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- Charles Wadsworth

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Happy Holidays
from
all of us at the
Observer

SNHU Welcomes Senator John McCain, MTV, MySpace

Libby Parent
Advertising Editor

On Monday, December 3, 2007 MTV and MySpace.com organized a presidential dialogue with Republican candidate Senator John McCain on the campus of Southern New Hampshire University.

McCain was greeted by 35 students and campaign members as he came onto campus. "It's really hard to get students interested in politics at the University, so I was really excited that they picked SNHU to host the event. It enabled students to hear McCain's stance on important issues, directly from him," said Julie Kraus, the Students for McCain co-chair at SNHU, who organized the gathering.

Students for McCain is a volunteer program present at many colleges in New Hampshire. Students have the opportunity to learn more about Senator John

McCain and inform others about him through different events such as meetings, conventions, and the activities fair on campus.

McCain was the first Republican to participate in the Presidential Dialogues. He was asked questions from a live studio audience of 250 SNHU students while accepting questions via mtv.com, myspace.com, instant message, and real online polling as well.

"We offer this dialogue to all candidates polling over 5%," Gideon Yago, a host for the MTV Presidential Dialogue stated. He also mentioned that he is more affected by the personal nature of the questions posed by students, as opposed to meeting presidential candidates. His first political rally was at SNHU during the 2000 election.

The Dialogue began with the issue of global warming and climate change. The senator is one of the few Republicans

addressing global warming in his campaign, and he states he believes climate change is real.

"I've seen it in the South Pole. I've seen it in Norway. I've seen it on the Arctic Circle. I have seen the effects of it in the Brazilian Rainforest. I have seen it," McCain assures.

McCain elaborated on his ideas for green technology and specifically nuclear power, which would significantly reduce greenhouse emissions. He discussed the melting of ice caps and its effects on island nations, "these are the beginnings, not the end of climate change."

McCain addressed the importance of persuasion at this point in his campaign and stated that he was running because he was the best candidate. "I can assure you that there are a number of issues that you will not agree with me on, but I will always give you straight

talk. My first priority is to keep you and your children safe."

When asked about the decisions that the Senator would make regarding other Middle Eastern countries besides Iraq, he stated that "it depends if they impose an immediate threat to the United States of America and our interests. We are dependent on that part of the world for a lot of reasons. I would carefully consider whether military action was called for."

Students from SNHU further tested McCain with questions involving education and home schooling. McCain responded by saying that all Americans should be given choices when deciding upon their education. Another student asked about the costs of college education, and his plan to reduce that. McCain stressed his belief that all people of America should be able to afford a secondary education.

Other issues such as the economy, Darfour Genocide, bi-partisanship, religion, the War in Iraq, draft reinstatement, and healthcare were addressed in response to the questions posed by students as well. McCain shared some of his stories from his time spent as a prisoner of war as he addressed his disagreement with the use of torture.

McCain ended the Presidential Dialogue with more support than he began with, as the interactive polls showed. He expressed his gratitude to the students and informed them that they were the most important people in affecting this election. "I want people to serve this country, and I am going to call on them. I am going to call on young people too, because that is the future of our country."



Alexander Roy's 2000 BMW E39 M5
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MTV's John Norris prepares for a LIVE broadcast in SNHU's small gym.
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Letter from the Editor

Katlyn Morin

Editor in Chief

I love this time of year. Holidays are in full swing, and so are our professors. Just enough to keep us on the brink of a nervous breakdown...or is that our fault for saving projects a week...or night...before it's due? All I know is that when Friday December 14 arrives, it'll hit me like a ton of bricks that this semester has come to an end.

The Observer successfully distributed four issues, I've passed another four classes, signed up for another four and crossed my next to last semester here at SNHU off my list of 'to-do's.' What have you been up to? What do you feel most proud of for accomplishing this fall? Are you looking forward to returning in the spring or just this wonderful winter break ahead of us? I'm a little excited for both.

I don't know if we're obvious at all, but see this white space to the right? You need to fill that up. I am making it your New Year resolution to sit down once a month and write an editorial to be featured right there. --> Keep going. --> Nope, you'll see it. --> THAT'S IT! If you don't recall what an editorial is, I will freshen up your memory. I know it's a little worn out from finals but you're amazing.

editorial n. an article giving opinions or perspectives.

Simply put: this is your paper. This is a publication that reaches the student body, faculty and staff and important administrative figures here at SNHU. If you have an issue with anything or would even like to tell us how great the Observer is...I mean how great the food is in the café, this is your opportunity to do so. We want critics! We want to know our fan base! And most importantly, we want to know what's on your mind.

Have an awesome break and a happy holiday season! I can't wait until we return! Watch for the Observer in February of the new year!



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Public Safety Logs

Tuesday- 12/4/07 | 12:10 am

A resident reported to public safety that a snowball or rock had hit his/her window and broken it. The window was immediately boarded up and no further action was taken.

Saturday- 12/1/07 | 1:30 am

Public Safety heard a loud noise coming from a room in the East Side Residence Halls. They responded to the noise with the RA's. When the residents opened the door Public Safety and the RA's saw beer cans inside. The hallway inside the pod was littered with beer cans, a water cooler with punch in it and an empty bottle of vodka. The cooler was confiscated and

Public Safety had the residents clean up the cans and bottles.

Saturday- 12/1/07 | 1:00 am

Public Safety got a call that there was a loud noise in the East Side Residence Halls. Public Safety radioed for the RA's to meet them there. PS knocked on the door and after about 3 minutes a resident opened the door. PS explained why they were there and asked if they could come in. At this time PS smelled a faint smell of Marijuana. The student asked them to wait a moment and went back into the pod. PS heard cans clinking and went in to find out what was going on. The residents of the pod were standing around the trash with the lid on. PS asked if they had been drinking or smoking that night. All of the residents said no. The PSO then heard a loud bang behind them in one of the other rooms and went to the room where they found the resident peeling tape off of their ceiling. PS found several beer cans in the trash-

can, but no trace of marijuana.

Saturday- 12/1/07 | 1:40 am

PS got a call about a green car that had hit a couple of cars behind Lincoln and Conway. Public Safety went down to the East Side Apartments and along the way questioned the driver of a green car, who was not the one who had hit the cars. The car had been identified by the RA's and Hooksett Police was called. One of the cars that were hit had visible damage and the owner was being contacted. When PS identified the person who owned the green car Hooksett Police talked to him and he said he had not been driving the car. The resident did tell the Police who had been driving the car and gave them his contact information.

Thursday- 11/29/07

PS responded to a call by the upper suites RA's about a marijuana smell. When PS arrive the RD was already there. PS and the RD traced the smell to

a specific room and knocked on it. The residents did not respond until the RD said they were keying in. The resident then opened the door. The RD asked if they had been smoking and if they had that turning over anything they had would be cooperating and would be in their best interest. The residents turned over a glass pipe and a Ziploc bag with marijuana in it.

Saturday- 11/10/07 | 1:45 am

PS responded to a call by East Side Residence Hall's RA's for a clean up. When PS arrived they found vomit in a residents bed and diarrhea all over the toilet area. The resident who had done this all was in the shower. When the resident got out of the shower the RD asked if the resident had caused the mess and they denied they had. The resident did however agree that a leprechaun had made the mess. The

~ See PS Logs, Pg. 3

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your
right.
Use
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voice
and
take
up
our
space.**

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Public Safety Officers cleaned up the mess and left the area.

Saturday- 11/10/07 | 1:40am

PS was on a round of the quad when they noticed a resident smoking what looked like a bowl for marijuana. The PSO approached the resident who had put the object in their coat pocket. PS asked the resident for their ID, which they did not have, and to empty their pockets. After pulling several other items out of their pocket the resident pulled out the bowl. The PSO identified the smell of marijuana off of the bowl and confiscated it. The PSO then told the resident to go back to their room for the rest of the night.

To be an Alumnus

Caitlin Carlson
Contributing Writer

Too often current graduates, as well as those counting down the days until they are once a college grad, are too often unaware that there are a variety of methods to once again connect with the students, faculty, and collegiate friends that may seem to have grown so distant since graduation.

HereatSouthernNewHampshire University, in the 1970's, an Alumni office was established and has continually progressed since, as it strives at connecting past and present Penmen no matter where they may be currently located on the planet.

Recently, I was in contact with a SNHU alum from only three years back. I was able to gain insight on the Alumni Organization throughout conversing with this individual, and quickly learned how this organization makes all of the events on Alumni Weekend happen, as well as how they plan to make these weekends "a weekend to remember."

