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New apartment update!

By Heather Anderson
Managing Editor

Room selection has come and gone, and this year students got another option

for where they want to live. As we all know, the apartments across the street are underway. Like regarding most things that take place on campus, there have been many rumors about these new apartments. During a recent interview, John Miles, VP of Finance and Operations and Treasurers, cleared up the hearsay.

The apartments are right on schedule, and unless any complications arise they will be ready for students to move into in September. There are two buildings being built; right now they are called A and B. When the construction is complete, they will be assigned names. The buildings are 30,000 sq. ft. each with 200 beds total. Unlike in any other residence hall on

The total distance is approximately 1/2 mile from the apartments to the main campus.

campus, there will be four single rooms in each apartment. When asked why they chose to do single rooms, Miles said, "That's the way constructions on campuses are going." More and more

colleges will be moving toward this modern trend.

Contrary to popular belief, there will not be a full-size snack bar. There will be some sort of vending room similar to the one found in New

Castle. Also, there will be no shuttles transporting students back and forth. The total distance is approximately 1/2 mile from the apartments to the main campus. Most college campuses stretch many miles, so there is no reason for the college to invest in carrying students back and forth.

As we all know, parking on campus is not exactly a fun part of anyone's day. So will the apartments have their own parking lots with separate decals? Miles said that parking is being discussed but there are no definite plans.

There are limited spaces and he thinks people will realize there is no reason to drive from that side to this side of the street. Chances are students will not find a spot and have to drive back over.

What about the traffic that passes along North River Road at speeds above the limit? In the future the administration looks to close the road down to just Southern New Hampshire University; however, a great deal of work on the route 3 bypass must be done before this may happen. Once this is completed, Hooksett could turn North River Road over to SNHU. Until then, students will have to look both ways before crossing.

SNHU is improving by the day. What's next for the campus once this massive construction is complete? While there are many ideas on the drawing board, it's not yet decided which will be first on the agenda. Some possibilities include a new academic building, a residence hall, and perhaps the top priority of a new dining service area that will eventually include a student center.



Building A (top) and Building B (bottom) will be officially renamed upon their completion. The construction project is currently on time and the new apartments should be ready for occupancy in the fall.

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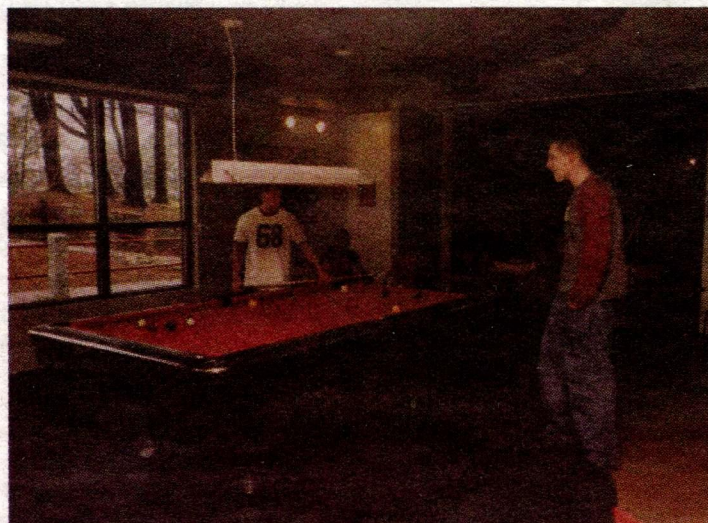
Campus wide blackout no joke!

By Heather Anderson
Managing Editor

This April Fools Day, many students were left in the dark, literally. At around 2 p.m. on April 1, Southern New Hampshire experienced a power outage. Many students were happy to hear they didn't have to walk in the pouring rain to their 3:30 classes. Students went to dinner off campus because even the café was out of power. Some residence halls lost no power, while others, like the townhouse residents, were left with no heat, television, computers or lights. Students were

forced to remember the old days when people had no electricity; however, it wasn't easy because they are so used to all the modern conveniences such as the Internet. Many professors were unaware that some students were out of power for eight hours, leaving them to attempt studying and writing papers with a flashlight. The only building that was not affected was Belknap Hall, because they do not have the same power supply as the rest of the school; they are connected to the power from the street.

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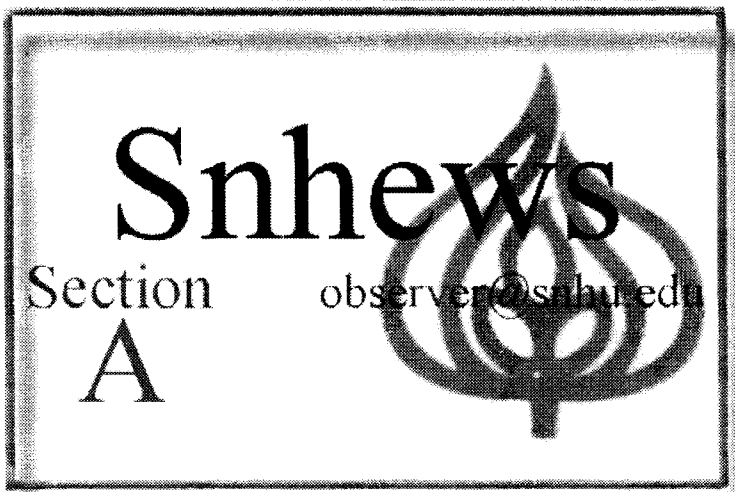
Die hard pool players played by the light of a window and a set of emergency light in the pub during the April 1 blackout on campus.

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As students sat in silence they wondered what they would do once the daylight was gone. They joined together and combined any source of light they had. Students are not allowed to have candles and any they had were confiscated, so they were left searching for flashlights so they would not have to sit in the dark all night. Many people called their residence assistants and directors, but even they were unsure of what was going on. All they could do was reassure students that they were trying to find the problem, and we were not anticipating being out of power all night.

What caused the power outage? The school is still looking for an answer. While many administrators speculate about what actually happened, they are still unsure. The power company found a way to bypass the problem to get the power back until they find out what the problem is.

Although the campus has power back, some things are not completely back to normal, like the phone system, for example. Some offices on campus are having trouble transferring calls to the appropriate person. The power company has been on campus this week trying to figure out the problem and fix it.

SNHU Honors Student-Athletes

Seventeen Southern New Hampshire University student-athletes were honored for their academic excellence during a luncheon Thursday, April 1, 2004 in observance of National Student-Athlete Day. The student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade point average from each varsity sport was recognized.

The recipients were **Mike Simone (Newton, NH)** for men's soccer, **Dan Bergeron (Nashua, NH)** for men's lacrosse, **Kristen King (Berlin, NH)** for women's lacrosse, **Danielle Jendrasko (Portland, ME)** for softball, **Kara Dufour (Exeter, NH)** for women's cross country, **Bryan Fontaine (Boscawen, NH)** for men's tennis, **Anthony Aucoin (Southbridge, MA)** for baseball, **Julie Hautanen (Jaffrey, NH)** for women's tennis, **Lise Laczek (Cheshire, CT)** for women's volleyball, **Matt Wiesinger (Pittsburgh, PA)** for men's basketball, **Taryn Riley (Hopdale, MA)** for

cheerleading, **Tim Fewster (Kitchener, Ontario)** for ice hockey, **Eric Monty (Wrentham, MA)** for men's cross country, **Denise Nicoletta (Westford, MA)** and **Stephanie O'Neil (Bristol, CT)** for women's soccer, **Jason Greene (Woburn, MA)** for golf and **Amy Stilphen (Gardiner, ME)** for women's basketball. Dufour, Fontaine, Hautanen, Laczek, Nicoletta and Stilphen were all repeat honorees.

Each of the honorees were accompanied by a faculty member or administrator who has been influential in their academic success. Dr. George Larkin, Vice president of Student Affairs, addressed the recipients as well.

Celebrated annually since 1987, National Student-Athlete Day celebrates outstanding student-athletes who have achieved excellence in academics and athletics while having made significant contributions to the community.

Exile art at SNHU

By Stephanie Herget
Editor in Chief

The McNinch Art Gallery is hosting yet another remarkable exhibit, "EXILE: Works by Dorothy Abram and Enko Kadenic." This show began on March 20; make sure you stop by the gallery, located in Robert Frost Hall.

This exhibit, created by Abram, takes the topic of exile and displays it in many different ways. While Abram uses the theme of exile in the Jewish religion, Kadenic relies mainly on his background of when he lived in Bosnia, where neighbor slaughtered neighbor because of religious differences. He depicts the sorrow and the pity of war and subsequent exile from one's homeland. Along with being an artist, Kadenic is an engineer, and both of these professions have added to his dramatic pieces of art.

Abram uses light as her artistic medium, and with



Works by Dorothy Abram and Enko Kadenic will on display until April 15 in the McNinch Art Gallery.

Stephanie Herget photo

this she creates installations which she calls "meditations." She does this in hopes of bringing awareness through light, sound and space. Abram graduated from Boston University and went on to Harvard University where she received a doctoral degree. She has worked as an adjunct philosophy professor at Johnson and Whales University in Rhode Island and as an instructor in three-dimensional design in Manchester at the Currier Museum of Art.

While visiting the McNinch Art Gallery you will see a variety of works. Here are a few you should look for: "Through the Fire," "In Agony" and "Banja Luka," all by Kadenic. Abram displays "A meditation on Exile & Identity," "Elohei Sara – the God of Sara" and "Ushpizin: The Covenant." This exhibit will last only until April 15, so take time soon to drop in and take a look at the magnificent pieces of art.

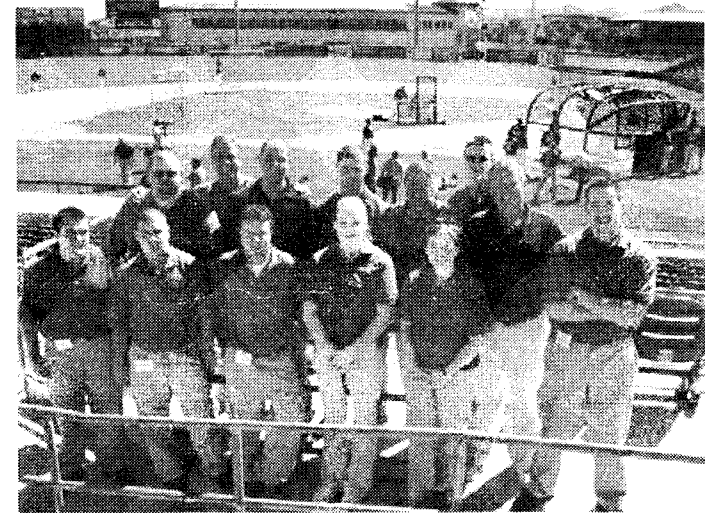
Sport Management Club goes to Florida

By Matthew Petrarca
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Contributing Writer

1482 miles and a 40-degree temperature difference separated 10 SNHU Sport Management students and their spring break destination of Palm Beach, Florida, for spring break and spring training at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter.

While at the stadium, spring home of the Florida Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals, both the students and professors saw themselves in different roles as part of the day-to-day operations that it takes to pull off a Major League Baseball game.

