoliver.com and signing his petition. Think about the stabilization of our future - will you take the challenge?

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Cult of the Classic: Christine (1983)



Chas Andrews' Movie Blog

Body by Plymouth. Soul by Satan

Chad Marden
Photo Editor

For years, I've seen one spoof after another of vehicles coming to life and terrorizing innocent people without knowing what movie it was based off of. Thankfully, this request by one SNHU student enlightened me. So, let's dive into the story of the devil's car: "Christine."

The story begins with the birth of Christine, a 1958 Plymouth Fury, on the construction line. Twenty years later, she is discovered by a pathetically tame and timid nerd named Arnold 'Arnie' Cunningham (Keith Gordan) and his high school jock friend Dennis Guilder (John Stockwell). Dennis advises against buying Christine, but Arnie is adamant. Months go by as Arnie becomes less and less timid to the point of being violent, and Arnie's girlfriend, Leigh Cabot (Alexandra Paul), suspects Christine of possessing him – especially after she nearly chokes to death inside; Christine locks the door so Arnie can't save her.

This is a nice twist on the 'jealous lover' archetype. The

dialogue falls flat at times, but it's hard to notice when you're immersing yourself in the oldies soundtrack and waiting to see what Christine's next move will be. I actually started to root for the car to win about halfway through the movie. She's actually an interesting character.

One thing that didn't bother me so much as confused me were the names attached to this movie. It was based on a Stephen King novel and directed by John Carpenter. With big time horror movie names like that, I was expecting to see the most gruesome and bloody movie ever. But, in reality, it's very tame. The goriest scenes fade to black before any damage is done and we don't see a drop of blood until the very end. Don't get me wrong; I'm glad that they could make a great movie without relying on the blood and guts gimmick, but I can't help but feel cheated.

Overall, this was a great movie. If you're looking for an old school horror with more mind games than hack and slash grue, it's a must have. However, after watching it, I'm starting to rethink buying that vintage Corvette Stingray I've been

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter

*Author of "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" Pens
Another Horror Classic*

Aimee Terravechia
Layout Editor

The newest book from the author of "Pride and Prejudice and Zombies" once again combines the genres of historical fiction and horror to create another best-seller: "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter." The book is already receiving wide interest and may even be made into a movie in the near future.

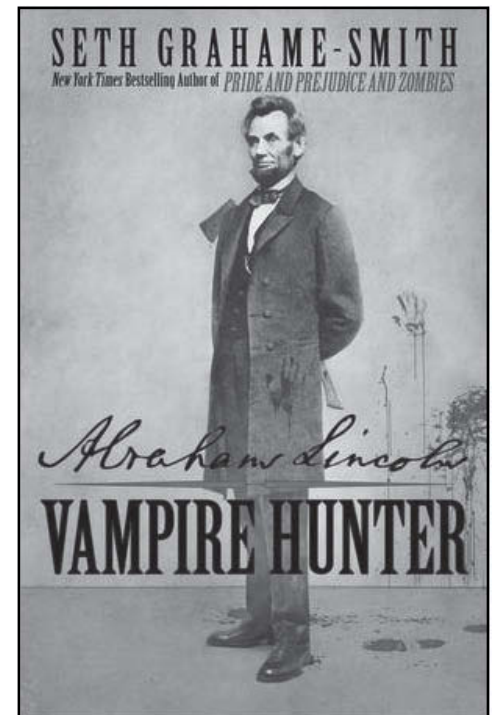
In an interview with Hilary Matheson, author Seth Grahame-Smith explained his fascination with the two genres: "I love histories, presidential biographies and I've always been interested in history. At the same time, I've also been a lifelong fan of the horror genre, especially horror movies growing up as a kid."

Grahame-Smith explained that the idea to write a fictional account of assassinated president Abraham Lincoln slaying vampires came to him around the bicentennial of Lincoln's birthday. "At the same time,"

Grahame-Smith explained, "this was also when the 'Twilight' phenomenon was sort of reaching its critical mass; so inevitably, there would be a vampire table with vampire books right next to the Lincoln table in all these bookstores."

Aside from the book being just another fun historical fiction/horror novel, Grahame-Smith also connects the idea of slave ownership to vampirism, making a sort of historical commentary.

"Vampires and slaveholders do the same thing in a way – they steal someone else's life to enrich their own, so, you know, to me, it made sense those two 'monsters,' I guess you can call them, would be in league together," explained Grahame-Smith.



Cover of new book by Seth Grahame-Smith

"Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" is already a success. Grahame-Smith recently gave credibility to rumors that the movie rights to the book have been purchased. "The movie rights were bought by Tim Burton. I'm actually writing the screenplay for him and a couple of other producers," said Grahame-Smith.

The premise of the book is unlikely, but that seems to be what draws readers to Grahame-Smith's work. The combination of Jane Austen literature and zombies was just as unlikely a duo as Abe Lincoln and vampires. It is this seemingly odd subject matter that makes Grahame-Smith's work so popular and garners the attention of the New York Times and Tim Burton.

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South Jordan: Not Just an Opening Act



Sinziana Scoarta

South Jordan performing live at SNHU

**Samantha Cohen &
Sinziana Scoarta**
*Clubs & Orgs Editor,
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South Jordan is one of the up and coming bands that is more than an opening act for the major concert of the year, Theory of a Deadman. Comprised of six college students

attending Indiana University, South Jordan started coming together as a band two years ago, when Bobby Campbell and Mike Chan met and decided to jam in the basement of Bobby's house. Mike Hall was a later addition to the band, following a referral, and the rest of the members came together across the years. This is the band's first time in New Hampshire, and

they confess to already enjoying the scenery from what they called the "flat as a pool table" landscape of Indiana. The band travelled for 20 hours to come to SNHU, and they have quite a few interesting stories to share, ranging from living off fast food to getting their trailer stuck on the Florida beach after celebrating the signing of one of their first contracts following the Florida music festival.

As of now, five of the members of the band are still in college, attending Indiana University and pursuing majors ranging from Telecommunications to Recording Art and Communications. Mike Hall, the band's front man, confesses that it is great to come to SNHU and be treated with respect after having different experiences with playing in bars and on difference college campuses. Asked how they balance college life and touring, Hall confesses that "music and school are both full time jobs," so they do not have the advantages of the weekends that regular college students enjoy; nowadays, they are touring every

single weekend. However, Hall confesses that they would not have it any other way, as it has become a life style for them.

