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-Timothy Parent

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## Happy Halloween



## Biden Visits SNHU, Hopes to Revive the "American Dream"

Aimee Terravechia  
Staff Writer

After visiting the American Legion Hall, Post 7, in Rochester earlier in the day, Senator Joe Biden, running mate of Barack Obama, visited Southern New Hampshire University's campus on Monday, October 13th. The event attracted community members and students alike, drawing approximately 900 guests.

After short speeches by both Dave Hendrie, a field organizer for the Obama campaign office of Manchester, and state Senator Betsy Devries, Biden was introduced to the audience as the "Future Vice President of the United States of America."

In his speech, Biden focused on key issues in the election, discussing everything from the economy to funding for education, tax breaks for the middle class, and healthcare.

"Americans are asking questions as simple as they are profound," said Biden when discussing financial concerns of American families. According to

Biden, both he and Obama are working to address these concerns by focusing on the economy and job creation.

"Our plan," Biden said, "is to create over two million new jobs averaging at about \$50,000 per year." Biden began discussing the impact that these plans would have on New Hampshire residents. Nine-thousand of these new jobs, he said, would be created in the Granite State.

Biden also addressed concerns dealing with mortgages and foreclosures within New

Hampshire, stating, "1,400 New Hampshire residents have lost their houses within the last quarter alone." Many of these figures resonated with New Hampshire residents who are beginning to feel the financial pinch more and more.

Biden also talked at length about what he considers to be an "attack" campaign being run by Senator McCain. The crowd, filled with Obama supporters sporting shirts that read: McCain't began "booing" at the mention of the Democratic nominee's opponent.

Highlighting the differences between McCain and



photo provided by Google

Senator Joe Biden

Obama, Biden said, "McCain wants to attack Obama and Obama wants to attack America's economic problems. It's as simple as that." Biden

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## SNHU Penmen Get Covered

Laura Rotolo  
Staff Writer

The Athletic Department at Southern New Hampshire University published a new athletic website at the beginning of the

2008-2009 school year. According to Greg Royce, Sports Information Director at SNHU, the new athletics website production began last winter. "The Athletic Department learned about the opportunity to get a grant through the Northeast-10 Conference to build a new athletic website with PrestoSports."

"We were approved to start building the new site in April, and really started working on it once the 2007-2008 academic year was over."

The process was tedious, which "took the entire summer to build, [due to] transferring information from the old site as well as adding a lot of new content" said Royce.

According to Royce, "the site launched the week of our

first [soccer] games, the last week of August." The site showcases new features such as an athletic overview, athletic complex hours, pages for intramurals and recreation, the Penmen Club, Men and Women's Varsity sports, as well as the Hall of Fame.

The most noticeable changes are the bios for every student-athlete and the live stats and video for home contests. "We offer live, real-time statistics for ten sports for home games and video for seven at the moment," stated Royce. "We find that a lot of parents and other family members who can't attend many games in person appreciate being able to follow their son or daughter's games as they happen."

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screenshot provided by snhupenmen.com

The screenshot shows the SNHU Penmen Athletics website. At the top is the 'PENMEN ATHLETICS' logo. Below it are links for 'MEN'S SPORTS', 'WOMEN'S SPORTS', and 'PROSPECTIVE STUDENT-ATHLETES JOIN THE PENMEN'. A central banner features the 'NORTHEAST-10 CONFERENCE' logo. To the right is a 'SCOREBOARD' for October 14, 2008, showing a Men's Soccer match between Franklin Pierce and SNHU with a score of 1-2. Below the scoreboard is a 'UPCOMING EVENTS' section for October 18, 2008, featuring Men's Soccer at Merrimack at 1:00 PM. A sidebar on the left lists various athletic resources like 'SNHU Home', 'Athletics Home', 'Athletics Overview', 'Athletics Facilities', 'Recreation Complex Hours', 'Intramurals and Recreation', 'Sports Camps', 'Athletics Staff Directory', 'Live Stats', 'Live Video', 'Athletics RSS Feeds', and 'Penmen Club'. A small text box at the bottom of the screenshot mentions 'October 15, 2008 Lantz Named Northeast-10 Player of the Week'.



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## September 12th 23:00

Public Safety approached a female sitting outside Kearsarge at the approx time above. As PS was approaching the student, she began to vomit. When asked if she was a student at SNHU, she responded with "Yes". The female student claimed to have had four beers throughout the night. The female did not have her student ID on her, but informed PS that she lived in Washington Hall. Public Safety then escorted her to her residence, but was told she'd rather not go inside as she sobers up better outside. The female began to vomit again. Public Safety inquired as to how old the female was. She responded by telling PS she was born in 1988. When asked what her birthday was, she responded by saying she was born in 1987. After verifying that information to be false, the resident laid down outside Washington, became silent, and again began to vomit. Rockingham Ambulance was called and the student was taken to the hospital.

## September 20th 23:10

RA's on a round in Washington encountered a room and suspected a marijuana scent coming from the door. After Public Safety responded to the call, they knocked on the door to find no one in the room. Public Safety and the RA's entered the room and found a fan facing toward the window, a bong underneath the desk, and a pill bottle filled with marijuana. Public Safety confiscated all items but the fan and left a note for the resident informing them of the situation.

## September 27th 01:10

The RD on duty requested assistance from Public Safety at the time aforementioned. Several "students" carrying a backpack were asked to stop by the RD. After finding the backpack contained several beers, the RD asked the students for their IDs. After presenting the RD with their current high school IDs, the RD and Public Safety escorted them to the main entrance where they waited for a cab.

## September 27th 02:00

Public Safety responded to a complaint in Windsor Hall. They responded to find four unregistered guests who announced themselves as Status Quo. All who were involved cooperated with Public Safety and left the premises as requested.

## Letter From the Editors

## Carter Meyers- Layout Editor

Well, Well, Well... we're sitting here in the office; it's 1:17AM on Monday morning. We have six and a half hours to send the paper off for printing. Libby is napping on the couch cuddled up in Dan's fleece jacket (which only has a light coat of drool on it). She's had four lacrosse games today and she's a little tired. Nick Tasso is editing articles from the Red Sox game tonight (yes we know, it was upsetting). However, for Libby, the game was a success because she's not a Red Sox fan. Dan Smith is editing a draft printed a few hours ago and commenting on EVERY mistake.

So anyways, you might be wondering why we are even up at this hour. Well, if you were to flip over your paper right now you would see the number 36 at the bottom of the page. Yes, 36 pages; we have never had that many before.

## Daniel Smith-Managing Editor

So, with 36 pages, you may be asking; where did all that content come from? Well, it came from our amazing staff of writers and a large influx of contributing writers this issue. We were also fortunate enough to have many submissions from the journalism class this semester.

While we are excited to print the largest paper is SNHU history, we are always looking to bigger and better things. We are still working on a website to be debuted soon and are working on changing the format of our paper. The Observer is always looking for ideas and innovations that will make YOUR paper better. Please send all ideas to the Observer at observer@snhu.edu.

At 1:47 AM, Carter is now busy editing, Libby is completing final edits to the paper, and Nick is supervising the whole operation. We are almost done and are on our last food run of the night. Hopefully we will actually get some sleep before we attempt to go to class tomorrow. We hope you enjoy the fruits of our labors.

## Libby Parent- Editor in Chief

As previously noted, every section is on steroids this issue, with the most content in the Observer history. Alongside the News section, which contains a large amount of political coverage, be sure to check out the Sports section, as we have some serious professional sports and SNHU athletics coverage. We have been working extremely hard on this issue, (it is 2:45 AM) and we would love to hear your feedback! Shoot us an e-mail, we are here most nights, especially at deadline. Thanks, enjoy, and rock on :)

**Update:** 5:34 AM PDF sent out for printing.

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# White House Reviewing \$700 Billion Rescue Plan

**Timothy Callahan**  
Staff Writer

After Congress passed an unprecedented \$700 billion plan to save financial firms from shutting down, the White House is now considering applying \$250 billion to investing in banks.

The current economic crisis in the United States and across the world has called for extreme and immediate action. Originally, the rescue plan emerged from the Treasury Department in the form of a three page bill. Although a radical version of the bill was initially rejected in the House, a more moderate proposal by the Senate was passed through both houses of Congress. Various kinds of favorable legislation to individual congressmen were attached to the bill to make sure it was passed with as little opposition as possible. When the bill left the Senate, it totaled over 450 pages. On October 3rd, President Bush signed the bill into law and began considering what action to take.

Government intervention at the expense of taxpayers was seen as a necessary step to secure investments and the financial market. The initial intent of the bill was to buy up the bad loans that financial firms had as a result of sub-prime lending. By doing this, the freeze on business and consumer loans would hopefully be alleviated.

However, the passing of this bill was only the first step to avert a nationwide and global crisis. Since the bill was passed in frenzy, very little restrictions were placed on the strategy to be utilized for the implementation of the \$700 billion. As such, the president decided to funnel \$250 billion of it into nine major banks, shoring up investments and loans in these banks. Inspiration for this plan stemmed from European practice and democratic support.

Furthermore, the bill may grant an additional \$100 billion to the Treasury Department as well as allow banks to

lend amongst each other. The latter would allow for businesses day-to-day operations to continue, after the Lehman Brothers firmed collapsed freezing any such loans.

Buying equity in banks goes against conservative ideologies which favor government deregulation of the financial sector. By the Bush administration effectively nationalizing banks, the severity of the situation could not be clearer. Officials are now willing to exhaust every option to save the economy from crumbling. Many have questioned why it took so long for officials to take a bipartisan approach in the face of economic collapse.

In response to the potential for government investment in banks, Wall Street soared on Monday, October 13, with the Dow Jones jumping over 11%. Although this day was encouraging, the nation's problems are far from over. One day of promise is not enough to solve the tough economic problems that the United States is currently facing.

# "Going Green" is Contagious

**Shannon Arel**  
Contributing Writer

The third annual Health and Wellness Fair, held by the Nashua Telegraph, took place on Sunday, September 21st at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua.

Over 40 businesses from the community participated to emphasize the importance of "going green." Live music, demonstrations, speeches, and a fashion show all took place at the convention in hopes to pull more people into the "going green movement." Booths

were set up, and accompanied by the businesses' finest to help inform and improve knowledge of living healthy.

Vendors were happily meeting and greeting hundreds of people at their booths that displayed products, services, raffles, and giveaways. Businesses were involved in scheduled activities throughout the day, providing entertainment and pulling in new customers. The main goal was not to entertain participants but to really emphasize the importance of "going green" by providing the entertainment

that would "stick" in their mind and lead them to more eco-friendly business practices.

Southern New Hampshire University has already caught the contagious "going green" movement by providing more recycling bins and producing the "one earth, one bottle" campaign. The campaign provides water bottles for students; limiting the use of plastic water bottles around campus.

Jennifer Reardon, a SNHU alumni attended the Wellness Fair and thought that SNHU would have "fit in well."

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# SNHU Penmen Get Covered

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The new athletic website has received many reviews. According to Royce, most feedback has been positive. "We have heard from everyone, from student-athletes, parents, coaches, alumni and fans, and everyone is excited about the new site. When we started the process, we wanted to make the SNHU athletic site on par with, if not better than, many of the other athletic websites of Northeast-10 Conference schools. [According to] the feedback we have received, we have done just that."

Although much time and effort has gone into the website, Royce affirmed that "as with any website, the process is never done...the department is continually looking to implement new features." Visit the upgraded SNHU athletic website at [www.snhupenmen.com](http://www.snhupenmen.com).

# Biden Visits Campus

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also focused on major differences in the policies of both nominees. He openly criticized McCain's plans for the economy.

"McCain's plan is what I call an ultimate bridge to nowhere," said Biden.

Senator Biden then focused on the affordability of education in the United States. He expressed great concern about funding education and the impact that American youth will have on the future of this country. Biden related this concern with what he considers a great need for service volunteers. He urged young Americans to put their country first. Biden encouraged the audience to commit to service, through military, not-for-profit organizations as well as through other avenues.

He ended his discussion of education and related costs with a promise, "If you serve your country, we will get you to college." This promise was met with roaring applause from the audience.

Focusing on what he considered to be monumental obstacles that lay ahead, Biden likened presidential nominee Barack Obama to President Kennedy. Biden compared Kennedy's promise to get

*"If you serve your country,  
we will get you to college."*

America to the moon in the 1960's to Obama's promises to fix the economy.

"We will get America back on track. We will end this financial crisis," said Biden.

Drawing to a conclusion, Biden called for a restoration of both dignity and respect in the middle class and explained his hope to "revive the American Dream." The audience rose to their feet in applause after his closing statements.

"It is time for Americans to get up! This is our time! This is America's time," Biden exclaimed, "So get up!"

Biden's visit to SNHU campus as well as the American Legion in Rochester marked the first day of campaigning in New Hampshire for the senator.



## "Going Green" is Contagious

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One World Trading, an all natural and organic clothing and accessory store located on Main Street in Nashua, and Verde Salon, an all organic salon also located on Main Street, worked together to produce the fashion show at the fair. One World Trading provided all of the clothing, while Verde Salon provided the models and styled all hair. The fashion show featured college aged students as the fashion show models.

Dennis Rodriguez, a model for the show felt that it is important to target college students to live a better life because "with the food we eat, and our activity levels, we are going to be the first generation to not outlive our parents."

Rodriguez is also a Salon Coordinator at Verde Salon and feels that it is very important for people to think about the way they live.

"Recycling and organics is something everyone should take part in, heck, the jeans I just modeled for the fashion show are made of 30 percent recycled plastic."

At Verde Salon, Dennis along with the rest of the team use all organically approved products to better the environment.

"Before graduating last year, I noticed that the university was on its way to "going green." The students are the ones who really need to take action on the opportunities provided to them," stated Reardon.

Businesses and colleges are beginning to realize that they need to take action now. Like SNHU, other colleges and businesses have begun taking precautionary actions for our environment. As more businesses and colleges catch on, the "going green" movement will continue to progress.



New Mexico Governor **Bill Richardson**

## VP Debate Not as Dynamic as Predicted

**Timothy Callahan**  
*Staff Writer*

Though it generated a great brouhaha for political pundits, the Vice Presidential debate on October 2nd between Senator Joe Biden and Governor Sarah Palin was not nearly as eventful as many had hoped.

Being the only VP debate for the upcoming election, there was a general consensus that it could drastically change the course of the next month. Whether Palin stumbled through the debate or Biden talked himself into a major political blunder, one Vice Presidential candidate was to emerge the victor definitively and distance the election for his or her ticket.

Unfortunately for those interested, victory was not so clearly defined in this case as neither candidate made any critical blunders. Palin adhered to the most important issues expressed by the McCain campaign, while using her down-to-earth charm to appeal to voters. Biden, on the other hand, was careful to make effective points while avoiding coming off as condescending towards Palin.

Palin was successful in her first and only debate, because she adeptly avoided failure. A great deal of



VP Candidate **Sarah Palin**

uncertainty concerning Senator John McCain's Vice Presidential candidate selection arose after Palin's interviews with Katie Couric. She seemed much more at ease at the debate, as not all of the focus was on her and she had time to prepare her responses.

Many of her answers included

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## Governor of New Mexico Comes to SNHU

**Suzanne Lentell**  
*Photo Editor*

On September 23rd, Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico came to Southern New Hampshire University to support the democratic campaign, Barack Obama, and Securing America's Future Energy.

Richardson stated that the United States desperately needs infrastructure and more financial oversight in order to improve the U.S. economy. He noted that Obama is the first to want changes in the policy on energy due to the environmental threats on the planet. In order to combat this challenge, Obama and Joe Biden set a plan in place that is projected to create 5 million green collar jobs and have 25 percent of American electricity come from renewable energy sources by 2025.

Richardson moved on to the causes Obama is in support of such as more oversight and transparency, special interests on lobbyists, pulling out of war that is costing the U.S. \$20 billion a month and that is "not working," as well as the need for a GI bill of rights for veterans.

He went on to state the facts of Obama's plans on taxation. He stated that no family making less than \$250,000 will see their taxes increase and that taxes will be cut by \$500 for 95% of workers and by \$1,000 for working couples.

Both Obama and Richardson believe that the United States needs a pro-growth economy. "We want a surplus again like we had with Clinton and we can do that by thinking positively and redoubling efforts because we need to take back our country" Richardson stated.

## Athletic Complex Gets Renovated

Alana Lampert  
Contributing Writer

Assistant Athletic Director, Chad Mason, said, "it was one of the busier years for small renovations that had [dramatic changes]." Among those renovations was the replacement of the flooring that had been there since the Athletic Complex's inception in 1975. Mason said the new flooring, tile and no-slip rubber, "brightens up the building and is [easier] to maintain."

A new sound system was set up at the pool which will allow announcement times for the swim meets that SNHU holds. This system benefits the students because the sound system has iPod capabilities. They are spending approximately \$50,000 on the men's and women's locker room renovations as well.

The Athletic Complex is following the trend to "go green" with the addition of motion activated lights that have been installed in the field house bathrooms in order to conserve energy.

Future renovations are still in the works. As of right now, the next change will involve labeling outside of the athletic complex. People visiting the campus have a hard time finding the field house or the Penmen Room due to the lack of signs on the exterior of the building. Mason stated that hopefully next summer the Athletic Complex will be able to add some signage to the outside of the building.

## Alcohol Regulations Amped Up at SNHU

Meghan Welch  
Contributing Writer

Beginning this semester, Southern New Hampshire University implemented a new drinking policy in an effort to reduce underage drinking. This policy gives Public Safety officers a more direct way to monitor drinking on campus.

This new policy allows Public Safety officers to search personal possessions, including refrigerators. These searches can occur if a Public Safety officer suspects underage students of being in the possession of alcohol.

Some students are questioning whether their privacy is being compromised. "Students should be allowed to have privacy without having to worry about what they put in the refrigerator," stated SNHU junior, Sarah-Ann Lafleur.

If an underage student is found drinking in a residence that is considered "wet," meaning there is at least one 21 year old living in the residence, then action can be taken by Public Safety and resident assistants. Even though the area is approved to have alcoholic bev-

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## VP Debate Not as Dynamic as Predicted

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colloquialisms like 'you betcha', 'darn right' and 'doggone it' to connect with working class Americans. She commonly referenced her record on energy policies as well as her experience as a governor and mayor to allay some of the fears of her lack of experience.

At the same time, she was quick to distance herself and John McCain from the current presidential administration. A notable Palin sound clip came after Biden attempted to associate her ticket with the Bush administration when she said, "Say it ain't so, Joe, there you go pointing backwards again." All the while, Palin continued to refer to John McCain and herself as 'mavericks,' citing various voting records that were not popular with their parties.

Although she was generally successful in her debate style, Palin did make some errors. Commonly, she avoided the direct questions being asked of her to focus on topics that she was more familiar with. Also, she made a mistake in referring to General McKiernan as McClellan when she was talking about strategies in Afghanistan. A few times during the debate, she even openly admitted that she was not completely familiar with how politics worked in Washington, which is a funda-

mental flaw in a vice presidential candidate.