While some of the students were at the gates ripping tickets, helping out in the press box, and working in the team store, sophomore Ken Caddy got the chance to be the batboy for when the defending world champion Florida Marlins faced the Montreal Expos. "Being a batboy was a once-in-a-



Members of the SNHU Sport Management Club are pictured here at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida, during their recent trip.

courtesy photo

lifetime opportunity," he said. "I was able to interact with the players, coaches and everyone in between."

The trip to spring training became possible after Prof. Mike Jones met Rob Rabenacker, general manager of Roger Dean Stadium, at Major League Baseball's annual winter meetings. Rabenacker was just one of many important contacts that Jones made while in New Orleans.

Also while in Florida the

students got an inside look at the headquarters of The PGA of America in Palm Beach Gardens. Sophomore Dave McAdams had this to say about the visit: "Being able to visit the PGA headquarters was a great experience; to see all of the trophies that people like Tiger Woods have their names on was amazing. Any golf fan would be impressed."

* See Sport Management pg. 14

From the Editor

With the weather we have been having lately you may have forgotten that we are officially in the spring season. March 20 was the first day of spring, but for us in the northeast it was just a continuation of the season that never ends, winter. With less than two months of school left, I hope that we are able to experience at least one "beach day."



Stephanie Herget, Observer Editor in Chief.
Observer file photo

Spring sports have returned from spring training and are now underway. I am sure most of the athletes are sick and tired of practicing in the gym and are ready to strap on their cleats and get outside. Women's lacrosse, the newest addition to our spring lineup, and the rest of the spring teams will be hitting the fields sooner than we think, so make sure you go out and root for your favorite team.

Spring also brings a very exciting yet stressful time of year, graduation. Seniors are beginning to realize that the real world is quickly approaching and that college life is coming to an end, but not without one last hurrah. Senior week activities have officially been scheduled, so make sure you check your mailbox or stop by the info booth to get the latest information.

For the rest of the student body, who aren't graduating, you are probably facing some stressful times as well. Registration and room selections for next year have already begun. Trying to get the classes you need at the times you want is extremely challenging, especially when some of the classes you need aren't being offered. But keep in mind that although the class may not be offered this semester, you can always take the class the following semester. Also, room selection is one of the things that most people dread. Choosing who you should live with, which building you should live in and then waiting in line for hours just to find out what you wanted is already occupied has to be frustrating. But this year there has been an addition to our campus, two

brand-new apartment buildings, which hopefully has helped students in the decision process.

This issue of the Observer will inform you on the progress across the street. Heather Anderson is going to answer the questions you may have been asking yourself about the new apartments. Lindsay Frydryk is keeping her column strong this issue by addressing how far is too far when it comes to plastic surgery. A&E has a number of different articles ranging from the art gallery to a musical concert. Juanita and Spike can be seen in the Opinion section and, Sports will keep you up to date with the latest scores and stats.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Observer. As always, if you have any ideas, comment or questions you can e-mail us at observer@snhu.edu or you can come to one of our meetings. We meet on Tuesdays at 11:45 a.m. in Robert Frost Hall Room 201.

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An invitation to submit your work to the

McIninch Art Gallery

Community Art Show

April 23 – May 20, 2004

Submission deadline **April 10** (details below). Open to all **SNHU students, employees and domestic partners.**

If you paint, draw, take photos, sculpt, or make other artistic works, here is an opportunity to have them exhibited at the McIninch Art Gallery. Prizes include cash and a gift certificate to the SNHU Bookstore (Follett Corp.).

You can submit more than one work, but probably only one will actually be shown. To submit works, bring them to Dr. Craven's office, RF 344, during one of the following times:

Thursday, April 8	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Friday, April 9	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Saturday, April 10	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Questions? Call Dr. Craven at (603) 668-2211, x2226 or email r.craven@snhu.edu.

Public safety log

**Compiled by
Kara Dufour
Business Manager**

**Date: 3/9/04
Time: 17:20**

At the above date and time PS received a call from the ad lab. The caller said, "A raccoon is walking around outside and doesn't look good." A PSO went to the location and couldn't find the animal.

**Date: 3/13/04
Time: 11:00**

At the above date and time a PSO responded to the soccer field to meet with a coach. The coach said he was having a problem with a parent in the stands watching the youth soccer game. He said the parent was upset over a penalty during the game. The coach asked the parent to calm down, or he would have to leave. The parent re-

sponded, "Who's going to make me." By the time the PSO arrived, the parent had calmed down. The coach said he did not need the PSO to speak with the parent as long as he remained in control. The PSO stayed until the parent left the area.

**Date: 3/14/04
Time: 4:00**

At the above date and time a PSO was working at the gatehouse when a driver and a student passenger stopped. The driver said he wanted to drop the student off and then come right out. The PSO asked for the student's ID and he refused but gave the PSO his name. The PSO checked the list against the student's name, and found he was not registered to be on campus. The PSO politely told the student to leave and he started shouting using the "F" language. He said "(expletive deleted) you

(expletive deleted)!" The driver got out of the car and started yelling, banging the glass window of the gatehouse. The student told the PSO to come out and get the beating of his life. He threatened that the next time he saw the PSO, he would do something harmful.

**Date: 3/15/04
Time: 18:30**

At the above date and time a professor called and said he had left the campus with books and a book bag on top of his car. A PSO found the book bag and books, just past Central Receiving in a ditch. The books were spread out for twenty-five yards. All items were placed in PS.

**Date: 3/17/04
Time: 21:40**

At the above date and time a PSO observed a female student driving a white Jetta.

The student parked on the fire road in front of Whittier and opened her trunk. The PSO approached her and told her to remove the car from campus or else he would boot it and tow it. The student said she was going to get laundry from her room. The PSO explained that if she went inside, the car would be booted and then towed away. The student argued while the PSO went to get the boot. The student got in her car and left campus. When getting in her car, she requested that the PSO put in the report how much of a (expletives deleted) he was.

**Date: 3/22/04
Time: 21:30**

At the above date and time PS was notified of a mouse on the loose in Ossipee. A PSO went to the location and moved some furniture and the mouse ran into the ladies' room. The PSO was going to club it with

his flashlight but it ran between his legs into a room. Maintenance was notified.

**Date: 3/28/04
Time: 4:15**

At the above date and time residents in Whittier reported that someone was firing paint balls at their window and they believed the shooting was coming from Greeley. The window was hit three times. The residents did not actually see which room it was coming from but came to that conclusion because a window in Greeley was open. A PSO checked the area and found that six windows were open and could not determine which room the paint ball gun was in. No further action was taken.

The Center For Financial Studies

The Center for Financial Studies and the Economics/Finance Department at Southern New Hampshire University is offering a new course, **FIN345 Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF)** for undergraduate students. FIN345 provides an opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of the portfolio management process through management of a REAL investment fund consisting of \$50,000 of SNHU's endowment. Security analysis in the course will focus on sectors which include firms that typically hire SNHU graduates, thereby facilitating research in anticipation of post-graduation job searches.

FIN345 will address all aspects of the management of the funds, including:

- * Establishing Investment Philosophy and Investment Policy guidelines.
- * Preparing an Investment Process Statement.
- * Analyzing and selecting securities.
- * Administrative aspects of the fund's brokerage account, e.g., trading authorizations and fiduciary issues.
- * Portfolio monitoring and risk management.
- * Fund reporting and auditing.

This course will be offered for the first time in Fall 2004 on Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30-10:45am, in the Center for Financial Studies, RF-111. Prior to enrolling in FIN345, students must have satisfactorily completed FIN320. For more information about FIN345, contact Professor David Fehr, X3197 or d.fehr@snhu.edu.



Iraqi children master art of begging

By Mark Washburn
KRT

BAGHDAD, Iraq — "Pepsi, Pepsi," the Iraqi boy implores the U.S. soldiers guarding a convoy stopped on the roadside.

No Pepsi.

"Baby," he says, making a popcorn-eating motion, meaning he was little and wanted food.

No sale.

Then a new tack. "Money for shoes!" he calls, smiling and pointing to his bare feet.

No handout.

He moves up the line to a tractor-trailer whose civilian driver is inspecting his flatbed load and repeats his appeals. The driver hands over an MRE, a military meal sealed in vinyl.

As the convoy pulls out, the boy— he looks about 4 or 5— clutches the MRE against his small chest, tiny but experienced fingers tugging out a pack of M&Ms.

The encounter, replayed dozens of times daily along the main supply routes feeding the occupation force in Iraq, is, by turns, a poignant, comical and sometimes tragic ballet with pity and poverty in starring roles.

Today's convoy is on a 340-mile journey that started at dawn in southern Iraq and will end at dusk north of Baghdad.

It first stops for mechanical adjustments near Samawah in southern Iraq, on a forlorn swath where little vegetation obstructs the desolate panorama.

Soon, as though bidden by a genie's magical fingerplay, children appear where no children had been before, barefoot and fearless

panhandlers materializing from the desert dust.

Because of the massive tradeout of U.S. forces — 200,000 soldiers are on the move in and out of Iraq now — more than a dozen convoys can pass this spot in an hour. When one stops, it beckons like a many-wheeled pinata.

A small boy about 4 walks up wearing a soiled Dallas Cowboys T-shirt, opens a candy bar he's gotten from a trucker and throws the wrapper to the ground.

"Food, food," he bleats to the soldiers. "No shoes, no shoes."

The oldest child is perhaps 12. No adults are in sight. Convoys are pounding past at 60 mph or more.

First Lt. Eric Hedlund, 33, of Rio Rancho, N.M., admits he's conflicted about the begging children, in part because he suspects the MREs and candy they take from truckers feed those who shoot at convoys at night. "Most of the food they give out goes to support the anti-coalition cause," he says.

But he says it is Iraq's youngest generation that is easiest to win over in a struggle for hearts and minds. When he goes to a village near his base, he carries candy for the children that he pays for himself because rules of engagement prohibit giving military food or water to Iraqis.

On the convoy route, though, he shakes the children off, doesn't want them near the trucks.

"We've had kids get run over trying to get candy," Hedlund says.

"Many have been hit, I

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p. 12

Kerry focuses on South despite Democrats' recent struggles there

By David Jackson
The Dallas Morning News
KRT

JACKSON, Miss. — From peeling crawfish in New Orleans to attending church in Mississippi, John Kerry is busy doing the Southern thing — no easy task for a Massachusetts Democrat who also writes poetry and hangs out with Sen. Edward Kennedy.

While many analysts believe cultural issues will sink him in the South the way they have other Democrats, Kerry said Sunday that the region has the same domestic worries as anyplace else.

"I believe people in the South care deeply about jobs," he said before addressing supporters at Tougaloo College. "About health care — the costs are outta sight, too many people don't have it."

Education, the environment and the budget deficit are also important issues in the South, asserted the candidate, who said, "I'm going to run the same campaign in every part of the country."

In recent years, Southerners — particularly white male Southerners — have turned away from Democrats over issues such as abortion, gun control, the sexual revolution, gay rights, affirmative action and a high wall of separation between church and state.

"It takes some connection to, some understanding of, some affinity for the cultural conservatism of the South," said Ferrel Guillory, director of the program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life at the University of North Carolina.

It's gotten to the point where Tennessee native Al Gore couldn't carry a single Southern state in 2000,

depending on how one interprets Florida.