This alumnus was previous SNHU student, Francesca Palazzolo. Francesca graduated from Southern New Hampshire Uni-

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New England Auto Show

Carter Meyers
Layout Editor

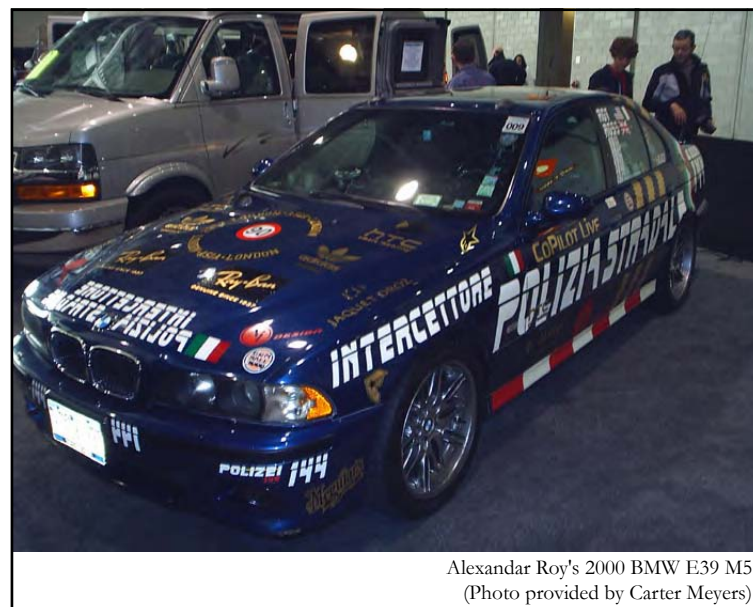
The Chrysler Imperial, Jeep Trailhawk, and Dodge Challenger were just three of the new cars exposed at the 2008 New England Auto Show held at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. In association with more than 40 automakers, the New England Auto Show, which was held from December 3rd to the 7th, certainly took everyone by surprise by flaunting several new concept cars, inviting driving celebrities to speak, and providing an overall customer friendly set up that really made it enjoyable for all ages.

It goes without saying that that next few years are going to be far from bland in concerns to new cars and their technologies. Manufacturers are stressing alternate fuels and news ways to travel and this auto show really hit home with that idea. The new Ford Interceptor concept made its appearance in this year's Auto Show. With a 6-speed manual transmission and a clearly smooth looking style, its 5.0L V-8 engine runs on E-85 Ethanol. Not lacking in power, it still puts out a solid 400hp. People are aware of carmaker's motives with going green; but, as some expressed, they are questioning why some of the new concepts have engines that rival some sports cars.

Some of the new cars revealed were not that new however. The return of the Dodge Challenger in the 1st quarter of 2009 has true Dodge fans gazing in admiration. Discontinued in 1974, the Dodge Challenger is making its long awaited return as a 2009 muscle car. With an MSRP of around \$37,995 this Challenger SRT has an optional 3.5, 5.7, or 6.1L hemi engine with either a 5 or 6 speed automatic transmissions (manual optional).

Audi, BMW, Lotus, and Aston Martin were just four of the car makers present at the event. Of course they were able to show off their new S8s, DB9s and M3s, but that's not what got the fans wound up. Alexan-

der Roy, the President of Team Polizei and current record holder for the U.S. Express, a coast to coast rally, was at the event on a book signing tour for *The Driver*, his first book. He shook hands, took pictures, and let me inside his infamous 2000 BMW E39 M5 in which he broke the record. Traveling from New York City to Las Angeles in a mere 31 hours and 4 minutes with an average speed of 91mph, sometimes hitting 160mph, Alex Roy used over \$100,000 of equipment to complete his time trial. From GPS units, radar detectors, and thermal cameras for midnight driving, his BMW is worth over \$140,000. With his gas mileage averaging 16mpg, he was still able to beat the previous record by over an hour. Other cars might have been more suitable for the coast to coast excursion, but nothing could beat the economy vs. power equation that



Alexandar Roy's 2000 BMW E39 M5
(Photo provided by Carter Meyers)

the M5 clearly solved. In fact, because of Alex Roy's cross-country trek with his notorious M5, the resale value of the model has gone up significantly. For more information on Alexander Roy and Team Polizei, please visit www.gumball144.com.

Without a doubt, the event was a success. Those who went were pleased and none were disappointed. From statistics

reported by the Boston Convention Center, the average age of the attendees was 36 with 69% of those being male. Most claimed they attended the event to check out the new models while others used this opportunity to gain knowledge for future car purchases. For more statistics and information about this event you can find it at www.paragonexpo.com.

Cricket Arrives on SNHU Campus

Tej S. Dhakar
Contributing Writer

Cricket is a very popular sport in many countries of the world. The most important cricket tournament called the Word Cricket Cup took place in the early part of this year in the West Indies, a set of islands that are not far from the United States. Sixteen major cricket playing countries participated in this cup, namely India, Pakistan,

Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, England, Scotland, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, Bermuda, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Holland, Ireland, Canada and the West Indies. People in many of these countries are very passionate about cricket.

Cricket is somewhat similar to baseball and softball. Instead of four bases in baseball, there are two bases in cricket. A bowler (pitcher) balls (pitches) from one base to the batsman (batter) at the other base. The bowler aims

for the wickets (strike zone), which is a set of three poles stuck in the ground. When the batsman hits the ball, the players run between wickets (bases) to score runs. A player gets out, if the ball hits the wickets, his hit is caught by a fielder or he does not make to the next base when running between the bases.

Cricket formally came to SNHU, when President Paul LeBlanc threw the first ball (pitch) to Vice-President Scott Kalicki on the newly constructed cricket pitch on the SNHU campus in the afternoon of Wednesday November 14. Students then split into two teams and played a limited overs cricket match on the new pitch, which is located in the practice field behind the softball field.

The event was part of the International Week celebrations and was organized by the cricket coach Dr. Dhakar with the assistance of faculty, students and the athletic staff. It turned out to be a perfect day for cricket as the weather cooperated for a change.

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The SNHU Cricket Team
(Photo provided by Tej S. Dhakar)

Is Your Safety Worth \$.07?

Carter Meyers
Layout Editor

Ever since the tragedy at Virginia Tech earlier this year, it has become even more imperative that schools set up systems in which they can protect students from future catastrophes. Southern New Hampshire University has established a program that will bring relief to those worrying about potential tribulations. With the SNHU campus being geographically larger than most and a student body smaller than some high schools, the Student Affairs office thought it important that students as well as faculty spread out among such a large area be informed to the full extent. After researching over half a dozen possible companies, they finally found the right one that would not only be economically smart but has other colleges who also use their service, backing them up.

What this system will do is allow six specific administrative staff members on campus or off to send out alerts to those people who have subscribed to the service. These alerts will range from school cancellations to other emergency circumstances which everyone hopes will never happen. Starting early this week students and faculty will have the opportunity to sign up with two mobile device numbers as well as two email addresses. This will allow students to cover all bases, and if a student wanted to, place their parents' cell phone number in one of those spots so they could be informed as well. Student Affairs would like to make



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it known however that there are only a few people who have the ability to send out these alerts and that the system will not be abused. Only important messages will be sent, and there is no cost to anyone who wants to sign up. Standard text messaging fees apply however, so for someone who does not have a text plan, they may have to pay a few extra dimes. So far, Resident Assistants are the only ones who are required to subscribe to the service as they are university employees.

The company chosen, e2campus, runs a simple system that is used by over 300 other college campuses including Boston University and Plymouth State, who have the same system as Southern New Hampshire University. For those who are concerned about releasing their phone number and email, there are no worries, this company promises that the information is private and will not be given out to anyone. One unique aspect

of this system is that default lists are able to be made for a group of people. So suppose Jim Winn, director of Public Safety, had to contact his officers for any reason, he could do so in a matter of seconds. This will certainly cut down the time it takes to manually call each officer.

Students and faculty are certainly encouraged to sign up but as of right now, only a small number are required to have it. Student Affairs hopes that 60-70% of the on-campus student population will sign up. Signing up will place your information on the list for two years, in which at any time, you are able to cancel your service.

Remember, look for this system to begin early this week and if you have any other questions or comments, feel free to contact the Student Affairs Office.

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versity in 2004 with a degree in Business as well as a Finance concentration. Francesca attained a position at an investment firm, and that is where she has been situated for the past three years following graduation.

Francesca said the Alumni Organization tries to keep the students as well connected as possible and commented, "I always receive emails, letters, and postcards keeping me updated, so they are definitely doing a good job." As being a registered alumnus, Francesca attends the events planned by the alumni organization as often as possible. These events allow Francesca to see all her friends and teachers, and even mentioned two faculty; Heather Downs and Heather Lorenz as being her absolute favorites.

I asked Francesca if there was anything that she specifically liked or disliked about alumni weekend and she was able to comment about a few things off the top of her head. "There are pub events and dinners which are nice to meet up with everyone, but I wish there were more of them," added Francesca. Francesca also mentioned, "The part I like most is when everyone goes off campus and has a goodtime; catching up on everything and being able to be a college student all over again is awesome."

Past and present students of SNHU are missing out by not taking advantage of being active in the alumni affair works on campus. The activities held by the Alumni Affairs Department ensure students to stay connected and reminisce with the students they once shared freshman jitters with all the way to the last 'hoorah' at graduation. College years are considered the most memorable years of one's lifetime, and the Alumni Association here at SNHU tries its hardest to keep those memories alive forever.