Biden effectively made his points throughout the debate. He fielded most questions directed towards him and made no egregious errors which his garrulous nature sometimes forces him into. Throughout the debate, he respectfully criticized Palin and McCain. He even challenged the concept of McCain being a maverick by stating, "So maverick he is not on the important, critical issues that affect people at [the] kitchen table."

The main criticism of Biden was that he did not challenge Palin enough. Though he was critical at times, Biden did not make any decisive points to distance himself in the way that his vast amount of experience over Palin



VP Candidate Joe Biden

would indicate. In this way, Palin was seen as having a successful debate, and she exceeded expectations.

Pollsters and pundits found that, although Palin did relatively well, the debate went to Biden. However, the victory was not particularly decisive, and the Democratic ticket only gained a slight edge.

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erages in it due to the legal age of at least one resident, underage drinking is not accepted or tolerated in the area, only responsible drinking by those of legal age. Action can be taken on both the underage drinker as well as the 21 year olds present. One course of action can be the loss of being considered “wet” where the underage drinking has occurred.

The responsibility placed on students of legal age for minors’ actions is major, which some students do not agree with. “It is unfair that 21-year-olds are

responsible for underage people drinking within the same apartment,” stated SNHU junior, Alison Waring.

Tricy Palencia, a Residence Director in the East Side apartments and member of the SNHU Alcohol and Other Drugs committee, encourages students to join the committee and voice their opinion due to the fact that this controversial issue among the SNHU community has many differing views from students and other community members.

## Art Gallery Opens for its Fall Season

**Daniel Smith**  
*Managing Editor*

The McNich Art Gallery opened its first exhibit this year with the show “Drawing the Line.”

The exhibit featured works by various artists that created hand drawn pieces. It covered drawing from the 18th century to the late 20th century. The works are on borrow from the University of New Hampshire Art Gallery.

The gallery, which is directed by Deborah Disston, is in its seventh season of exhibits and presents five exhibits a year. Past exhibits of the McNich Gallery have included a controversial photography exhibit and student exhibits, Typographical one and two. It is supported by donations from friends of the university and patrons who visit on a daily basis.

The exhibition “Drawing the Line” shows the use of

many different mediums including charcoal, pastel, and ink. The intent of the show is to demonstrate the mastery of many of these types of mediums.

Some of the pieces in the gallery are from artists such as Annibale Carracci and Larry Rivers. When asked why this exhibit was chosen, Disston stated that drawing is the “foundation of the creative process” and that she wanted to showcase its roots.

The gallery is trying to showcase the history of drawing by bringing in pieces of architectural drawing from the 18th century and then working up until the present era. The idea was to create a timeline of influence by pointing out how the 18th century influences the 20th century.

Disston believes that the art of drawing serves as a jumping

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## Pop Politics: Warhol’s Political Portraits Visit the Currier

**Aimee Terravechia**  
*Staff Writer*

The “Pop Politics” exhibit at the Currier Museum of Art explores a little-known side of Andy Warhol just in time for presidential elections.

“Pop Politics,” which opened at the Currier on September 27, delves into the political portraiture created by Andy Warhol. The pieces being displayed range from a never-before exhibited Robert Kennedy portrait to some of Warhol’s most infamous and iconic images.

According to Sharon Matt Atkins, curator of the exhibit and assistant curator at the Currier Museum of Art, the idea for “Pop Politics” came about after an acquisition of a portfolio of works entitled “Flash-November 22, 1963” done by Warhol in 1968. The piece served as a springboard into research that would lead Atkins to the main

theme of the exhibit: politics.

“In my research, I was surprised to find that never had there really been a Warhol exhibit that focused mainly on his political portraits,” said Atkins.

The Currier is the first to compile these works, along with the preliminary sketches and original photographs, into a coherent exhibit that highlights the political influence and attitudes that Warhol possessed. Many of the pieces as well as the sketches and notes of Warhol’s creative process were borrowed both from the Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburg and from private owners.

Highlights of the exhibit include a miniature movie theater that plays four short politically-centered films of Warhol’s. Also, the entire wall dedicated to the iconic repetitive portraits

of Mao, complete with the wall-paper backdrop that Warhol designed to be installed when the portraits were originally exhibited in Paris.

“Pop Politics” chronicles the politically artistic journey of Warhol, beginning with Jackie Kennedy series he created shortly after J.F.K.’s assassination and ending with Warhol’s portraits of Mao and Vladimir Lennon. The layout of the gallery mimics this chronology.

The entire exhibit is both exquisitely displayed and brilliantly researched. Atkins has also written an essay on the political works of Warhol that is available at the exhibit in the Currier Museum of Art.

The exhibit, which is free to all SNHU students upon presentation of their school ID, will be at the Currier until January 4, 2009.

## Beating Stress, Staying Healthy

**Shelly Petry**  
*Contributing Writer*

As midterms loom, students at Southern New Hampshire University need to find ways to combat stress and avoid illness. Stress is a physiological reaction that occurs in the body and raises the levels of hormones adrenaline and catecholamine. This reaction is commonly known as the “fight or flight syndrome.” Years ago, fight or flight kicked in when human beings had to decide to either run away from danger (like an angry lion) or to stay and fight for their lives.

Today, all of the chemicals that our bodies release to fight the metaphorical lion come out when a major paper is due or when having an argument with a parent or roommate.

“A lot of the stress we have is self created,” said Jet Goldberg, Director of SNHU’s Wellness Center, “We tend to catastrophist things.”

No matter what is causing the body to react, the ways to reduce stress level are simple. The most important thing is to

try to keep a positive attitude. Although it may be difficult, choosing to not let workloads pile up may be the best choice to make. Endorphins are a body’s natural stress fighter; so participating in activities that make one happy are great for combating stress.

Developing healthy eating habits, drinking plenty of water, exercising, and managing time well are other great ways keep stress to a minimum and stay healthy.

According to WedMD Health News, one in three adults suffer from extreme stress, which causes them to develop bad eating habits, sleep poorly, and forget to exercise, exactly

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# SNHU Graduate Student Wins Blue Ribbon Award

## Opening of Salem Center "Successful"

Press Release

Ashley Manley  
News Editor

Corri Wilson of Hooksett was recently announced as the recipient of the New Hampshire Partners in Education "Parent School Volunteer of the Year" award which recognizes a parent volunteer who contributes to a New Hampshire school. Wilson - a candidate for the Master of Science in Sport Management at Southern New Hampshire University and parent of two children being educated in the Hooksett school district - was nominated by Barb Brennan, Volunteer Coordinator at David R. Cawley Middle School in recognition of having volunteered over 200 service hours to the school in numerous school health and wellness activities.

In her nomination, Brennan

says of the candidate, "Corri is passionate about health and fitness and bringing her expertise to the Cawley students...if Corri was not the devoted volunteer that she was and continues to be, many of these programs would not have enjoyed the great success that they had."

Wilson is excited about bringing to the public schools the knowledge and experience she is gaining from her education as a SNHU graduate student. She will be recognized at the Annual Blue Ribbon Awards breakfast at the Radisson Hotel-Center of New Hampshire in Manchester on October 27th. David R. Cawley Middle School will also be recognized at that time as a Blue Ribbon School.

October 1st marked the official opening of the Salem Center. There were approximately 150 attendees consisting of local community members as well as employees and students from Southern New Hampshire University.

The Grand Opening featured numerous highlights such as raffles and food. Raffles included a Dell laptop as well as four - \$100 gas cards and a dinner for four to the SNHU Restaurant. The Culinary Arts program provided the food for the night.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Michelle Stout, of Institutional Advancement, led the ceremony and the introductions of President Paul LeBlanc and Beth Roth. LeBlanc delivered a speech that described his support of

non-traditional education. Roth, a local attorney, also delivered a speech. She remarked on the importance of a university in town and stressed the impact the Advantage program has.

According to Linda Richelson, Director of the Salem Center, the opening was "successful" due to various reasons. "Members of the community were able to view our new location and, in some cases, were introduced to the university. Others viewed our center as a potential training facility - another area of revenue for the center and university. Faculty and staff from the main campus were able to see the growth of Continuing Education..." stated Richelson.

Although the Salem Center has been in the community for

over 25 years, they have "had several locations as we grew to the center we are today" said Richelson. She continued by saying that "the Ananda building was built almost 2 years ago and I felt this location was exactly what the center needed...with the help of Bob Vachon, Facilities Director, we were able to successfully negotiate for the space and make our move."

Richelson went on to describe the difference between the Salem Center and SNHU Manchester, "Salem Center is specifically for non-traditional students. The Advantage program is currently the only classes we offer during the day and our population is 100% commuters."

Now that the Salem Center is officially opened in its new location, Richelson wants to continue, "to provide exceptional education and training to our student body and the community."



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## McInich Art Gallery Opens

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off point for the creative process. She believes that it is important to study early artists and learn from them. "The more informed you are, the better you can create," said Disston. She also has a feel for outsider art, which is art that is made with no regard or training of what has come before.

This year senior Susan Kovach will be the curator of an exhibit on the History of Rock and Roll poster art. The collection will be derived from Richard Colfer. Colfer will be lending between 15 and 20 pieces of his collection to furnish the gallery. Pieces will range from the late 1960's to the 1980's. The pieces will be showing the influence of the San Francisco art movement.

The official gallery opening was held on September 25th and the exhibition will run until October 25th at which time they will begin designing the gallery for the next show, "Distant Shores: Cultural Exchange in Contemporary Art."

## Beating Stress, Staying Healthy

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the opposite of what one should do in order to avoid stress.

"Homework takes a little dive," stated Dana Gibson, senior, in response to how stress impacts her life negatively. As a way to de-stress, she listens to music and writes.

Certain foods are known to have calming and therapeutic effects on the body. Ever hear mom say "drink a glass of warm milk before bed?" A specific chemical in milk (and turkey) called tryptophan, is known to have a calming effect on the body. One food that is debated by experts over its stress relieving powers is chocolate.

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*"Certain foods are known to have calming and therapeutic effects on the body."*

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Chocolate causes the body to release endorphins, which causes happiness and in turn less stress. Others argue that since chocolate contains caffeine, it should not be consumed by the stressed because caffeine causes more tension and aggravation within the body.

The Wellness Center offers resources to help teach stress management and will visit clubs and residence halls for programs. Furthermore, many tutors and study groups around campus can help students who need a little extra help with their workload that may be causing stress. To access these sources, send an email to the Wellness Center at [wellness@snhu.edu](mailto:wellness@snhu.edu) or SNHU's Learning Center at [m.deluca@snhu.edu](mailto:m.deluca@snhu.edu).

## Presidential Hopefuls Address America

**Aimee Terravechia**

*Staff Writer*

While Senator Joe Biden spoke at Southern New Hampshire University on Monday, October 13th, both Barack Obama and John McCain gave speeches in other parts of the country.

Senator John McCain spoke in Virginia Beach, Virginia alongside running mate Governor Sarah Palin. In his speech, McCain addressed topics such as the economy, drilling, and corruption in Washington.

McCain promised conservative spending if elected as well as change in Washington. "We cannot spend the next four years as we have spent much of the last eight," said McCain.

The senator also called for

the immediate drilling for oil and gas and criticized Senator Obama as having too little experience.

"The next president won't have the luxury of studying up on the issues before he acts. He will have to act immediately... to do that he will need experience, courage, judgment, and a bold plan of action to take this country in a new direction," said McCain.

In Toledo, Ohio, Barack Obama addressed an audience on similar issues. Obama spoke of change as well as concern for the economy and the middle class.

"We need to pass an economic rescue plan for the middle

class...and we need to do it right now," said Obama. Obama explained his plans for the economy centered on new job creation for Middle America and promised tax credits for small businesses hiring new employees within the United States.

"It is time to protect the jobs we have and to create the jobs of tomorrow," said Obama.

Although he agreed with McCain's statement that change is necessary in Washington, Obama asserted that he did not believe that McCain would provide that change. Both candidates are expected to be in the public more frequently as Election Day draws closer.

## Parking Changes at SNHU

**Alyssa Moriarty**

*Contributing Writer*

At Southern New Hampshire University, there are additional parking changes for the 2008-2009 academic year. These changes are scheduled to be complete in November 2008.

Currently, there is a large amount of construction on campus. One major project that will aid some of the parking issues on campus is the new parking lot being built on east side, behind the softball field. This lot, scheduled to be completed by the end of November, is going to contain 150 additional parking spaces for non-freshmen east side residents.

When this lot is complete, all non-freshmen east side residents will be issued an EE sticker. This sticker will only allow residents

to park in lots behind Hampton and Windsor, around Lincoln and Conway, and in the new parking lot. These students will no longer be allowed to park on the west side of campus. The addition of the new parking lot is hoped to increase the number of available parking spots on the west side of campus.

There have been several complaints made by students living on west side about parking. Junior Melissa Falcucci stated that "SNHU parking is unorganized and illogically placed; too many freshman can have cars and a petition or lottery should be done before issuing parking passes."

Junior Lindsay Montiero said "I have an off-campus job

which requires me to work late hours, and every time I come back on campus I have to park all the way over by Cranmore when I live in Whittier. If the freshmen lot was not expanded, I know I could get a closer spot, and I would feel more comfortable coming home after work."

These complaints are not only coming from residents here at SNHU, also from commuters. John F. Leary III, a junior, stated "I am usually late for class because I have to drive around and look for a spot, and then I end up parking in what is not a spot and receive a ticket."

The commuter sticker is used for staff, faculty, commuter

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## Parking Changes at SNHU

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students, and also visiting guests. One reason many parking spaces are taken on west side is due to the fact that east side residents drive over to west side to park in order to be closer to their classes.

If these actions and parking violations continue, many students may get their car permits revoked. This year, if a student gets more than ten tickets during the academic year, they will no longer be allowed to park on campus.

These new parking regulations and changes to the existing ones will greatly impact the lives and parking habits of various students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

## McCain Unable to Close Ground in Debates

**Timothy Callahan**  
*Staff Writer*

The second presidential debate on October 7th did very little to stop the polls from growing in Senator Obama's favor, as Senator McCain was not able to deliver any lasting attacks.

Presented in a town-hall format, the debate was framed by the looming economic crisis and polls suggesting that McCain needed to attack Obama's background and record. The previously determined rules were relatively stringent and did not allow for the candidates to directly address one another. The main concern of the night was the current economic crisis which has enveloped the country.

McCain was quick to attempt to establish his bipartisan voting record and tactics, while criticizing Obama's decidedly liberal record. He attempted to discredit Obama's tax proposals by saying, "Well, you know, nailing down Senator Obama's various tax proposals is like nailing Jell-O to the wall." As far as foreign policy was concerned, McCain seemed much more at ease, while still characterizing Obama as being grossly inexperienced. Attacks on Obama's character and background were sure to ensue.

No such decisive attacks

happened, however, as McCain began to become visibly frustrated, even referring to Obama as "that one" at one point during the debate. The frustrations mounted as McCain paced back and forth, unable to land a resounding blow on Obama to change the tide in his favor.

Obama focused on McCain's lack of separation from President Bush's policies once more, while connecting him with deregulation which was essentially what caused the economic crisis: "Senator McCain, as recently as March, bragged about the fact that he is a deregulator." Most notably for foreign policy, Obama used McCain's reference to Teddy Roosevelt against him, citing examples where McCain did not "speak softly."

This is not to say that Obama handily won the debate; he did not. Obama concerned himself with countering McCain's points enough to offset any negative effect that they would have. He remained calm in his overall demeanor and looked much more at ease throughout the debate than McCain.

After the debate, little had changed in the polls, which denoted an unsuccessful night for the McCain campaign. If he wants to make up any ground,

## Free Bike Rental Program Comes to SNHU

**Aimee Terravechia**  
*Staff Writer*

SNHU introduced a bike rental program recently that aims to promote both personal and environmental health.

Six brand new bicycles arrived at SNHU on October 10, 2008. These new unisex, multi-speed machines were part of a bicycle rental program SNHU officially launched on October 14.

The idea for the program, according to Dr. Scott Kalicki, came from an international student who lived on campus without a car.

Although SNHU had originally looked into using automated kiosks to rent the bikes to students, the university ultimately decided against it. According to Dr. Kalicki, SNHU found that the kiosks simply would not work for this campus. Instead, he said, "We had to start from scratch."

SNHU is collaborating with a local business in order to keep the program running smoothly. Goodale's bike shop of Hooksett, NH has agreed to service the bicycles regularly.

Safety is being taken seriously with



SNHU Bike Program

this new program. Dr. Kalicki noted that the bikes are fully equipped with all necessary safety features. Upon renting a bike, "each student will be provided with a helmet and a bike lock," said Kalicki. Students will also be required to sign a statement stating that they understand all safety precautions before being allowed to rent the bicycles.

Bicycles will be available to rent for a four-hour period from both the Student Center Info Booth and the Athletic Complex Equipment Room.



Senator John McCain

the final debate may have to be much more personal than the ones that preceded.

The first debate took place on Sept. 26th, and the first half focused heavily on domestic financial policy with foreign policy issues being the subject of the second half.

This debate highlighted the dichotomy between the two presidential candidates, as well as Obama's seeming aptitude

for foreign policy and McCain's attacks on wasteful Democratic spending.

When it came to foreign policy, it was generally understood that McCain had a decided advantage over Obama. Obama focused on being surprisingly knowledgeable on the foreign policy topics and tried to liken McCain to Bush on domestic policy issues.

On the other hand, McCain

made a point to emphasize his vast foreign policy experience over Obama. Also, he attributed a great deal of the wastefulness in Washington to Obama and the Democrats through earmarks.

In keeping with the theme of these debates, there was no decisive victory to be had. However, polls suggested that the night went to Obama for addressing foreign policy in an effective manner.

## Governor Shaheen, Michael J. Fox visit SNHU

Libby Parent  
Editor in Chief

On September 23, 2008 Southern New Hampshire University welcomed Jeanne Shaheen, New Hampshire U.S. Senate hopeful. Actor Michael J. Fox accompanied Shaheen as a vocal supporter of her campaign.

"It is ideology that has governed our policies, not research," Shaheen stated as she described the need for a "new direction" in America. Before introducing Fox, she briefly compared her position on embryonic stem cell research to John Sununu's, the

current U.S. Senator representing New Hampshire.

Fox, a victim of Parkinson's disease, explained that stem cell research could greatly benefit the 100 million families that are affected by debilitating diseases in America. He briefly discussed the importance for change in the Senate.

"It's time to elect officials that support change," Fox said. He further elaborated that more medical research was essential in finding a cure for incapacitating diseases.



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Michael J. Fox with community members

## Introducing Reusable Food Containers at SNHU

Aimee Terravechia  
Staff Writer

## Soba Returns as Director of Admissions

Ashley Manley  
News Editor

Steven Soba has been in the field of college admissions for 16 years. Since 2002, he has been the Director of Admissions at Southern New Hampshire University.

After questioning "is there more out there?" Soba left SNHU in order to explore his options. He found that "something" and accepted a position at a marketing and consulting firm as a marketing consultant.

Soba held this position for four months until the Vice President of Enrollment at SNHU, Brad Poznanski, approached Soba and him the opportunity to have his job back.

Soba stated that he only left SNHU because he simply wanted to see if there was some-

thing more "stimulating" beyond college admissions which he had been doing for such a long period of time.