Some Democrats even believe Kerry should virtually ignore the South. Given the Democratic tilts in the Northeast and on the West Coast, supporters said, he should focus more on the industrial Midwest or the rising Hispanic populations of Arizona and New Mexico.

"Most of the South, sure, you can write off," said Ruy Teixeira, co-author of "The Emerging Democratic Majority."

At best, he added, the Kerry campaign should focus on Florida, given the oh-so-close and litigated contest there in 2000, and maybe one or two other states. Certainly Republican supporters of President Bush are confident about the South, believing voters there respond to Bush's leadership.

"Have we been successful in the South? Yes," said Bush campaign spokesman Danny Diaz. "But we're not taking any votes for granted."

Kerry planned his current tour in conjunction with the upcoming primaries on Southern Tuesday: Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana and, perhaps most important to Democrats, Florida.

Explaining Republican success in the South depends largely on which side you talk to.

Conservatives tend to cite cultural factors: that Southerners are more comfortable with the GOP because of its emphasis on religion and family values.

Liberals tend to attribute the shift to residue from the civil rights movement: that many Southerners resent Democratic identification with blacks, Hispanics

and women.

But simply ceding the South to Bush gives him a huge leg up in the Electoral College, analysts said.

Southern and border states — Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia — total 172 electoral votes. That's only 98 short of the number needed to win the presidency.

Kerry aides pointed out that one of his nine wins last week came in Georgia. He also won Southern primaries in Virginia and Tennessee.

The Massachusetts senator does have a few things going for him in the South, analysts said. One is his experience as a Vietnam veteran.

"That goes against that elitist, Chardonnay-drinking image," said Teixeira.

Kerry is also making a populist appeal to Southerners, saying they are being held down on jobs, education and health care while Bush takes care of his rich friends.

"Certainly Kerry's got an opening on the economic issues," Guillory said, but he added: "Democrats have a hard time appealing on economic issues alone in the South."

Earlier, speaking to the congregation at the Greater Bethlehem Temple Church in Jackson, Kerry decried the "hollowness" that "tries to divide black and white, rich and poor, Massachusetts and Mississippi."

"In fact, some people just want us pointing fingers at each other," he added. "The reason they do that is so no one points a finger at them."

Bush is taking center stage. She appears in some of the TV spots. She raises money. She rallies supporters, woos the undecideds.

Politics is a people business, she said in an interview last week in her White House office. And over time, she's grown accustomed to it.

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Laura Bush a calming anchor during president's stormy term

By G. Robert Hillman
The Dallas Morning News
KRT

WASHINGTON — Laura Bush sits at the president's side upstairs in the White House and talks softly into the camera.

"The strength, the focus, the characteristics that these times demand," she says, endorsing her husband in one of his re-election campaign's first television commercials.

In this campaign more than any other, Laura



We have a funny bone to pick with TV

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

This week's Entertainment Weekly cover story asks a great question: Are sitcoms dead?

In a world that is more "Survivor" than "Seinfeld," more "CSI" than "The Simpsons," it's a good question. The answer? Yikes, let's hope not.

And not just because we need something to help us escape from a 24-hour news cycle. We need sitcoms because, as a nation, we need to laugh at ourselves while coping with an ever-changing society.

"All in the Family" tickled our funny bones and nudged us in the ribs on race relations. Minneapolis' best-known TV news writer, Mary Richards, turned the world on with her smile but also showed us that a woman could be the life and spirit of a workplace. And "Will and Grace" have dealt with gay-

straight relationships through physical comedy that reminds us why we still love Lucy.

But, lo and behold, our "Friends" are packing up and heading for the suburbs. Frasier Crane is about to stop listening. And many sitcoms that stick to the old formulas fall flatter than a Carrot Top commercial. Or, worse, they try something new but struggle hopelessly against the latest crime drama or match-maker setup.

Even so, we're counting on TV's executives to keep searching for the next creative spark the next "Cheers" or "Bill Cosby Show." The Great American Sitcom remains our best chance to escape from and poke fun at reality

Cell phone privacy: Listed, like it or not?

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)

Are you choosy about whom you give your cell phone number to? It may come as a shock that, by year's end, anybody and everybody might have your number.

Not only that, you might have unwittingly granted permission for that to happen. In a matter of months, many cell phone companies hope to work out the technical details permitting them to list mil-

lions of numbers in an electronic 411 directory.

They're promising to protect phone users' privacy. But an industry guarantee alone may not be sufficient.

So before the directory is launched, Congress needs to air fully a number of proposals aimed at safeguarding cell phone users' private information — as well as their numbers, if they choose to be left alone.

Quick fix for imperfections

**By Lindsay Frydryk
Staff writer**

Whatever happened to being thankful for what we had and focusing on the good rather than bad? Today more than ever people across the world are becoming obsessed with changing what they think are their biggest and littlest personal flaws. The saying "Beauty lies within" apparently doesn't satisfy the people of this day and age. However, who would blame them when all one sees are perfect people on every magazine cover, television show, posters and movies. It becomes extremely discouraging to see how perfect one person is, and look in the mirror to see how far off you are from achieving that look. Is that desired look really that hard to achieve? Sometimes exercise and eating right, new hairstyles and clothes don't cut it. Therefore, if trying to change yourself by yourself doesn't work, why not have someone else do it for you? Plastic surgery has become the solution to the numerous insecurities people are facing. The number of people turning to this new trend is rapidly increasing.

Add a little bit there, take a lot away from here, snip this, stitch that, it sounds so easy to create a new you. A person can basically implant anything into their body, going from breasts to calf, and even abs. There once was a rumor Janet Jackson had two of her ribs removed so she could have abs implanted. Not only do we compete with the stars, they compete with one another. At least we aren't the only ones who are envious.

Prices for the various surgeries differ, yet all are expensive. Depending on what one would want done, and who they go to for the

operation, prices can range from a cost of around three thousand dollars for breast implants, six thousand dollars for a face lift, twenty-five hundred dollars for liposuction, and a hair transplant can cost anywhere from four to fifteen thousand dollar. After looking at these prices, buying a few new outfits and a gym membership will save a great amount of money. In some cases those looking to perfect are trying to perfect more than one area, causing a deeper hole in their wallet. Unlike other purchases, this surgery is not refundable. One could decide they don't like their new look and return to their original self. However, that procedure would cost money as well.

After all the time, effort and money put into this make-over why would anyone want to undo it all? First and foremost, any operation is not painless. A great deal of soreness is guaranteed to follow, and some people cannot handle that pain, especially if the procedure didn't go according to plan and there is more tenderness than there should be. Numbness can occur after the operation, and continue to randomly happen years after. Scars are left on the body as a reminder of going under the knife. Even dark spots of skin are known to appear due to swelling; over time they can fade away or become permanent. Implants can burst sending some foreign liquid through one's body. The worst case to look at after the procedure is the final product is not what you want, or over time changes. Paying thousands of dollars and not receiving a promised finished product can be extremely disappointing. With all these risks, more and more people overlook the bad and focus on

their goal of perfect. Encouraging these actions are the stories we hear and the shows we view.

Every Thursday evening Americans tune into ABC television to watch "Extreme Makeover." Each episode consists of two to three people to become made-over. They are sent away from their family and friends for months, changing their entire physical appearance, and they return with an almost completely different face. The next make-over reality show is soon to come. "The Swan" will take numerous women and make them over into beauty queens. After each one is made-over they will compete against one another, and America will vote who gets crowned "The Swan." MTV has another make-over series called "I Want a Famous Face." Teenagers who idolize a certain famous person will receive different types of surgeries to come as close as possible to looking like them. The first episode that aired had two male twins striving to become actors and look like Brad Pitt. They felt if they had his look, they would receive a job like his as well. However, in each show MTV does include a surgery gone wrong story. One with a male going in for a nose job and coming out worse than before.

There is more in this world to worry about than one's appearance. Yet we all let the way we look affect us more than we like to admit. It is proven that some people go through severe measures to get the look they dream of. Some people feel that money can't buy happiness. It can buy a new look though, so will that make you happy?

Creating a wireless directory would be a major change for phone customers.

Maybe the only people to welcome such a directory would be the 7.5 million Americans who rely exclusively on cell phones. Right now, their numbers are out of reach, while landline phone users can be found in the White Pages.

Conduct a caller-in-the-street survey, though, and you'd probably find many millions of wireless users

who aren't eager to share their numbers.

That's because, for many cell phone users, one of the technology's chief virtues is that the only calls they receive are calls they've invited. Their cell phones are available only to family, friends or business associates to whom they give the number.

And then there's the money factor: An annoying phone call on a landline wastes only your time and patience. A nuisance cell

phone call could also waste precious minutes of your allotment and end up costing money.

The familiar ads remind us "they're your minutes," and say we should be able to keep them. Well, the commercials might just as well say it's our money, so we should be able to decide whether to keep it.

*** see Cell phones
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JUANITA AND SPIKE

Dear Juanita & Spike,
This semester I have a new roommate and everything is great except I keep getting "sexiled," even when my boyfriend and I are looking for some "alone time." I have no problem giving them some time alone, but it's turned into an everyday occurrence. How do I confront her and get my room back and possibly get some time for my boyfriend and me?

Please help,
- **Locked Out**

Dear Locked Out,

This is a very frequent problem among roommates. Most people are used to having their own bedrooms. Then they come to college and they must share a limited amount of space with another person. When you add boyfriends into the mix, it creates even more issues. Chances are your roommate is not doing this consciously, so you need to let her know. Maybe you two can work out some sort of system, switch of days that you get to have alone time. Have her spend more time at his place. You both pay to live there and you both deserve to be there. If you two are friends, you should be able to work out some sort of agreement.

Dear Juanita & Spike,
I am a senior and I'm starting to freak out about graduating. I know I should be happy about such a great accomplishment but I can't be. I'm so worried that I won't get a job and I will live with my parents forever. I can't even sleep at night because I am constantly thinking about so many things. Am I freaking out or is this normal?

- **Freaking Out**

Dear Freaking Out,

We remember this time in our lives and it isn't easy. Graduating is the end of no responsibilities for most students. While some have to work full-time jobs and pay everything themselves, the majority of students receive a great deal of help leaving them with minimal responsibilities. Students skip classes and come in at all hours of the night. Some drink seven nights a week. When we graduate we will have to move into "the real world," get jobs and we won't be able to not show up when we are too tired. We won't be able to wear our pajamas to work and we will need to get a good amount of sleep each night. You go from going out seven

days a week to one maybe two. The hard truth is this is the next step in your life. Whether you are ready or not you must take this step. This last month will be hard, but you will have friends to lean on; take advantage of them, they are in the same boat as you. When it happens, don't look back and cry, but be happy that you had the opportunity to experience these four years. Even though you will not keep in touch with everyone, you will always have a select few you will never forget. And you will get a job and you will move out of the parents' house. Relax and enjoy your last days here.

Dear Juanita & Spike,
My girlfriend is cheating on me instant-messenger style. I don't usually spy on my girlfriend, but one day I was supposed to meet her in her dorm. I sat down to talk under my name on her computer and noticed that she had numerous instant messages from different guys. I couldn't help but look at them. One of them turned out to be a kid on my team. We have been having some problems, but I didn't think things were this bad. I didn't even know she and this kid

were friends. They were trying to make plans to meet and they were talking about personal things between us, things I really didn't want others to know. I think he is trying to turn her against me and take her for himself. This is not an "LOL" matter. I'll "TTYL."