Information on Alumni Affairs can be found on the school website, (www.snhu.edu), and those students who are not yet registered within the Alumni Department can do so at this site.

"Accepting Disabilities Today, Celebrating Differences Tomorrow."

Amanda Mayberry
Staff Writer

On Thursday November 29, 2007 there was an event titled "Accepting Disabilities Today, Celebrating Differences Tomorrow" in Walker Auditorium. The event consisted of seven different panelists all of whom attend or have attended SNHU. Each of the panelists had some sort of learning, psychological, or mental disability. Each panelist described their association with SNHU, the disability they live with, the way the disability affects their life and their experiences.

The majority of the panelists were current SNHU students. A few were sophomores, a few seniors, and one was alumni. Each student has continuously taken advantage of the accommodations for students with disabilities here at SNHU, which have assisted them in succeeding in the classroom with their disability. Some

of the disabilities discussed throughout the panel were Muscular Dystrophy, Dyslexia, ADD, ADHD, reading comprehension problems, writing comprehension problems, Bipolar Disorder, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, traumatic brain injury, communication difficulties, anxiety disorders, memory loss, spelling trouble, and Nonverbal Learning Disorder. Each person is different in the way that disabilities affect their lifestyle and activities and also in the form of medication or assistance that helps them cope with it.

Many of the panelists have dealt with their disability from the time they were young children. However, one panelist suffered an accident which altered her lifestyle leaving her with a disability and another woman did not know she had

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It was a little warmer than normal for this time of the year and it did not rain. The students and faculty had arranged for delicious Indian snacks, dessert and soft drinks to celebrate the occasion. They distributed handouts on rules of cricket to those who wanted to learn more.

Besides President Leblanc and Vice-President Kalicki, Director of Career Center Jim Kuras and staff from the Career Center and the International Office also came out to watch the cricket match. Debbie Donnelly and Dawn Sedutto from the International Office and Ray Prouty, Chad Mason and Chris Foss from the Athletics Office provided full support in organizing the cricket match. SNHU faculty Dr. Ravi Pandit, Dr. Kishore Pochampally and Dr. Puneetha Palakurthi along with Venkata Gurram and many students actively assisted in organizing the event.

Welcoming the President to the event, Dr. Dhakar said that the idea of playing cricket professionally first came from the President and his support has been instrumental in bringing cricket to the SNHU campus. President said that he was very happy that cricket was being launched on the campus. Students then introduced themselves and posed with the President for a group photo.

It all started a few months ago with a conversation between the President and Dr. Dhakar, when the President expressed interest in starting cricket on the campus. He asked Dr. Dhakar to be the coach and promised all necessary support. Looking for a place to play cricket, Dr. Dhakar discovered that the practice field behind the softball stadium could be the ideal location for cricket on the campus. After approval from the President and with the guidance of Associate Athletic Director Ray Prouty, Dr. Dhakar and the students worked with Blue Ribbon Construction over the summer to get the pitch ready. Work on the pitch is continuing to make it match-quality.

If you can play baseball or softball, you can easily learn to play cricket. If you want to learn more about cricket, you are welcome to come and watch a cricket match on the campus. If you are interested in playing cricket, please send an email to Dr. Dhakar at t.dhakar@snhu.edu so he can invite you to practice sessions.

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Bipolar Disorder until she was in her thirties. All of the panelists are successful in their paths of life whether they are a student, soon to be graduating student, or alumni.

All of the panelists were very open about sharing their experiences with having a disability. The event was put on by the Office of Disabilities Services with major contribution from student Joanna Sullivan as stated during the closing of the event. The event was very well done and informative to spread awareness about accepting disabilities.

Sleepy Hollow at SNHU

Rachel Arundel
Contributing Writer

On the 30th of November Southern New Hampshire's Drama Production presented the opening night of their show Sleepy Hollow. The production

Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back!

Linda Mullally
Staff Writer

The Relay for Life is an event brought on by the American Cancer Society to help raise money towards cancer treatment and research. It is a nightlong event for

the SNHU community that will run from February 29 to March 1st, 2008. Teams composed of various members of the SNHU community will spend the entire night "relaying" around the tracks at the Hampshire Dome in Milford, NH. Transportation will be provided for those

who don't have it available.

The Relay for Life is an event consisting of more than just walking. Entertainment and education will be provided throughout the entire night including activities ranging from haircuts and live musicians to trivia and prizes. For those who can't quite make it the full night, there will be a designated sleeping area where teams can camp out together.

The evening will start with two special moving laps: the survivor lap, and the team lap. After that, the teams continue walking laps around the track and participating in whatever other available activities they want to. After a few hours, the Luminaria Ceremony takes place where participants light candles and reflect on the purpose of the event and whatever else they want.

Members of the chair committee have already begun planning and are looking forward to

~ See **Relay**, Pg. 6



(Photo provided by www.relayforlife.org)

took place here on campus in Walker Auditorium. The cast of 19 students, one of them being international, and 5 crew members were all very excited to show all their hard work with the show. The rights of the show had to be bought, but all other

funding for set designs, costumes and effects came from SGA.

SNHU has been putting on programs for 6-7 years now, doing a production each semester, along with running the annual Arts Festival during second semester. Tawny Bowen, Director of Sleepy Hollow, was

very excited on how the show was coming out to be really good. "Every thing is just really laid back and relax here; every one is really friendly and can't wait to perform the show in front of people," said Bowen four days before opening night. Bowen is a third year student

who is majoring in English, and even though she does not act in the play, she still has a passion for it from acting in past shows.

There is also a SNHU Drama Club that is different from the

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a great time and a large turnout at the event. If SNHU community members are interested in helping on some way but are unavailable to dedicate an entire evening of their time, there are many other volunteer opportunities involving the Relay. If you would like to learn more about Relay for Life, help out with the event, or want to be on a team, please contact Katrina Tabares at Katrina.tabares@snhu.edu.

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production. There are around 30-35 members in the club and you do have to be in both the production and club. The club meets at different times in the months, and Victoria Day is the President. Day is a second year student in the three year business program. She also acted in this past production of Sleepy Hollow, and will also Direct next semester's show of Annie.

Sleepy Hollow did have shows on the first weekend of December and on December 7 at 7pm, and December 8 at 2pm and 7pm. The one act show is 45 minutes to an hour.

Want to write for the Observer? Well, email us or we'll never know (observer@snhu.edu)

Budget Cut in Fine Arts Department

Rachel Arundel
Contributing Writer

Southern New Hampshire University has many fields a student can study in, one of the smallest but popular fields is the Fine Arts Department. A field that a student can study art by music, pictures and usually going on a field trip to the Museum of Fine Art (MFA) in Boston MA. Many students who take this course are excited and looking forward to the day trip to the MFA at the end of semester. However this year is a different story. Due to recent budget cuts in the academic field the day trip funding was cut from the budget. Students did have to pay for their tickets, but the university did provide funding for the buses before this year.

This cut from the depart has effected many if not all the teachers that have classes in the Fine Arts. All the teachers were in shock when they found out at the beginning of this year that the trip was canceled, many of them plan their whole semester around this event. One of the professors is very upset about this cut is Deborah Varat, who is the Assistant Professor of Art History and Chair of Fine Arts Department. "This is without question the best thing the Humanities courses have to offer students." Said Varat.

One thing that Varat and Professor Smuda have done to try to make up for the loss is plan another trip to the Frank Lloyd Wright's Zimmerman house as an alternative to the MFA. Only a small number of students went, but it was the best the professor could do with no budget to work with. Varat is in the process of talking with people from the University on getting the budget back, "I am going to do everything I can to have the trips funded again so that we can offer this tremendous educational opportunity to the students of SNHU." Many hope that the day trip event will return, to educate and let the students experience the effects seeing famous pieces of art.

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Students Get Involved in Service:
the 75 Acts of Service

Libby Parent
Advertising Editor

In honor of the 75th Anniversary of our university, the Center for Service and Citizenship began their campaign for the 75 Acts of Service at the end of October. Less than two months later approximately 30 acts have been completed.

The Center for Service and Citizenship (CSC) is an office on campus that helps students get involved in community service.

This year they have highlighted acts submitted by all students and support those various activities. The goal is to carryout more than 75 acts.

The CSC, also referred to as Serve, is dedicated to creating service on campus. "We are trying to develop a campus and a community here that serves," says Sarah Jacobs, the Director of the CSC. "We want to foster a culture of service on campus."

The office began two and a half years ago under a student initiative. Jacobs is the only fac-

ulty member employed by the office, while all other employees in the office are students. Students research, organize, and run different activities for other students to participate in.

Crystal Jean, the Graduate Assistant for the CSC, emphasizes that everyone on campus is involved in the acts of service. "We have received volunteer activities from RA's, student groups, individual students, faculty, and staff."

This is the first year the office has encouraged outside suggestions that have influenced the activities performed. The office is willing to support any

student who has an idea for service. The launch of the 75 Acts of Service is meant to encourage student participation. "The whole idea is to get the school involved, even those students who may not have thought about service before" Jean says.