Around June, Soba accepted his position back as the Director of Admissions at SNHU. He stated that he came back because he "missed college admissions and missed SNHU." He continued by saying that he "missed the interaction with the students."

It "was easy for me to reaccept" my position since "SNHU has a very special environment," stated Soba.

When asked what Soba hopes to accomplish as being Director of Admissions again he responded, "to lead the under-

In efforts to continue to support Southern New Hampshire University's efforts to "go green," SNHU has been looking into introducing reusable food containers in the cafeteria.

According to Dr. Scott Kalicki several problems existed with both Styrofoam containers that SNHU previously used

and the corn-based paper take-out containers that SNHU currently uses. The negative effects of the Styrofoam containers on the environment are well known. The disadvantages to the corn-based paper containers are a little less obvious.

Dr. Kalicki stated that the problem with these containers is threefold. "First off, they are a waste of money," Kalicki says, "and they are a waste of food product. Also, the biodegradable aspect would only work if we were composting them. SNHU does not have the capacity to do this."

In order to address these problems, SNHU has been researching eco-friendly and cost-effective alternatives, one of which being plastic reusable containers.

"The plastic in these con-

tainers is recycled," said Kalicki, "so there is no worry of using new plastics to create them." According to Kalicki the containers would work much like the reusable water bottles that were introduced earlier this semester.

"Students would sign a pledge and be given a reusable container [to use for their food]. When they are done, they would drop it off at the cafe and be given a new, clean one," stated Kalicki.

According to Kalicki, many of the details are still being discussed. From the color of the containers to the question of how to get them onto campus, much planning still remains. Despite these questions, Kalicki hopes to have the program up and running within the next six weeks.

*"According to Kalicki the containers would work much like the reusable water bottles that were introduced earlier this semester."*

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## The Restlessness of Freedom

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**Sinziana Scoarta**  
Staff Writer

The United States was expected to take a more ardent and threatening stance in the Georgian conflict; however, Russia is a great power and an ally in United States' plans of taking over one of its presently greatest threats, Iran.

The situation has since worsened as Russian forces alongside the rebel ones started moving in the Georgian territory, destroying military targets in the city of Gori as well as bombarding the capital city's, Tbilisi, airport. A week and a half after the conflict began a ceasefire was signed between the Georgian and Russian/ South Ossetian parties. However, Russian troops seemed reluctant to withdraw from the vicinity of the Georgian capital. They did so after three weeks, at the end of August, before Russia single-handedly recognized the South Ossetia and Abkhazia enclaves as independent states.

After withdrawing from the legitimate Georgian territory, the Russian army was to resume its position. This position had not been held since before the emergence of the conflict, August

7th, when the war was declared. Russian peacekeeping forces totaling 7,600 will be kept on the territory of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

The war in Georgia has left traces on the political, military, social and economic environment.

From a political perspective Georgia and Russia terminated their diplomatic relationships for the first time since 1991 (after the complete dissolution of the Russian block). The United States assisted Georgia with its rebuilding process by means of humanitarian aids after President George W. Bush signed a pledge that granted the country \$1 billion.

The Georgian army has suffered severe losses and is now asking for support regarding reequipping from the United States. Washington has not yet decided on a course of action in this aspect but the American Vice-President, Dick Cheney, stressed during his visit to Tbilisi on September 4th that the main focus at present is for Georgia to restore its economy. Russia on the other hand may present a

plan at the Geneva Convention on October 15th, which would desist the sale of weapons from Russia to Georgia.

The Georgian economy suffered a serious downfall due to the war. Georgia was forced to take a minimum-interest-rate loan from the Asian Development Bank of \$40 million that is to be returned in 32 years in order to restore the grounds of its economy.

From a social standpoint, tensions are prone to reappear at any time among the three groups; Georgians, South Ossetians, and Abkhazian, in the search for international independence recognition. South Ossetians are presently forwarding complaints against Georgia at the International Court of Justice and the European Court of Human Rights, which are endorsed by Russia. Russia also emphasizes its triumph in the war by means of an exhibition that brings together destroyed pieces of artillery and burnt Georgian flags symbolizing the greatness of the Russian army over the Georgian one.

The war brought about local and international political instability. Russia highly criticized the

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## Mother-Daughter Book Club

**Nick Tasso**  
Sports Editor

On Thursday October 16th, a monthly mother-daughter book club took place at Professor Andrea Bard's house; the book chosen for October was Professor Diane Les Becquets latest, "Season of Ice."

Les Becquets came and spoke to the seventh grade girls and their mothers. This marked the first time that the mother-

daughter book club has ever been greeted by the author of their current book of the month.

"Season of Ice" is about a teenage daughter who loses her father. Bard said this book was a great choice because "the kids can relate."

Usually, the mother who hosts each monthly book discussion comes up with questions to

discuss; however, because this was a unique situation, each daughter was asked to bring questions of their own to ask Les Becquets.

"[Les Becquets] spoke to the club about the process of writing the book, where she got her ideas and how difficult it is to write a novel. I think the girls were very surprised at how long the process takes and all that goes into writing," Bard said.

Les Becquets elaborated on the profession of writing by referencing the time it takes to produce a novel, characteristics needed to be a good writer, and the importance of reading.

## Soba Returns as Director of Admissions

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graduate admissions effort" and that he wants to "meet enrollment goals."

Soba was then asked what he plans on doing to meet enrollment goals with the economy the way it is. He explained that not only "economy challenges" but "challenges from competing colleges and universities" will impact enrollment at SNHU. He went on to say that "folks need to realize education is an investment" and is a "cornerstone to a successful life."

He believes SNHU has an advantage over competing colleges and universities since at SNHU "we take a personalized approach."

Soba will continue to "adjust strategies" in order to meet enrollment goals. He is happy to be back at SNHU, interacting with students, and back in the world of college admissions.

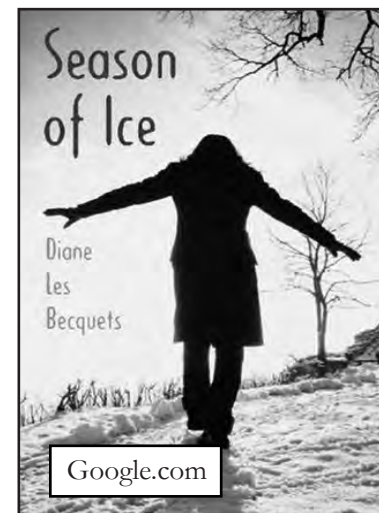


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Director of Admissions, **Steven Soba**

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Season of Ice

# WaMu Under Investigation

Holly Bundy  
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After being seized by the FDIC on Sept. 25, Washington Mutual is going through Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings, a takeover by JP Morgan Chase, and an investigation by the FBI.

According to the Seattle Times during the proceedings of the bankruptcy it was stated that a half-dozen well-paid turnaround executives may be installed to oversee the Chapter 11 bankruptcy of Washington Mutual Inc., whose banking operations were taken over by federal regulators last month. WaMu is asking the bankruptcy judge's permission to designate William C. Kosturos to the lead the restructuring as the chief restructuring officer and hire six more members as advisors from his firm Alvarez & Marsal North America.

JP Morgan Chase jumped at the chance to purchase WaMu as it entered into bankruptcy after being seized by the FDIC. JP Morgan Chase view the purchase of WaMu as a great chance to expand their deposit base and presence in California, Florida and other locations where it does not have a meaningful branch network, according to Forbes.

JP Morgan Chase, just six months after acquiring Bear

Stearns, stepped in to buy WaMu for \$1.9 billion. JP Morgan Chase, after the purchase, will still have to write down over \$31 billion of mortgage assets and add about \$3.6 billion to its lean loss revenues. Forbes reported that JP Morgan Chase's takeover of WaMu saddled the bank with billions in write-downs, compounding those it already took on from failing loans in its leveraged loan and mortgage-related portfolios, and sending its profits tumbling 84.4 percent.

It was announced October 15 that U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Sullivan's office is conducting an investigation of WaMu. The investigation will look into the events leading up to its takeover by the FDIC and sale to JP Morgan Chase. Attorney Jeffrey Sullivan stated to "The Seattle Times" "For more than 100 years, Washington Mutual was a highly regarded financial institution headquartered in Seattle." He also stated according to "The Seattle Times" that "Due to the intense public interest in the failure of Washington Mutual, I want to assure our community that federal law enforcement is examining activities at the bank to determine if any federal laws were violated."

Industry	Company	Symbol	Price	Historic Price	Percent Change: Last Six Months
Retail	Best Buy	BBY	\$ 24.58	\$ 41.03	-35.2%
	J Crew	JCG	\$ 18.50	\$ 42.13	-50.3%
	Lowes	LOW	\$ 18.14	\$ 24.03	-20.8%
	Target	TGT	\$ 35.72	\$ 51.96	-24.3%
	Wal Mart	WMT	\$ 50.05	\$ 55.15	-3.3%
Financials	Capital One	COF	\$ 37.76	\$ 47.12	-3.3%
	E Trade Financial	ETFC	\$ 2.15	\$ 3.40	-24.3%
	MasterCard	MA	\$ 153.55	\$ 227.10	-22.5%
	Morgan Stanley	MS	\$ 18.13	\$ 42.97	-49.6%
	Visa Inc.	V	\$ 49.75	\$ 65.68	-10.5%
Internet	Amazon	AMZN	\$ 48.72	\$ 72.61	-23.0%
	Ebay Inc.	EBAY	\$ 15.33	\$ 31.37	-43.8%
	Google	GOOG	\$ 339.17	\$ 451.66	-18.8%
	Rediff	REDF	\$ 2.91	\$ 9.25	-67.0%
	Yahoo Inc.	YHOO	\$ 11.75	\$ 27.80	-55.1%
Oil and Gas	Conoco Philips	COP	\$ 49.09	\$ 79.81	-29.9%
	Diamond Offshore Drilling	DO	\$ 67.64	\$ 131.52	-36.2%
	ExxonMobil	XOM	\$ 62.35	\$ 89.70	-20.2%
	Halliburton	HAL	\$ 17.69	\$ 44.08	-52.1%
	Sunoco Inc.	SUN	\$ 26.74	\$ 52.36	-40.4%
Healthcare	Aetna Inc.	AET	\$ 30.61	\$ 40.71	-16.5%
	Boston Scientific	BSX	\$ 8.75	\$ 12.76	-25.5%
	Eli Lilly	LLY	\$ 32.54	\$ 51.82	-32.2%
	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	\$ 60.54	\$ 65.74	-2.5%
	Pfizer	PFE	\$ 16.27	\$ 20.56	-17.3%

Crude Oil (per barrel):

\$74.54

Gold (oz.):

\$848.10

Natural Gas (per 1,000 cubic feet):

\$6.59

National Average for a Gallon of Unleaded Gas:

\$3.13

Year Ago

\$2.76

Dow Jones Industrials:

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Year Ago

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NASDAQ Composite:

1,628.33

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## Fed Probes Companies Involved in Mortgage Crisis

Holly Bundy  
Copy & Business Editor

Lehman Brother, American International Group, Fannie Mae, and Freddie Mac are being probed by Investigators of the FBI for possible fraud that could have triggered the collapse of the financial institutions and the government to intervene with a \$700 billion bailout plan.

Foxbusiness.com stated that the FBI has opened a wide-ranging probe of companies across the financial services industry, from mortgage lenders to investment banks that bundle home loans into securities sold to investors.

FBI Director Robert Mueller stated to ABC News a confirmation that the bureau is investigating 24 financial institutions, "large corporations, where the allegations would be that there were misstatement of assets." FBI spokesman Richard Kolko stated to ABC News that in addition to Mueller's figures that "the FBI currently has 26 pending corporate fraud investigations involving subprime lenders. As

we have seen, this number can fluctuate over time; however, we do not discuss which companies may or may not be the subject of an investigation."

Mueller previously had stated to Foxbusiness.com that the FBI's hunt for culprits in the nation's subprime mortgage crisis focused on accounting fraud, insider trading, and failure to disclose the value of mortgage-related securities and

other investments. FBI Director Robert Mueller was stated by FoxBusiness.com stating without naming companies that the FBI also was looking at whether any of the companies have misrepresented their assets.

ABC News reported that the bureau's investigation have increased from 14 major financial firms to 26 in less than a year. Following the collapse of the Mortgage industry in 2007 the FBI setup a task force to examine mortgage based securities and how brokers dealt with mortgages from setup to sale.



FBI Investigates Mortgage Crisis for fraud



# Can We Just Discuss...Grass?

Caitlin Murphy  
*Ac&E Editor*

No I'm not talking about weed, so all you pot heads can get your minds out of the gutter! I'm talking about that green stuff that grows up from the ground, that stuff that, I for one, like to do fun activities on. Yeah, can someone tell me where that is on campus, because I've been here for 3+ years and I haven't found it yet?!

I mean there's that one little area on east side, but if one group of guys decides to play football or something, than that's pretty much that. The turf is sweet, unless some team has practice, which they usually do, and then they boot you off. I would enjoy the option of playing Frisbee on a nice green patch of fluffy grass.

All I'm saying is that I would like to walk across a field on my way to class instead of several parking lots.

# Rock the Vote Kick-Off

Suzanne Lentell  
*Photo Editor*

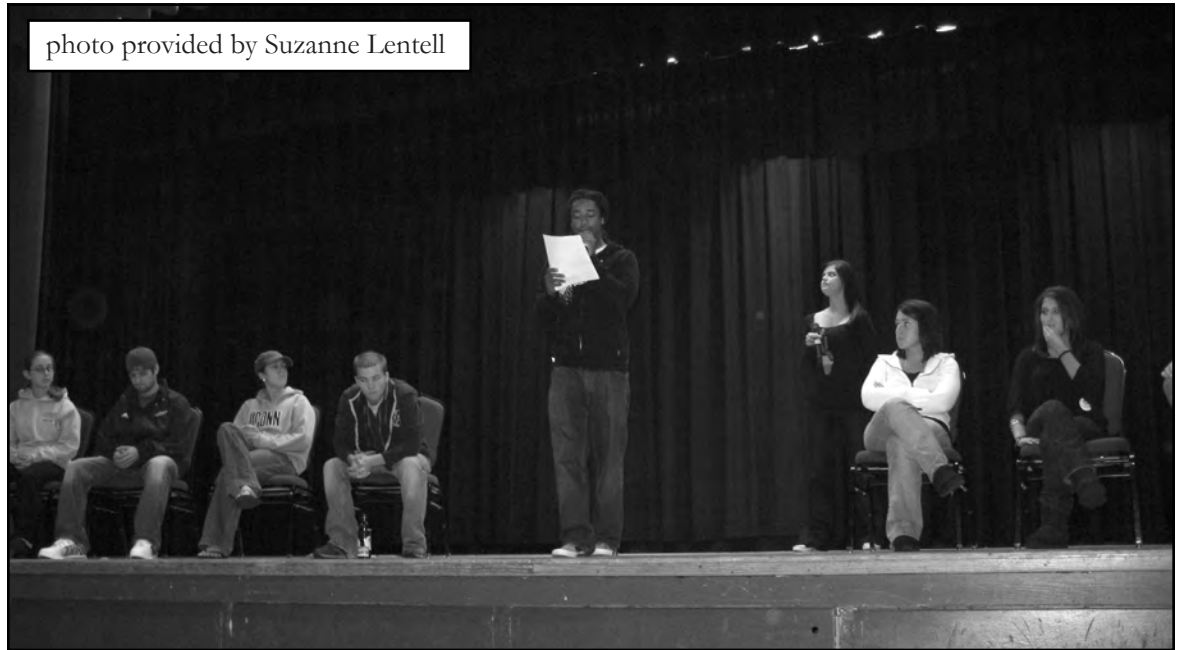
Tuesday, October 7th represented the kick-off to SNHU's promotion for the upcoming presidential election. Rock the Vote is sponsoring an event every Tuesday to promote the election and build awareness of the importance to vote. Kelly Anne from Real World Sydney and Will from Real World Hollywood were the guests of the evening to host the debate. They informed us that they will be asking the "hot" debate question but be mainly non-partisan and it is up to the volunteers and the audience to debate "Jerry Springer style." Kelly Anne was showing off her stance on the issue of peace in Africa with a t-shirt stating "Peace in Africa 2025".

The set up was an open forum debate, with volunteers from Student Government Association (SGA), Coordinators of Activities and Program-

ming Events (CAPE) President, Danielle Kireczyk; the President of ESS, Kyle Beaulieu; the president of Phi Delta Theta; Andrew Cormier, Phi Delta Beta member and President of Inter-Greek Council (IGC) Kerri Shaw, College Democrats President Vincent Casciato and College Republicans President Adam White were set up on stage in debate format. Both Casciato and White had free giveaways providing information of where the candidates stand on popular issues at their tables.

The issues of debate included environment, discrimination, taxes, war, the economy, education, religion, and the business of politics. A few items discussed under the Business of Politics were about Obama being perceived as unpatriotic or an Anti-Christ, McCain strategically picking a women as vice president to draw females when

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Students participating in Rock the Vote

Hillary fell, the fear of Sarah Palin becoming President due to John McCain's old age, and the reform of campaigns should be based on what they will do in the future not on what they did when they were in high school. Voting for the candidate should be an informed decision on what they are going to do and how they will run this country, forgetting about what they do in their personal lives. Your vote should be based on where the candidate stands on the issues you support or not support.

It is a known fact that our country is struggling with the war that is draining us and our economy and other countries that are looking to us for aid. It is great that we would like to lend aid to other countries but we need to focus on our country because we are the ones that need the most help right now. Other countries see how our country is hurting and it is time for them to step up and lend aid not only to us but to Darfur and other countries in need.

"Don't be scared to voice your side. If you don't vote you don't have the right to [complain]. We are the future," Kireczyk said. Environment was a huge issue discussed, such as protecting the animals in Alaska and finding alternative energy resources instead of funding for more off shore drilling. "We can't drill our way out of the economy," stated Beaulieu.

"There should have been regulation on these banks and lenders and there would not be a financial problem right now" stated Cormier and Beaulieu. I strongly agree with protecting the environment and finding alternative sources, and the fact that the country is in fear of what the future holds for education, retirement, mortgages, getting jobs right out of colleges with security, having the enough money to afford living and paying off student loans if you were even able to get one. We cannot play the wait and see game for oil; we need to be acting now to get things done and solution made.

Kelly Anne stated "We are so privileged to vote; Africans would be out there days before

if they could vote. Don't just vote make it an informed vote on November 4th." One of Obama's stickers stated "Don't get mad, get registered" and that is so true because if you do not vote you're not allowing your voice to be heard, only the voice of those who vote is heard and your issues may win because of your vote although your candidate may not. It will be interesting to see how the election turns out, based on the show of people at the event the majority were democratic or undecided. "You will have to live with your decision for the next four years so, remember the day you go to vote at this historical election like you remember the tragic day of September 11, 2001." said Kireczyk.