- **Signed on at two Locations**

Dear Signed On At Two Locations,

These types of situations are the worst. You weren't even trying to spy and you ended up stumbling across something you wish you hadn't. The only problem with this is you don't want to jump to conclusions; this kid may really just want to help her out and by confronting her for no reason you may push her even further. She may be angry you ever thought she would do that to you. On the other hand, your suspicions could be right on. The way to go about this is when you confront her don't attack her, but rather ask her about her friendship with the kid on your team. The important thing in relationships is, you guessed it, honesty. Just tell her what happened and ask her if everything is okay with you two and ask why she is

talking to someone you didn't even know she knew about very personal things. Let her know you feel that is personal and would really appreciate it if she didn't talk to others about it. Maybe you two need to talk about your relationship. If she cares about you, she will understand.

Dear Juanita & Spike,
My roommate is making me so angry. I am a little self-conscious and my roommate is beautiful. But this is not the problem. When my boyfriend comes over to hang out she will begin to change right in the room. I mean he tries not to look, but it's still really awkward. We are friends. How can she not know this isn't okay to do?

- **Really Hurt**

Dear Really Hurt,

How she doesn't know this would upset you is beyond me. This should definitely be brought to her attention. It is not like she can't go to the bathroom and change. If she has a boyfriend, ask her how she would feel if you started changing in front of him. If she can't see that this is hurting you, maybe you should find another place to hang out with your boyfriend and maybe this year at room selection you should choose someone more understanding.

If anyone has questions for Juanita & Spike, you can e-mail them to: observer@snhu.edu. We are highly experienced in many aspects and are always willing to tackle your questions...no matter what. But, please, take our advice with a grain of salt. We are not professionals.

Through the looking glass

By Mike Pingree
(KRT)

SO, WHAT DO YOU GUYS DO FOR A LIVING?

A teenager in Rhode Island jumped into the back seat of a car, which was driving slowly through the neighborhood, and tried to sell drugs to the two men in the front. The two policemen.

Though their vehicle was unmarked, the cops were not undercover. They were wearing their raid jackets, which had the word "police" written on the back and front and on the sleeves in big letters. The teen apparently didn't notice.

ORDER! ORDER? I'LL HAVE A WHISKEY

The Australian Parliament is considering a new measure to remove members from the chamber if they become intoxicated.

UH-OH, I THOUGHT YOU TOOK THE CAMERA!?

While joyriding around

Atlanta in an SUV they had hijacked, three young men took pictures of each other laughing it up, one of them wearing the victim's black leather jacket. It was fun, fun, fun.

They eventually abandoned the vehicle, but they forgot to take their camera with them. This led to their present incarceration.

SISTER HAS STRAYED FROM THE PATH

A Benedictine nun got very, very drunk and went for a joyride in a tractor she found parked in front of her convent in Dzierzoniow, Poland. She crashed into a car and was arrested.

OUR WHAT IS ON FIRE?

While Melbourne, Fla., firefighters were out responding to emergency calls, their fire station caught fire. They had to rush back.

HE WON'T BE TOO STRICT

A scientist who had been imprisoned for seven years in Britain for trying to poison his wife has been hired to teach at Manchester University. His subject: ethics.

VIOLENT?! ME? I'LL SHOW YOU VIOLENT!

While watching a TV talk show together about domestic violence, an Oklahoma woman told her husband that he resembled the abusive men featured on the show. Taking exception at being called violent, he hit her. Then, he fired his gun into the headboard of their bed to underscore his point.

Then, she got the gun and killed him.

JUST CALL ME 'A CONCERNED CITIZEN'

Despite being hunted by police in Spain for six robberies, a fugitive called a television crime program to

accuse another man of an unrelated criminal offense.

The cops traced the call, and bagged him.

HEY GUYS! WATCH THIS! KATHWACK!

Joking around about industrial accidents with his friends over a few beers, a handyman doing some construction on his home in Sydney, Australia, playfully picked up a nail gun, pointed it to his head, and pulled the trigger. He assumed it was empty. It wasn't. He survived.

GOOD KITTY, OUCH, NICE KITTY, BLAM!

The family of a Port Sulphur, La., woman who owned a 100-pound pet leopard said the animal had always been gentle. So they were more than a little surprised when the big cat clamped its jaws on the woman's head and would not let her loose.

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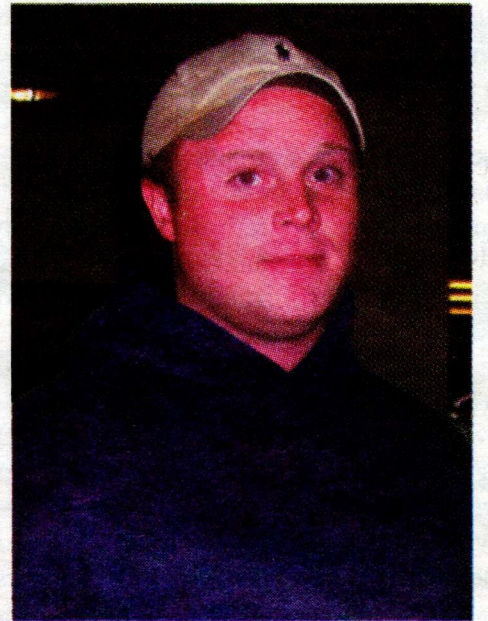
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"I hate cleaning all the broken glass off my floor."
James Chambers
Senior
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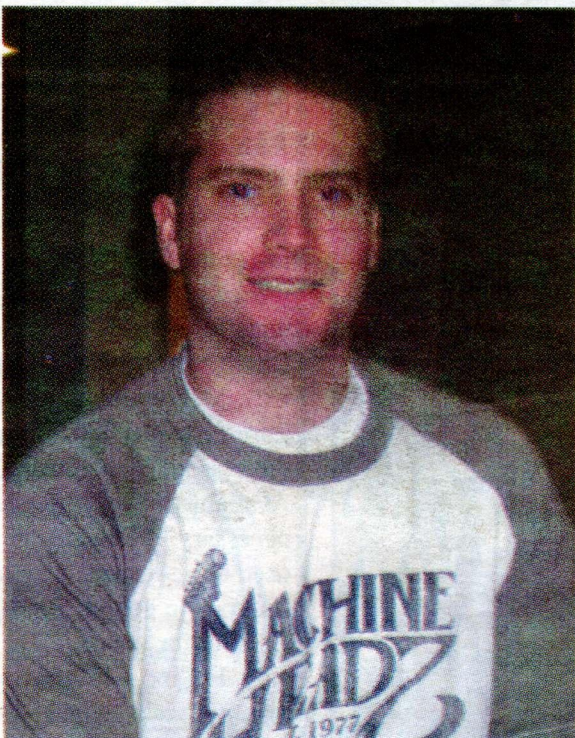
"We hate picking up clothes off the floor."
Brandon Miodzinski Katie Alexander
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"Cleaning a dead mouse's head out of my shoe."
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Sophomore
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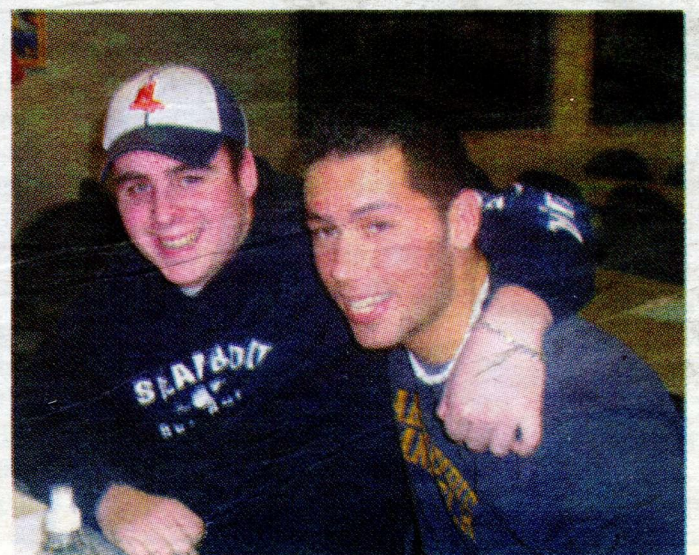


"I hate putting my roommates' dishes in the dishwasher."
Ryan Hart
Senior
Business Administration



"Cleaning the barn."
Eric Jussuame
Sophomore
Business Administration

Mike Weaver
Sophomore
International Business



We asked you:

“What is your least favorite chore around the dorm (or at home)?”

“Cleaning the poo out of shoe.”

Missy Nolan

Junior

Business Administration



“Mopping up...”

Julie Finch

Sophomore

Communication

Kristen Stemple

Freshman

Elementary Education



“Cleaning others’ human waste.”

Tim Fewster

T.B.A.

Sport Management



“Cleaning....What’s that?”

Danielle Jendrasko and

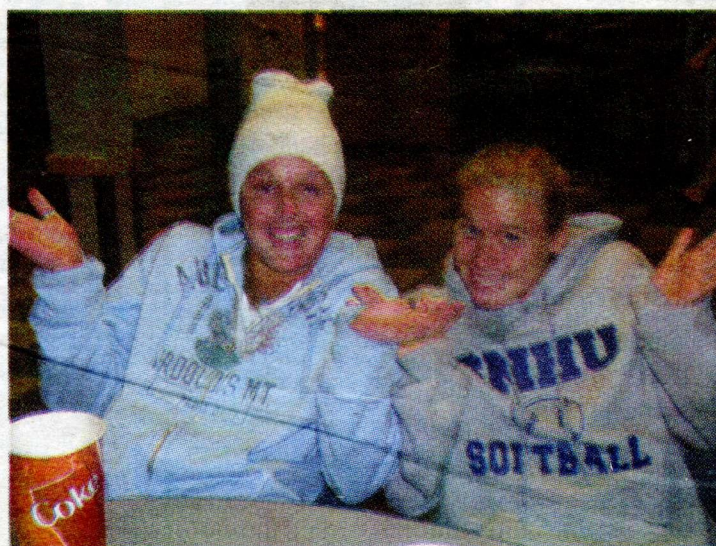
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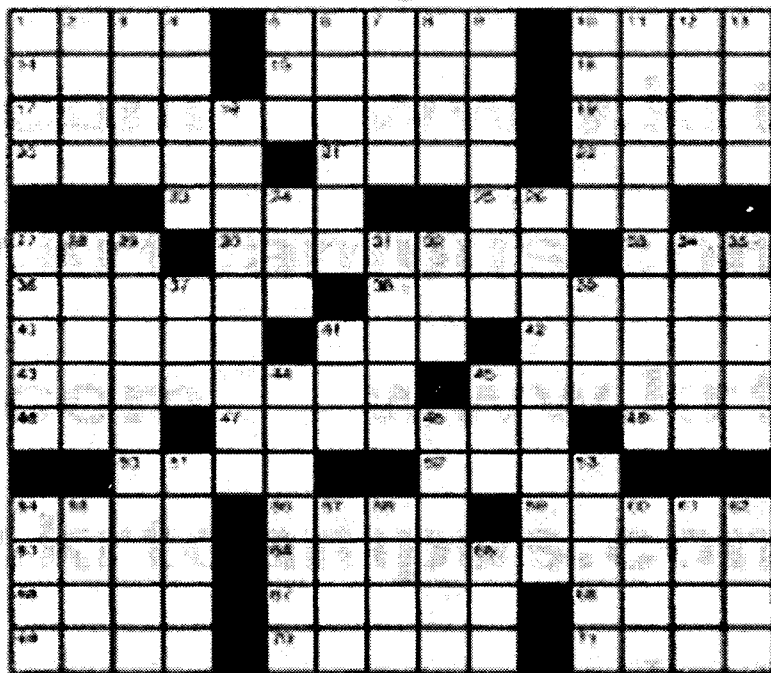