The CSC promotes programs such as Alternative Breaks. Students have the opportunity to go to the Dominican Republic in January to assist in orphanages, Virginia to become involved in Environmental clean-up, and Africa to bridge South Africa's technology divide.

Jacobs estimates that approximately 30 acts have been

completed so far, ranging from Friends of Forgotten Children, Relay for Life, Team New Hampshire, Fitness Challenge, Families in Transition, March-of-Dimes and the New Hampshire Food Bank.

The office, in partnership with professors on campus, has developed a new program that began this fall known as Service Learning. Service Learning is an opportunity for students to gain three credits from classroom work, and an additional one credit for completion of community service hours.

Subprime Mortgage Defaults Hurt Citigroup; CEO Resigns

Holly Bundy
Copy Editor

Citigroup expects to add \$11 billion in write-downs for subprime mortgages during the fourth quarter to third-quarter write-downs totaling about \$6.8 billion, which led to the resignation of Chief Executive Officer Charles Prince on November 4, was stated to Reuters.

Citi's residential mortgage lending business had been exposed directly to the impact of rising delinquencies and foreclosures among subprime borrowers. Citigroup stated to Reuters if the sub-prime situation continues to worsen future

write-downs may be larger than currently predicted. Citigroup still has an exposure of \$55 billion to U.S. subprime mortgages. Citigroup stated to Market Watch that it will retain its dividend payouts, despite the large write-downs. According to Reuters, falling values of the CDO securities backed by risky subprime mortgage bonds are at the heart of losses disclosed by the world's largest financial institutions in recent weeks.

According to Market Watch, former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin will become chairman while Citi's European head Win Bischoff will be interim chief executive. CNBC reported that

Citigroup is considering Chief Executive John Mack of Morgan Stanley, CEO John Thain of the NYSE Euronext, CEO Larry Fink of BlackRock Inc, Chairman Robert Willumstad of AIG, and Chairman Josef Ackermann of Deutsche Bank as possible replacements for their CEO. Citigroup is considering some of the same replacements for CEO as Merrill Lynch is currently considering. Merrill Lynch's CEO was the first to resign after disastrous losses due to overexposure to subprime risks.

Prince became CEO of Citigroup in 2003 after the bank struggled with regulatory problems. The Citigroup board felt his

background in law was suitable to help clear up the legal problems within the company. The Board of Directors stated that Charles Prince will stay on as an advisor while Citigroup conducts

a search for a new CEO. Prince is the second Wall Street CEO to surrender to the subprime-mortgage disaster's fallout. Merrill Lynch's Stan O'Neil was the first.



Charles Prince, former Citigroup CEO, resigns in the wake of major subprime mortgage defaults. (Photo courtesy of Google Images)

Retailers Adjust 2007 Earnings Estimates

Frank Rubino
Managing Editor

A number of retailers have been adjusting their full year earnings per share estimates as we complete the fourth quarter of 2007, and the holiday shopping rush of November and December.

Department store retailer JC Penney, which operates over 1,000 stores in 49 states, announced November 15 that it anticipates fiscal 2007 earnings to fall between \$4.63 and \$4.78 per share according to MSN Money and Reuters. JC Penney had previously estimated their 2007 earnings to be \$5.50.

Another department store

retailer, Kohl's, which operates over 800 stores in 45 states, announced that fiscal 2007 earnings will come in between \$3.52 and \$3.58 per share. This differs from the company's earlier estimates of between \$3.77 and \$3.87 for 2007, according to MSN Money and Reuters.

JC Penney shares ended November at \$44.12, about 40 percent lower than a year ago. Kohl's shares ended November at \$49.28, about 30 percent lower than a year ago.

While Kohl's and JC Penney have been lowering estimates, apparel retailers such as J Crew and The Gap have been guiding estimates higher.

Apparel retailer J Crew announced recently that fiscal 2007 earnings per share will come in between \$1.50 and \$1.52. This is an increase from the \$1.42 to \$1.46 that the company had previously estimated.

Retailer Gap Incorporated, which operates over 3,000 stores across the world, recently raised 2007 full year earnings per share guidance to between \$0.92 and \$0.98, an increase from its earlier estimates of \$0.90 to \$0.95.

Shares of Gap Inc. finished November at \$20.40, about 9 percent higher than a year ago. J Crew shares finished November at \$48.05, about 22 percent higher than a year ago.

Industry	Company	Symbol	Price	Percent Change: Last Six Months
Airlines	AMR Corp	AMR	\$21.18	-25.6
	Jet Blue Airways	JBLU	\$7.00	-37
	Northwest Airlines	NWA	\$18.18	-31
	Southwest Airlines	LUV	\$14.15	-0.8
	US Airlines Group	LCC	\$20.77	-41.1
Construction and Materials	Caterpillar	CAT	\$71.90	-8
	Foster Wheeler	FWLT	\$149	42.5
	Louisiana Pacific	LPX	\$15.38	-25.5
	Toll Brothers	TOL	\$20.67	-28.1
	Waste Management	WMI	\$34.32	-13.6
Food	Hershey	HSY	\$39.91	-24.8
	HJ Heinz	HNZ	\$47.30	-1.7
	Kraft Foods	KFT	\$34.55	0.4
	Sara Lee	SLE	\$16.83	-7.1
	Tyson Foods	TSN	\$14.91	-32.9
Healthcare and Drugs	Aetna	AET	\$55.88	4.9
	Boston Scientific	BSX	\$12.63	-19.2
	Johnson and Johnson	JNJ	\$67.74	6.8
	Pfizer	PFE	\$23.76	-14.2
	St. Jude Medical	STJ	\$39.75	-6.7
Media	CBS Inc.	CBS	\$27.43	-18.1
	McGraw-Hill Companies	MHP	\$49.08	-30.3
	Sirius Satellite Radio	SIRI	\$3.83	20.1
	Time Warner	TWX	\$17.76	-19
	Walt Disney	DIS	\$33.15	-4.6

Data from 11/30/07 Source: www.MSNMoney.com

Crude Oil: \$89.31 per barrel

Gold: 788.30 oz.

Natural Gas: \$7.260 per 1,000 cubic feet

National Average for a
Gallon of Unleaded Gas: \$3.06
Year Ago \$2.28

Dow Jones Industrials: 13,371.72
Year Ago 12,221.93

NASDAQ Composite: 2,660.96
Year Ago 2,431.77

S&P 500: 1,481.14
Year Ago 1,400.63

Opinion: Mr. Market

Adam Mead
Staff Writer

If you have been following the market recently, even passively, you have noticed that there has been much volatility. It seems that Wall Street is on a giant seesaw with a bull pushing up on one side and a bear weighing down the other, never agreeing on which way to go. So how should someone invest in a market like this? The key might be in an investor's temperament.

In my previous article I introduced Benjamin Graham, the author of 'Security Analysis' and 'The Intelligent Investor', as well as teacher of Warren Buffet. Graham was a brilliant stock picker who taught that to invest successfully a person must be rational and must insulate him or herself from the market's whims. To explain what he meant by this he came up with a character called Mr. Market.

Graham explained Mr. Market this way: "Imagine that

you and Mr. Market were business partners, and every day Mr. Market would offer you a price to either buy out his share of the business or sell your own share. On days when Mr. Market was in a particularly good mood, he might quote you a very high price. On other days, he could be in a highly pessimistic frame of mind and offer you a ridiculously low price. The good thing about having Mr. Market as a partner is that he doesn't mind whether you accept his offer or not ... he will inevitably be back tomorrow with a new price."

Graham went on to explain that it is the investor's job to not to be swayed by Mr. Market but to take advantage of his pocketbook. Every investor can learn from the story of Mr. Market.

As we move through these turbulent times I will leave you with a quote from another great investor, John Maynard Keynes; "The market can stay irrational longer than you can stay solvent".

Beowulf Hits Big, but not Big Enough...

Dan Smith
News Editor

Grade: B

Beowulf was supposed to be amazing. It was supposed to be the next big animated movie. It was also supposed to be incredibly realistic. Well it wasn't. Don't get me wrong it had a great story line and pretty decent graphics, but there were some major issues.

One, the graphics were not good enough. The monsters in the movie were amazing. Grendle and his mother were done very well as well as the dragon in the end. The issue I had with the graphics was the townspeople and the town itself. They were not

very well defined and some of the people seemed very simple, more so than they should be.

Two, the story line of the movie was choppy. Most well educated college students and some high school students know the story of Beowulf, which makes making a movie based on it incredibly difficult. The story



Beowulf
(Photo provided by Yahoo)

itself was seemingly correct, however, it was very theatrical. The movie used unnecessary graphics and the scene transitions seemed forced. I feel that if it had more of a flow I would have been able to overlook the graphic mishaps.

Overall the movie was a decent watch. I have heard that some of the unnecessary graphics make more sense when you watch it in the IMAX 3D theaters. I gave the movie a B overall, because the story did not deviate too far from the original, the monsters were amazingly done. A suggestion to the producers, you should have made it a live action movie and a suggestion to my readers, go see it in the IMAX theaters, if you can't then wait until it comes out on DVD.