# Restlessness of Freedom

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United States regarding the manner in which it dealt with the situation. On the other hand they applauded the European Union for the non-violent course of action in stopping the war. Georgia is a strategically important country in the worldwide energetic context due to its ability to offer a transit route for oil and gas outside the Russian territory. Therefore both the European Union and the United States are making efforts in order

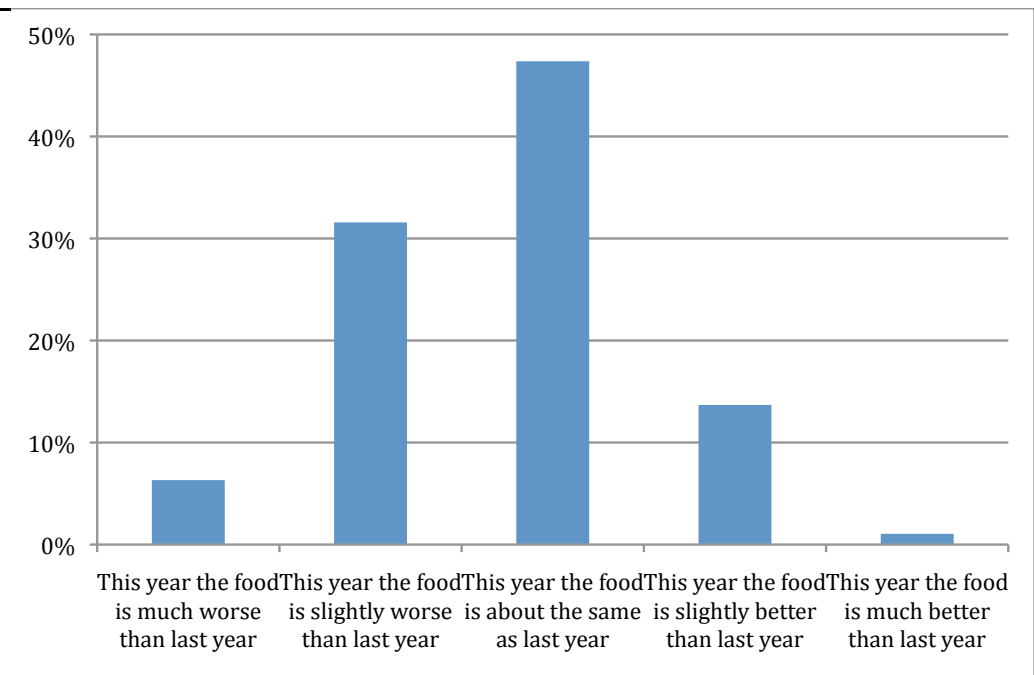
for it to remain independent and politically stable.

The country is still dealing with conflicts. It was reported that on October 6th an Abkhaz guard was killed by a Georgian counterpart. However, the rebuilding of the country is underway and the European Union is making diplomatic efforts in order to bring peace to the area.



### Fun Survey Results from your Friends in Honors Statistics

Honors Statistics (MAT250) asked 95 returning students what they thought of the dining hall food this year as compared to last year, when SNHU ran the dining hall. This year an outside company is in charge. Dining hall food included anything from the cafeteria, snack bar, deli, or stir-fry area.



Many of the students said that some things got better, and others got worse. Indeed, the chart shows that nearly 50% of all students surveyed thought the overall quality of the food was about the same as last year. About one in 10 students said there was less variety. Several students would like to know what happened to the calzones. Many students want the SNHU water back. Professor Cox wants to know why the fountain Coke tastes funny. Over half the students' surveyed (50 students) said the food was more expensive. The most popular foods were stir-fry, wraps, omelets, quesadillas, and panini sandwiches.

Food servers, you look very cool in your black hats!

## Jaywalking On Campus

Laura Rotolo  
Staff Writer

According to Merriam-Webster Dictionary, the definition of jaywalking is "Noun: to cross a street carelessly or in an illegal manner so as to be endangered by traffic." One of the things that really gets to me, it is the fact that people feel like they can walk wherever they want on campus!

I will be driving the respected campus speed limit, but not be able to go anywhere because SNHU students don't care if there is a car coming. They just continue to walk and talk with their friends of four lined up in a row across the street. Do they move? Should you honk your horn or is that being rude? Or do you just keep on driving and hit them on the way? That is a 'no' to all those questions. No they do not move, no you should not honk your horn or they will give you the death stare and probably still not move, and no please don't hit them.

Have you ever played the game "if you hit that it's worth 100 points!" or "if you hit that person it's 10 points?" Don't lie everyone has played. It would be a bad idea to start that game on SNHU campus, but I'm pretty sure the drivers of SNHU do play that game driving a half a mile from the entrance to a parking space.

It should take a driver two minutes from the main entrance to the lower parking lot, but when classes get out it takes about twenty minutes, which in my eyes is absurd. So what do we do in this situation? Do we make actually side-

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walks on campus or do we not have that in the budget?

I think the only resolution to this problem is to have people actually pay attention to where they are walking. Occasionally look behind yourself when you are walking, maybe there is a car waiting to pass you. We all know that pedestrians have the right away, but when the pedestrian is taking up the whole street, there should be a limit. Really people, move your butt and get out of the way! You probably have a car to and get annoyed on the same thing, so don't be a hypocrite and do it back! It will just turn into a vicious cycle!



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## Cirque du Soleil-KOOZA

**Sinziana Scoarta**  
*Staff Writer*

A Cirque du Soleil show is not only about the magical world of the circus, but also about an overall show experience that will enchant and mesmerize you whether you are a child or simply a child at heart.

Boston hosted the Cirque du Soleil magic from September 5th to October 13th. It was over a month of gripping performances in the world of Kooza under the Grand Chapiteau (Big Top), which can host up to 2,600 guests per show.

Kooza is the touring show of Cirque de Soleil that tells the story of a clown who is trying to find his place in the world. The kite that the clown is flying initially fails to fly as he would wish, but at the end, after he has discovered the magic world of the circus, his kite is soaring

towards the sky.

The show unfolds with precision and synchronization at a fast tempo. Teamwork is at the heart of the success of the circus performance and each and every artist on stage conveys that by means of offering the spectator their best.

Kooza reunites a wide range of circus traditions in a variety of vivid settings. The trickster is "the creator and supreme master of the world of Kooza," who allows us, alongside the innocent clown, to enter the fantastic world.

The Charivari opens the show with balancing and blanket toss elements. Following, the three contortionists defy the limits of human flexibility and

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## Wicked Awesome

**Caitlin Murphy**  
*A&E Editor*

"Wicked" is a brilliant musical created by the famous composer Stephen Schwartz. The story is based on the best-selling novel "Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West," by Gregory Maguire, which is a spin off the classic book and movie, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." The musical is reaching its five year mark on the Broadway stage and continues to receive standing ovations to sell out crowds, show after show.

"Wicked" tells the "real" tale about Elphaba, the wicked witch of the west, and Glinda, the good witch. The two actually started out as classmates in high school before a big misunderstanding between the Wizard of Oz and Elphaba occurred, unfortunately making her know as the "wicked" witch. Elphaba got the bad reputation, while Glinda became loved by all of Emerald City and Munchinland.

This comedy produces a whirlwind of drama and many adventures on which the characters embark. The set was great, and the voices, acting, and costumes were amazing. Going to see any show on Broadway is a great experience. For anyone thinking about doing this soon, I would definitely recommend "Wicked" as one of the top musicals to see!

## Around the World: Celebrity Style!

**Laura Rotolo**  
*Staff Writer*

### Star Jones Running Her Mouth!

*:: E! News Online ::*

The former "View" star, Star Jones, isn't as friendly as many people thought. "The View's" former co-star doesn't appreciate the present members of "The View." "Jones, who departed from the talk show in 2006, doesn't hold anything back when it comes to dissing her former co-host in the November issue of "Essence" magazine." Jones told "Essence" that the girls on "The View" are hateful, referring to Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Barbara Walters. Jones also decided to add more fuel to the fire by adding that she was setup by Barbara, when it came to leaving the show. "Then again, basing Babs has sorta become a regular pastime for Jones" says E!, I don't think it's a good idea to have Star Jones on your bad side, unless you can take the heat!

### Cheryl Burke is Fat...according to big-mouthed people!

*:: E! News Online ::*

"Dancing with the Stars" Cheryl Burke has been accused of being FAT! The news about her big belly has been rolling through the tabloids. Why? Has her size 4 been really bothering so many people that it has to be top news? Well according to her interview with E! News, Burke says she sees no need to be a size zero. "And the two-time "Dancing" champ



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**Star Jones**

looks as light on her feet as ever with partner Maurice Greene in rehearsal. Mad props to CB!" In her interview with E! she stated that people thought she was pregnant, and if they are saying those things for just gaining a little

weight, what is this saying to people out in the real world? "It's not good to tell something they are fat when they aren't fat. I also tell everyone how hurtful it is and how it doesn't send out a good message at all, and that's my point to reach out and say that it isn't a problem...to just live it!" So, for the people out there that are not size zero, don't worry, Cheryl Burke has your back!

### Another Fat Celebrity – Gotta Love the Desperate Housewives!

*:: E! News Online ::*

Eva Longoria talks about weight gain. The rumors are going around for yet another hot celebrity. Rumors of pregnancy, and disapproval for her shape, but Longoria tells E! "that her 'Desperate Housewives' weight gain actually hasn't caused too much trouble in the wardrobe department." Longoria has not gone up a

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size, she is still a size zero, she just got a little rounder on the edges, her curves are still there, her marriage with Tony Parker has been going very good, and the rumors of her being pregnant are not true. "I know I'm not pregnant. I know Tony and I aren't breaking up. I know we're not cheating" says Longoria. It doesn't surprise her that the tabloids will jump on the fact that some weight gain could be the result of a bun in the oven. Longoria is still looking sexy and sleek.

### Other Celebrity News!

#### E! News

Jamie Lynn Spears IS NOT PREGNANT! Rumors say that she has another bun in the oven, but she told E! that it is just a rumor. Another baby at a young age would not be a good idea.

#### People.com

Jamie-Lynn Sigler turns into a jewelry designer. Joining other celebrities, Sigler is trying to create her own hand made jewelry line. Her friend Holly Freeman and Sigler are teaming up to create a custom line of bangles and pendant necklaces ready for order at the beginning of the year.



**Eva Longoria**

#### People.com

Jerry O'Connell and Rebecca Romijn get their nursery ready. They cleared out a bedroom in their house and started to put together the essential baby gear, crib, rocking chair, and changing area.

#### TMZ.com

Pitt becomes a professional family photographer. The November issue of W magazine shows family pictures of Angelina Jolie and her children. All the pictures were taken in their home, and taken by her husband himself, Brad Pitt.

## Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

**Daniel Smith**

*Managing Editor*

Rating- A-

The stage was set for another great Michael Cera movie and I was thrilled. I was also enticed by the thought of seeing another movie with Kat Dennings, who is one of my favorite up and coming actresses. Even with its moments of, "dear God why did they do that?" I was not disappointed with this movie.

The idea behind this movie is one that touches home with almost all teen males, one of heartbreak and deception. In the movie Nick, played by Michael Cera, is dumped by his girlfriend of six months and he has a difficult time getting over her. He makes some crazy mix CD's and keeps giving them to her. His ex-girlfriend keeps throwing these mixes away and that's where Norah, played by Kat Dennings, comes in.

Nick and Norah end up at the same bar looking for the same band and then fall into this whirlwind night of driving and trying to find both the band and Norah's friend, Caroline. Nick and Norah are starting what seems to be a crazy relationship in the midst of all this, but their respective ex's keep showing up to make a mess of everything.

The movie was an excellent showcase of Michael Cera's raw talent and the ever lovely Kat Dennings did a fantastic job as Michaels most recent Juno. I gave the movie an A- because, while being one of the best movies I have watched in a long while, it did have the misfortune of showcasing the "traveling gum."

My recommendation to all of my readers is to go out and see this movie. Bring your girlfriend or boyfriend, have a nice afternoon, and then go pre-order a copy on DVD. You will want this on your shelf for years to come.



Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist

## What To Do Outside SNHU

**Sinziana Scoarta**

*Staff Writer*

### Music (Live), Bars and Nightclubs:

#### Jillian's

o Located in Manchester's historic downtown Mill Yard. Jillian's offers billiards, video games, live music on the weekends, and private function space!

#### Milly's Tavern

o "Milly's Tavern," is proudly operating as Manchester's only brew pub. Milly's welcomes you to stop by and try a glass of Peter's hard work.

#### Black Brimmer American Bar and Grill

o Located in the heart of Manchester's Historic District, The Black Brimmer offers fine food, spirits, and entertainment in a uniquely inviting atmosphere.

#### Strange Brew Tavern

o Strange Brew recognizes that life is short, but there is always time for a good beer and with 65 beers on tap you are sure to find your favorite. Enjoy live music 6 days a week.

#### Club 313

o A place where people meet. A place where people become friends. A place to get down and put your dancing shoes on.

#### Farmers Markets (Apple and Pumpkin picking):

- ☐ Apple Acres – Windham
- ☐ Apple Hill Farm – Concord

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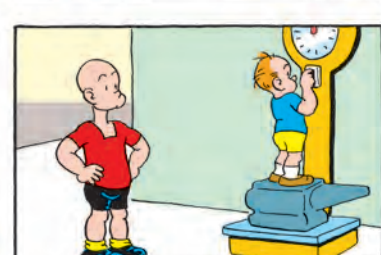
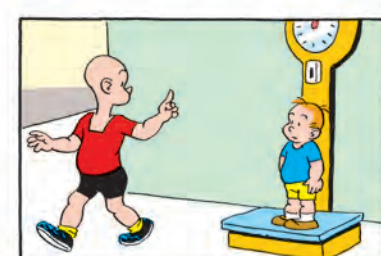
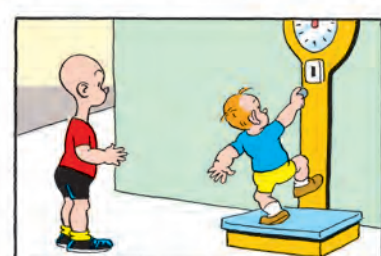
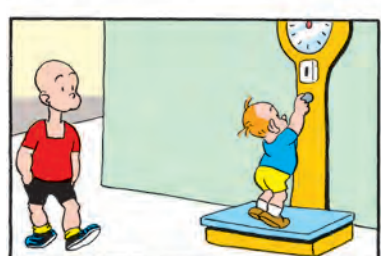
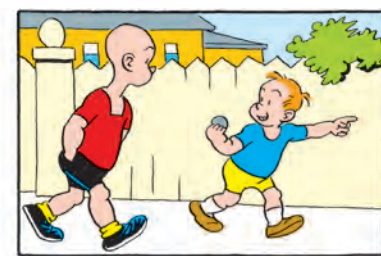
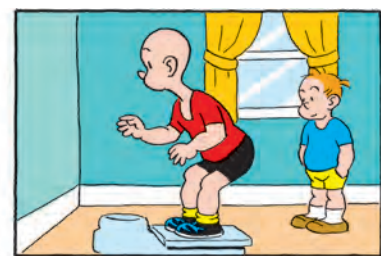
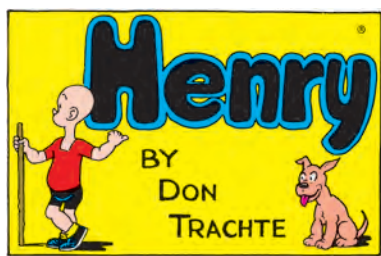
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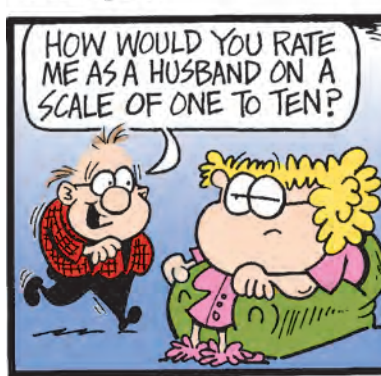
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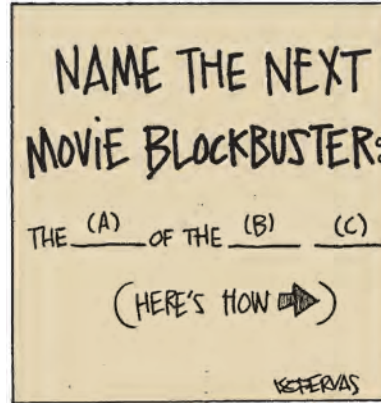
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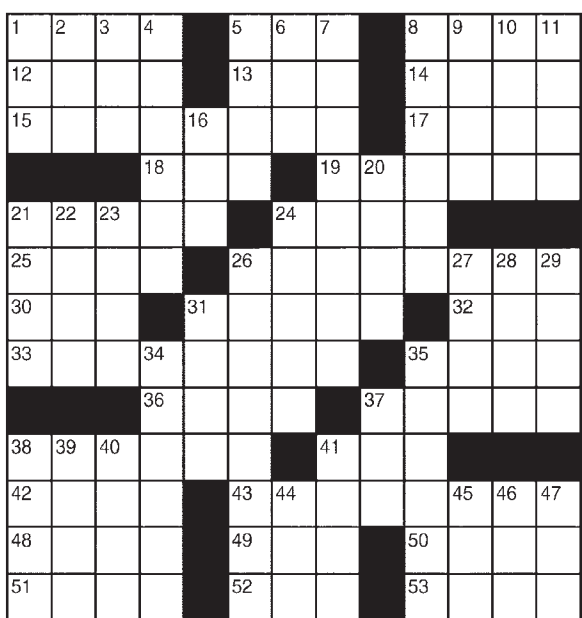
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# Entertainment

## Pumpkin Fest

Caitlin Murphy  
*A&E Editor*

The 18th annual Pumpkin Festival is taking place in Keene, NH on Saturday, October 25, 2008. The festival takes over the entire town, which is covered with thousands of pumpkins.

The festival begins at 10:00 A.M. and concludes at 9:00 P.M. The day is filled with live entertainment, a parade, pie eating contest, and ends with fireworks. Last year's festival produced close to 26,000 pumpkins. In 2004, they reached a record high of 27,584.

So get ready for some good times, bring a pumpkin, and help break the record for most pumpkins this year!

### Top 10 Current Artists

1. T.I.
2. Coldplay
3. Kid Rock
4. Jack Johnson
5. Bob Dylan
6. Rihanna
7. Nickleback
8. Jason Mraz
9. Lil Wayne
10. John Mayer

### Top 5 Current Albums

1. **Paper Trail**  
*T.I.*
2. **Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends**  
*Coldplay*
3. **Good Girl Gone Bad: Reloaded**  
*Rihanna*
4. **Rock n' Roll Jesus**  
*Kid Rock*
5. **Year Of The Gentlemen**  
*Ne-Yo*

\*Based on plays in Rhapsody

## Cirque du Soleil- KOOZA

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grace in their performance. The trapeze performance seems to go beyond the laws of gravity and give the impression of flying. The unicycle duo brings balance and cohesion onto the stage, warming the audience up for the double high wire performance, where a single wire inexplicably provides the base for a jump rope moment and a balancing act involving two bicycles and a chair.

I would certainly applaud the ability of the director to not only put on a show that would keep you glued to the chair, but also to carefully distract you from the interruptions that are necessary for putting all the acrobatic equipment into place. These intermezzos are helped along by the clowns that bring us back to the circus basics. There is a king and his servants as well as a pickpocket, policemen and a mad dog. The audience is involved at all times, directly by means of bringing people from the audience onstage, or indirectly by means of everybody's laughter and applause.