South Jordan's funny and relaxed band feel has truly been a result of all the hardships they went through. "There were a lot of sacrifices made, but we wouldn't have it any other day," notes Hall.

In terms of style, South Jordan is still experimenting, and their sound is still evolving. At present, they have started recording a few pop rock songs, but their end goal is to not appeal to one group of people, but to the masses and ultimately be in the top 40 pop-rock sound. All in all, South Jordan wants to "reach a happy meeting point" between the rock and the pop, as Campbell mentions, which narrows it down as to what South Jordan actually is as a band.

When asked what band they would like to tour and play with, they confessed that, although lyrically they are close to One Republic and The Fray, they would really enjoy playing together with Maroon 5 as they

think their concerts are on the same line as what they are aiming towards.

In honor of being at SNHU, South Jordan prepared a series of surprises for the students and fans. They not only put together a SNHU medley that is a mix of Beyonce, Akon and One Republic, described by Hall as "one big radio mess" that tells a story about the "beautiful SNHU girls," but they will also be offering free CDs to the fans.

The band looks more like a family as the guys themselves jokingly mention. The message that they have to send to fans is that they are just as excited to play here as we are to see them. "We are just excited to party," mentions Hall, while the other band members add that "we are probably four times as excited as you are to be here."

Starting at the beginning of this week, the band will be presenting packages to record labels and continue touring to college campuses and other locations across the country.

Theory of A Deadman

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Winter Olympics in their home town, Vancouver. It was a once in a life time opportunity for the band, and it is something that none of the guys will ever forget. As Connolly put, "it was pretty amazing...we got to represent our hometown."

With the many tours and shows they have played, it is obvious to everyone they must have some good stories to tell! One that came to Connolly's mind was when a couple of years ago the band noticed this one girl at a bunch of their shows, and they were all confused at how she had gotten to so many concerts. Then, one night while traveling,

one of the bus drivers noticed that the same girl was catching a ride in between the trailers. The next day, lo and behold, there she was outside waiting to get into their next show. The cops were called, and the super fan's own tour was put to an end.

With such an interesting band name, it can be assumed that many people are interested to know where the name came from. The name Theory of a Deadman was one of Connolly's earlier songs that he wrote when he was just a kid. The song was recorded, and it was in fact the one that got him a record deal and became the title of their

first album. Later on, the song title was changed to "The Last Song." According to Connolly, the song is about "a guy who was depressed and considering suicide. He decided to try and talk himself out of it by writing down all the things he would have missed. It was just a phrase, and we needed a band name."

Just last week, the band returned to the United States after touring Europe. Connolly explained that "it was great... it was amazing. It can be tough because sometimes in some countries, we might not be as successful. We played some shows

in Germany and the U.K and we do quite well and the shows are great, but we did a couple shows in Sweden and Copenhagen, and it's like starting over. We play in a little tiny night club, and there's maybe 300 people there... it's humbling, it's almost like a wakeup call. We still have a lot more work to do."

Theory of a Deadman has a very promising future and will continue doing weekend tours into the summer so that, towards the fall, they can get back into the studio to write and record. "Scars and Souvenirs" came out in 2008, so fans are highly antici-

pating something great, which is what the band aspires to achieve. Along with another hit CD on their list of goals, Theory of a Deadman also wishes to tour Australia and Japan, which are two places the band has never been to.

Whether you listen to Theory of a Deadman at home, or you attended the show, you know that, because of their crafty lyrics and the rock and roll sound, they are certainly a band to check out! Theory of a Deadman wishes to thank Southern New Hampshire University for having them here!

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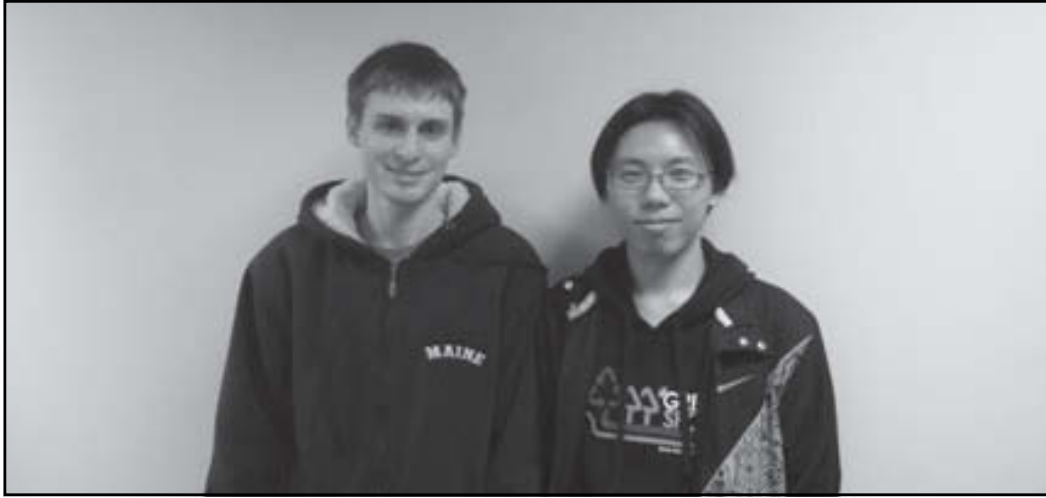
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Pi Day Memories



David Cox

Corey Greenspan, left and Jiajia Yang, right.

David Cox

Contributing Writer

Every year on March 14th, there undoubtedly is a spike in pie consumption throughout the world as International Pi Day is celebrated. People pay homage to the most famous constant in mathematics (the number pi starts with 3.14) with contests, parties, t-shirts, and general revelry.

SHNU joined the festivities this year with its second memorizing pi contest, sponsored by the Mathematics Department. So why would someone want to

memorize a bunch of numbers? After all, haven't we always been taught to understand topics, and not just memorize them? The Mathematics Department came up with 150 reasons: first place was \$100 and second place was \$50. The two winners also received the pie of their choice!