Culinary Competition

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The Culinary Competition Team meets regularly to practice skill sets for upcoming competitions. The students that represent this team are Vylett Cross, Brandon Thomas, Michelle King, and David Santos. There are many skills required to be a competitive chef. These included knife cuts, chicken prep, fish prep, and pastry work.

The judges decide which knife cuts the competitors will have to perform. They have to many cuts, possibly as many as 10. The cuts may consist of Julienne, Large Dice, Medium Dice, and Small Dice, Paysanne, Brunoise, Mince, Chiffonade, Rondelles, and Tourne. It takes time and practice to become proficient at these cuts.

"So the way this competition works...there is two parts... the first part is the skills section, chicken butchery, fish fabrication, knife cuts and pastry skills.

The judges randomly select one student to do each section, so everyone must be prepared for all sections. They have 80 minutes to complete this entire section", explained Chef Matt Louis, Team Advisor.

Competitors have to break down chicken into 2 breasts, 2 thighs, 2 legs, and 2 wings. The dish that the competitor chooses to prepare will decide weather the competitor will have to de-bone or skin the chicken. Preparing the fish can be tricky especially when you receive a white fish. First you must scale and de-bone the fish. Then, depending on what kind of dish you are making, you must skin the fish.

Chef Louis went on to explain, "The second portion is the cooking phase. They will be cooking a four course menu, four portions of each course: Fish appetizer, salad, entree, and dessert. They have 75 minutes to

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Mist Astonishes Fans With Tremendous Accuracy

Carter Meyers
Layout Editor

Before you read this review, I would like to make it known that over the years, and after watching nearly every movie of its kind, I have inadvertently grown immune to such scenes depicted in films like Saw, Hostel, and all other movies that encompass extreme violence and sadism.

Have you ever seen a movie that afterwards you thought to yourself that the creators of the film had everything planned out from the start to be not only the most memorable film, but psychologically penetrating, ethically poignant, and religiously heart-rending that you would leave the theater expressing boundless gratitude for their efforts? Well, I had a feeling somewhat like that. "The preview does it no justice." Eric Rochkind commented after viewing the film; and nothing could be closer to the truth. So, when you watch the preview for this film, don't base your decision to see it on that 30 second clip because it is nothing like the movie. So give the movie the benefit of the doubt and go see it. I promise that you will not be disappointed.

For years, I had been waiting for a movie like this and without a doubt; this is by far the best movie I have ever seen. I have never said that before and I don't see myself saying it ever again. For some people who may have seen this movie, they may have come out of the theater thinking to themselves that the writers and directors were more sadistic, ethically detrimental, and overall, more mentally unhinged than any others they had encountered in the past. The movie includes ideas that can be easily related to the suggestion that religion is an infection that spreads throughout people who can't think for themselves but follow those around them because they are

pleased with the exterior perception. I'm not going to sit here and tell you that you are going to love it, but if one pays attention to the dynamics of the film, the camera angles and suburb acting skills; move your feelings aside and pay attention to the pitiful humanistic dogmas and negative discernment with the human race elucidated in the movie, one would realize how culturally and morally significant this movie really is. A true Stephen King classic, it makes you wait until the end, and even then, you are still shocked. The movie unites the crowd as all get excited when something needed happens. I see several Oscars in its future and without a doubt; I give this movie 5 out of 5.

Therefore I Am, Returns With the Great "Escape"

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Starting off in small church halls in their hometown of Boston, Massachusetts, the ever-present essence of "emo-pop" doesn't fail to take precedent in the new Therefore I Am EP, titled

"Escape." After almost four years of opening for other popular bands, such as The Receiving End of Sirens and Taking Back Sunday, Therefore I Am began recording their latest album last Spring, and was the opening band for The Receiving End of Sirens this past summer. They

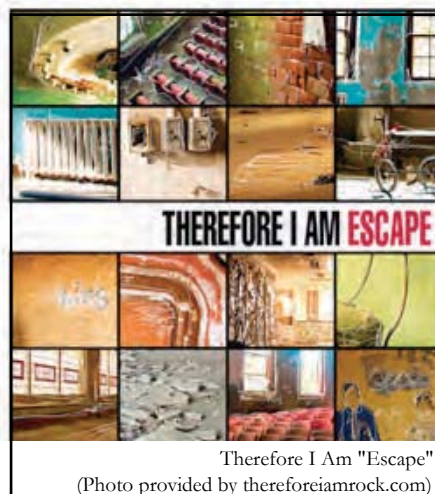
took these shows as an opportunity to get feedback on their songs prior to the album release.

The release has spread their fans out of the once generally New England based area to areas all around the United States and in other parts of North America. Originally not known for their music, Therefore I Am gained popularity through the positive feedback they were getting from their shows. With their personal excitement for the show, and extroverted personalities they

used to involve the audience in the show more than most opening bands would put out the effort to, Therefore I Am had many bands wanting them to open because of how energetic the audience would be after their set.

Through marketing themselves with their shows, and of course the now popular method of using free online websites to get themselves known, Therefore I Am finally produced an album with entirely new track listings. "Escape" brings together incredible

guitar introductions and solos, along with a large vocal range and engaging lyrics. The album is available to be streamed off various websites for a limited time, and they are hoping to gain an even larger audience at their headlining tour starting at the beginning of December. Most dates involved are having them stick to their home here in New England, so look for events near SNHU!





International MAC make-up artist & fashion model at the Holiday Trend Show
(Photo provided by Ashley Spranzo)

Holiday Beauty

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Fashion Columnist

On December 8 the Holiday Trend Show at Nordstrom was held in Farmington, CT and relayed beauty tips and tricks straight from NYC, LA, and runways of Europe. If it's one thing that women walked away taking with them is how to achieve flawless skin.

The best accessory this season is skin. Much of the show focused on skin and how to treat and glam it up. To achieve flawless skin you must prep it. Doing so cleansing and moisturizing is a must. PreVage is the hottest skin treatment that works wonders. Its anti-aging formula (note: that 80% of skin damage happens before we're 18!) is used by Eva Longoria, Jennifer Lopez, "PreVage has its own celebrity cult"- PreVage rep. It's also used and sold by plastic surgeons and will deliver amazing flawless results. It diminishes sun damage, smoothes lines and bumps, evens complexion, and is packed with the most potent antioxidants available.

When it comes to make-up application this holiday it's drama, drama, drama! Before using a make up application, use a skin primer. Smashbox Photo finish is the number one selling primer and is a continuous winner in Allure's Best of Beauty. Smashbox is also the largest fashion photography make-up in the world, so they are pros at perfecting skin and beauty. "Smoulder eyes are essential this season; stray from the norm and use the greens, purples, and the brownish-reds to achieve that dramatic look"-Bobbi Brown. Red lips this season sizzle and as Estee Lauder would say "Never leave your house without lipstick and a compact." Top your look with a pair of sexy lashes. MAC cosmetics have the hottest selling lashes, and international artist Jen O'Brien has applied these lashes to models in NY Fashion Week and during the shoot of the new Sex and the City movie. "Every girl should have a pair of lashes in their make-up bag. If not, always have a lash curler and mascara. Don't leave the house without it"- O'Brien

Lastly the best invisible accessory a girl has is? You guessed it, perfume. Sexy, seductive, and flirty perfume is the cat's me-OW this holiday season. Highly recommended perfumes are Flowerbomb by Victor & Rolf and Angel by Thierry Mugler. A few spritz with dramatic make-up, and your holiday attire will complete this season's glamorous holiday look.