The half an hour intermission provides a good occasion to take a breath, but also makes your excitement soar as you are looking forward to be amazed and exhilarated in the second half.

The second half debuts with the skeleton dance, which provides in fact the background for the entrance of the wheel of death performers. The performance is a mix of craziness, flawless technique, teamwork and adrenaline rush. There are some moments when the jump rope seemed to play tricks on the performers, but in the end mind won over matter. It is by far the most memorable adrenaline filled performance of the night.

Dexterity and focus are put to the test when it comes to juggling, while the balancing on chairs is a mix among strength, balance, and precision, as well as flexibility. Last but certainly not least the teeterboard/ planche sautoir, offers everyone the chance to cross their fingers and hold their breath. The performers are yet again doing the unimaginable, twists and turn in the air such as quintuple twisting summersaults that can reach up to 10 meters and then landing perfectly on the stilt.

Time seems to fly and the two hours and forty minutes seem like a dream. You are dragged from reality to a world of fantasy where your breath is taken away, your hands sweat from excitement and you are connected to



photo provided by Sinziana Scoarta

Kooza Cirque Du Soleil

the amazing world of circus. This is the magic of Cirque du Soleil, the world of the circus that inexplicably makes both performers and spectators become addicted. Don't be surprised if the only thing that comes to your mind during or after the show are feelings such as "Wow!" "Unbelievable!" or "Amazing." Just enjoy the magic!



## Coffee Hell

**Kerry McAllen**  
*Staff Writer*

I can't be late, I mentally chanted to myself as I tugged on my coffee stained Nikes. I grabbed my keys off the nightstand and I was out the front door. Three blocks and a bus ride later I opened the door of my minimum wage hell. I made my way to the back room and reached for my time card.

"David," my boss, Bob said from behind me. I turned and gave a fake smile. Bob was a short, white, balding man in his late thirties. "It's just Dave," I corrected him.

"You're late," Bob informed me. He lifted a disapproving eye brow. "Again."

"Well you see..."

"I am not in the mood today to hear any of your excuses," he said, putting out a hand towards my face.

"Am I fired?"

"No, at least not today, seeing as we're shorthanded. But if you're late one more time you're out of here," he said, pointing his thumb towards the door. "So put on your apron and go help Marcus at the front station."

At six foot ten I found the very blond, blue eyed Marcus, a.k.a Swed hunched over at the station filling up metal cup with coffee shots in preparation of making a frappinco. "What's up, Swed my man?"

"Dave you can't even begin to comprehend what is even happening," Swed answered with his very distinct very thick Swedish accent. He finished making an order and handed it off to the waiting customer.

"What could be happening that is something I cannot comprehend?" I asked.

"Vell first off, last night after you left I found this chick at the bar who was like all over me and ..."

"Why is it that every time that I leave something happens?"

"Because you are a girly man

and all the voman come flocking to me once you're not around."

"Yeah, sure they do Swed."

"Could I get my damn coffee?" Yelled a short brown haired woman in a blue Addis track suite from a cross the counter.

Swed rolled his eyes. "Dude, I got this," I told him. I quickly made the woman's coffee and handed it to her.

"About time." She snatched the hot coffee from my hands and gulped it. She then quickly spit it out onto the floor. "What the hell is this crap?"

"It's what you ordered miss. A large double hazelnut-cream coffee with two creams no sugar."

"No, it isn't. There is sugar in this. I can taste it."

"You just watched me make the coffee right in front of you."

"Don't take that tone with me young man," She snapped at me. "I want my money back."

At the words 'I want my money back' Bob popped out of nowhere to help me... or so I thought. I explained to him that what was happened. "Well, I guess you're just going to have to make her another one," Bob said to me.

I really wanted to scream. I grabbed another cup and made her a new coffee, but this time I had Bob right on top of me as I did. I handed the new coffee to the woman who looked quite pleased with herself as she sipped her new coffee.

"Here, I don't need this one," She hung her hand out with other coffee

to me. As I reached for it she dropped it from her hands before I could grab it where it hit the counter in front, splashing all over me. The woman smiled and walked out the door.

"I've had it!" I yelled pulling off my apron and slamming it down. I hopped over the counter around the mess and toward the door.

"Where are you going David?" Bob yelled.

"It's Dave, and I quit. No job is worth having if people think they can mess around with you," I bellowed. With one long stride and with my head held high I walked out the front door, out of my coffee hell, hoping that I would not have to ever return.

## Walden Harper

**Dillon St. Jean**  
*Creative Editor*

Walden Harper wrote the first book in his "Adrian Gog" series during his time in high school. It detailed Gog's deeply invested interest in the ongoing threat of beings from another galaxy coming to Earth in an attempt to conquer North America. In truth, the only reason the character of Adrian Gog was created was because of a situation Harper had gotten himself into in the months prior. In November, Harper had witnessed a creature that he had no real explanation for. Naturally, he assumed that it was from another planet. Why wouldn't he?

His immediate reaction was to go to the authorities, which he did. The officers at the station kept him overnight on the belief that he was drunk. His next reaction was to tell the people closest to him. His family and friends believed he was telling them a humorous story; he loved to tell stories. After a sufficient enough time passed without anyone taking him seriously, he wrote an essay on the situation (a book would have been far too much for such a brief encounter, especially in high school). Harper failed to get the essay published because it was viewed as "too ridiculous."

Before the Winter came, Harper caught another glimpse of the creature. It renewed his

waning faith in what he had seen, and lead him to begin work on a novel. At first, he attempted to write an autobiography. After about a week of writing that, he had realized that there was not much to his life that would permit him to write a detailed biography. He then decided that it would need to be told in the form of a piece of fiction. Based heavily off of his father, Adrian Gog was created to face off against the threat of alien beings that had invaded Harper's fears. Before the end of his senior year, he had completed "Adrian Gog and the Blue-Footed Beings of Barbrio." It opened to wide acclaim and excellent reviews.

Harper was done with his story writing for a while, but by the time he had graduated, he had learned that there was a wide fan base for the work he had done. There was a strong movement for him to write another story, and he was inclined to

do so. He had rather enjoyed writing the first book, and he had made quite a bit of money in doing so. By the end of his first year in college, he had written "Adrian Gog and the Secretive Seventeen," in which Gog fights an underground British society. By that point, there had been rave reviews of Harper's work. He immediately launched into his third book and then his fourth. Following that, his fifth, sixth, and seventh. Eventually, Harper had reached his twentieth book, "Adrian Gog and His Son Adrian." The well had been tapped; he was out of ideas.

The next several months of his life were spent in a bit of misery. He had nothing, and his fans had become so demanding. There was not much he could do, until he had seen the creature from his days in high school. Unlike the other times he had witnessed the creature, this time it had approached him. Not only that, but it spoke to him, carrying a copy of one of his books. He asked for an autograph. It was this that gave Harper the idea to revisit his original idea, and see if it gave him any ideas. He continued to write eight more books, and today lives in Vermont with his wife and three children.



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## Quotes of the Month

**Gabe Mercier**  
*Staff Writer*

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

-Matthew 23:12

"Nothing of value comes without being earned. That's why great leaders are those who lead by example first. You can't demand respect because of a title or a position and expect people to follow. That might work for a little while, but in the long run people respond to what they see."

-Michael Jordan

"Dream as if you will live forever, live as if you will die tomorrow."

-James Dean

"And in the end it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

-Abraham Lincoln

"Those who talk too much do little else. If you talk more than you listen, you deprive yourself of many opportunities to accumulate useful knowl-

edge... Deeds, and not words, are what count most."

-Napoleon Hill

"Every adversity, every failure and every heartache carries with it the Seed of an equivalent or a greater benefit."

-Napoleon Hill

"They are able because they think they are able."

-Virgil

"I run on the road, long before I dance under the lights."

-Muhammad Ali

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, [a] I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You

anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

-Psalm 23



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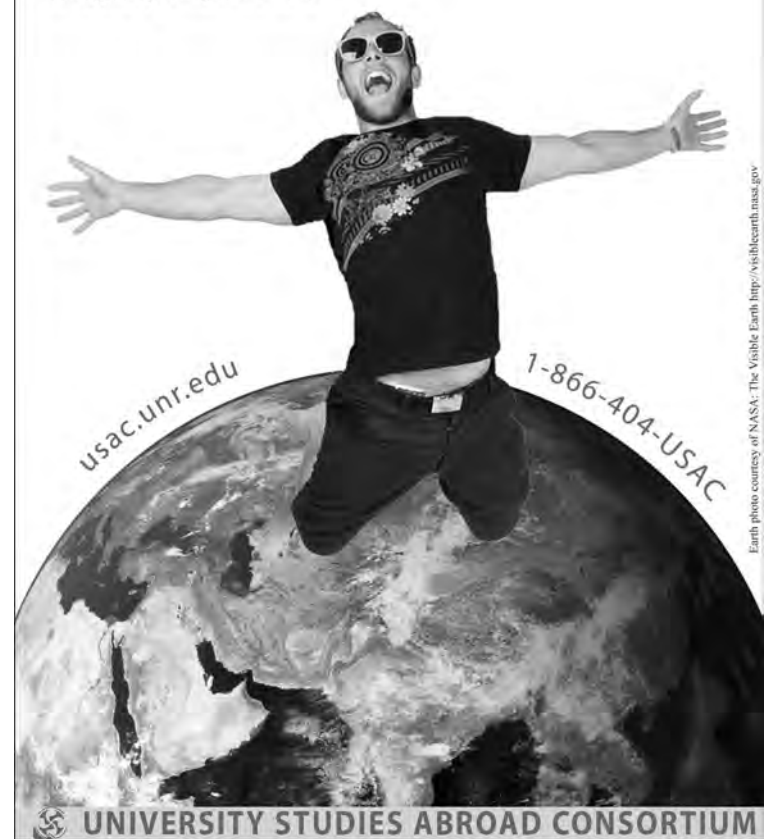
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## T.I.'s "Paper Trail" Credits Him as One of The Best

Joe Vartanian  
Staff Writer

T.I. really went above and beyond on this new album. He let loose on personal issues and yet still managed to maintain street mentality. His execution on every song is almost flawless.

Even the songs that take a backseat to the hit singles are still unbelievable. He collaborates with people such as Justin Timberlake, Rihanna, Lil Wayne, Jay-Z, and Kanye West.

Hit singles are "Whatever You Like," "Dead and Gone," and "No Matter What." The infamous song on this album is, "Swagger Like Us," which is the best collaboration ever done. Not only is T.I. on this track, but also rap sensations Jay-Z, Kanye West, and Lil Wayne; if you're a hip-hop fan it doesn't get much better than that.

He collaborates with hit producers Timberland and Swizz Beatz. So if you're a rap fan and you haven't checked this album out yet, you need to. If your not a rap fan, listening to different music genres is always a good experience and I think this album would be a good place to start. I give T.I.'s "Paper Trail" a perfect 5 out of 5.

## Ne-Yo Shines Brighter With "Year of the Gentlemen"

Joe Vartanian  
Staff Writer

There is a difference between a ladies man and a man who loves women: Ne-Yo is the epitome of what it is to be a gentleman. His third CD, "Year of the Gentlemen," is a lot different than his two previous albums, for the simple reason that it is more mature in terms of lyrics.

His latest CD is dedicated to the famous "Rat-Pack" of the fifties. His two hit singles that you can hear on the radio are "Closer" and "Miss Independent." Some other songs that really stick out are "Fade Into Background," where he talks about attending the wedding of his once former love and regretting the decision of letting her go.

"Single" is mainly a club song remixed with Boston's own New Kids on the Block. Ne-Yo's songs of the past generally had women shedding their tears; however, it seems like this time, Ne-Yo is the one in tears.

The album compiles various themes, whether it be going out and trying to find "Ms. Right" or losing a love and wanting them back. Score: 4.5 out of 5; I really hope this great songwriter is not done. He continues to impress me repeatedly. So if you have not picked up "Year of the Gentlemen", I suggest you do so, if you enjoy his style of music, you will not regret the decision.

## quick study

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## Do you have Registration Fever?

Jessica Garcia  
Contributing Writer

You know it's coming, lurking right before Thanksgiving break. Our favorite time of year... Registration! Whether registration brings you the warm fuzzies or a feeling of impending doom, there are several steps you can take to make sure your registration process goes smoothly!

The first thing to remember is that your education comes down to you! What experiences do you want to have by the time you are handed your diploma? Will a minor help round out your classes? Pondering an internship? There's no time like the present to think about academic goals and how you might be able to achieve them in your short time here.

Once you've considered your choices and goals, make an appointment with your academic advisor. During this meeting, don't be afraid to ask questions. Use this time to discuss your goals, experience within your major so far, and potential career paths. Your advisor may have experience within your field and can be a great resource! He or she can also point you to other resources on campus such as the Learning Center, Academic Advising Office, and Career Development Center.

As registration creeps closer, familiarize yourself



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with the registration process. You wouldn't want to wake up early on the wrong day or realize there is a hold on your account pre-

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# Clubs

## What To Do Outside SNHU

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- ☐ Deerview Orchard – Deerfield
- ☐ Elwood Orchards – Londonderry
- ☐ Mack's Apples of Moosehill Orchard – Londonderry

Shopping:

Manchester / Concord area Shopping

o The Mall of New Hampshire was one of the first major malls built in the state. Today, the Mall of New Hampshire has grown to include more than 120 specialty stores and major department stores. In Concord the Steeplegate Mall on the Loudon Road has more than 75 department stores and specialty shops.

North Conway & The White Mountain Valley Region N.H. Shopping

o The town of North Conway is a shopper's paradise with dozens of shopping malls and outlet stores. Settlers' Green Shopping Outlet features; Banana Republic, Nike, J. Crew, The Children's Place, Adidas, Woolrich, Journeys, Stonewall Kitchen, Lindt Chocolate, Aeropostale, Lane Bryant, Maidenform and others. Open daily.

Fun and Games:

- ☐ Laser Tag
- o The Strategy Zone – Goshen NH
- ☐ Rock Climbing
- o Vertical Dreams Indoor Climbing Gym – Manchester NH
- o All Outdoors – Manchester NH
- ☐ Haunted Houses
- o Nightmare New England – Litchfield NH
- o Haunted Acres – Epping NH
- ☐ Corn Maze
- o Coppal House Farm & Corn Maze – Lee NH
- ☐ Festivals
- o Keene Pumpkin Festival – Keene NH

## Campus Media Team Up

**Dan Smith**  
*Managing Editor*

On Friday, September 26th two campus media organizations, Radio SNHU and "the Observer," teamed up to bring SNHU its first acoustic concert of the year. The acoustic performers were Max Prussner and Ian Arieta.

The concert was held to kick off the 2008-2009 school year for "the Observer" and Radio SNHU. Both clubs decided that an opening event would be a

great idea, especially considering they both came off very productive years in which both organizations won awards for their work.

Radio SNHU continued its tradition of bringing up and coming artists to school for the students to enjoy, while "the Observer" used this event to publicize the release of their first issue of the school year.

The event went over well with a decent crowd of over 50 students and faculty. It was hoped that the event would

## Accounting-Finance Career Night is a Big Success!

**Chance Clutter**  
*Contributing Writer*

Meeting almost 50 recruiters in just an hour may seem daunting, but the students that attended the 21st Annual Accounting-Finance Career Night found the evening extremely rewarding. Not only were students able to talk with many of the top accounting/finance firms, but they also had the opportunity to learn more about the many different career paths one can take after completing their degree.

The event, which is co-sponsored by the Student Accounting Association and the Career Development Center, brings in employers from public accounting firms, government and non-profit accounting departments, and private organizations that are

looking to hire upcoming graduates and interns. The event also hosted a catered dinner from the Culinary Student Association which always creates amazing meals and desserts for the students and employers.

One of the more valuable outcomes from the event is that students are given a chance to test their professionalism with real-world employers. Knowing how to dress and what to say to an interviewer is a major factor in getting hired by a company; and from all accounts, these recruiters were pleased with the student's performance.

Many of the students also took advantage of the Career Development Center's work-

shop or visited the CDC prior to the event for interviewing tips and resume reviews to make sure they would make a great first impression.

The next large-scale career-related event will be the upcoming 2nd Annual Internship Fair being held in the small gym on Wednesday, November 5th. All majors are welcome, and the Career Development Center will be holding more workshops and events to prepare you for the big day, so keep checking the CDC website and the SNHU Recruit calendar to find out when the next workshop will be held! See you then, and remember: it's your career...what have you done lately?



guitarist **Ian Arieta**

have been outside in conjunction with the bon fire planned by SGA, but the weather did not permit and it was moved back inside to its original destination. The loss of the bon fire was unfortunate, but the event still went well.

The hope from both organizations is that the students of the university enjoyed the show. If you would like to contact either organization please email them at [radiosnhu@snhu.edu](mailto:radiosnhu@snhu.edu) or [observer@snhu.edu](mailto:observer@snhu.edu).



# Phi Omega Psi Fall Highlights

Ashley Burke  
Contributing Writer

Phi Omega Psi is Southern New Hampshire University's oldest sorority on campus and currently has 16 active members. For the past few weeks, the sisters of Phi Omega Psi have been busy promoting leadership, sisterhood, and philanthropy.

On September 27th, the sisters of Phi Omega Psi attended the Greek Alumni Event sponsored by the Inter Greek Council in the pub. They met and networked with alumni sisters from the seventies and eighties. At the event, Phi Omega Psi alumni reminisced about their "good old days" as sisters back at SNHU while joining their brother fraternity, Phi Delta Psi, in a Phi Psi reunion picture.

Throughout the month of October, the Phi Omega Psi girls will be representing their fall colors, maroon and gold, with pride throughout the community. Last week, the girls participated in IGC's Greek Games

that occur each semester, made root beer floats for the senior citizens at the Hanover Hill Health Care Center, and took part in the Breast Cancer Walk.

Currently, the sisters are doing a Yankee Candle fundraiser. At the end of October, they will be raffling off their Halloween Basket filled with all of your favorite Halloween goodies.

On Tuesday, October 28th, be sure to stop by the pub at 3 PM for Fall Festival, an event cosponsored by all the sororities on campus. There the sisters of Phi Omega Psi will be sponsoring caramel apple making, the sisters of Kappa Chi will be sponsoring picture frame making, and the sisters of Phi Delta Beta will be sponsoring pumpkin painting.

If you are interested in joining the Phi Omega Psi family, or would like more information, please contact [phiomegapsi@snhu.edu](mailto:phiomegapsi@snhu.edu).

## Registration Fever

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venting you from registering! After meeting with your advisor, review your options for classes next semester, make sure you have plenty of alternatives, and brush up on your PenPAL skills! If you are a graduating senior, enjoy your LAST registration period! First year students, contact your Peer Advising Leader

(PAL) as an additional resource.

Finally, keep in mind that there are many offices and people that are here to help you with classes or registration. If you have any questions about your academics come into the Academic Advising office or talk to your academic advisor!