Corey Greenspan set the bar high about midway through the competition by knowing 419 decimal places of pi. Dude, that was totally sick (sorry, I've been watching the X Games too much). Even more remarkable was that we handed out study sheets with only 400 decimal

places, so Corey went online and found more numbers to memorize! Jiajia Yang knew a very respectable 44 decimal places and finished in second place.

For the pie of his choice, Corey initially requested a cucumber pie, but was eventually persuaded to opt for a tastier choice of blueberry. Jiajia chose an apple pie.

The Mathematics Department would like to thank all those who took part in the contest, and a special thank you to Professor Willis for baking the apple pie.

Seniors...You're Welcome!

Chance Clutter

Contributing Writer

Congratulations, seniors! Your big day has finally arrived. But before you leave, the Career Development Center wanted to remind you that you are still welcome to utilize our resources, even after graduation! Although many of you have already secured jobs, for those of you who are still searching, here are a few last minute tips before leaving campus:

1. Make sure you connect with all of your favorite SNHU faculty and staff. If you need them for references or recommendation letters, this may be your last opportunity to meet with them face to face (and while you are still fresh in their minds) to talk to them about being a reference or for help looking for job opportunities. Networking is the most effective tool in your job searching arsenal. Use it wisely!

2. Record all the clubs, organizations, volunteer jobs, and

activities you participated in this last year. Again, these are great demonstrations of your skills. Once you leave campus, your memory will begin to fade, and it will become harder to remember everything you did while at SNHU. List them out now. The same can be said for all those papers and projects you have in your apartment. Keep some of your best work for a professional portfolio or as talking points for your resume and job interview.

3. Clean-up your online profile. You are a professional adult now. All those Facebook pictures of you "celebrating" life will not help you land a job if a recruiter hits the search button. Remove those embarrassing photos and review your privacy settings to make sure you are not telling the world "too much" about your private life.

Good luck Class of 2010! It's finally time to make your mark on the real world – go get'em!

It's your career. What have you done lately?

Cape Gears up for Spring Week

Mary Kayajanian

Contributing Writer

This past February, from the 15th through the 20th, there was a series of events for CAPE's annual Winter Week. Based on 90's Nickelodeon Television, SNHULodeon's themed activities and events were held each day for students to participate in. Many prizes were won by individuals who attended the 90's Nick Trivia Game, the Double Dare Game, and the Late Night

Big Money Bingo.

Between hilarious comedian Eric O'Shea and a Nick at Night series that aired episodes of old school Nickelodeon favorite TV shows, along with fun snacks from our younger years, a good time was had by all. Overall a successful week, students enjoyed the wide variety of events on campus.

As far as CAPE Major Weeks, the fun isn't over yet; Spring Week is upon us. April 18th -25th is SNHU's Spring Week. This series of fun events

began with the annual Major Concert: Theory of a Dead Man with opener South Jordan. Events from magic performances, to novelties, to late night big money bingo, along with a dance will be held. The week wraps up on Sunday, April 25th with the annual outdoor music festival, SNHUSTOCK. So, get prepared for another fantastic week of events to enjoy!

For more information about CAPE, or future campus events, you can email cape@snhu.edu.

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April Marks a New Beginning

As another great semester comes to an end, so does all the hard work that the Phi Omega Psi sorority has done these past couple months. The girls have been working very hard on their last minute events, projects, and different philanthropic activities. They have been doing a lot of hard work in and outside of the classroom. As five of the seniors are getting ready to graduate, they will bring what they have learned into their futures. The

sisters of Phi Omega Psi have also finished the pledging process and welcome six new girls into the sorority who will grow and continue to show the values of this great organization.

During the month of April, the girls will be putting on their annual Fish Wish event that takes place this year on April 20, 2010 in the Last Chapter Pub at 8pm. This event was for the SNHU campus to come and get the chance to win a goldfish. Also, during the month of April, there will be two tables between the days of April 12th and 30th. The first table was our “Date Night& Beach Basket” table

that was from April 12th to the 20th in Robert Frost Hall. Our second table is our annual Troop Drive table that will be collecting items to be donated to the troops overseas. The tables for Troop Drive will be all around campus.

The girls are very happy with the success of the new girls who have joined to carry on sisterhood and all the events and projects they have completed to get their name out there much more than before. It has been a very good year for the sisters of Phi Omega Psi, and all the returning sisters are very excited for what next year has to bring.

Carrie Lacey
Contributing Writer

With 15 proud active sisters and six new sisters for the spring semester, it has been an eventful year. Past events have included helping move homes of an alumni sister, fire fighter dinners, and dinner with our brothers. Phi Delta Beta has had many internal events this year as well. Internal events consisted of a movie night at Katy Manchester 164's house, a get together at an alumni's house, a manicure-

pedicure night, and going to the movies. Phi Delta Beta has put on and been a part of many on campus functions. The sorority helped with Safe Spring Break, and it put on Club in the Pub. Phi Delta Beta is getting ready to celebrate its 25th Anniversary in the fall; therefore, the active sisters are working very hard to make sure everything is perfect for the celebration plans. But first things first, pledge party for the spring 2010 pledge class was on Saturday night, April 10, 2010 in the pub.

A Reference What?

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Contributing Writer

You have finally found it: the job or internship you have been searching for these last two months. You applied for the position, and they called you in right away for an interview. Nice! The day so far has been perfect. You know you nailed the interview, and you can see how excited the recruiter is about your work at SNHU and all the activities you have done over the last few semesters. As you are shaking hands, the recruiter says he can't wait to tell his boss about you, and if you could just leave your list of references with him, he'll start calling them today. "My what?" you ask in a slightly concerned voice.

That's right...references. Long before you get to the interview stage, you want to have 3-5 professional (i.e. not family or friends) individuals who can

vouch for your work either at a current or past organization (job, internship, volunteer position) or in the classroom. That means your past supervisors and faculty members make great references for employers! These references will help verify to the employer how hard you work, if you show up on time, whether you get along with others, what kind of attitude you have, and whether you will be successful in this new position. Just make sure you are asking these individuals BEFORE your job search if they will be a “good” reference for you. Give them a copy of your resume, let them know what type of job you are seeking, let them know when they should expect a call, and always remember to say thank you! Remember, if your references sound like they are not interested, you can assume your new employer won’t be either.