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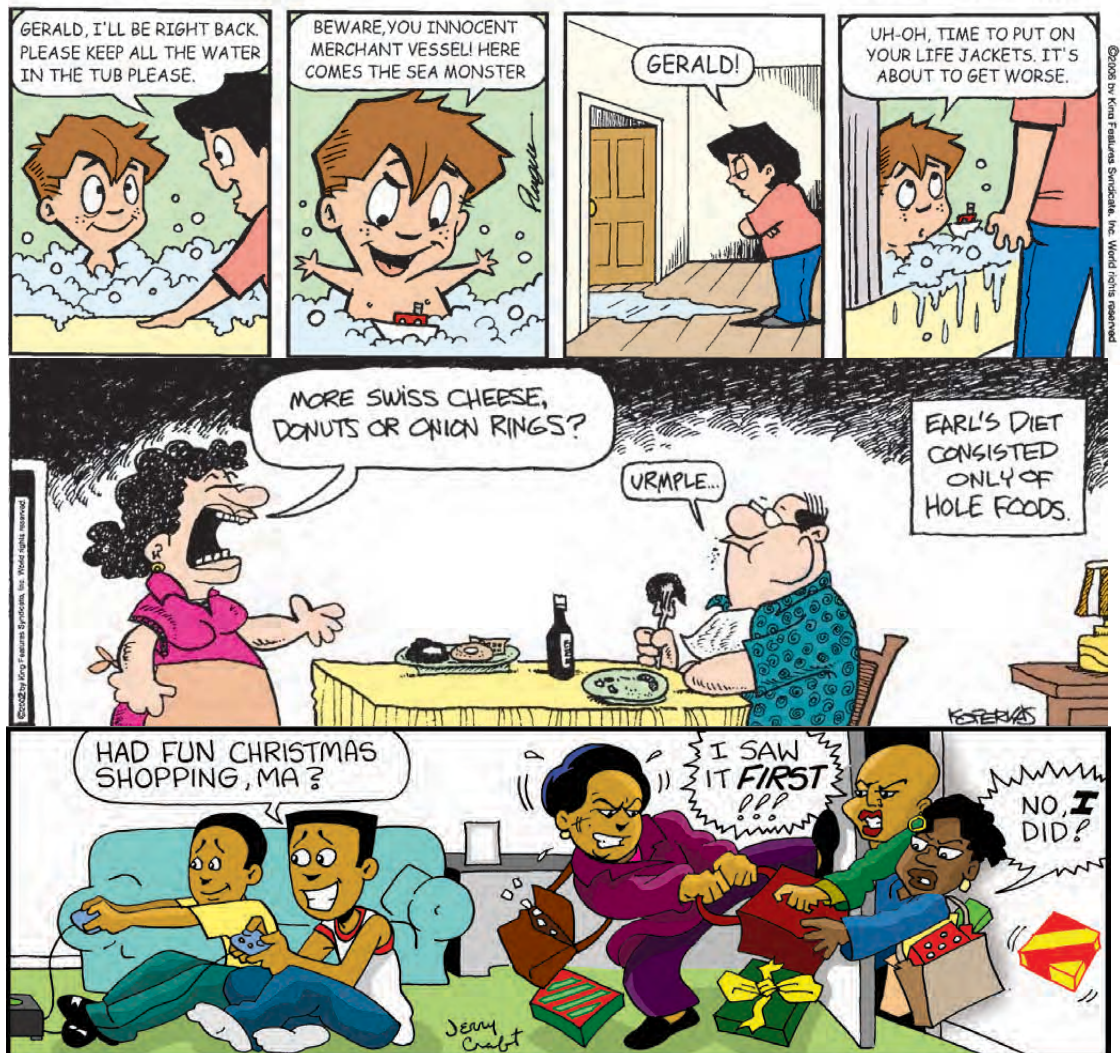
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- 23 Craze
- 25 Entrance
- 26 Arm bone
- 27 Orange coating
- 28 Clear the decks?
- 29 Honeycomb compartment
- 30 Lotion additive
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- 35 Afternoon affair
- 38 Commotion
- 40 Sister
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- 47 Narc's measure
- 48 Relaxation
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- 50 Morning moisture
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- 52 Conk out
- 54 Aye antithesis

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Clubs & Organizations

CAPE Meetings

Heather Schrang
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Every Monday the executive board for CAPE meets to discuss new events and ideas that the different committees had the previous week. They also meet to discuss matters of budget, how previous events went, as well as what is coming up. On November 12 the board met to talk about ideas, issues and events that had already occurred as well as new events that will be occurring in the future.

The executive board for CAPE is like a family; they get along great and joke around with each other like brothers and sisters. They are welcoming to anyone who is interested in CAPE and are always open for new ideas that someone can offer. They get right to business but keep it a little casual and everyone voices their concerns in an environment where it is welcome.

So what is new with CAPE? CAPE currently has a lot of things in the works right now that will be exciting and new. One of the things that Christine Spindler, Vice President, is putting together is a street team that will hopefully get going by second semester. "The idea of the street team is to get students out there to better advertise our events and get other students involved," Spindler said. Some of the basics have been put together but it is still in the process of being completed and is open to ideas and thoughts.

Jon Shyer, Music Chair of CAPE, has been listening to bands and has booked some great acts for the next couple months. Ryanhood is a band that were originally street performers at Faneuil Hall in Boston and will be here at SNHU.

Sean Fournier is coming at some point with no definite date nailed down yet. Shyer also mentioned that SNHUstock Music Festival will be returning for its second year. "We plan to

make it environmentally charged and have companies such as Clifbar, Stonyfield Farm Organic Yogurt, Ben and Jerry's and others who have a positive environmental mission come in and have tents at the festival," Jon said. "For music we are currently looking at the much requested Barefoot Truth, Jounce and Revision." This event will surely prove to be a great one with the support of the student body, and CAPE will be sure to keep everyone posted.

Danielle Kireczyk, who is the Major Weekend's Chair, is starting to put together winter week. The upcoming Winter Week's theme is going to be Life's a Beach and will have lots of fun activities including massages, an oxygen bar, themed photos, island themed bingo and a mind-reading duo called "The Evasons." CAPE will also be having a student voice table from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center so that CAPE can get thoughts about past events, and ideas about future events. This way the executive board can get ideas from students who don't attend weekly CAPE meetings. "Basically it is to say that CAPE is here to listen and give students a chance to say what they want on campus," Kireczyk said. They have already recieved about 20 suggestions and are hoping for more.

The Travel and Recreation Chair, Katrina Tabares, discussed the spring break sign-ups that were held a few weeks ago. The spring break trip this year was going to be to Ireland to experience "classic Ireland," unfortunately the trip had to be cancelled due to a low interest level. She also discussed Relay for Life which will be occurring February 29-March 1 2008 and will help benefit cancer research. "I got involved with Relay back in March last year trying to get it on campus mainly as a challenge for me as the Travel and Recreation Chair for CAPE," said Tabares. Quite a few students, faculty, and student organizations have shown interest in participating in Relay so the event should have a great turnout.

The pub also has some new things up their sleeve. Chris Swett, pub chair, and his committee have decided that when people call Bingo they will get a raffle ticket and then at the end of the year the tickets will be put towards a raffle. Bingo is held every Wednesday in the pub at 7 p.m. They also have three comedians booked for next semester including Tommy Johnigan, Ronnie Jordan, and Jay Black.

SNHU's VITA Program

Date: 01/28/08-
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Free Tax Help!

VITA Program Hours and Locations

The VITA Program is housed at SNHU in Manchester.
Please be advised, the program will not run March 24-28, 2008

Webster Hall	Room 107
Tuesday	3:30 PM- 6:00 PM
Thursday	3:30 PM- 6:00 PM
Friday	11:00 AM- 1:30 PM
Hospitality Building	Room 314
Monday	5:15 PM- 7:15 PM
Wednesday	5:15 PM- 7:15 PM

The VITA program offered at SNHU has offered free tax services since 2002 to the elderly, disabled, and low-income tax payers. The VITA program was established by the IRS in 1969 to assist those for whom professional services may be out of reach.

For more information about the VITA Program please visit:
<http://acadweb.snhu.edu/vita>

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There has also been an opening on the CAPE executive board for the Special Events Chair. Due to the resignation of the previous Special Events Chair, elections will be held to fill the spot. Elections for the chair will be next week during the CAPE holiday party.

The executive board discussed the elections for the New Year which will be taking place in February and March. One of the things that the board will be doing is having the old, or current, executive board work together with the newly elected board to make the transition easier.

CAPE has a lot of new events and activities planned for the student body and they encourage everyone to participate. Any thoughts or ideas? Feel free to attend a CAPE meeting Mondays at 6 p.m in the Last Chapter Pub.

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cook and then a 15 minute plating window. We come up with the entire menu with a couple regulations...you must use the product from the skills section, and the entree is a classical dish assigned out of Escoffier."

Louis has competed in other competitions himself. He has been busy helping the students practice for this competition as well as helping some of his co-workers get ready. Because of this, he hasn't had time to practice himself so he will be cheering for his team.

Every student on the team works hard day and night to prepare for this competition. "We have been practicing since September...on Wednesday we started at 4am and did the entire cooking phase, then at 5pm we did the entire knife skills part, and the cooking phase all over again, finishing about 10pm at night." Said Chef Louis. "The only way to be successful is to practice aggressively... it is a serious commitment, but not worth doing unless you practice this much," commented Louis. On February 16 SNHU, Atlantic Culinary, and The Balsams will be competing at the state competition. The winner moves on to the regional level, which will take place in April, and the winner of that moves on to the National competition in July.

Prepared

Dillon St. Jean
Staff Writer

"You're killing me here." I said to my boss in bland anguish. She looked at the piles of my comic strips and short stories and continued to talk over the music I had playing. For some reason I continued to listen to Dirty Pretty Things as she attempted to force feed her message to me.

"Arthur, just help me out here," she pleaded. "We don't have all the space in the world for your 'art', and your short stories. I mean, this whole 'epic' tale you have planned out just won't fit with the rest of the work we have going on here."

"Is this about that secondary article you wanted to write to impress Moira?" I asked. Faye had been strongly attempting to make an impression on our boss. She looked at me seriously,

almost insulted by the question. She was either insulted or she had been found out. "Listen, I know you aren't exactly a fan of my work, but can't you just give me a break? I kind of need this. I'm trying to build a strong portfolio for myself, and I hardly get paid anything working for the magazine." As the song The Enemy came on from my laptop, she looked me straight in the eyes and sighed.