Want to play field hockey? Join the field hockey club!  
Next practice is Wednesday, October 22, 5:00-6:30, behind the softball field  
First game is October 27 @ 9:00 PM @ Seacoast United  
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## Around the World

**Sinziana Scoarta**

*Staff Writer*

**Name:** Arinna Mohamed Fauzi

**City and Country:** Subang Jaya, Malaysia

**Government:** Democratic

**Language:** Malay and English

**Favorite traditional food:** Rendang Ayam

**Country trademarks:** The Petronas Twin Towers

**Culture peculiarities:** The majority of people are usually fashionably late. Also the national fruit, called Durian has a distinct and very powerful smell. You cannot bring it into hotels or airplanes because of the smell. It makes body temperature go up after you eat it.

**Opinion about the US:** I would rather live in a city in the US, as I think it is more diverse and I am more of a city girl, as compared to living in a smaller town.

**Thoughts:** I have two tests tomorrow (Tuesday, October 14th) and I am stuck studying on Columbus Day.



## The U.S. Looks to Redeem Themselves at the 2010 World Cup

**Gabe Mercier**

*Staff Writer*

The United States men's soccer team are off to a great start in their attempt at qualifying for one of the most prestigious tournaments in all of sports, the World Cup.

The U.S. has collected four wins in and only conceded one goal. The U.S. team is lead by two stars, Damarcus Beasley and Landon Donovan, both of which know the sweet taste of success, as well as the bitter taste of defeat.

In the 2002 World Cup they were a vital part in the United States' enormous success when they reached the quarter finals of the tournament for the first time in over 50 years.

Expectations were very high for the U.S. in the 2006 World Cup as they were ranked as one of the top ten teams in the world in the tournament. It was short lived though as the team was dismantled by far superior teams. It was a wakeup call and as the late Napoleon Hill once



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**Damarcus Beasley**

said "'Every adversity, every failure, and every heart ache carries with it the seed of an equivalent or a greater benefit.'" The U.S. appears to have found that benefit and are currently in impressive form.

However, the U.S. still has a very long way to go, as it is still early. The U.S. is beating the likes of Cuba and Guatemala, which are not the top pedigree in soccer. The United States next World Cup qualifier is November 19, 2008 against Guatemala.

## MLB PLAYOFFS 08

**Danny Parsons**

*Staff Writer*

### American League

*Boston Red Sox v Los Angeles Angels:*

After winning just one out of nine games against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in the 2008 Major League Baseball regular season while getting swept two out of three series, the Boston Red Sox faced Los Angeles once again in the post season to win the best of five series 3 games to 1.

The dangerous Red Sox in the post season had an eleven game winning streak against the Angels in October, and although it ended during this series, the Red Sox again defeated the Angels and headed to Tampa Bay to face the Rays for the first time in the post season.

The Red Sox won game one with their ace pitcher Jon Lester's seven inning effort and a big two run blast off the bat of Jason Bay. The Sox won the game 4-1.

In game two, the Red Sox got off to an early 4-0 lead with Daisuke Matsuzaka on the mound against Ervin Santana of the Angels. Bay once again went deep, hitting a three-run shot in the first inning. But, with the game tied in the ninth inning and the Angels closer Francisco Rodriguez, who set an MLB record of saves in a single season this past year, on the hill, it was up to J.D. Drew to be the hero hitting a game winning two-run homerun to center field.

Game three started as though history would repeat itself with another sweep by

### UPCOMING CAPE EVENTS

#### October 20-25 "Wild Wild West" Themed Fall Week

Tues. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>: Café Themed Dinner featuring the Tom Dixon Band 5pm-7pm.

Wed. Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Antique Photos 12pm-4pm in the Last Chapter Pub

Thurs. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Mechanical Bull Riding & Western Laser Shoot Out 4pm-8pm in the Small Gym

Fri. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>: Western DJ and Line Dancing 7pm-10pm in the Small Gym

Sat. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>: Off Campus Trip-Lucky 7 Stables (Horseback Riding)

3 departing groups: 1:15pm, 2:15pm, and 3:15pm.

\$5 per person; Transportation is provided. Sign up now at [www.snhutickets.com](http://www.snhutickets.com)

**Wed. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Paraplegic Rugby Player Mark Zupan-6:30pm Small Gym**

Co-Sponsors: Disabilities Services, IGC, SGA, Sport Management Club, School of Education, Office of VP of Academic Affairs, CED, & Center for Service & Community Involvement.

**Thurs. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> "Ghost Hunters" 8pm or 10pm in the Pub**

Help Jeff Davis use paranormal equipment to find haunted activity at SNHU.

**Sat. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> Off-Campus Trip to "You're Fired"-Pottery Painting 6:30-10:30pm.**

Transportation is provided-sign up in the info booth.

**Sat. Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> SNHU Turkey Trot (Fun Run)**

Watch for more information!

**Hunger & Homelessness Week-Nov. 16-22** (Co-sponsored by Outreach)

**General Meetings Every Monday at 6pm in the Last Chapter Pub...Bring Your Event Ideas!**

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## NHL Preview

**Harris Severs**  
*Contributing Writer*

As the hockey season begins the debate over who will bring home the Stanley Cup at the end of the season also begins. Player moves in the offseason will make the season more interesting and if injuries are kept at a low number, there are many teams who may have a shot at the Cup.

### Eastern Conference:

*Montreal Canadiens (1st seed in 2007-2008 playoffs):* The Canadiens have proven over the years that they have the offense needed to win games. The key to Montreal's success was a very effective power play. Alex Kovalev had the hot hand last season scoring 84 points (35 goals, 49 assists). The Canadiens have other scoring forwards including Saku Koivu, Chris Higgins and the Kostitsyn brothers (Andrei and Sergei). Andrei Markov is the quarterback of the power play, which ranked #1 in the NHL last season. Look for him to continue his fantastic play and back up his 58 point performance (16 goals, 42 assists). The addition of Alex Tanguay will round off the Canadiens' offense. Goaltender Carey Price is in only his second season in the NHL and seems to be the only soft spot for the Canadiens. The Canadiens will be a contender for the Cup come the end of the season and look for them to possibly repeat their #1 seeding in the East.

*Pittsburgh Penguins (2nd seed in 2007-2008 playoffs):* With one of the hottest stars in the NHL, Sidney Crosby, look for the Pens to come out determined this season. The Penguins are loaded with talent and may have one of the best center combinations in the NHL resting in Crosby and Evgeni Malkin. Malkin proved he could make up the scoring needed when Crosby went down



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Penguins' Evgeni Malkin

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## SNHU Women's Basketball

**Coach Pinkos**  
*Contributing Writer*

Heading into the 2008-2009 basketball season, SNHU Women's Basketball team is ready to compete more than ever. Over the past three years, this program has taken great strides to improve the quality of the team on and off the court.

Senior Stephanie Houghton and junior Julia Houghtaling have been named captains. Houghton has the ability to be one of the top guards in the league. She has the versatility to play point or off guard, and is a scoring threat from anywhere on the court.

In the back court are seniors Alyssa Whitney and Megan Shay. Whitney is one of the most athletic players on the squad is a tough defender and has improved her shooting skills. Megan Shay has 3 point range and solid rebounding abilities.

Graduate Student, Brooke

Lefort has returned for a 5th year. Her physical toughness is why the coaching staff decided to bring Lefort back.

The junior class is made up of Julia Houghtaling, Ashara Carrington, Andrea Lozeau and Stacey McCullough. Houghtaling is one of the fastest post players in the conference and has improved her outside game

to match her inside scoring and rebounding abilities. Carrington is one of the quickest players on the team and has the ability to rebound and run the floor well. Lozeau will look to share point guard responsibilities; her physical strength and toughness will prove to be positives. McCullough is one of the most unselfish dedicated players on the team. Sophomores include Libby Cullerrot and Megan Smith. Cullerrot's 3 point shot

can be dangerous. Smith's ability to rebound and shoot from the outside allows for flexibility in the offense.

Newcomers and Division I transfers Jenny McDade (UNH) and Magdala Johnson (Univ. of Maine) will add much depth to

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Stephanie Houghton

## Depth Should Lead SNHU Hockey to Successful Season

*Harris Severs is the hockey manager for SNHU Hockey*

**Harris Severs**  
*Contributing Writer*

As the hockey season approaches, the SNHU Hockey team begins to prepare for another long and what hopes to be a successful season.

"We want to be one of the final four teams playing in March; we want to win the NE-10 Championship," stated Ken Hutchins, head coach of SNHU hockey. The players agree with Hutchins goal of winning the NE-10 and hope this season will be the one. The team was closest three years

ago when they lost to St. Anselm in the finals.

With the loss of key senior players, the team is looking to fill those holes with a very talented recruitment class.

"There is no way you can replace the seniors from last year, but I believe that with the returning players and the freshmen class that has come in, we will be able to put together a team that has much more depth," stated junior forward John Frey.

"We have the depth to not rely on just one or two players; if one player is not performing we have others who will step up," said Hutchins.

The team has come into pre-season with a new attitude and is ready to work hard. "This year the players have shown that they have put the time and hard work in by getting in shape over the summer. Everyone knows it is going to be very competitive in regards to competing for playing time," explained Frey. He went on to say that "It's on everyone's mind that if they aren't putting in the hard work there is someone else who is."

When asked what elements are needed to be successful, Coach Hutchins listed three;

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## NHL Preview

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with an ankle injury. Pittsburgh has the talent to back up Crosby and Malkin with veterans like Petr Sykora (28 goals). Pittsburgh did lose key players such as Ryan Malone and Marian Hossa to free agency and will have a hard time replacing them. The Pens did however pick up Ruslan Fedotenko, Maxime Talbot and Miroslav Satan who should add to the scoring having totaled a combined 44 goals last season. Goalie Marc-Andre Fleury looks to build off from last season. The Pens will be a force in the east and look for their name atop the standings come the end of the season.

*Washington Capitals (3rd seed in 2007-2008 playoffs):* With their proven star in Alex Ovechkin the Capitals should be a force in the East. Look for Ovechkin to have another stellar season to back up his 112 point (65 goals, 47 assists) performance. With young forwards like Alexander Semin and Nicklas Backstrom, proven defense in Mike Green, and veteran leadership in Sergei Fedorov and Chris Clark, the Caps have the skill to back up Ovechkin. After trading away goaltender Cristobal Huet, the Caps hope Jose Theodore can be a solid backstop for a highly skilled offensive team. Look for the Caps to make another trip to the playoffs.

*New Jersey Devils (4th seed in 2007-2008 playoffs):* Look for Zach Parise to keep up his scoring ways after leading the team last season with 65 points (32 goals, 33 assists). Parise will get help from Brian Gionta (22 goals) and Patrik Elias (20 goals). The return of Brian Rolston (31 goals) and Bobby Holik (15 goals) verifies that the Devils should have no problem scoring goals this season. The backbone of the team again comes in the form of Martin Brodeur who posted 2.17 goals against average last season. He has proven he can keep the puck out of the net and will look to do it again this season. Look for the Devils to make the playoffs as long as they can fix their defense and Brodeur can protect the leads they do get in games.

*New York Rangers (5th seed in 2007-2008 playoffs):* The Rangers will look to get back to the playoffs as they have added new faces to the team. With the addition of Markus Naslund (25 goals) look for him to support Scott Gomez and Chris Dury and help score goals this season. The Rangers look to deal with the loss of Jaromir Jagr, Sean Avery and Martin Straka. Young stars Nigel Dawes (14 goals) and Ryan Callahan (8 goals) could slide into more important roles to make up for the loss of key players. The Rangers defense looks strong with the addition of Wade Redden and Dmitri Kalinin. With solid goaltending in Henrik Lundqvist (2.23 goals against average) the Rangers should have a solid backstop and look to have another successful season. If Gomez and Dury can produce goals and make up for the loss of key players, look for the Rangers to return to the playoffs.

*Philadelphia Flyers (6th seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* The Flyers look to back up a very successful season having made it to the Eastern Conference finals. There are very few teams with more scoring depth than the Flyers. Philadelphia is led by centers Daniel Briere (31 goals), Mike Richards (28 goals) and Jeff Carter (29 goals). The Flyers also have talented wingers in Simon Gagne (7 goals), Mike Knuble (29 goals), Joffrey Lupul (20 goals), and Scott Hartnell (24 goals). The Flyers did lose a few players over the offseason but are looking to rookie Claude Giroux (38 goals in the Québec Major Junior Hockey League) to fill one of the spots. The Flyers defense is strong with Kimmo Timonen and Braydon Coburn. The Flyers have a dangerous duo in net as Martin Biron and Antero Niittymaki both have the ability to keep the puck out of the net. If the Flyers can keep scoring and keep injuries to a minimum, especially Simon Gagne who is battling concussion problems, look for the Flyers to have another successful season as they may force a rematch against the Penguins in the Conference Finals.



Red Wings' Pavel Datsyuk

Gerber is a talented goaltender but at this point in his career, he is seen as a top back up rather than a starter.

*Boston Bruins (8th Seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* The Bruins look to rebound from a first round loss to the Canadiens. With the return of Patrice Bergeron the Bruins look to gain goal scoring. The Bruins look for Marc Savard to repeat his 78 point season as well as having Phil Kessel (19 goals) continue his scoring ways. With the addition of Michael Ryder the Bruins hope he will fit in with Savard, Kessel and Bergeron and produce better numbers than he did in Montreal. Boston has Zdeno Chara on defense and here's hoping that he continues his ways and can produce another 50+ point season. The Bruins look to have two quality goaltenders in Tim Thomas and Manny Fernandez who will battle it out for the starting position.

### Western Conference:

*Detroit Red Wings (1st seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* As defending Stanley Cup Champions, look for the Wings to continue their dominance in the NHL. With stars like Pavel Datsyuk (31 goals) and Henrik Zetterberg (43 goals) there isn't a better one-two punch in the league. The Wings have a lot of depth when it comes to scoring with Tomas Holmstrom (20 goals) Johan Franzen (27 goals), Valtteri Filppula (19 goals) and now Marian Hossa (29 goals). The Wings lost Dominik Hasek to retirement but have a proven goaltender in Chris Osgood who led the team to the Cup last season. Adding the talented young goalie Ty Conklin from Pittsburgh will provide the Wings with very good goaltending. The Wings are probably the strongest and deepest team in the NHL and will be hard to knock off in the playoffs. Look for Detroit to return to the Cup finals and have a good shot at winning it, again.

*San Jose Sharks (2nd seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* The Sharks will look to have another successful season with a new head coach. Joe Thornton will look to have another good season to back up his 96 point (29 goals, 67 assists) showing last season. Captain Patrick Marleau will look to get back on track and surpass his 48 point (19 goals, 29 assists) mark this season. Look for Joe Pavelski (19 goals), Milan



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Sharks' Joe Thornton



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Michalek (24 goals) and Jonathan Cheechoo (23 goals) to be key players to the success of the team. The Sharks also signed the veteran Rob Blake who is known as a force at defense. The goaltending will be taken care of by Vezina finalist (NHL's best goalie) Evgeni Nabokov. Look for the Sharks to make it to the playoffs and compete for a top spot in the West.

*Minnesota Wild (3rd seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* The Wild look to back up a decent season and battle the toll that free agency took on the team. With the loss of Brian Rolston, Pavol Demitra, and Branko Radivojevic, the Wild need all the help they can get to make up for a lot of their offense. The Wild did pick up Owen Nolan (16 goals), Antti Miettinen (15 goals) and Andrew Brunette (19 goals) which should help out star Marian Gaborik (42 goals). Minnesota has solid defense with Brent Burns, Kim Johnsson, and new addition Marek Zidlicky from Nashville. The Wild have strong goaltending in Niklas Backstrom. After being hit hard by free agency losses look for the Wild to struggle to make the playoffs. However, if Gaborik gets hot and the new additions at offensive can help produce goals, Minnesota may be able to slip into the playoffs.

*Anaheim Ducks (4th seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* The Ducks look to have another successful season as they did not lose much over the off-season. One problem for the Ducks is their lack of scoring power. The majority of the offense comes from Ryan Getzlaf (24 goals) and Corey Perry

(29 goals). The Ducks are a very defensive team to make up for the lack of scoring. With defensemen Chris Pronger, Scott Niedermayer and Mathieu Schneider the power play should prove to be very strong as well when those players are paired with the Perry and Getzlaf. Chris Kunitz will be looked upon to help with the goal scoring as he netted 21 goals last season. With the return of veteran Teemu Selanne still up in the air strong defense and goaltending will be key to Anaheim's success.

*Dallas Stars (5th seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* The Stars are a very talented team when it comes to depth at the center position. With veteran Mike Modano (21 goals), Mike Rabeiro (27 goals) and the addition of Sean Avery (15 goals) and Brad Richards (20 goals) the Stars have goal scoring at the center position. Dallas will also look to team captain Brenden Morrow to repeat his 74 point (32 goals, 42 assists) season. Defense is another area where the Stars have depth. They have proven defensemen in Sergei Zubov, Philippe Boucher and Stephane Robidas. The Stars will also count on the playmaking of Zubov, as he was able to get 31 assists last season. Goaltending is not an issue for the Dallas Stars as they have the very talented and steady Marty Turco between the pipes.

*Colorado Avalanche (6th seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* The Colorado Avs are going through a change as far as offensive production goes. The torch is being passed from veteran Joe Sakic (13 goals) to the talented young center Paul Stastny (24 goals). With Sakic coming off an injury filled season, the Avs wonder just how much more the star center can give to the team. Colorado will look to wingers Milan Hejduk (29 goals), Ryan Smyth (14 goals), Wojtek Wolski (18 goals) and Marek Svatos (26 goals) to help Stastny produce the offense. Colorado's defense looks good with John-Michael Liles and Adam Foote. The biggest issue for the Avalanche is goaltending with the loss of Jose Theodore to the Capitals. Peter Budaj (2.57 goals against average) and former Bruins goalie Andrew Raycroft (3.92 goals against average) will see who can claim the starting job this season. As far as how the team will do this season, if the goaltending can prove to be strong and the Avs can get goals, look for Colorado to slip into the playoffs again this season.

*Calgary Flames (7th seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* Calgary is coming off a decent season and looks to get back towards the top of the Western Conference. As always the Flames will look to Jarome Iginla to have another good season and to repeat or beat his 98 points (50 goals, 48 assists) from last season. The Flames look to Daymond Langkow (30 goals, 35 assists) and Matthew Lombardi (14



Colorado's **Tyler Arnason**

## NBA Preview

**Nick Tasso**  
*Sports Editor*

The NBA is right around the corner, ready to play. The big news was the Seattle Supersonics franchise relocated to Oklahoma City and are now the Oklahoma City Thunder. A lot of big named stars also changed uniforms like Baron Davis and Elton Brand, but it is tough to tell what kind of impact these players will have on their respective teams. This is the break down of the top teams from the Eastern and Western Conferences for the 2008-2009 season.

### Eastern Conference

*Boston Celtics (1st seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

The reigning champions lost an important role player in James Posey in this offseason. Off the bench, he averaged 24.6 minutes while playing great defense. The Celts did add Darius Miles to their

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Celtics' **Kevin Garnett**

goals, 22 assists) to help out Iginla. Calgary looks good on defense with anchor Dion Phaneuf who can be strong on defense while still making things happen with his 43 assists last season. Calgary does not have much to worry about with Miikka Kiprusoff in net. Even though his numbers have slipped a little his 2.69 goals against average is still strong enough to create wins. Look for the Flames to climb back towards the top of the West.