It's your career. What have you done lately?

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SENIOR GIFT

The Senior Class of 2010 will be donating a granite bench outside the new Dining Hall. Donations are being accepted and can be made online:
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Sports

Florida International Running Back Murdered on Campus

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Opinion Editor

While most college students were enjoying their spring break, Florida International University was in mourning. On Thursday, March 25, Kendall Berry, a running back for the school's football program, was stabbed to death on campus.

Berry was stabbed to death after Miami-Dade police said he was involved in an argument with another man for undisclosed reasons. The incident took place outside the school's recreational center where many of the football players had been that night. The other man pulled out a weapon and reportedly stabbed Berry.

The frenzied 24-hour search ceased on Friday, March 26, when police said 22-year-

old Quentin Rashad Wyche turned himself in. Wyche was later charged with second-degree murder and booked into jail at 11:33 p.m., according to online records.

The campus opened as usual Friday with classes and events being held as regularly scheduled; however, the recreational center where the incident took place was closed until noon. Increased security and grief assistance was available, and Berry's football teammates were meeting with counselors.

As for people who knew Berry, they remembered him as a wonderful person and devoted player. "Kendall had an infectious personality," said FIU head coach Mario Cristobal. "He was loved and respected by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. It's a shame to lose such a young life to an act of senseless violence."



Florida International running back was stabbed and killed on March 25.

Manchester Monarchs Playoff Preview

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The Manchester Monarchs, the AHL affiliate of the Los Angeles Kings, have made the 2009-2010 Calder Cup Playoffs. Wrapping up the year with a record of 43-28-3-6, the Monarchs are set to face the Portland Pirates – a divisional rival.

Manchester will look for its goaltending to carry them through the playoffs. Monarchs goaltender Jonathan Bernier, the AHL leader in saves and save percentage, is the centerpiece of a team that allowed the fourth-fewest goals the entire season. On the other side of the puck, the Monarchs will look to goal scorers Bud Holloway (19 goals

and 28 assists) and Corey Elkins (21 goals and 22 assists) to provide scoring punch for a team not known for its offense. If the Monarchs continue to play air-tight defense while maintaining their excellent goaltending, success will surely follow them deep into the playoffs.

The playoff schedule for the first round of the Calder Cup Playoffs is as follows:

Round 1 Dates And Times
Game 1 - Friday, April 16 @ Portland, 7:00 p.m.
Game 2 - Saturday, April 17 @ Portland, 7:00 p.m.
Game 3 - Monday, April 19 @ MANCHESTER, 7:00 p.m.
Game 4 - Tuesday, April 20 @ MANCHESTER, 7:00 p.m.
Game 5 - Thursday, April 22 @ Portland, 7:00 p.m. (if neces-

sary)

Game 6 - Saturday, April 24 @ MANCHESTER, 7:00 p.m. (if necessary)

Game 7 - Sunday, April 25 @ Portland, 7:00 p.m. (if necessary)

Playoff ticket prices are \$22 for adults in the Gold level and \$16 for adults in the Silver level of the Verizon Wireless Arena, \$20 for seniors (65 and older) in the Gold level and \$14 for seniors in the Silver level and \$12.00 for youth tickets (12 and under) in both levels.

To find out more information on the Manchester Monarchs or to purchase tickets to an upcoming home game, visit <http://www.monarchshockey.com>



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2010 NFL Mock Draft

**Patrick Trouve &
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Copy Editor; Editor in Chief

1. St. Louis Rams **Sam Bradford, QB, Oklahoma**

With the lowly St. Louis Rams desperate for a skilled play caller, a quarterback as the first overall pick is a no brainer. Although Ndamukong Suh's abilities are admirable, Bradford's exceptional performance at his pro day solidified his No.1 overall selection.

2. Detroit Lions **Ndamukong Suh, DT, Nebraska**

Suh is a monster on the defensive line. His penultimate performance of his collegiate career boasted 4.5 sacks against Texas quarterback Colt McCoy, further catching the attention of NFL scouts. Detroit needs to enhance their abysmal defense and this enhancement can begin with Suh.

3. Tampa Bay Buccaneers **Gerald McCoy, DT, Oklahoma**

Tampa Bay's run defense is bad, real bad. The former defense juggernaut Bucs have seriously lost their reputation; they allowed 158.2ypg putting their rush defense dead last in the NFL. The 6'44", 295lb McCoy would be a brick wall capable of stopping most NFL running backs.

4. Washington Redskins **Russell Okung, OT, Oklahoma State**

With long time Redskins OT Chris Samuels in retirement, a gaping hole exists in the organization desperate for someone to protect the newly acquired Donovan McNabb. Without a second round pick this year, the Skins are likely to take a safe pick in the form of Okung who can be a dominant

force for years to come.

5. Kansas City Chiefs **Bryan Bulaga, OT, Iowa**

The Chiefs need help everywhere; however, ranking among the worst in sacks allowed, KC will likely pick up Bulaga to strengthen their otherwise lackluster offensive front. Bulaga's consistent impressive performances last year for the Hawkeyes make him a top-5 pick for sure.

6. Seattle Seahawks **Trent Williams, OT, Oklahoma**

With the first of two first round picks for Seattle, new coach Pete Carroll will look to 6-5, 315lb Trent Williams to aid his offense, an offense ranked 26th in rushing yards a season ago. Protection of quarterback Matt Hasslebeck is essential in winning the NFC West and Williams will put them close to accomplishing that goal.

7. Cleveland Browns **Eric Berry, S, Tennessee**

The last Notre Dame QB drafted by the Browns was Brady Quinn; how'd that work them? Because of this, new coach Mike Holmgren will probably stay clear of the seemingly obvious choice of QB Jimmy Clausen and select Berry, a talented, speedy playmaker than can amp up Cleveland's generous defense.

8. Oakland Raiders **Bruce Campbell, OT, Maryland**

Although the quarterback position is up in the air in Oakland, owner Al Davis' confidence in his uninspiring quarterback corps remains unwavering. He will likely advise drafting Campbell to protect whoever may go under center. This seems a good choice as Campbell is fast and strong; he ran a 4.85 at the combine and posted 34 reps of 225lbs with

his gigantic 6-6, 314lb frame.