"Just shorten it," she said. "Bring it to an end next issue. Trust me; I'm willing to go to Moira about this." She turned and walked away from my desk as I spun in my chair and moaned loudly. Immediately my attention turned to my e-mail, wherein I had just received a reply from Davis Jordan, the head of another, more well-known magazine. In the days prior I had sent a copy of the first story in the series I had hoped to do in

the following months. Simply knowing that he had read my work was flattering enough, but the content of the message had been even more exciting than that. Mr. Jordan said that not only did he enjoy my story, but he was hoping to have a meeting with me to deal with possibly coming to work for his magazine. I was ecstatic; beyond thrilled. My mind immediately circled the multiple possibilities of what working for Mr. Jordan could lead to for my career. As quickly as possible I clicked on 'Reply' and began typing out a longwinded response that didn't do the energy surging through me any justice at all. It was a promise of freedom. There was true opportunity in this offer. My future was simply a click away from being certain.

As I dragged the mouse to the brightly colored 'Send' button, I paused with a feeling

of doubt. Was it fair of me to just abandon the magazine? I was the only member of the staff that participated in such original, creative work. The magazine was a small title, which didn't really sell all that well. At the very least, I was making an attempt at encouraging those who were into writing to take part in it. What was really important to me was to see other people creating. The more that thought weighed on my mind, the wider my doubt spread. However, as I began to question my individual progress, I struggled through a realization that the work I do can still affect those I want to encourage. Just because I'm not working on something small and closer to home, that doesn't mean my more widely distributed work would be any less accepted. In a slight attempt at a 'having my cake and eating it too' situation, I grinned and called Faye back to my desk. "Faye, this is going to be my last story here," I said.

"Really?" She tried not to react too positively, despite the fact that she was obviously thrilled.

"Yeah, really," I said. "But I'm rewriting it. It's going to be an article rather than an actual story." She turned and walked away, thinking I didn't see her smile as she left. I didn't care. I was already a paragraph into an article encouraging people not only to come to the magazine and write for the 'Storytellers' section, but to follow my work at the new magazine. I wasn't sure they would publish it, but it didn't matter. I'd make a more concrete plan to encourage young writers later. I had a shiny new job and a promising career ahead of me. I was prepared.

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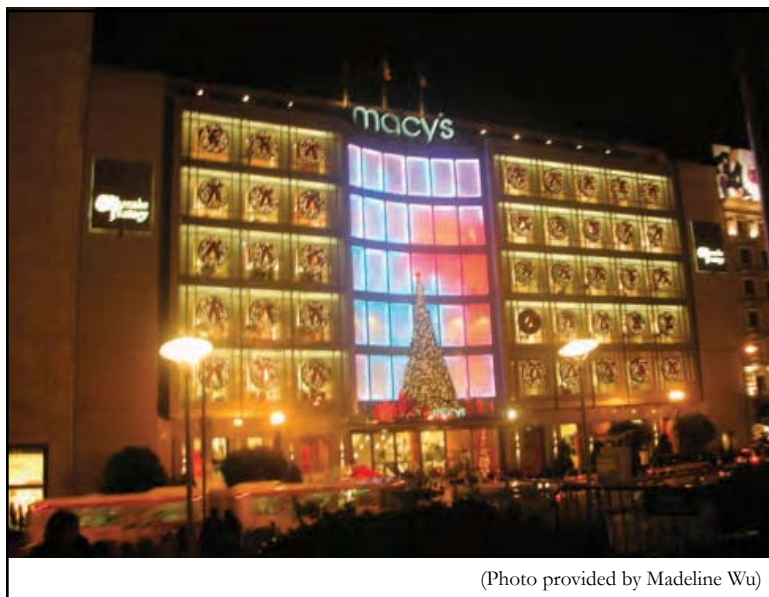
Attractive Christmas

Madeline Wu
Staff Writer

When you see the Santa Claus and the other bringers of presents or gifts in the department stores and stores, and the mistletoe hanging over the front door, it means Christmas is coming soon. All over the world, Christmas celebrations reflect local culture and traditions; people adopt their own culture to celebrate Christmas. Christmas connects with Holly, Christmas tree, Christmas Rudolph, Christmas card, red amaryllis, evergreen foliage and some garlands. In most countries around the world, Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25; every country has different and special celebration. Nevertheless, celebration is on the evening of the 24th, with presents opened at midnight in

Italy and Spain. According to the 1994 "Britannica Book of the year", many retailers make up to 70 percent of their annual revenue in the month during Christmas. Therefore, in the US, the "Christmas shopping season" begins on black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. For economics, Christmas is characteristic the largest annual economic stimulus for many nations. Sales increase dramatically and purchasing power raises colossally. Christmas for most of the retail, commercial and businesses are just what they expected.

To speck of the Christmas tree, people decorate with flowers, ornament and lampion. Specially, people write down their wish to hang up the Christmas tree, they make a wish for next year. Consequently, when you behold the Santa Claus, Christmas Rudolph and everyone, don't be timid, say Happy Christmas to them.



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Tis' the Season

Amanda Mayberry
Staff Writer

With the holiday season in full swing, the sights, sounds and busyness that accompany the time are vividly present. As people begin to decorate their homes and communities with colorful lights and adorable ornaments the spirit comes alive. The malls will begin to be packed to capacity with hectic shoppers in search of the perfect gifts and the lines to visit Santa Claus will stretch to great lengths, but the holiday season is more impor-

tant than simply decorations or purchasing the best gifts.

The holidays are a time to be accompanied by family, friends, and loved ones to share the comforts of home and holiday traditions. Some feel the need to over stress themselves during the holiday season in order to find gifts, decorate extravagantly, or impress those visiting them for the holidays. However, the stress is not necessary. The holidays are about being with the ones you love and celebrating in your own fashion.

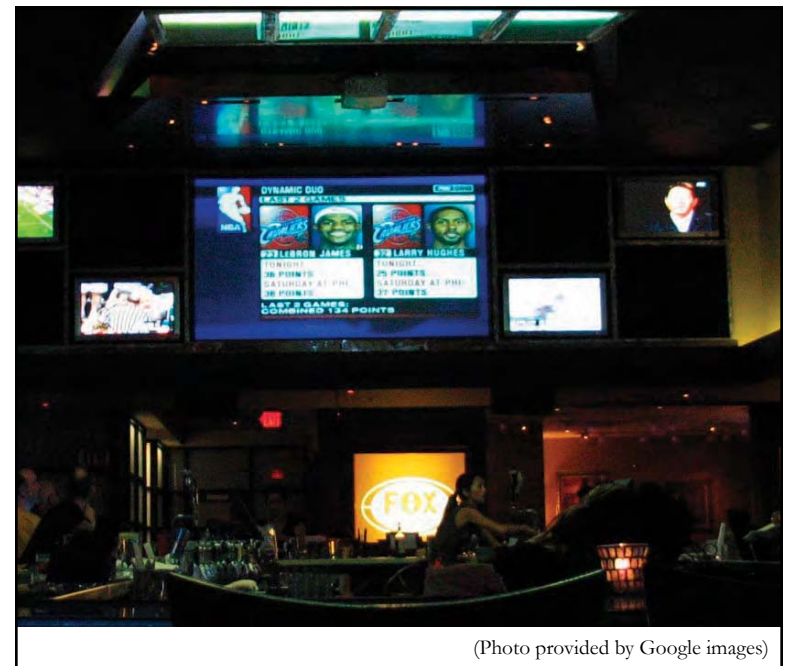
It is important to not get caught up in getting the best of everything during the holiday

Michael Ball
Staff Writer

With New England doing so well in professional sports many students have been wondering where the best spot to watch the game is. J.W. Hills Sports Bar and Grille located on Elm Street in downtown Manchester is probably the premiere spot to go to get your fix of your favorite local team. You get a real sense of hometown pride when you walk into J.W. Hill's for a sports game. Whether it's a Patriots football game or a Celtics basketball game, everyone is there to watch and enjoy and cheer for their team. It is also one of the best spots to go if you are Monarch, Wolves, or Fisher cats fan; the semi-pro sports teams in Manchester. Either go and pre-game at J.W.'s or go after the game to celebrate the win; it's the gathering spot for all the local fans.

J.W. Hill's is not only all about the sports team however, their food is very good and the kitchen seems to take great pride in that. From pizza to grilled salmon there is something on the

The Bee's Knees: J.W.'s



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menu that I am sure you will like, as well as a great variety of salads. They have a great dining area that is very open and not congested (plenty of elbow room). If you want to sit down and eat and watch the game they have a huge projection screen they can drop down so you can see the game from anywhere in the restaurant. The bartenders and waitresses are extremely friendly and on top of everything. They have a variety of beers on tap

and bottled, as well as a specialty drink menu. What's nice about the mixed drinks is that they serve them in a big glass, so you are not done with it in two sips and ordering another.

So view the game in a new setting, check out J.W. Hills Sports Bar and Grille, you will feel right at home with the local fans, and if you're not a fan I am sure they will still serve you drinks. COLLEGE!