*Nashville Predators (8th seed in 2007-2008 Playoffs):* Nashville has had success the past couple seasons and looks to continue its way of slipping into the playoffs. The Preds are led by J-P Dumont (29 goals) and Jason Arnott (28 goals) who usually find themselves on the top line together. Nashville will look to Martin Erat (23 goals), Alexander Radulov (26 goals) and David Legwand (15 goals) to help with the goal scoring. The Predators have strong defense in Ryan Suter, Shea Weber and Dan Hamhuis all of which had 20+ points last season. The goaltending situation in Nashville is similar to other teams in the NHL where it will be a battle for who starts. Dan Ellis (2.34 goals against average) is coming off a career season but will have to watch out for Pekka Rinne a talented rookie from Finland. The Preds should have another good season and have a shot at making the playoffs again this season.



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“the team needs to have mental and physical conditioning, attention to details and team unity.” Coach Hutchins also noted that the season would be considered successful “If the team can look themselves in the mirror and say they tried their hardest to complete their goals, then I would consider it a successful season.”

“St. A's is a game you always have to get up for just because you were brought into this program and taught that they were your rival,” stated senior Dave Carroll when asked about important upcoming games this season.

The SNHU hockey team is will be playing one of the best Division III schools in the country at Norwich University this season. “Norwich is another game my team and I are excited for because they are one of the best programs in the country. Our school has been getting better every year, so top teams throughout the country want to play us,” said Carroll.

As always the team hopes everyone will come out and support them at all their home games especially when they play cross-town rival St. Anselm in February.

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bench but they aren't sure what to expect from him. Eddie House and Tony Allen will also be role players off the bench but don't forget that the Celtics still have “The Big Three.” Ray Allen, Kevin Garnett, and Paul Pierce will be looked at to once again guide the team to another championship.

*Detroit Pistons (2nd seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

Detroit is an interesting team. Their top four players—Richard Hamilton, Tayshaun Prince, Chauncey Billips, and Rasheed Wallace—have been together for years so you would assume that their chemistry would be off the charts. It seems hard to develop chemistry when new coaches are brought in every year, including this year. Michael Curry is in his first season at the helm so its yet to be seen how he will affect this team.



Pistons' Rasheed Wallace

*Orlando Magic (3rd seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

Orlando could be in the mix just as Detroit is to compete against the Boston Celtics for the best team in the Eastern Conference. With the addition of bench players Anthony Johnson and first round draft pick Courtney Lee, it looks like the Magic are slowly gaining pieces to the puzzle. Of course it all starts and ends with Dwight Howard on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball. If he puts up another monster year like the 2007-2008 team, Orlando will be a team to be reckoned with.

*Cleveland Cavaliers (4th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

In recent years, all you had to say about Cleveland was LeBron James. Now it looks like James is finally getting some key players to help him get back to the NBA Finals. Point guard Mo Williams is coming in and the Cavs hope he can run their offense alongside James. Cleveland has some players like Zydrunas Ilgauskas and Ben Wallace who can hit the boards which will help them win games.

*Washington Wizards (5th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

The injury bug has already struck Washington as Gilbert Arenas is out until sometime in December or maybe even later depending on recovery time from knee surgery. The Wizards resigned Arenas to a big multi year deal in the offseason. Antawan Jamison has a sprained right knee while Brendan Haywood had wrist surgery; both players are out indefinitely. With two out of their top three scorers out (Arenas, Jamison) the team will look at Caron Butler to carry the offensive load along with DeShawn Stephenson.

*Toronto Raptors (6th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

The Raptors have added oft injured Jermaine O'Neal who, when healthy, can be a difference maker. Toronto is looking for O'Neal to help down low with Chris Bosh who is undeniably their best player. They have also given the starting point guard job to Jose Calderon who did a great job last year when Mo Williams went down. With another year under his belt, Andrea Bargnani should be looked at to improve in his third season with the association.

*Philadelphia 76'ers (7th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

A surprise to some, the 76'ers made the post season for the first time without Allen Iverson. The



Pistons' Alex Acker

biggest addition for Philadelphia in the off season was the signing of another big man, Elton Brand, to compliment Samuel Dalembert. Brand brings an offensive force as well as a being a great rebounder. Andre Iguodala and Andre Miller will be looked at to stabilize the offense once again. It should be easier now to get the ball down low with Brand.

*Atlanta Hawks (8th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

Al Horford almost averaged a double double in his rookie season. Look at him to definitely improve in both areas. After coming over from Sacramento last year, Mike Bibby will be relied on to orchestrate the offense. Joe Johnson and Josh Smith will be his go to guys as they led the team in scoring last season.

### Western Conference

*Los Angeles Lakers (1st seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

In Kobe Bryant's efforts last season to win a NBA Championship without Shaquille O'Neal, the Lakers fell just short. With the loss of Ronny Turiaf to Golden State, the Lakers will be happy to know they should get a full year of Andrew Bynum who was dominant the entire year until he got injured. Having Bynum and Pau Gasol down low will benefit the Lakers greatly. And don't forget along with Bryant, they

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also have all around player Lamar Odom.

*New Orleans Hornets (2nd seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

To most people, the Hornets came out of nowhere to tie San Antonio Spurs with the best record in the Southwest Division. Chris Paul showed how well he can masterfully change a game. If it wasn't for Kobe Bryant, Paul very could have received MVP. In addition, Tyson Chandler finally became what the Chicago Bulls expected him to be when they traded Elton Brand for him on draft day in 2001. Three-point shooter Peja Stojakovic also looks to repeat last year's performance. Not to mention, New Orleans bench is stocked with proven players like James Posey and Bonzi Wells.

*San Antonio Spurs (3rd seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

The Spurs are always there, even when you don't hear about them. This upcoming season should be the same but don't expect an overtaking of the Hornets or Rockets. Sixth man Manu Ginobili is out until the middle of December. You may not think that the sixth man is important to a perennial play-off team but without Ginobili, it would be hard for the Spurs to compete. The Spurs may struggle without a great scorer off the bench in Ginobili but with Tony Parker passing the ball around to Tim Duncan and the supporting cast, they will manage to stay in it. Once Ginobili returns, look for San Antonio to be taking care of business as they usually do.

*Utah Jazz (4th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

Deron Williams looks to run yet another dominant offense at the point guard position. With scorers like Carlos Boozer and Andrei Kirilinko, it should be easy to put the ball in the hoop. Look for Ronnie Brewer to also improve in his third year at shooting guard. The Jazz looks like they will rack up many wins with Kyle Korver and Matt Harpring coming off the bench.

*Houston Rockets (5th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

With Yao Ming and Tracy McGrady, the Houston Rockets acquired Ron Artest. Artest has had some problems in the past but recently he has been a solid defensive player; he averaged over 20 points per game last season. The Rockets shouldn't be taken lightly. It looks like they have enough talent to challenge San Antonio or New Orleans for the Southwest division title in 2008-2009.

*Phoenix Suns (6th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

This is a hard team to understand. They love to run fast plays and get quick points while usually being involved in high scoring affairs. They have enough playmakers in Steve Nash, Amare Stou-



Hornets' **Hilton Armstrong**

demire, Grant Hill, and Leonardo Barbosa to get that done. However, this year will be the Suns first full year with Shaquille O'Neal. O'Neal is a scoring machine but it is unclear if he can play with the run and gun offense of the Suns or if they will have to change their approach to accommodate him.

*Dallas Mavericks (7th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

With a full year of Jason Kidd at point guard, the Mavericks look to be a great offensive team in the 2008-2009 season. With scorers in Josh Howard, Jason Terry, and Dirk Nowitzki, it will be hard to stop the Mavericks. Although he is in his 14th year in the league, Jerry Stackhouse can still be a force off the bench for Dallas. This is another team who values offense over defense but has moved toward a more defensive team with last season's acquisition of Kidd.

*Denver Nuggets (8th seed in the 2007-2008 playoffs)*

A team with Allen Iverson and Carmello Anthony should do better than finishing eighth in their conference, but the Nuggets seemed happy just to be in the playoffs. The loss of Marcus Camby will hurt the Nuggets, but Nene Hilario will be their new starting center and Kenyon Martin will be their starting power forward. Denver hopes that Martin can return to his dominant form when he was in New Jersey. Denver still has a solid bench with J.R. Smith.

### Upcoming Home Sports Action

*Compiled by: Stephanie Belida*

**Saturday, October 25, 2008**

Volleyball vs. American International College:  
1:00pm in the Field House

**Tuesday, October 28, 2008**

Women's Soccer vs. UMass Lowell: 7:00pm  
on Larkin Field

**Wednesday, October 29, 2008**

Volleyball vs. Saint Anselm College: 7:00pm  
in the Field House

**Friday, October 31, 2008**

Women's Soccer vs. Adelphi University:  
3:00pm on Larkin Field

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Nuggets' **Chris Andersen**



# NFL Update - NFC

**Mike Capalbo**  
Staff Writer

Injuries have led to a unique year in the NFL, where the usual powerhouses lack their typical dominance. We continue to break down the action as the season goes along, with analysis for all 32 teams. \*standings and statistics through Week 6 (Oct. 14)

## NFC East

**Giants – 4-1\*** - The Giants are just one more example of a miraculous championship win propelling a team to the elite level. A new sense of confidence has turned the Giants into the #1 team in the NFL through Week 5, and a return to the Super Bowl certainly looks attainable. Eli Manning and the power run game led by Brandon Jacobs have the G-Men first in the league in total offense and the defense leads the division despite the missing pieces and a terrible upset to Cleveland. Next three games: SF, @PIT, DAL

**Cowboys – 4-2\*** - The 'Boys have lacked the same muscle of a season ago, as losses to their NFC foes Redskins and Cardinals. The defense has been weak, allowing an average of over 23 points per game and the loss of at least four games from Adam Jones won't help much. Their potent offense may be stalled by Tony Romo's broken finger which will keep him out for four weeks, but the Marion Barber/Felix Jones tandem should keep them in every game. Expect less success this regular season but a playoff appearance is practically guaranteed. Next three games: @STL, TB, @NYG

**Redskins – 4-2\*** - Playing in the hardest division in football, most projected the 'Skins to finish last, but four wins including two critical divisional wins over the Cowboys and Eagles have them right in the thick of things in the NFC East. Unfortunately, with a defense that has allowed at least 16 points every game, it will be hard to stay in the top half of this division, even with Clinton Portis (643 yards, 6 TD) leading the offense to an average of 21 points per game. Next three games: CLE, @DET, PIT

**Eagles – 3-3\*** - Injuries have slowed the Eagles to three wins, but most importantly Brian Westbrook (ankle, ribs), and a few hard divisional losses (Dallas, Washington) have them trailing the rest of the pack. Both the offense and defense have failed to find consistency, but Donovan McNabb looks better than he has in a long time and Westbrook (as well as Kevin Curtis) should be healthy soon enough for the Eagles to improve from this point. Next three games: Bye, ATL, @SEA

## NFC North

**Vikings – 3-3\*** - After a terrible start to the season that led to



NY Giants' **Eli Manning**

the benching of QB Tarvaris Jackson for backup Gus Frerotte, the Vikings have begun to show life, and two straight wins have them where they need to be in a close division. The talented defense was disappointing early but has tightened up, and the offense has gotten enough help from Adrian Peterson to score enough points. Next three games: @CHI, Bye, HOU

**Packers – 3-3\*** - Aaron Rodgers has proven so far that he has what it takes to be a starting NFL quarterback as the offense has averaged over 26 points per game, but the Pack defense is among the bottom five in the league with over 26 points allowed per game. If they want to return this year to the playoffs, they need to improve as a unit. Next three games: IND, Bye, @TEN

**Bears – 3-3\*** - After a big opening win against the Colts, the Bears lost three of their next five games by a field goal, showing that they cannot win close games. Kyle Orton has surpassed expectations (1,386 yards, 8 TD) and the defense has shut down the run, but they need to start winning close games if they want to top this division. Next three games: MIN, Bye, DET

**Lions – 0-5\*** - They fired their general manager, Matt Millen, but that did nothing to stop the winless streak. The shift to running clearly was a complete failure, and now the Lions are left trying to put together anything that can help them win some games. The Lions appeared to be shifting their focus back to passing with Roy Williams and Calvin Johnson but before the Tuesday trading deadline, Williams was traded to Dallas for multiple future draft picks. Next three games: @HOU, WAS, @CHI

## NFC South

**Buccaneers – 4-2\*** - After some early season quarterback drama that saw Brian Griese replace Jeff Garcia, the Bucs

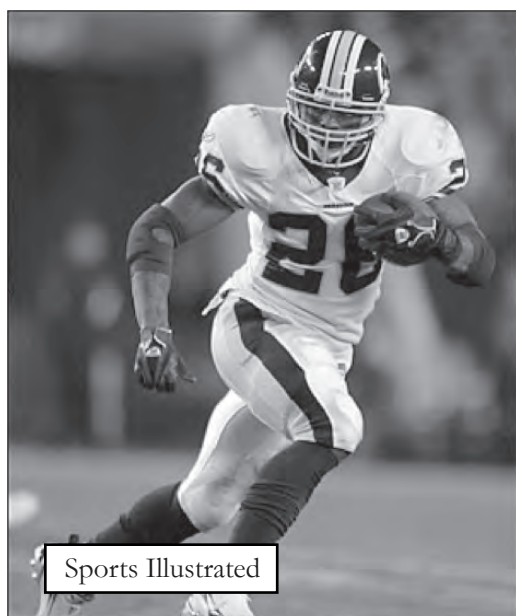
have played good football in every game of the season (both losses were by four points or less), and are the most consistent team in the division. The offense has been led by the run game (Earnest Graham), and the defense has played well as usual. Next three games: SEA, @DAL, @KC

**Falcons – 4-2\*** - Rookie Matt Ryan and RB Michael Turner (597 rushing yards) have helped this young team surpass all expectations so far this season. Ryan has the poise of a great NFL quarterback and Roddy White has emerged as a premier talent at wide receiver, helping Atlanta capture four wins so far. It will be hard to maintain this type of success for too long with their shaky defense, but the future is bright for Ryan and these post-Vick Falcons. Next three games: Bye, @PHI, @OAK

**Panthers – 4-2\*** - Quarterback Jake Delhomme has shown that he can still play after Tommy John surgery and the young running back tandem of DeAngelo Williams and Jonathon Stewart have added explosiveness to the offense. The defense has been inconsistent but great at times, and if they can beat the teams in their division they have a chance to win it. Next three games: NO, ARI, Bye

**Saints – 3-3\*** - Drew Brees has been in complete control so far (1,993 yards, 12 TD), and Reggie Bush has been a dangerous weapon, but the defense has struggled for the most part, leading to three close losses. This team can dominate opponents but until the defense improves they will lack consistent success. Next three games: @CAR, SD, Bye

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NFL's rush leader **Clinton Portis**



Saints' **Drew Brees**



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## NFC West

*Cardinals* - 4-2\* - Big wins over Buffalo and Dallas in weeks 5 and 6 have put the Cardinals in the position of favorites to win the dismal NFC West. Kurt Warner has conducted the offense well, and despite a few blowouts, the defense has shown that they can play well enough. Barring a collapse from Warner, Anquan Boldin (when he returns) and Larry Fitzgerald should pass and catch their way to the playoffs in this open division. Next three games: @CAR, @STL, SF

*49ers* - 2-4\* - The Niners have put up more points than most expected, as their 23.5 points per game is 12th in the league. However, their defense has been as bad as people expected, allowing 27.8 points per game and over 350 yards per game. New quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan has injected some flair into the offense, but a few more wins is all they can hope for. Next three games: @NYG, SEA, @ARI

*Seahawks* - 1-4\* - The streak of four straight NFC West titles looks to be in major jeopardy, as the Seahawks have been beat up so far this season. Their poor defense has lost a step, while allowing over 30 points per game (29th in NFL). Julius Jones has been a bright spot on offense (417 yards), but Matt Hasselbeck has not played like a top quarterback. Next three games: @TB, @SF, PHI

*Rams* - 1-4\* - This disastrous season has featured the one week benching of Marc Bulger, the firing of head coach Scott Linchan, and one win. It looks to be a long season again in St. Louis as their offense ranks last in the NFC and they have been pounded every week until finally capturing a win against Washington. A rough schedule lies ahead for new head coach Jim Haslett. Next three games: DAL, @NE, ARI



Rams' Marc Bulger

## NFL Update - AFC

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## AFC EAST

*Bills* - 4-1\* - The Bills are still the top team in the AFC East, even after being blown out courtesy of the Cardinals. Look for them to bounce back after the bye week. Next three games: SD, @MIA, NYJ

*Patriots* - 3-2\* - Sorry to say, but without Tom Brady the Pats will be lucky to see .500. The running game is not healthy and Matt Cassel is not cutting it at quarterback. Their defense isn't performing up to par like they should be. Next three games: DEN, STL, @IND

*Jets* - 3-2\* - The Jets are still a coin flip. Brett Favre is still a shaky quarterback, as shown by his six touch downs and two interceptions against Arizona and then only one touchdown their following game. Until Favre finds consistent success their future is still uncertain. Next three games: @OAK, KC, @BUF

*Dolphins* - 2-3\* - Miami continues to surprise this season with upset wins over New England and the Chargers. Losing to Houston this week brought them back down to earth. They have an unorthodox play style (Wild Hog) and Ronnie Brown is having a career year. Next three games: BAL, BUF, @DEN

## AFC NORTH

*Steelers* - 4-1\* - Pittsburgh has still been able to hold their own even with an injured Willie Parker and Ben Roethlisberger. They have a tough outing over the next month, facing the defending champs and Washington, but they will manage. Their division isn't very competitive, so they should have no problem taking it this year. Next three games: Bye, @CIN, NYG

*Ravens* - 2-3\* - The only thing that keeps the Ravens in games is their defense. Quarterback Joe Flacco hasn't shown that he can lead an offense even though being named starter for the rest of the season barring injuries. He managed to throw three picks against a depleted Colts defense in Week 6. Next three games: @MIA, OAK, @CLE

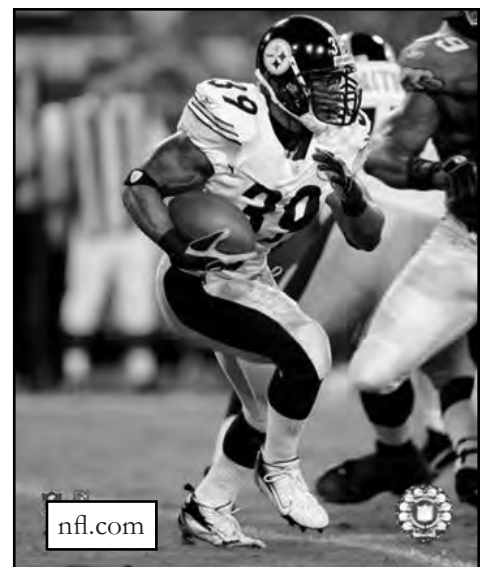
*Browns* - 2-3\* - Before the season most thought that the Browns were going to have a great team with a high-powered offense and a questionable defense. They were quickly proven wrong with Braylon Edwards being a ghost on the field and Derek Anderson's starting job being threatened. The defense has looked extremely bad at times yet they did upset the New York

Giants in Week 6. Next three games: @WAS, @JAX, BAL

*Bengals* - 0-6\* - Don't expect much here. With Carson Palmer out until his arm fully heals you will not be seeing any "Ocho Cinco" type touchdown dances. Everything just hasn't worked out right for the Bengals. Next three games: PIT, @HOU, JAX

## AFC SOUTH

*Titans* - 5-0\* - With mentally disturbed Vince Young out of the way, the Titans are rolling with Kerry Collins at the helm. With a top ranked defense and a respectable offense, aside from the Giants, it looks like the Titans are the team to beat.