9. Buffalo Bills **Jimmy Clausen, QB, Notre Dame**

The quarterbacks in Buffalo have been questionable at best during the best few seasons. The selection of the Notre Dame standout Clausen would be advisable as he could bring not only ability, but also leadership to the position. The Bills need a franchise quarterback and Ryan Fitzpatrick and the departed Trent Edwards certainly weren't it.

10. Jacksonville Jaguars **Derrick Morgan, DE, Georgia Tech**

The Jags have the unfortunate opportunity to play against Peyton Manning and the Colts twice a year; because of this, and despite the signing of the veteran Aaron Kampman at defensive end, the Derrick Morgan selection is still probable. With Kampman coming off an ACL injury, an obstacle that will leave him less than 100%, Morgan is a necessity if the Jaguars want to have any pass rush on opposing signal callers, namely Manning.

11. Denver Broncos **Rolando McClain, ILB, Alabama**

McClain would most certainly fill the void at linebacker created with the Broncos release of Andra Davis. McClain played a similar 3-4 defense at 'Bama and would adapt nicely to Josh McDaniels' scheme. However, with the recent departure of WR Brandon Marshall, it would not be surprising if Denver opted to go with Dez Bryant from Oklahoma State.

12. Miami Dolphins **Dan Williams, NT, Tennessee**

Many draft boards had the Fins taking Dez Bryant at 12; however, the acquisition

of Brandon Marshall allows Bill Parcells and Co. to address other needs, specifically on the defensive line. Williams, at 327lb, is a monster of a man perfect for run stopping on the very giving front 4 of Miami.

13. San Francisco 49ers **Joe Haden, CB, Florida**

With the 49ers pass defense ranked 21st in the league last year, a defensive back is certainly necessary. Although Nate Clements was once one of the best in the business, he has lost a step and needs a young playmaker to pick up the slack. Enter Joe Haden, the top-rated cornerback in the draft perfect for enhancing the unrecognizable names making up the San Francisco secondary.

14. Seattle Seahawks **C.J. Spiller, RB, Clemson**

With their second pick in the first round, the Seahawks will likely address their miserable running game that boasted a mere 97.9ypg a season ago. C.J. Spiller is the top running back in the draft and to pass on him at 14 would be a huge mistake by Pete Carroll and the Seattle management.

15. New York Giants **Sean Weatherspoon, OLB, Missouri**

With McClain already [mock] drafted by the Broncos, the G-Men will look to Weatherspoon to aid their less than adequate linebacking group. Besides his strength, speed, and ability, Weatherspoon possesses the intangibles that make him capable of handling the fast-paced NFL game and certainly valuable as the number 15 pick.

16. Tennessee Titans **Jason Pierre-Paul, DE/OLB, USF**

With veteran DE Kyle Vanden Bosch lost to free

agency, the Titans need to address the hole at the position. Pierre-Paul is extremely quick and has a motor on him similar to a Jared Allen or, the Titans 1999 first round pick, sack artist Jevon Kearse. "JPP" will provide the pass rush Tennessee needs to battle Peyton Manning in the competitive AFC South.

17. San Francisco: **Mike Iupati, G, Idaho**

After addressing the defensive backfield with their first pick, the 49ers anemic offense could also use a boost after it finished 27 overall in total yards. The 6-5, 330lb Iupati is a mauler on the offensive line with a massive frame and immense power and would be an instant starter for the team. Though they could also take an OT, it is almost a certainty that the OL as a whole must be upgraded.

18. Pittsburgh: **Maurkice Pouncey, C, Florida**

The Steelers have needs all over the place: WR, OL, CB, and DL. Pouncey, who can be used as a G or C, will shore up a porous offensive line by using his fluid hips and quick feet to take on defenders. He would provide immediate protection for Roethlisberger, although perhaps not against mobs of angry women.

19. Atlanta: **Brandon Graham, DE, Michigan**

The Falcons tallied a paltry 28 sacks in the regular season, and a DE would go a long way towards alleviating the pressure on CB Dunta Robinson's island. Spotlight Graham, a stout DE with above average athleticism. He sheds blockers well, has a high motor, and would be an immediate disruptive force for the Falcons.

2010 NFL Mock Draft (continued)

20. Houston: Kyle Wilson, CB, Boise St.

Before losing CB Dunta Robinson, the Texans only had a middling pass defense. Now that he's gone, they could certainly use an impact player at the position. Wilson provides immediate value as both a defender and return specialist with good instincts and aggression for the ball. What he lacks in elite speed, Wilson makes up for in quickness, which makes him a solid pick.

21. Cincinnati: Earl Thomas, S, Tennessee

Although defense was an overall strength for the Bengals this past season, S remains a position of need. Pairing Thomas, a solid athlete with

good open-field tackling skills, with young CBs in Hall and Joseph would provide a great deal of solidarity for years to come. Jermaine Gresham could be another possibility here as the Bengals have no true starting TE.

22. New England: Dez Bryant, WR, Oklahoma St.

Surprise! Although the Patriots have typically been linked with players like Graham, Odrick, Kindle, Gresham, and Pouncey, they would be foolish if they didn't take Bryant if he fell this far. The best teams draft according to value, not need. Bryant would address both of these concepts with questions marks surrounding the Patriots receiving corps.

23. Green Bay: Sergio Kindle, OLB, Texas

Combining Kindle with Clay Matthews would provide a beastly, pass-rushing nightmare for opposing QBs. Kindle has the size and athleticism to make the transition from DE to OLB in the Packers 3-4 front. The Packers could also address issues on the OL or at CB with this pick.

24. Philadelphia: Carlos Dunlap, DE, Florida

Gaining OLB Hall and DE Tapp in place of OLB Gocong and DE Clemons (while also cutting DE Howard and OLB Witherspoon) creates a need for the Eagles at the DE/OLB spot. Though he has had his off the field issues, Dunlap is

probably the best fit for the Eagles and their 4-3 scheme.

25. Baltimore: Jermaine Gresham, TE, Oklahoma

Todd Heap is getting old, and he's falling apart. Thus, the Ravens will likely be searching for his replacement and couldn't be happier if Gresham fell to them at 25. Gresham has all the physical tools to be a stud in the NFL, but questions persist about his health after he tore cartilage in his right knee.