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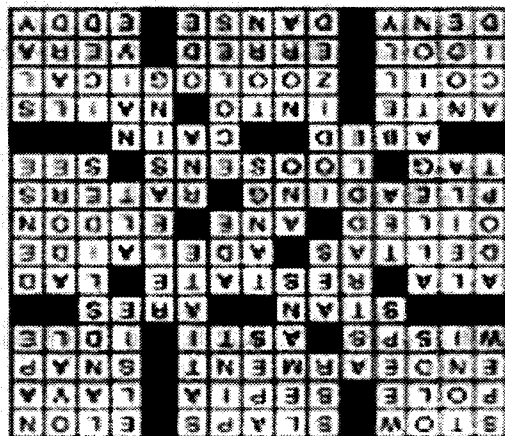
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- Put away cargo
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 - God of war
 - Neighbor of Miss
 - Say the same thing again
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 - Greek letters
 - Capital of South Australia
 - Lubricated
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 - Assuring innocence
 - Scorers
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 - Comprehend
 - Down for the night
 - Abel's attacker
 - Contribution to the pot
 - Division word
 - Man's talons
 - Spring shape
 - Of animal life
 - Celeb
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 - Singer Nelson
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 - Singer Tonnio
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 - Evidences sadness
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 - Quart part
 - Overindulge
 - Borden's spokes-cow
 - Decisive victories
 - Roundish shape
 - Neck part
 - On horseback
 - Two-time loser to ODE
 - Setting free
 - Parent an orphan
 - Bowler Wagner
 - Unproved statement
 - Distinctive favors
 - Humorist writer George
 - Revere
 - Tightly packed
 - Mad Hatter's beverage
 - PC key
 - Year in Acapulco
 - Type of salt
 - Genetic letters
 - French schools
 - Breadbasket
 - Artless
 - LSD. to users
 - Protuberance
 - Asta's mistress
 - Actor Rip
 - Chilled
 - Cooking fat
 - Bump off
 - Lofly poem



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Make references work for you

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Students often ask how to utilize references in their job search. Three to four well-chosen references can go a long way toward helping an employer make that final choice of candidates.

First, you must never use someone as a reference without first asking if they are willing to serve in that capacity. Choose people who are knowledgeable about your work style and abilities. You will want current and former employers, as well as a faculty member in your field. Personal references, such as friends or family members, are not appropriate. If you have been involved in volunteer or campus leadership roles, your coordinators and advisors may also be able to provide effective references.

In deciding whether to utilize letters of reference, keep in mind that letters can

become outdated almost as soon as you use them. Employers will still want to make personal contact with the letter writers to verify information and ask questions. Instead, create a page containing contact information for each of your references, and bring this document with you to your interviews. This information does not belong on the resume. This allows you to prepare your references so they can do a better job for you.

Prepare your references to do an effective job by providing each of them with an updated copy of your resume. Once an employer asks you for references, you can call each reference and supply the company contact information. Provide information about what the employer is looking for in a candidate, and any areas you feel may need to be addressed in the reference.

Happy job hunting!

What Is Circle K?

By Amanda L'Heureux
A&E Editor

You've seen the flyers around campus. You were thinking about joining, but weren't quite sure. You wanted to know exactly what Circle K was and what they stand for. And what does it have to do with the school?

Circle K is a member of the Kiwanis Club International, the world's largest service organization. It has more than 11,000 members on 525 campuses around the world. The prime focus is the children of the world.

A local Kiwanis Club

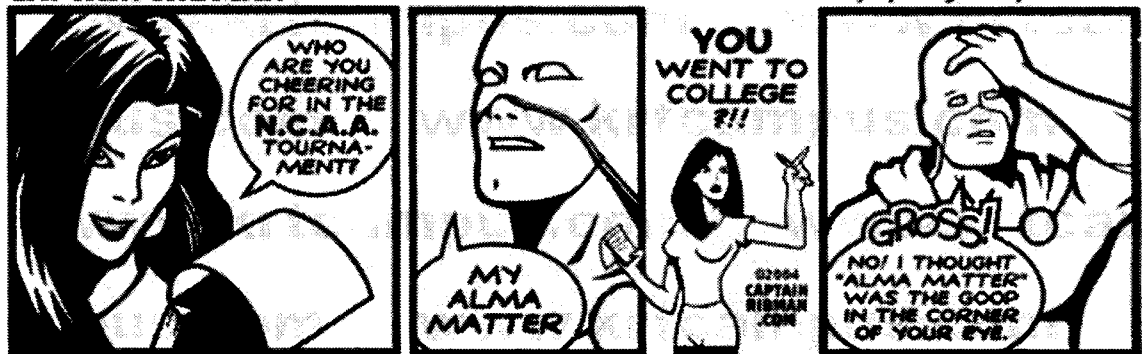
sponsors each Circle K Club. The two have the option of working together on projects and supporting each other.

Through projects, clubs raise money for different organizations aimed at helping children in need. They also lend a hand to schools in the area.

Students at SNHU are looking to put together a Circle K Club to help out children all over the world. If you would like to join, contact the club's advisors, Prof. Jim Walter at j.walter@snhu.edu or Prof. Nicholas Hunt-Bull at n.hunt-bull@snhu.edu. For more information on the club, visit www.circlek.org.

CAPTAIN RIBMAN in What's the Matter?

by Sprengelmeyer & Davis



NHSO Woodwind Quintet visits SNHU

By Amanda L'Heureux,
A&E Editor

On March 4, the New Hampshire Symphony Orchestra Woodwind Quintet visited Walker Auditorium for a concert.

The musicians included flutist Melissa Mielens, oboist Cheryl Bishkoff, clarinetist Julie Vaverka, bassoonist Ronald Haroutunion and John Boden on the principal horn.

Each of them began the program by giving a general description of their instrument.

Pieces were performed from different musical time periods. Among the pieces were Wind Quintet in E-flat Major by Anton Reicha and La Cheminee Du Roi Rene by Darius Milhaud. Wind Quintet was one of the first pieces composed for the five woodwind instruments. La

Cheminee Du Roi Rene depicts a day in the village and was made for a film. It's classified as program music and has six movements.

"As a quintet, this is the first time we've ever played," the performers stated. Their combination of great music and audience interaction made for a great show.

Weekly horoscope for April 11

By Lasha Seniuk
KRT

Aries (March 21-April 20). Over the next few days, family members may feel compelled to clarify home roles. Long-term romance, daily obligations and shared duties are accented. Remain attentive; family disputes are best resolved with patience and understanding.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Personal questions and subtle romantic comments may be ongoing themes over the next three days. Confidently state your long-term goals. Loved ones will respond positively to bold statements of loyalty and affection.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). At present, deep fears or past social doubts may strain romantic or family relationships. Refuse to be dissuaded by negative attitudes. Before the end of next week, friends, lovers and close relatives will follow your lead. Remain active and listen to the body's natural wisdom.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Romantic optimism is returning. Newly begun relationships will greatly expand in the coming months. Watch for steady emotional gains and renewed sensuality. Friends and relatives will challenge poorly defined expectations. An equal division of duties will bring the desired results.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Creativity and intuition are due to increase. Areas affected are past romantic or family decisions, social ethics or lost time in key relationships. Loved ones may press for bold affections. Don't disappoint. At present, your comments and actions are vital to the success of long-term relationships. Avoid emotional risk.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Although controversial, fresh ideas and group participation are extremely worthwhile. Quiet thoughts will bring lasting insight. Wait for close friends or romantic partners to announce vital decisions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Act as workplace mediator, if possible. Over the next few days, colleagues or new officials may dispute trusted policies. Avoid the brooding, silent types and all will be well. Some Librans will also experience a brief financial disagreement between loved ones. Plan revised budgets and fresh family activities. Change and group discussions are needed.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Friends or lovers may deny their past actions, words or decisions. New romantic and social rules will be put to the test over the next few weeks. Expect revised promises. Stay focused and opt for newly defined contracts.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Sentimental reflection has a powerful influence. Watch close relatives or loved ones for delightful signs of affection and long-term support. Enjoy private moments with friends or lovers. This is a strong time for rekindled trust and shared family goals.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Colleagues may pose unusual questions or request detailed descriptions of past projects. Avoid disclosing key facts, figures or amounts, however. Over the next six days, practical information may be easily misinterpreted. Go slowly and remain true to original values.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Social relations or family triangles will be complicated by new group plans. Use this time to settle longstanding disputes, introduce fresh activities and clearly outline future goals. Although difficult, a public review of shared goals may be needed.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Honesty between loved ones will encourage emotional commitment. At present, newly shared information will help move key relationships forward. Friday through Sunday, insightful dreams are accented. Remain alert to subtle but meaningful romantic impressions.

The box office report

By Rick Holter
The Dallas Morning News
(KRT)

ZOINKS!: Creepy creatures again topped the charts as the "Scooby-Doo" crew toppled the corpse-riddled "Dawn of the Dead." Scooby's second big-screen trip, subtitled "Monsters Unleashed," lapped up \$29.4 million, making it the weekend's easy winner. But that's only about half of what the "original" remake of the TV 'toon collected on opening weekend 2002. Ruh-roh!

THE UP SIDE: "The Ladykillers" finished second with the Coen brothers' biggest debut barely topping

last fall's George Clooney-Catherine Zeta-Jones spectacular, "Intolerable Cruelty," another big-star effort that ultimately bombed. But for Tom Hanks, sporting a bad overbite and Kentucky-fried accent, "Ladykillers" was the worst starring start since 1992. And that one, "A League of Their Own," still went on hit for power.

BOMB SQUAD: Easter's on the horizon, but for one would-be star, the menu says Turkey Day. With "Ned Kelly," Heath Ledger continued his spectacular box-office tumble since 1999's "The Patriot." The historical drama checks in at No. 52 with an awful \$44,000 on just 22 screens.

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April 18th: Coffeehouse in the Pub featuring- Mieka Pauley & Gregory Douglass. Doors open @ 5:30pm.

April 20th: Movie Night in the Pub- 80's Theme. Back to the Future will be shown And doors open @ 7:30pm.

April 22nd: Singled Out Game show Event in the Pub @ 9pm. This event is co-Sponsored with Kappa Chi.

April 23rd: 80's Cover Band- Reaganomics in the Pub @ 9pm. Doors open @ 8:30pm.

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Political split on war on terrorism highlights party differences

By Arnold Hamilton

The Dallas Morning News
KRT

DALLAS - For Republicans and Democrats alike, Sept. 11, 2001, propelled the terrorism and security issue to the top of the nation's agenda.

The consensus didn't last long.

Less than three years after the attacks in New York and Virginia, the issue now serves to underscore America's hardening political divide - a disconnect between Democrats and Republicans over what's most important in selecting the next president.