Steelers' Willie Parker

Coming off of a bye week, look for them to only get stronger as their schedule isn't too tough. Next three games: @KC, IND, GB

*Colts* - 3-2\* - With Peyton Manning looking better this week against Baltimore, this team should bounce back. Manning will have to put up good numbers every week with an injured defense and injured running game. Next three games: @GB, @TEN, NE

*Jaguars* - 3-3\* - Jacksonville's record does not show their potential. After beating Denver, they head into a bye week. They will be contenders again for the division playing weak defenses in Cleveland and Cincinnati. Next three games: Bye, CLE, @CIN

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**Texans - 1-4\*** - After having some close games but falling short, Houston finally managed to take down their first win against Miami in Week 6. If Matt Schaub and Andre Johnson can take over their offense, they should be able to capture some victories over the next few weeks. Next three games: DET, CIN, @MIN

### AFC WEST

**Broncos - 4-2\*** - Denver has really turned it around from last year. With Brandon Marshall, Jay Cutler and up and coming sensation Eddie Royal leading the offense, they should do big things and give the Chargers a run for their money in the division. Next three games: @NE, Bye, MIA

**Chargers - 3-3\*** - The Chargers have had a shaky start with injuries to LaDarian Tomlinson and Antonio Gates. As they get healthy throughout the season look for the Chargers to really start dominating. Next three games: @BUF, @NO, Bye

**Raiders - 1-4\*** - The carousel of Oakland Raiders' head coaches of the past year took another spin when the Raiders fired head coach Lane Kiffin. After the firing, the Raiders still look lost. The defense hasn't looked good, with the exception of their one win against Kansas City. Quarterback JaMarcus Russell hasn't worked out either. Next three games: NYJ, @BAL, ATL

**Chiefs - 1-4\*** - With one of the tougher schedules in the NFL and a defense that is overlooked for good reason, the Chiefs will have a hard time collecting wins. Their real competition is trying to not finish last in the division. Next three games: TEN, @NYJ, TB



Raiders' JaMarcus Russell

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## SNHU Cheerleading

**Laura Rotolo**

*Staff Writer*

The time has come and the SNHU Cheerleading squad is putting on their uniforms and tumbling their way into a new season. Last year they came away with a sixth-place showing in the all-girl Division II category at the National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) 2007 Cheer and Dance Collegiate Championship.

SNHU is coached by head coach Darby Conley and assisted by Liz Lund. The squad is made up of a few returners, starting with captains Ashley Lacroix, Lindsay Fegan, and Jenn Grossi. Other members include Chrissy Alves and Julia Wagner. Some key newcomers this year are Kelly Carr, Stephanie Green, Samantha Murphy, Corrina Sawyer, Aquila Collins, Brittany Parker, Brittany Angers, and Shaquwanda Allen.

The girls have already started off their year at the October 14th event, Midnight Madness, which was the opening of the Men and Women's basketball season as well as their own. Lacroix said "from [Midnight Madness] on we will have practice and performances for the remainder of the school year, as well as being required to be at every men's basketball game."

When asked about the future of the squad Lacroix added "It is a bit early for us to know exactly what the season will bring, or what SNHU cheerleading plans to do this year. Halftime performances as well as expositions at New Hampshire high school's are both definite. We plan to have a multitude of routines to keep halftimes and timeouts varied and exciting.



SNHU Cheerleading Team

## Women's Basketball

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the team. McDade has the ability to play inside and outside and will create match-up problems for NE-10 opponents. Johnson will add quickness and scoring abilities at the guard spot.

Freshmen Megan Spanarkel, Erin Baldwin, and Christine Duffy have added competitiveness to the program. Spanarkel is very athletic and comes from a winning high school program (Red Bank Catholic). Her work ethic and athletic ability has added more depth. Baldwin is a smart player and is a dangerous 3 point threat. Duffy is the most competitive player we have recruited, including back to back Massachusetts State Championships. She has great court awareness and has the ability to score.

The Northeast -10 Conference is the most competitive Division II conference in the country and the SNHU Women's Basketball team looks ready to strike.

"We do a lot of fundraisers. One of our favorites is the Jr. Penmen Cheer Clinic where we invite cheerleaders from outside SNHU, aged anywhere from elementary levels to high school. These cheerleaders are able to perform at one of the men's basketball games halftimes at the conclusion of the clinic. It's a really easy fundraiser and we have so much fun doing it," Lacroix elaborated.

Anyone interested in joining the squad can contact captain Ashley Lacroix at [ashley.lacroix@snhu.edu](mailto:ashley.lacroix@snhu.edu).

# SNHU Fall Sports Recap

**Nick Tasso**  
*Sports Editor*

## Golf

SNHU Golf finished 2nd out of six schools in the SNHU Penmen Invitational held on October 12th and October 13th. DJ Lantz led the Penmen at +2, three behind the overall leader Tim Martins from Le Moyne. Jeff Newell finished tied for sixth at +7 for the Penmen. Andrew Maziarz and Shane Winslow each shot +9.

## Men's Soccer

The Men's Soccer team stands at 12-1-2 overall and 8-0-2 in the Northeast 10 Conference. The Penmen have shut out opponents in 11 of their 15 games so far this year. Goalkeeper Sean Lambert has received Northeast 10 Goalkeeper of the Week three times. Adrian Schippers leads the team with eight goals while collecting four assists. Paulson Edum has chipped in with five goals of his own for the Penmen.

## Men's Tennis

Men's Tennis stands at a 2-2 record with wins against Franklin Pierce (8-1) and Le Moyne (5-4). David Spaggiari and Luis Ramirez each have gone 3-1 in their singles matches.

## Women's Volleyball

The Women's Volleyball team has posted a 6-8 record overall and 3-3 inside the Northeast 10 Conference. Ashley Dingle has led the team with 160 digs while Brianna Doucet has collected 132 digs. Stephanie Dluginski leads the team with 142 kills.

## Women's Tennis

Women's Tennis has won their first two matches 6-3 against St. Michael's and 7-2 against Le Moyne. Amber Chandronnait, Catalina Echeverry, and Lauren Nigrelli each have gone 2-0 in their matches.

## Women's Soccer

SNHU's Women's Soccer has compiled a record of 6-3-3 overall and a 5-3-2 in the Northeast 10 Conference. All three of their losses have been by more than one goal. Sophia Saint Paul has knocked the ball into the net seven times, while Nicole Ebner and Kristina Cardoso each have three assists on the season.

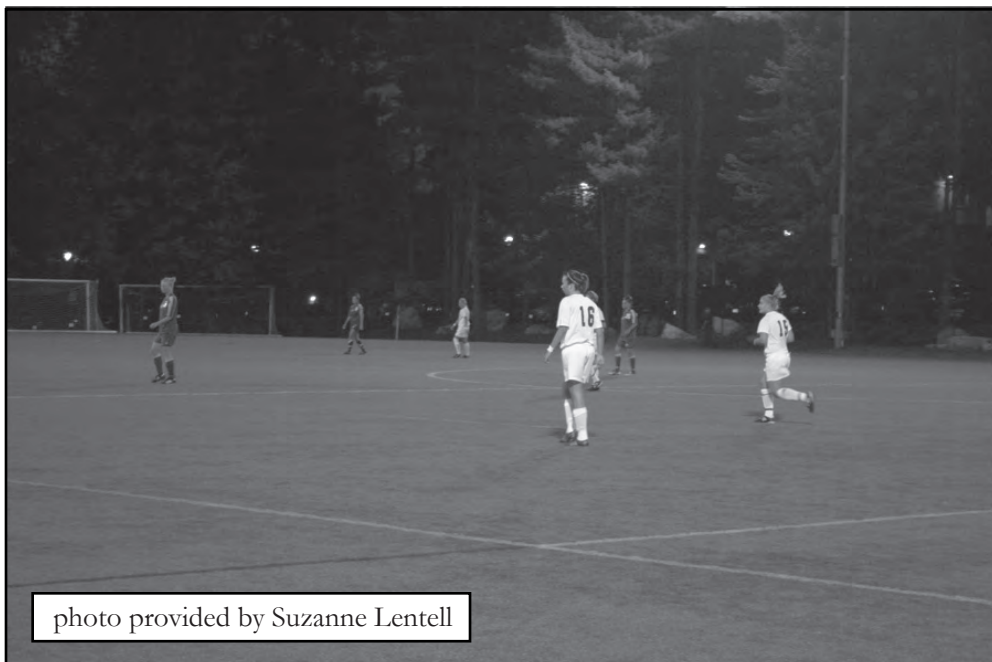


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SNHU Women's Soccer vs. Southern Connecticut, October 4th

# MLB PLAYOFFS 08

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Boston considering they had Josh Becket starting. At Fenway, the Sox got off to an early 3-0 lead but the Angels fought back thanks to Mike Napoli's two home run game. Napoli also hit in the 12th inning knocking in the winning run and gave Los Angeles some life.

In game four, the Red Sox won in a nail bitter in the bottom of the ninth inning. After Boston was leading the whole game, Torii Hunter, the Angels clutch batter, hit a two run single to tie the game. Jed Lowrie stepped up to the plate in the ninth inning with a tie score and Lowie collected a single plating Bay to win the series.

## *Chicago White Sox v Tampa Bay Rays*

The Rays to no surprise won in four games against the White Sox. The White Sox fought off elimination in game three but only prolonged the inevitable against the Rays who won 97 games in the regular season. Their pitching was solid all around.

## National League

### *Milwaukee Brewers v Philadelphia Phillies*

The Phillies were able to win three out of four games against the Brewers who also had to fight off elimination in game three only to fall short in game four.

### *Los Angeles Dodgers v Chicago Cubs*

The Dodgers, under new coach Joe Torre and with new slugger Manny Ramirez, pulled off a surprising sweep against the much favored Chicago Cubs. After a 100 year drought the Cubs will again have to wait until next year.

## League Championship Series

### American League

#### *Boston Red Sox v Tampa Bay Rays*

It didn't look like the Rays were going to be able to keep up with the Red Sox bats after game ones shut out; however the Rays were able to come back and take game two to the series in a wild extra innings contest. With a myriad of lead changes, the Rays were able to keep up and win game two 9-8 in the bottom of the 11th inning.

The Rays dominated games three and four outscoring the Red Sox 22-5.

The Red Sox just like in the 2007 season against the Cleveland Indians would make an amazing comeback, however most Red Sox fans would not find out until the next morning. With only seven outs remaining in their season, behind by seven runs, the Sox would some way, some how, come back to score eight runs and take a win with a walk off hit. The ever-clutch J.D. Drew hit a two run homer to bring the game within one run, then in the bottom of the ninth he struck again with a towering RBI double to win the game.

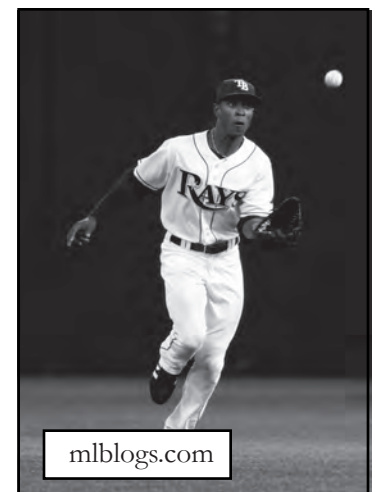
Josh Becket took a convincing 4-2 win in game six thanks to the Sox bullpen not allowing even one hit after the 7th inning.

The Sox got off to an early 1-0 lead with Dustin Pedroia's solo-shot; however the Rays battled back scoring solo runs in the 4th, 5th and 7th innings.

Matt Garza pitched phenomenal, and would take away the ALCS MVP with a 2-0 record and a 1.38 ERA, allowing only two hits in Game 7 through seven plus innings. For the first time in their franchise history, the Tampa Bay Rays will be making a World Series appearance.

### *Philadelphia Phillies v Los Angeles Dodgers*

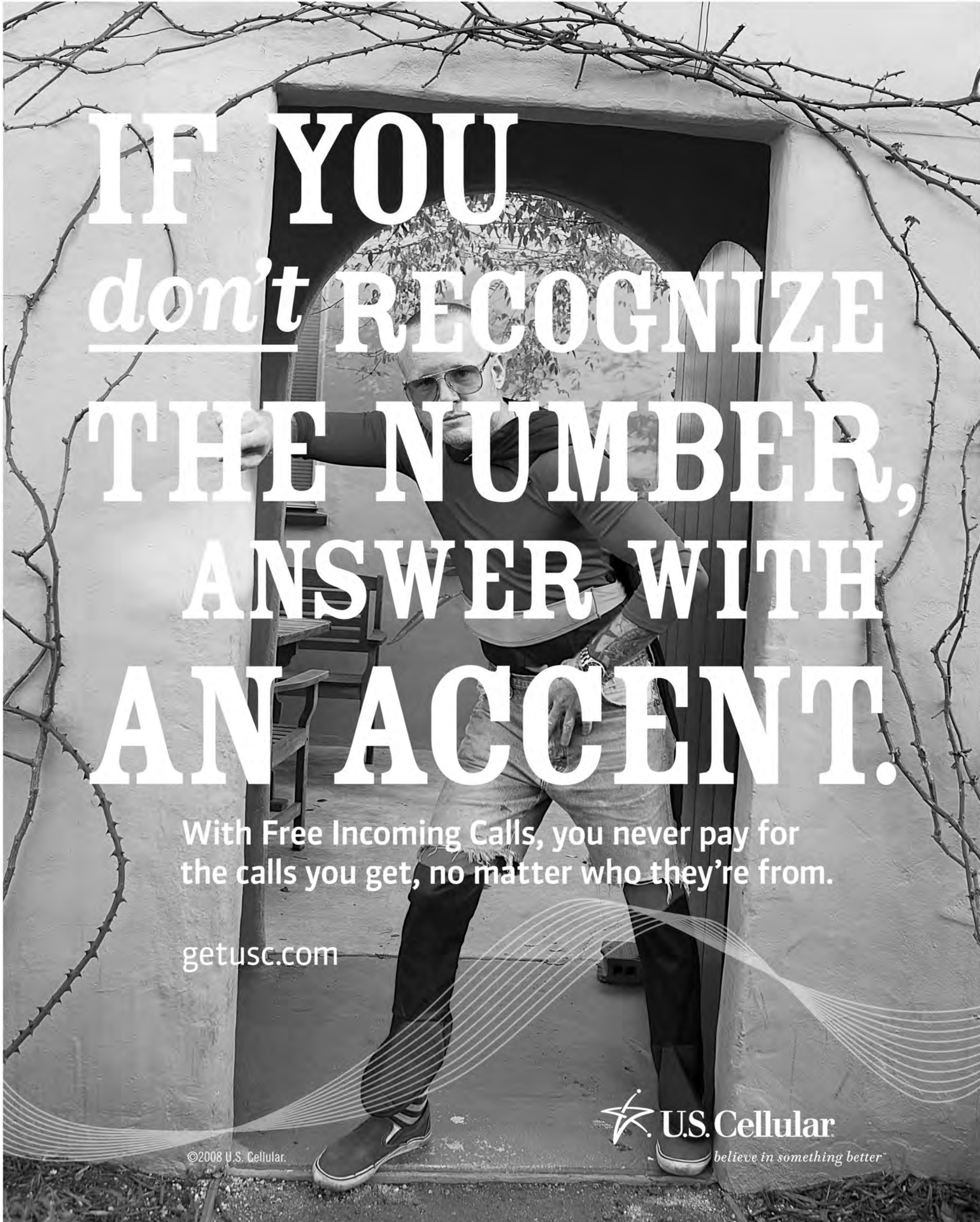
After sweeping the Cubs, the Dodgers became the favorite to win this series. The Phillies were able to surprise everyone with the upset and win the series in five games. Shane Victorino knocked in six runs during the series to propel the Phillies over the Dodgers.



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# Voices & Faces

## Spotlight @ SNHU

**Daniel Smith**  
Managing Editor



### ...Richard Colfer...

Richard Colfer is the Director of Academic Advising at SNHU and is this month's spotlight at SNHU. He has had a long history with SNHU, which goes back to the good ole days of NHC. Richard has held positions in the Learning Center and in the CLASS office.

Currently he works in the Academic Advising Office with a caseload of students. He serves as a resource for all academic related issues. He helps students with changes of major, studying abroad, and also works with students on a walk-in basis.

Other than his duties as an Academic Advisor, Colfer also represents the Academic Advising office at all campus wide meetings and coordinates efforts between departments at the University. As well as these duties, Colfer is the advisor to the Outing Club and was voted the 2005 Advisor of the Year. He works with any club or organization that asks and is always here on weekends and long Fridays serving on one of many committees or helping out with alumni weekends. Richard really enjoys helping students and truly feels that "... [his] time is their time."

Outside of SNHU, Colfer enjoys riding his Harley and has become an EMT in his local fire and rescue unit. He also teaches CPR courses at the Red Cross and cooks breakfast at the Friendly Kitchen every week. When not busy with all of those activities, Richard enjoys hiking, biking, fishing, gardening, and going to concerts.

Recently Richard has been solicited for his extraordinary collection of concert posters and several of his posters will furnish this years McInich Art Gallery exhibit, "The Art of Rock," which will premiere later this year.

Subject for this column are voted on by the entire Observer Staff. If you have suggestions for next month's column, please submit them to [observer@snhu.edu](mailto:observer@snhu.edu).

# Would you date yourself?

*Alyssa Johnson, Sophomore*

*"Yes, because I'm the most interesting person I've ever met and the prettiest on my lacrosse team!"*



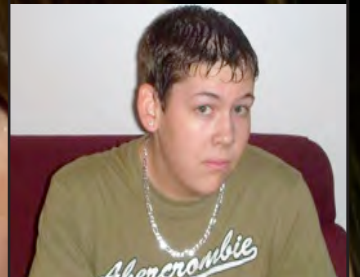
*Sarah Halbich, Freshman*

*"No, because I'm not Alyssa Johnson!"*



*Mike Poirer, Sophomore*

*"Um...how bout' no? I'm already with myself every moment of every day. So, that's enough thanks!"*



*Brian Boshar, Senior*

*"Yes, because I play the guitar...every night...naked...twice!"*



*Caitlin Carlson, Senior*

*"Yes, because the consensus of this school would agree... I'm a dime plus 99!"*



*Malachi Parsons, Sophomore*

*"Hell No! I'm obnoxious. I want someone attractive, cute and outgoing that likes to make YouTube videos....oh wait, then yes I would"*



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