26. Arizona: Jerry Hughes, OLB, TCU

Aside from the forgettable Will Davis, the Cardinals don't have an OLB under the age of 30. Hughes would provide an infusion of youth and talent to that position despite being a conversion project. Arizona's pass defense gave up 233.7 ypg, and Hughes combination of speed, balance, tackling and strength could disrupt opposing QB's comfort.

27. Dallas: Anthony Davis, OT, Rutgers

Davis fills a HUGE need for the Cowboys after the release of Flozell Adams. The 6-5, 320lb OT has the agility, size, and footwork to contribute immediately. At times, he can overwhelm defenders at the point of attack, but his tendency to give up on blocks is worrisome.

28. San Diego: Jared Odrick, DT, Penn St.

Odrick is a hardworking DT who has the size to be a 3-4 DE or a 4-3 DT. His power allows him to collapse the pocket and disengage blockers, but he is much more a run-stopper than a pass rusher. The Chargers could also go with a RB (Ryan Matthews) or a NT (Terrence Cody) at this spot.

29. New York Jets: Taylor Mays, S, USC

Though the Jets could certainly use help with their pass rush via an OLB or penetrating DL, FS is also a huge need for the team after trading Kerry Rhodes, and Brodney Pool is not the answer. Mays is a physical specimen who can deliver the big hit and cover a lot of ground in coverage with 4.4 speed.

30. Minnesota: Devin McCourty, CB, Rutgers

Benny Sapp is a stud. Sorry, I lied, which is why the Vikings will likely be looking for another CB at this point in the draft as Cedric Griffin recovers from a torn ACL. McCourty has good size and speed and takes good angles to the ball. He'll have an immediate impact on the Vikings, at least as a nickel back.

31. Indianapolis: Rodger Saffold, OT, Indiana

Without any truly glaring holes on the team, the Colts could look to add some depth to their offensive line. Saffold offers some versatility as a RT or an OG, though he doesn't have ideal size and athletic ability. If they don't take an OL here, they could also look to address the DL.

32. New Orleans: Everson Griffen, DE, USC

Who dat? The Super Bowl Champion Saints have very few problems on the offensive, so they'll almost certainly invest in the defensive side of the ball. Griffen is solid against the run and can provide some pass rush with his impressive power and excellent speed for his size. Coupling him with recent addition Alex Brown could instantly upgrade their defensive front.

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MLB 2010 Preview

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With the beginning of the regular season underway, the Observer takes a look at all 30 teams around the league, taking a stab at where they will finish by division.

* - Wild Card team



AL East

1. Yankees – They've perhaps taken a step backwards offensively even despite the acquisition of the electric Curtis Granderson, who hit a mere .183 against lefties last season and just .249 overall. They finally got the obvious Joba Chamberlain decision right by placing him in the bullpen and inserting Phil Hughes into the rotation. Certainly, it's tough to pick against a veteran group that won 103 games en route to the title last year.

2. Red Sox* – Despite the critics, the offense will be a valuable asset. Josh Beckett's extension got done, and the pairing of him and Jon Lester with John Lackey gives Boston the best rotation in baseball. Watch for big numbers from Victor Martinez and David Ortiz in contract years.

3. Rays – Their talent isn't far off from the Sox and Yanks, if at all. Young phenoms Jeff Niemann, David Price, and Wade Davis could prove to be even more effective than established starters Matt Garza and James Shields. They need to get off to a hot start or else they'll be forced to trade soon-to-be free agents Carl Crawford and Carlos Pena come midseason.

4. Orioles – Could a return to mild respectability be in the works? Baltimore hopes 23-year-old catcher

Matt Wieters is the real deal, and the outfield is loaded with young talent in Nolan Reimold (26), Adam Jones (24), and Nick Markakis (26). Kevin Millwood provides some leadership within the rotation, but the pitching is still not up to par in the tough AL East.

5. Blue Jays – Toronto missed an opportunity to get a huge return on its investment by not trading Roy Halladay last July. They instead dealt him this winter and got the young Kyle Drabek in the process, but he won't be in the majors out of the gate. While fans have basically given up on Vernon Wells, will Aaron Hill and Adam Lind experience continued success?

AL Central

1. Twins – They just re-upped with AL MVP Joe Mauer (eight years, \$184 million) but lost elite closer Joe Nathan for the year after Tommy John surgery. They didn't have former MVP Justin Morneau down the stretch last year in the playoffs, and the addition



of Orlando Hudson provides even more lineup depth. Minnesota is hoping Francisco Liriano will regain his 2006 form (2.16 ERA in 121 IP).

2. White Sox – It remains to be seen how well ace Jake Peavy (3-0, 1.35 in three starts last September) performs in the AL for a full season, but a healthy Carlos Quentin and the impending breakout of Gordon Beckham makes them dangerous. The bullpen, however, could turn out to be manager Ozzie Guillen's Achilles heel.

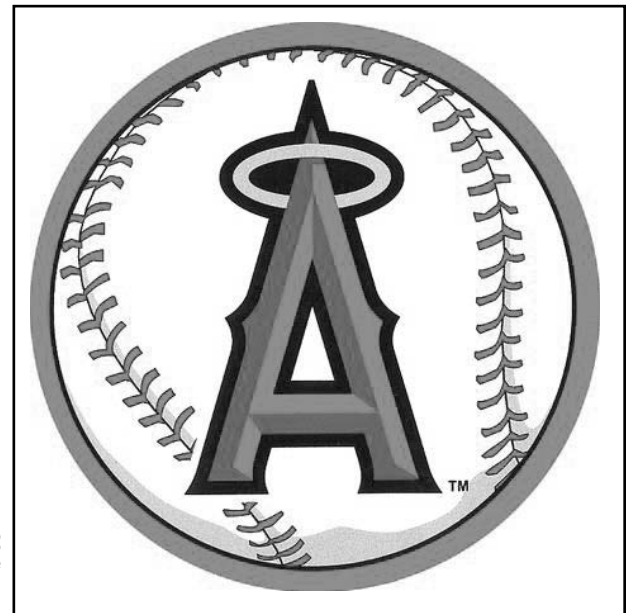
3. Tigers – They dealt Granderson and Edwin Jackson to shed payroll in the financially-starved city of Detroit, and star Miguel Cabrera was recovering from alcoholism this offseason. Not many positive headlines coming into the season, but ace Justin Verlander will be around to anchor the rotation for a while (five years, \$80 million).