From Texas to California, Iowa to New York, exit polls from the recent primaries showed the war on terrorism and the issue of homeland and national security scarcely registering among Democrats, lagging far behind the economy and jobs, health care and education.

Yet Republicans give it much higher priority in national polls - and President Bush already signaled he would make his handling of the nation's security challenges a cornerstone of his re-election campaign.

"They just have different views of America's place in the world and the use of force," said Bill McInturff, a GOP pollster who helps conduct nonpartisan surveys for National Public Radio.

"In general, Democrats are much more focused on core domestic issues ... Republicans, because of their theory of the role of government, are a little more geared to looking outside the box of domestic issues."

The partisan divide over what would seem - at first glance - to be an issue of shared national interest suggests America is in a strikingly similar mood politically to four years ago when Bush won one of the closest presidential campaigns ever.

Indeed, recent national opinion surveys and primary exit polls show a hardening of the almost 50-50 political split, reflected in the 2000 election returns that showed Republicans dominant through the nation's midsection and Democrats powerful along the East and West Coasts.

That leaves Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry scrambling to determine which issues will resonate with voters in the political middle who could swing the election.

The Bush campaign's faith in terrorism and security as a re-election cornerstone wasn't necessarily affirmed in polls since last week's terrorist attacks in Spain: Even after the commuter train bombings that left more than 200 dead, few Americans identified terrorism or security as a leading issue they want the candidates to discuss.

Yet most polls still show that Americans trust Bush more than Kerry to deal best with terrorism and security.

The parties' differences, campaign analysts say, reflect a fundamental truth about American politics: Democrats and Republicans view the world differently.

"To President Bush and to the red states, the war

on terrorism encompasses everything from the war in Afghanistan to the war in Iraq to airport security," said Bruce Cain, director of the University of California's Institute of Governmental Studies.

"To the people in the blue states, the war on terrorism has two different parts - a part they absolutely detest, the war in Iraq, and then there's airport security and the war in Afghanistan. They believe, rightly or wrongly, that the war in Iraq has nothing to do with the war on terrorism."

Convinced an improving economy will disarm one political mine field, Republican strategists say they believe terrorism and security will resonate this year, especially with swing voters such as suburban women.

"A lot of Democrats don't see the economy as coming back," said Chris Wilson, a GOP pollster working for Bush's re-election campaign. "But the economy is on the way back," he said, helping redirect the presidential campaign debate to foreign policy, which "almost always decides presidential elections."

"It's very rare where you have a 1992," he said, "where it's all about domestic issues."

But Democrats say they are equally convinced that domestic issues - the economy and jobs, health care and education - will prove most important with voters.

National polls show a majority of Americans believe Kerry would be a better choice to deal with domestic problems, a political strength that helps explain his focus on jobs and health care.

"As you know, George Bush wants this whole deal just to be about war," Kerry said during a recent campaign stop in Louisiana. "His first advertisements have pictures of Ground Zero."

"He can't come out here and talk to you about jobs. He can't come out here and talk to you about protecting the environment. ... He's going to try to scare America and he's going to try to change the subject."

On both coasts, voters acknowledged the importance of the war on terrorism, but they sharply disagreed over who could best lead the country on the issue.

"I think that's very important," Democrat Bill Canfield, 83, a retired speech pathology professor from New York said. "But I don't have much faith in what ... (Republicans have) done to protect our national security. On 9-11, they were asleep at the switch and they haven't done much since."

Republican Maggie Bailey, who lives near the gates to Camp Pendleton near San Diego, said terrorism and security are paramount in her decision to support Bush - not only because she frequently travels, both domestically and abroad, but also because of its "implications on the global economy."

"I think the choice is very clear," said Bailey, 53, a professor of international business at Point Loma Nazarene University who formerly worked for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and U.S. Senate. "I don't know that I would say it was his finest hour," she said of Bush and

the days after Sept. 11, "but it certainly was a time when he brought the country together through a national time of mourning."

"I don't know how anyone else would have responded ... but there was tremendous strength in that."

Cain, the University of California political science professor, said he believes it ultimately comes down to a difference of opinion over the issue of international vs. unilateral action.

Democrats tend to prefer an international consensus, he said, while Republicans often seem less concerned with outside opinion.

"What's underneath all these differences is more than just a party label," Cain said. "It's about lifestyle: What do you read? What do you do on vacations? Do you travel to the Smokey Mountains or do you go to Paris? Do watch Fox News or read The New York Times or Los Angeles Times?"

Many political analysts suggest about 40 percent or more of the electorate tend to be staunchly Republican and a like number unwaveringly Democratic. As a result, it's the 20 percent or so in the political middle who often decide presidential elections - voters such as Al Hudspeth, a 48-year-old technical writing consultant and computer programmer from Rock Hill, S.C., near Charlotte, N.C.

Hudspeth, who described himself as a registered independent, said he's not certain if new security measures really are making American safer or "if we've just been lucky, if they (terrorists) just haven't gotten the right opportunities."

But he said the terrorism and security issue isn't nearly as much on his mind - at least, for now - as the outsourcing of American jobs and environmental problems in his area.

"It's kind of a thing that the further away from 9-11 we get, the more it gets on the back burner," he said. "If something were to happen between now and then (Election Day), it would make it more important."

* Iraqi Children from p. 5

guarantee you that," confirms Lt. Col. Thomas Sisinyak of Huntersville, N.C. He is riding along on this day to inspect the main supply route from Kuwait to Baghdad and beyond, one of his command responsibilities with the Charlotte, N.C.-based 812th Transportation Battalion.

Sisinyak has a son at home who's almost 2, not much younger than some of the children who approach the convoy, wiggling festively, giving thumbs-up signs to the soldiers.

Sometimes the encounters are more painful. In some Iraqi towns, like the unruly Batha, children aren't looking for handouts but mischief. They hurl rocks at the trucks.

Hedlund's soldiers have developed a cunning counterattack: Penny-size lemon drops fired from slingshots. The hard outer coatings shatter on impact, inflicting a memorable sting.

"That's a lot better than a bullet," Hedlund says.

At day's end, the convoy reaches its destination, a seized Iraqi air base

occupied by U.S. forces near Balad. It is a farm area and as the trucks wait in line to get through the checkpoint, children emerge from the fields.

One boy, no more than 3, breaks away from his older brother and wanders alone among the idling rigs, stepping into the travel lanes as Hedlund charges forward in his Humvee to run off adult vendors approaching the trucks to offer phony Rolex watches for \$20 and other trinkets.

The child turns around, sees the Humvee

bearing down and darts back into the thicket of trucks.

Hedlund has worked security for truckers on the supply route since it was established in the wake of the fall of Baghdad. In that year, he has noticed a change in the children.

At first, they were gleeful at the handouts from Americans. Now they see it as a form of tribute, a toll to be extracted.

"They used to say 'thank you,'" he says. "Now they don't care. It's more, 'gimme, gimme.'"

Tool targets cybersneaks, no matter their disguise

By Diane Suchetka
Knight Ridder
Newspapers
(KRT)

Think of a cop trying to find a crook who's just dyed his hair and shaved off his beard.

It's the reason firewalls and other Internet security systems don't always work. Viruses, like bad guys, can be quick-change artists, too.

That's why University of North Carolina at Charlotte professor Yuliang Zheng is getting attention these days in the world of cybersecurity.

He's come up with a smarter cop.

He and doctoral candidate Lawrence Teo are the inventors of the Access Enforcer.

For now, it looks like a brown box about the size of your telephone book but only an inch thick. It plugs into your computer the same way a cable or a DSL modem does. And it keeps out bad guys, even when you don't know exactly what they look like.

"It's too early to tell if it's going to be a big bang on the market," says Dale Lancaster, a Charlotte computer security expert who's helped test the Enforcer. "But, in a technical sense, what makes this successful is that it works."

So well, Zheng says, it

can stop all of the known - and nearly all of the unknown - viruses, worms and spam out there from ever making it to your computer.

"If Bank of America would've had this in place when the slammer worm shut down their ATMs, this would've probably stopped it," Lancaster says.

The Enforcer is sophisticated, but, in general, it works like this: Instead of telling it which bad guys to keep out, you tell it who the good guys are and to stop everybody else. Even if the bad guys put on a disguise, they can't get in.

"So you can still do business with the good ones," says Zheng, 42, who was recruited by UNCC because of his reputation as a cybersecurity expert.

Its biggest advantage, according to the information technology professor, is that it's simple to use.

"Many other systems require installation and they can mess up your system," Zheng says. "This is like a toaster - you plug it in and it works."

From their offices in UNCC's Cameron Research Center, Teo and Zheng are testing the Enforcer with computer traffic and seeking investors so they can begin sales by July from the company they're calling Calyptix

Security.

The cost? "That's one of the questions I'm asking advisers now," Zheng says.

He wants to keep it affordable for small business owners and home computer users.

Zheng, a native of China, began working on the idea in 2001 just after he left his job as director of the cybersecurity research center at Monash University, the largest university in Australia.

He brought it with him when he moved to UNCC, where last year he was named director of the school's new Information Security and Assurance Institute.

"It was a great opportunity for me to come over and put UNCC on the map," Zheng says.

Will he do it?

A few potential investors, manufacturers and customers have already called UNCC, says Mark Wdowik, executive director of the UNCC office of technology transfer, which helps professors and students start companies.

"Security, to be quite honest, is a very critical area right now," Wdowik says, especially after Sept. 11. "This is something that everybody needs."

* Cell phones
from pg. 6

read the fine print amid the excitement of acquiring that nifty picture phone? Probably not. If it's left up to customers to opt out of any directory, many are going to miss the chance and end up in a directory against their will.

It's significant that the nation's largest carrier - Verizon Wireless - pledges it won't include its 36 million customers in a directory. Congress should ensure that all cell phone users' wishes on this issue are respected.

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* Mrs. Bush from pg. 5

as he is," she said, "but I like to meet new people, and that's what happens in a political campaign."

Already, Laura Bush has been on the stump for months, headlining fund-raisers. The ads, though, were a new twist.

"No, it was not my idea. I'm not designing the commercials, I'll tell you that," she said. But she pitched in, as the full political

partner she's become.

In another spot, Bush makes just a cameo appearance, when the camera catches a desktop picture of her as the president speaks of the election-year challenges and choices ahead.

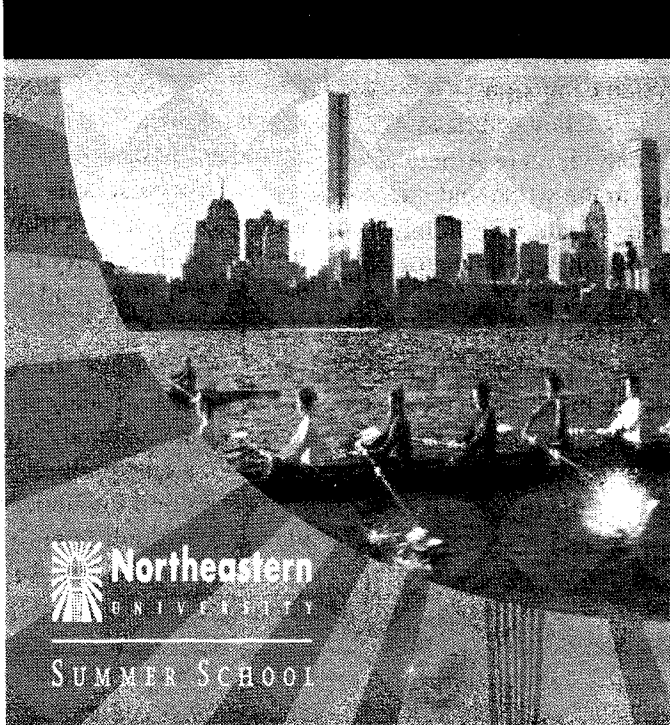
"She's an asset," said political analyst Larry Sabato, suggesting that she helps shave some of the president's sharper edges.