4. Royals – Cy Young winner Zack Greinke is the

club's main (and only) attraction. Third baseman Alex Gordon – the second overall pick in 2005 – has yet to live up to expectations and time is running out on the 26-year-old.

5. Indians – Sad to think that this team is just two years removed from an ALCS appearance in 2007. Shin-Soo Choo is bonafide, but Grady Sizemore has to get his career back on track (.248-18-64 in 106 games last season).

AL West



1. Angels – They lost Chone Figgins and Lackey to free agency, and teams within the division have made vast improvements. Kendry Morales needs to have another .300-30-100 season, and Joel Pineiro needs to carry over the success he had in the NL from last year, but the AL West (for once) is by no means a sure thing.

2. Mariners – The acquisition of former Cy Young winner Cliff Lee gives them a dominant 1-2 punch with Felix Hernandez. Although the offense has been anemic at times, Seattle should sport one of the best pitching staffs and best defenses in the league.

3. Rangers – How could you not fire your manager after a drug test showed he used cocaine? Interesting set of circumstances for a young team that contended into the final month of the season for the wild card spot a year ago.

4. Athletics – They have young talent in the rotation in Brett Anderson and Trevor Cahill. They have the reigning Rookie of the Year in closer Andrew Bailey. They have a pitcher with the best name in baseball – Josh Outman. But it looks as if Ben Sheets will be a trade deadline candidate in Oakland.

MLB 2010 Preview (continued)

NL East



1. Phillies – Roy Halladay matching up against NL lineups is heavenly for the reigning league champs, and the lineup is still dangerous as ever with Chase Utley, Ryan Howard, free agent to be Jayson Werth and newly added Placido Polanco. Expect a big bounce back year from a rejuvenated Cole Hamels, but something has to be done at the back end of the bullpen after closer Brad Lidge's disastrous 2009 (7.21 ERA).

2. Braves* – This will be manager Bobby Cox's 25th and final year at the helm, and 20-year-old Jason Heyward spotlights a team hopeful to be in the chase for a playoff spot come late September. Despite dealing Javier Vazquez to the Yankees in a salary dump, the rotation is very deep, but the comebacks of first baseman Troy Glaus and closer Billy Wagner could decide Atlanta's fate.

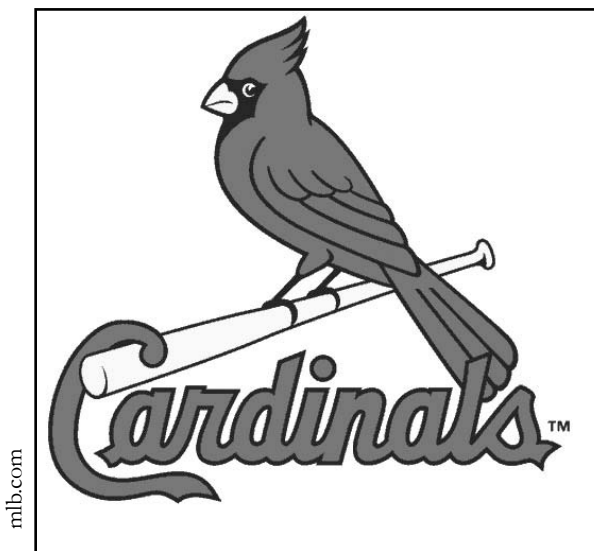
3. Marlins – The team won 84 games in 2008 and three more last year despite the lowest payroll in baseball. Although Hanley Ramirez and Rookie of the Year Chris Coghlan are mainstays, look for infielders Dan Uggla and Jorge Cantu to be shipped out if Florida gets off to a slow start.

4. Mets – They have star-power everywhere – David Wright, Jose Reyes, Carlos Beltran, newly-signed Jason Bay, Johan Santana, Francisco Rodriguez – but seem to get riddled with nothing but poor luck, injuries, and sheer embarrassment. Many were surprised they didn't sign another starter, as a lot will be riding on what appears to be an underwhelming rotation.

5. Nationals – They've added some quality veterans in Matt Capps, Jason Marquis, and Pudge Rodriguez to go along with Ryan Zimmerman and Adam Dunn, so look for them to lose less than 100 games in 2010. The Stephen Strasburg saga will be intense to watch, and best bet says he's in the majors by May after a few minor league tune-ups.

NL Central

1. Cardinals – There may be no better middle of the lineup duo better than Albert Pujols and Matt Holiday, and St. Louis just so happens to have potential Cy Young candidates in Adam Wainwright and Chris Carpenter as well. They may turn out to be the top team in the NL should Philadelphia's bullpen implode once again.



2. Brewers – They had one of the worst starting staffs in baseball last year, but they signed lefty Randy Wolf to complement Yovani Gallardo in the rotation. With Ryan Braun and Prince Fielder anchoring the offense, they could overtake Chicago and compete for a Wild Card spot.

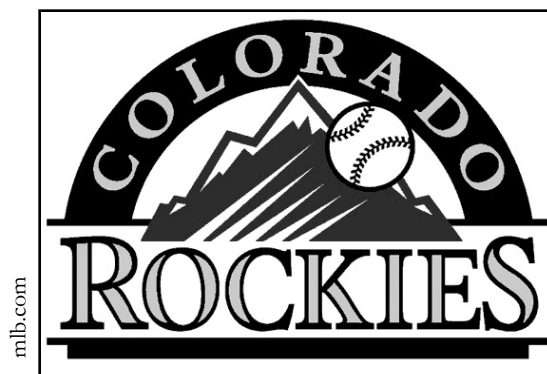
3. Cubs – It's been proven by now that their key players – Alfonso Soriano, Aramis Ramirez, Derrek Lee, Carlos Zambrano – simply aren't winners. They could win 90 games, but things just always seem to go awry at Wrigley. At least Milton Bradley is out of town.

4. Reds – Joey Votto and Jay Bruce need to establish themselves as regular All-Stars, and if so, Cincinnati could surprise. They ran into some major injuries in the rotation last year, but they could prove serious if Edinson Volquez and Johnny Cueto pitch well.

5. Astros – Former Red Sox bench coach Brad Mills will try to save ship in Houston, as the organization has been middling for years now without making a true organizational decision concerning which direction to go. Veterans Lance Berkman, Carlos Lee, and Roy Oswalt have the talent but don't seem committed to the cause anymore.

6. Pirates – The speedy Andrew McCutchen is fun to watch, but otherwise, Pittsburgh fans will hope for the best out of Sid the Kid's Penguins before gearing up for the franchise's 18th consecutive losing season.

NL West



1. Rockies – Colorado went 74-42 under Jim Tracy last season after the firing of former manager Clint Hurdle, and the Rockies had a stretch in June where they won 17 of 18 games. Ubaldo Jimenez is a young ace, and the return of Jeff Francis adds some stabilizing depth to the rotation. Although prone to the strikeout, the offense has seven hitters capable of 20+ home runs. Assuming they can survive injured closer Huston Street's absence to begin the year, they could prevail in a division that's certainly up for grabs.

2. Dodgers – Owner Frank McCourt's divorce has shaken the financial outlook of the organization (his wife is reportedly seeking nearly \$1 million per month). Any offense featuring Matt Kemp, Andre Ethier, and Manny Ramirez will rake, but the rotation must rely solely on youngsters Clayton Kershaw and Clay Billingsley (3-7, 5.20 ERA after the All-Star break) to anchor the staff.

3. Diamondbacks – Don't sleep on Arizona, a team just two years removed from an NLCS appearance. GM Josh Byrnes – a Theo Epstein disciple – has a slew of young hitters, including 26-year-old Mark Reynolds (44 HR, 102 RBI last year) and 22-year-old Justin Upton (25 HR, 86 RBI). The injury to Brandon Webb all but spelled the end of their season in 2009, but if he is healthy alongside Dan Haren, this organization could quickly get back on track.

4. Giants – Two-time Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum (2.48 ERA) and All-Star Matt Cain (2.89) head a sterling rotation, but the offense – aside from Pablo Sandoval – is as nonexistent as Tiger Woods' fidelity. Look for top catching prospect Buster Posey to make an impact, and look for the team to go get a bat (Adam Dunn, Carlos Pena?) to add some thump to the lineup.

5. Padres – The biggest and only question: when will GM Jed Hoyer – yet another Theo Epstein disciple – deal slugger Adrian Gonzalez? The first baseman (who has averaged 35 HR and 106 RBI the last three years) is a trade deadline candidate, and perhaps a perfect fit in Boston – a place where Hoyer spent eight years before being brought on board by San Diego last October.

So Very Hard to Go: The Observer Says Goodbye to Seniors



The Observer Staff

Tim Callahan *Editor in Chief*

Although every year of graduating seniors affects the Observer in a tangible way, this particular class will be particularly hard to replace. Seven individuals, representing five editors and two staff writers, contributed mightily to the Observer and were fundamental to its evolution as a student-run newspaper.

Christopher P. Swett (an official name if there ever was one) was our hardworking Layout editor, who spent long weekends in the office, stayed up until 3 a.m., and left food for long periods of time in the fridge. Without his diligence, it simply would not have been possible for the paper to begin printing every two weeks. Upon graduating, Christopher will be working full time at a local bank, and he hopes to eventually become Vice Presi-

dent of Human Resources at a small bank in NH. Whatever his future may indeed hold, he will be successful because of his work ethic and agreeable demeanor.

Our Photo Editor, Suzanne Lentell, is also graduating this year, and we're all sorry to see her go. Her dedication to the Observer is unquestionable, and she even contributed when she was studying abroad in Australia. Suzanne thanked her parents and all of those who helped her through her time at SNHU, especially Susan Losapio. Anyone who has had the fortune of meeting Suzanne can attest to just how sweet she is, and we all wish her future prosperity, which she will undoubtedly attain.

Nate Roos always has a smile on his face and lightened the conversation at meetings before they became too serious. As a Sports writer, Nate pursued one of his passions and shared it with those around him. We all enjoyed his article about the

aging Celtics so much, in fact, that we printed it twice in the same issue. No matter the circumstances of the day, Nate always remained unflinchingly pleasant. The Observer really couldn't lose a nicer individual.

Serving as the Managing Editor for the past year, Zach Keating dealt with any and all financial issues regarding the Observer with a certain gusto befitting one who enjoys conflict. His matter-of-fact way of stating things that got the job done in an efficient manner. Zach plans to attend Air Force Officer Candidate School. Until then, he can be found shooting the breeze as he works at a bar, while just being the man in general. The Observer loses a consummate professional in Zach with his graduation.

Sinziana "Sinzi" Scoarta is a diligent, earnest, and conscientious individual who deeply cared about the Observer in her time as A&E and Opinion Editor. Generally, Sinzi provided a distinct, well-informed

perspective for the Observer and gave writers a plethora of article ideas that she was seemingly privy to. She was also the most effective editor at critiquing the paper as a whole and pointing out any and all errors that everyone else missed. Without Sinzi, the Observer would have suffered greatly from a lack of coverage, worth, and scrupulousness.

When he wasn't lip syncing in the pub, Dustin Senor contributed to the Observer as a Sports writer, emphasizing SNHU sports coverage. Dustin was always more than willing to discuss college sports (or just sports in general) with anyone who was eager to listen. We missed Dustin's unique personality for a while as he was out with a prolonged illness and wish we had that time back since he'll unfortunately be leaving us for greener pastures now.

Dillon St. Jean admirably served as the Creative Editor for the Observer. His quirky

personality was enjoyed by the entire staff, and he'll be leaving SNHU with a few more things than he came with. Although he didn't have much luck in getting people to submit their work for the Creative section, Dillon still managed to provide the Observer with quality submissions for our readers to enjoy. Dillon has no shortage of creativity reflected through the many stories and poems he published in the paper over the years; he's also pretty great at drawing comics!

It goes without saying that the graduating seniors will be missed, and the incoming writers and editors will need to put forth their best effort to carry on the seniors' legacy. The seniors represented a professional, yet personable group who made meetings enjoyable and productive. We wish all of them luck in their future endeavors (although they probably won't need it).