"It's a matter of softening his image," he said,

pointing to polls showing President Bush faces a wide gender gap.

"Women just don't like him," said Sabato, director of the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "Women are really turned off by his aggressive manner and his phraseology and the tough-guy approach."

On the other hand, Laura Bush is "broadly liked ... and very comforting," he said. "She has her critics, but not many."



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We want to know! Insiders have the answers for that 'Idol' curosimy

By Chuck Barney
Knight Ridder Newspapers
(KRT)

Those overwrought ballads. The wince-inducing dialogue ("You did your thing, dawg!"). The relentless commercial breaks. The endless shots of that snarky British judge in his muscle shirts. Logic would seem to indicate that we should be so over "American Idol" by now.

But no, Fox's musical talent hunt, steamrolling through its third season, continues to be television's dominant show. In the most recent weekly Nielsen ratings release, "American Idol" held down three of the top seven slots.

If anything, public fascination with the show seems to be growing at the same rate as Simon Cowell's ego. We want to know all about it _ about how it works and about its behind-the-scenes quirks.

With that in mind, we sought out a few "Idol" insiders and did a little research to come up with answers to our burning questions.

Occasionally the judges chide a performer for picking a song that's "all wrong for you." Don't they have a vocal coach to help them make their selections?

Yes, the contestants lean heavily on Debra Byrd, the show's vocal coach and vocal arranger who leads them in rehearsals and irons out their flaws ("I'm not a den mother, I'm the vocal police," she says). But when it comes to song selection, they are strictly on their own.

"That's the way the competition is set up. If the judges criticize their selections, they can't go back and place the blame on anyone else," Byrd says. "Choosing the correct song is like choosing the perfect outfit. And it's an important process for any singer. You have to see how you fit inside the song you sing."

Incidentally, Byrd can often be heard singing background vocals on the songs.

Let's talk fashion for a minute. Jennifer Hudson's infamous pink ensemble a couple of weeks ago was hideous. Aren't there any style gurus around to stage an

intervention?

Before the field is trimmed to 12, the singers are required to bring their own clothes, according to an "Idol" publicist. From this point, though, they'll be given a modest wardrobe allotment each week with which to shop. The show has two style counselors who offer their advice, but again, the final choices are up to the contestants.

Where is the show filmed, and can I get tickets?

Although "Idol" is a Fox series, it is shot on the CBS Television City lot in Hollywood in front of an audience of about 700. Free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, but there is a waiting list (sign up on www.idolonfox.com).

Usually, even some rabid fans who don't have tickets line up in the early morning hours and are admitted as "seat fillers." Says executive producer Ken Warwick, "We fight against having the place packed with sponsors and network executives as much as possible. We want real fans in there to give the show some energy."

What do the performers do to keep their singing voices in tip-top shape?

Byrd occasionally has them down a spoonful of olive oil to keep their vocal cords lubricated. "It's something gospel and opera singers have done for eons," says Byrd, who prescribes orange juice and raw spinach for problems with laryngitis.

Has Simon already picked his favorite out of the Top 12?

Yes, the Caustic One told reporters at a recent party that Fantasia Barrino is his choice and would "sign her (to a contract) right now." But Warwick warns that the judges are often prone to opinion changes during the process and that their endorsements don't always sway the voting, anyway.

Does the stress ever get to the kids?

Absolutely. Byrd says nervous singers on occasion have frantically approached her moments before taking the stage, pleading "Please tell me what the lyrics are!" And during a preshow

rehearsal in Season 1, one contestant after another went inexplicably flat. "It was like a snowball effect," she says, "I'd never seen anything like it. The producers were freaking out." Incidentally, "American Idol" does keep a psychologist on staff to deal with performance-night trauma.

Why are so many of the songs from way back when?

Because the genres are picked by baby-boomer geezers. Seriously, much thought is put into pleasing the varied age demographics of the audience, and Warwick also points out that the show leans on the retro stuff because they want to test the contestants' mettle by "having them learn the songs and put them over from scratch."

By the way, Warwick and fellow executive producer Nigel Lithgoe are both British-bred Beatles fanatics who hope to do a Lennon/McCartney theme night someday.

Forget the singing for a moment. With all the time the contestants spend together in that "Idol" house, there has to be some romantic hooking-up going on, right?

The hook-ups, says Warwick (who doesn't name names) generally happen after the completion of the show because, during the process, "we tend to work the kids pretty hard. They just don't have a lot of time." He also notes that the house is always crowded with producers and security staff and chaperones (underage contestants must have a parent living in the house with them), so there isn't much privacy. "We've had some odd little flirtations," but not much beyond that, Warwick says.

FYI, house rules state that there's no singing after 10 p.m. No drinking. No drugs. No boys in the girls' rooms and vice versa.

What's on the release form the contestants sign?

According to TV Guide, a pretty stern warning: "Your appearance, depiction and/or portrayal in the Contest may be disparaging, defamatory, embarrassing or of an otherwise unfavorable nature, which may expose you to public ridicule, humiliation or condemnation."

See what Simon has wrought?

* Sport Management
from pg. 3

The SNHU Sport Management Club would like to thank Rob Rabenacker of Roger Dean Stadium, Brian Chatten of the Florida Marlins, Chris Easom of the Palm Beach Cardinals, Tim Malloy of WPTV, Rebecca Szmukler of The PGA of America and most importantly professors Doug Blais and Mike Jones and graduate student Ryan Eberman. Without any of these people this remarkable opportunity would not have been possible.

Students making the trip were freshman Alise Wales, sophomore Dave McAdams, sophomore Matt Petrarca of, sophomore Brian Edmondson, sophomore Ken Cady, junior Adam Jache, senior Tony Carter, senior Eric Snyder, senior Peter Leopard and senior Anna Turbe.

Just for fun: ask Captian Ribman

By Captain RibMan (aka John Sprengelmeyer and Rich Davis)

Dear Captain RibMan,

When I was a boy we didn't have superheroes. And the ones we did have didn't flit around in flaky little outfits. And even the flaky ones didn't sit around handing out silly advice when they could be out saving a busload of nuns from driving off of a cliff.

Geezer

Dear Geezer,

Excellent statement. We often overlook how brilliant and strong our older generation is. Today, the kids are playing X-Box and Playstation 2 _ but the adults grew up knowing only Atari 2600 and Colecovision. It is a strange and uncertain time for

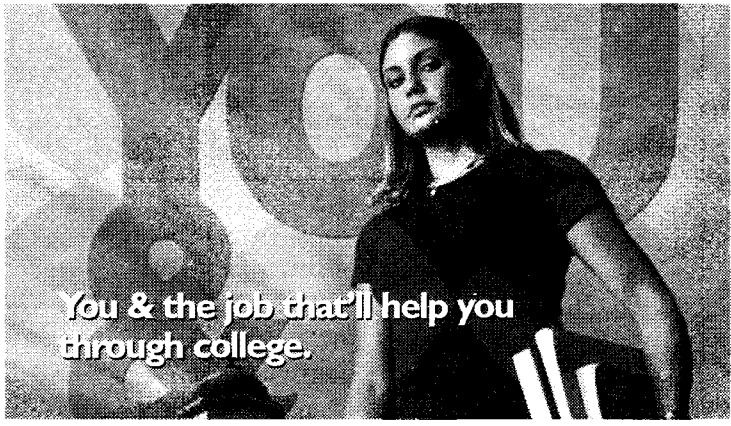
kids. With so many new ideas, bright colors and fluid graphic gameplay, the new systems can marginalize and even alienate the average child.

The new generation does not respect their parents' struggles with 8-bit graphics and 24-color displays. Everything is so flashy now. I remember when "Lara Croft's Tomb Raider" was a game called "Pitfall." And we loved it. Or, "Quake III: Arena v.1.32" was "Pong."

Anyway, respect your elders, stay in school and don't do drugs! Peace out.

Good Luck!

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Penmen basketball postseason wrap

By Keith Graham
Contributing Writer

Although it came up a bit short in the final game, the Penmen basketball team showed what it was made of during the Northeast-10 Conference Tournament.

Having captured the second seed in the tournament by virtue of their 15-7 regular season conference record, the Penmen earned a first-round by and at least two games at home. The first team to come into the SNHU Fieldhouse was the College of Saint Rose, which defeated Franklin Pierce, 92-79, in the first round. SNHU came into the game looking to avenge its loss to the Golden Knights in the team's only regular-season meeting.

The Penmen came out swinging, racing out to a nine-point lead early in the first half. The team's performance slipped a bit later in the half, allowing St. Rose to rally and get back in the game. In the last few minutes of the half, however, the home team was able to regain the edge and went into the locker room with a 37-22 lead.

Throughout the first part of the second half, SNHU maintained its lead at around 15 points. Miguel Gonzalez assisted on a dunk by Athanasios Souflias, which resulted in some of the loudest cheers of the night. But as the game headed into its late stages, the Golden Knights started to sneak back into contention. Dominique Cambron hit a jumper with just over five minutes remaining to cut the lead to 58-51. Adonist Barber got St. Rose even closer with a lay-up, making the score 60-56, and the crowd quieter than it had been throughout most of the game.

The Penmen, however, were finally able to slow down that momentum in time to save the game. John Baiano hit two free throw; then Allen Gould did the same after grabbing an offensive rebound. SNHU walked off the court with a 65-57 victory, having never trailed in the game, and then got word that it would be hosting Bentley College in the tournament semifinals.

Before the semifinal game, the All-Conference teams were announced. The

crowd took the most delight with the naming of the Penmen's Mark Yeaton to the second team. But when the game started, it was visiting Bentley, piloted by NE-10 coach of the year Jay Lawson, who took the early lead. Sean Cooke, who finished this game with 23 points, hit a three-pointer while Greg Lacasse connected from inside for the game's first five points.

In the first half of this game, though, it was the SNHU reserves who kept the game close when it was starting to look like the opposition was going to run and hide. Gould made an immediate impact on the game with a steal and two offensive rebounds. Namdi Williams set up the half's final shot with an offensive board. J. J. Harvey made that final shot count when he hit a leaning three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Penmen a 35-33 halftime lead. The three combined for 21 points in the game.

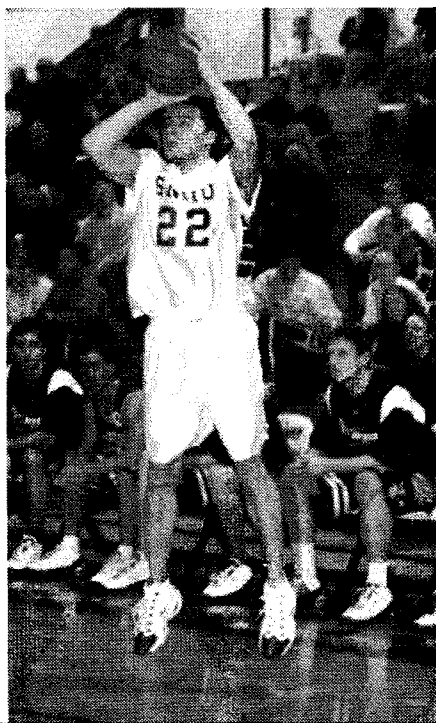
The three-point shot seemed to wake the whole team up, as evidenced by the fact that the hosts effectively put the game away in the first five minutes of the second half. Counting Harvey's triple, SNHU went on a 20-5 run which covered five minutes and brought the crowd to its feet. When the Falcons took a timeout at the 15:04 mark of the half, the Penmen had turned a 33-32 deficit into a 52-38 lead.

But as was the case in the previous game, the visitors started to creep back into the game. Pat Lynch got Bentley within seven on a three-point basket. That, however, was as close as the game would get down the stretch. Souflias and P. J. Young hit baskets to push the lead back to double digits and the Penmen were never threatened again, winning by a final of 75-61.

After the win, players talked about the win and the upcoming tournament final game at UMass-Lowell.

"It was nice," said Yeaton of the win, coupled with his selection to the All-Conference Team. "We wanted to come out and bring it to them."

"They (UMass-Lowell) are going to be tough, especially at home," he continued.



Mark Yeaton was named to the Second Team All Conference for his efforts during the past season.

Jason C. Dotson photo

"We're going to have to bring our 'A' game if we're going to win."

"We set the tempo in the first five minutes of the second half," said Baiano. "We withstood their run and hit free throws in the end."

"It was a good victory against a very good team," said coach Stan Spirou. "But UMass is the best team in the region. They've proven that over the last couple of years."

It was indeed a match-up between two of the region's best teams in the NE-10 Conference finals, held at Costello Gym on the campus of UMass-Lowell. The top-seeded River Hawks, led by conference Player of the Year Elad Inbar, took a 17-5 conference record into postseason play, then disposed of two opponents before hooking up with the Penmen.

Lowell took an early 9-2 lead, but SNHU wasn't phased by that and quickly fought its way back into the game. Baiano connected from beyond the arc to give the visitors a 12-11 lead. After two lead changes and a tie, the Penmen took an 18-15 lead on a three-pointer by Gould just under seven minutes into the game. They continued to hold a slight edge for the remainder of the half, save for one minute, and went into the locker room with a 37-34 halftime lead. The two All-Conference players were the scoring leaders for their respective teams, with Yeaton scoring 12 for the Penmen and Inbar tallying 11 for the River

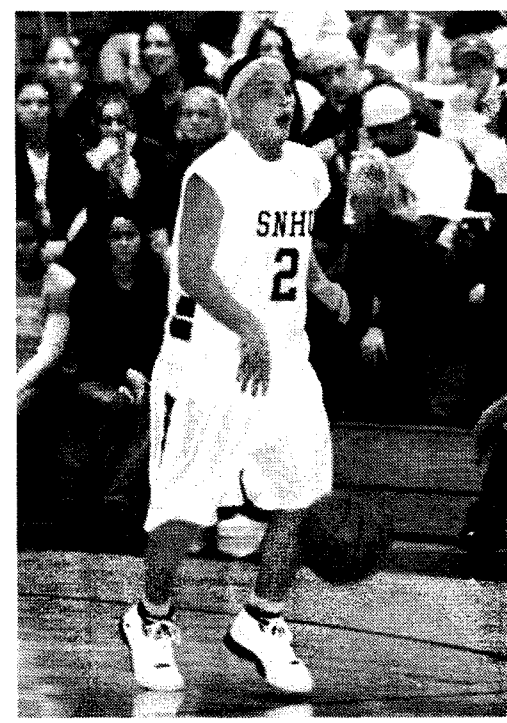
Hawks.

SNHU started the second half with a 9-2 run of its own, capped at the 16:41 mark by Yeaton's three-point shot which gave the guests a 10-point lead at 46-36. Uri Grunwald stopped the streak with a jumper; then the teams went back and forth until the Penmen lead stood at 55-48 with just over 11 minutes remaining.

Things started getting interesting after that. The River Hawks ran off eight straight points, with Inbar's lay-up giving the hosts a one-point edge. After a couple of lead changes and some missed free throws, Stacey Moragne's foul shot made it a two-point Lowell lead with 5:03 remaining.

The game was becoming a tough struggle, a true example of survival of the fittest. Gonzalez answered a Lowell jumper with one of his own to return the margin to a single basket. Gonzalez and Yeaton hit three free throws after two more UMass scores to stay within three. Baiano connected from the charity stripe with 20 seconds remaining to bring SNHU within 65-63. Brandon Arnette stood at the free-throw line with a chance to give Lowell some breathing room.

Arnette missed and Gould rebounded, giving the Penmen at least a shot at sending this classic game into overtime. Inbar, however, saved the game for the River Hawks. He came up from behind Gould and stole the



John Baiano looks to lead the Penmen into the NCAA Division II Tournament.

Jason C. Dotson photo

ball, then was immediately fouled. Two made free throws later, UMass-Lowell had salted away a 67-63 win and the NE-10 Conference championship. Inbar, who was named the tournament MVP, finished with 23 points, including a perfect 12-for-12 performance at the free throw line and six rebounds.

It was a tough loss for SNHU, but Spirou put another spin to it.

"We've got another chance," said Spirou, referring to the NCAA Division II tournament the Penmen have just been selected for. "Today, we fell a little short, but give Lowell a lot of credit."

That second chance will take place where the first one ended, at Costello Gym, where SNHU will be facing New Haven in the first round of the Northeast Regional Tournament.

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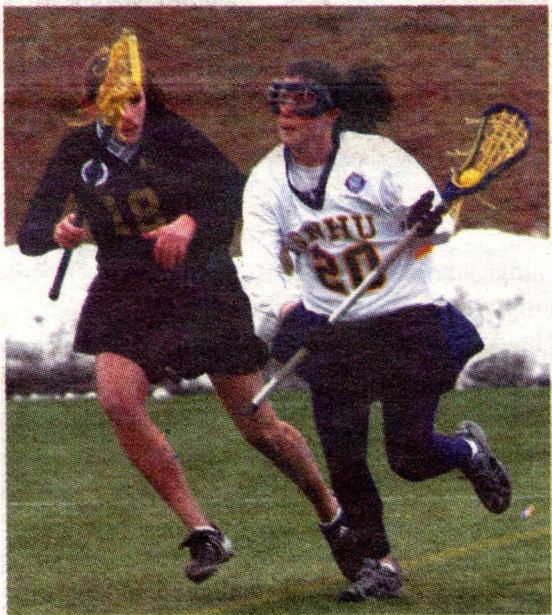


New chapter for SNHU ladies LAX



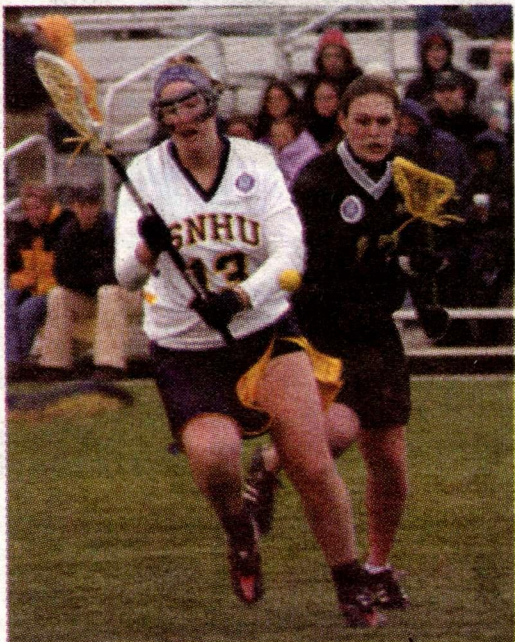
Athletic Director Chip conducts the ceremonial first draw between SNHU and AIC just before the start of the women's lacrosse game.

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Kristen King led the Lady Penmen on the field against American International College on March 23.

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SNHU's Janara Digou races an AIC attacker for a loose ball.

Jason C. Dotson photo

By Jason C. Dotson
Layout Editor

Tuesday, March 23, opened a new chapter in SNHU sports. The new varsity women's lacrosse team played their first-ever game on Penmen Field as an official varsity sport. On the small scale, the result was not what the Lady Penmen were looking for. The greater picture is probably more important.

With the ascension of women's lacrosse from a club sport last year to varsity sport this year, SNHU now stands with 16 varsity sports with seven (not including cheering, which is considered a co-ed varsity program) of those sports for women. These sports are one of the key things that prospective students look at when they consider their future schools. This addition of another athletic program for women expands the possibilities of attracting more students to SNHU in the future.

As for the aspects of the game, sure the Lady Penmen lost 14-2 against American International College, but with a young

program like SNHU's you may expect some "bumps and bruises" along the way. The lengths that these women have gone through to create this program shows their character, which no one will ever question. Their first season may be a long one, but if these athletes play with the tenacity they have shown getting this program off the ground, there will be more to their season than just wins and losses. They should be very proud of what they have done.

As for pride, we saw that in senior Kristen King, who scored the first goal in program history with 21:11 left in the first half (for people unfamiliar with the rules of lacrosse, the game consists of two 30-minute halves), which cut the AIC lead at that time to 3-1.

The Lady Penmen walked off Penmen Field down 9-1 at the half. The start of the second half showed the spark of possibilities for the SNHU women

when freshman Janara Digou scored the second goal for the program. The Lady

senior Kristen King, scored the first goal in program history with 21:11 left in the first half...

Penmen mounted some sustained pressure on AIC to start the second half, but only scored that one goal. AIC

finished the game with five unanswered goals.

Another bright spot for the fledgling program is in the goalkeeping position. Sophomore Lisa McEachern made 12 saves on 33 shots for the Lady Penmen and will presumably shoulder a large part of the goalkeeping duties this year, also splitting some time with sophomore Stephanie O'Neil. McEachern will be one of the foundations that this program will need for building itself toward the future.

The Lady Penmen's next home game will be on Thursday, April 8, when they host Saint Michael's College at 4 p.m. Come out to Penmen Field and support the newest team in town.

Upcoming Sporting Events at SNHU:

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(Men)	4/10	vs. Saint Michael's College	1:00
	4/17	vs. Bentley College	1:00
	4/19	vs. Saint Anslem College	7:00

(Women)	4/12	vs. Franklin Pierce College	4:00
	4/19	vs. Saint Anslem College	4:00

Baseball:

	4/10	vs. Southern Conn. State (2 games)	12:00
	4/13	vs. Bentley College	3:30
	4/15	vs. Bentley College	3:30

Softball:

	4/9	vs. College of Saint Rose	3:00
	4/10	vs. Lemoyne College	12:00
	4/13	vs. Bentley College	3:30

Tennis:

(Men)	4/10	vs. Merrimack College	1:30
(Women)	4/10	vs. Merrimack College	10:00
	4/12	vs. Bentley College	5:00
	4/14	vs. Assumption College	5:00