Can We Just Discuss... Being a Kid

Libby Parent
Advertising Editor

It was so much easier back then. Everything. No responsibilities and you could run around naked and no one would get mad. You could sit all day playing Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and no one would care.

The holidays always make me think of being a little kid. Probably because this is one of

the most exciting times of the year because they can ask for anything and pretty much get it. I guess that works for some of us today too...

But it seems during this time I notice how kids are so amazed by shiny lights and building snowmen. When did everything get so complicated? When did I start having to grow up?

I don't remember exactly when I "stopped being a kid."

Most likely it hasn't even really happened yet, because I still get excited by presents, cookies, and Christmas trees.

Did you ever notice you can give a kid anything, I am talking a dirty tissue, and they can occupy themselves for hours? I wish anything could entertain me for that long. The simple

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season and to take a step back to be thankful for what you have. Some do not have the same novelties you may have during the season; they may not be able to afford a spectacular tree or a delicious feast. It is this scenario that should make those more fortunate aware of the need from the less fortunate.

The holiday season is

filled with ways to give to the community. With Salvation Army bells dinging at entrances of stores, food banks requesting donations, and so much more there is a way for everyone to help out during the season. There are so many ways for you to give back. You could purchase a toy for "Toys For Tots," donate food to a local food bank, wrap

presents at the mall for non profit organizations, ring a Salvation Army bell, donate to the Salvation Army buckets, or ship packages to soldier over seas. So this holiday season find a way to give to others and put some holiday spirit in someone else's heart. Happy Holidays to all of you!

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Now More Than Ever

Steven Wardynski
Staff Writer

No matter how you look at it, the 2008 United States presidential election is one of the most significant elections in our nation's history.

Many key issues concerning our government have arisen throughout the last decade, and now the time has come for a change. One possibility for change came to SNHU in the form of Arizona Senator, John McCain. On the snowy evening of December 3, the small gym closely resembled the set of TRL as MTV and MySpace hosted A Presidential Dialogue with John McCain. Students were given the opportunity to hear the presidential hopeful's position on the issues that matter the most to them. As expected, the questions mainly dealt with the war in Iraq, global warming, education, healthcare, and the economy. It also came as no surprise that the senator's responses were as generic as his jokes.

After suffering for eight years with an imbecile holding the highest position in the land, change is vital now more than ever. And although it seemed as if Senator McCain was just catering to the demographic with his responses, he did have some favorable solutions to offer. But how do we know if he is just another politician lying his way into office? Or will the senator actually follow through with these promises and make the necessary changes to our country? When asked what he would do to fulfill his promises if elected, McCain claims that he would set specific "benchmarks," "try to hold (those in office) to standards of ethics," and rid Congress of corruption.

It is our duty as United States citizens to elect the candidate that is best suited for the position. Nowadays this is a difficult task to undertake. As a result, it is crucial that we use every means necessary to get to know the candidates. Thanks to

MTV and MySpace, those who saw A Presidential Dialogue with John McCain are in a better position to make a choice come election time. If you are not already aware, Senator McCain is all for the war in Iraq. He believes that Al Qaeda is still at large and that we must keep the fight in the Middle East. He also claims to be in favor of stem cell research, preventing global warming, strengthening healthcare and social security, rebuilding the economy, and securing the borders from illegal immigration; all of which are mainly what the American public would like to hear. In this lies the importance of the 2008 election.

As the primaries approach and we learn more about each candidate, keep in mind the issues that will affect the future of our great nation. When making a decision, we must not allow our priorities to get in the way of what is right. It is our time now. Have a say in the changes you want to see. And in the words of Senator John McCain, "nothing is nobler than to serve a cause greater than yourself."

God Gives Us Thanksgiving

Titan Yu
Staff Writer

If I need to pick the best holiday in America, I will choose Thanksgiving Day with no hesitation. It's not for celebrating an abundant harvest or getting together with the family but the biggest discount in whole year. I just think that my parents might be happy when I take the advantages from some brands such as COACH or POLO by using "their" money and the US government might appreciate my spending to improve its economy even by a little bit. Then, my guess will be proved by my father's commending or yelling when I go back to Taiwan in December, hopefully it's the first one. Also, the Customs won't

charge my excess baggage as a result of my contribution to its finance.

What do you do during Thanksgiving Day? Staying at home to enjoy the turkey with your family or waiting in line for the cheapest laptop. If you are in Taiwan, you probably will go to school and then look forward to the bell ring at the end of the day because there is no meaning to folks in Taiwan. Fortunately, I am in USA and not an employee working for Outlet or Best Buy. These points make me have enough time to do what I want or need to do, gaining petty advantages. Even though I can't sleep all the night or wait in line and think when the checkers stop chatting, I will do the same thing because that will be a great

experience for our international students. Also, I really think that getting degree is not the only thing we need to do but experience different culture and that is the main excuse I am used to use to persuade myself to go shopping by the way.

I am really happy that I can study in SNHU because I got a lot of wonderful experiences I have never had in Taiwan. One of them is taking advantages at Thanksgiving Day not by big discount but no tax.



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Upcoming Home Sports Action

Monday, December 3, 2007

Hockey vs. Nichols College: 7:30PM
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Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Hockey vs. Stonehill College: 7:30M

Saturday, December 8, 2007

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Men's Basketball vs. Bryant University:
3:30PM at the Fieldhouse

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Women's Basketball vs. Franklin Pierce University:
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Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Men's Basketball vs. Franklin Pierce University:
7:30M at the Fieldhouse

Sunday, December 16, 2007

Women's Basketball vs. Bentley College:
3:30PM at the Fieldhouse

Men's Basketball vs. Bentley College:
3:30PM at the Fieldhouse

Sunday December 30, 2007

Men's Basketball vs. Mercy College:
1:00 M at the Fieldhouse

Monday, January 7, 2008

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Hockey Update

Stephanie Belida
Contributing Writer

With snow about to fall more frequently, this means the hockey season is in full swing. This year the Penmen welcome Ken Hutchins as the new head coach, some of you may recognize him from the bench last year as an assistant coach. The Penmen also welcome back fifteen players from last year's team including Senior Captain Brandon Hammermeister and Junior Assistant Captain David Carrol.

The team kicked off the season November 4th, 2007 with a 5-3 win over Johnson and Wales University. Their home season started off with a 1-1 tie

against Western New England College. Since then, they have defeated Framingham State College and U Mass Boston at home. They fell to Plymouth State College during the annual Pal Cup Tournament after Thanksgiving.

To add to the Penmen's success, Hammermeister was recently named NE 10 Player of the Week. According to SNHU Sports Information, Hammermeister leads the team with five goals and six assists. Sophomore, Ryan DiBartolomeo made the NE 10 Honor Roll. DiBartolomeo ranks third on the team with three goals and four assists.

The Penmen take on Nichols College and Stonehill College before Christmas.

ATHLETE'S FOOTNOTES

Mike Capalbo
Staff Writer

Tragic Deaths:

The sporting world tragically lost two young sons this month, Washington Redskins safety Sean Taylor and Major League Baseball pitcher Joe Kennedy. Taylor died on Tuesday, November 27 at the young age of 24. He became the fourth NFL player killed this year (all 24 years of age), and the second by gunfire. Taylor was shot in the femoral artery of his leg in an invasion of his Miami home. He underwent seven hours of surgery and showed progress, but passed the next morning due to bleeding. His girlfriend Jackie and their 18-month old daughter were hiding under the sheets during the shooting. Four suspects have been arrested in the investigation.

Just four days prior to the death of Sean Taylor, 28 year-old pitcher Joe Kennedy died suddenly while visiting family in Florida. No cause of death has been determined yet, but doctors believe Kennedy suffered from an enlarged heart. Kennedy pitched last season for the Toronto Blue Jays, and spent time with Oakland, Tampa Bay, Colorado, and Arizona. He got

the opening day start for Tampa Bay in 2003 and his best season came in 2004 with Colorado as he went 9-7 with a 3.66 ERA. Kennedy is survived by his wife and year-old son.

Hot Stove Report:

Following the infamous World Series opt-out by Alex Rodriguez and agent Scott Boras, Rodriguez surprisingly found his way back to the Bronx as he finalized a 10 year, \$275 million contract that could reach \$305 million if he completes six bonuses.

It appeared as though Rodriguez's days as a Yankee were

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And The Winner Is...

ANONYMOUS

Southern New Hampshire University held it out through a tough game on the night of Tuesday November 20. In the crazy fan filled gym, once again they decided to take it on. The men's basketball team started off a great game that night, with shots and lay-ups running right past Stonehill College.

The game began with the crowd going wild, and it

David Beckham, More Than a Soccer Player

Gabriel Mercier
Contributing Writer

The biggest announcement of the 2007 season in Major League Soccer was the arrival of international icon, David Beckham. Although injury plagued for much of the season, he still managed to draw attention to the MLS that nobody could have predicted. The Beckham effect was seen in league attendance (3,000,000+ tickets for 2007, a new record), TV ratings (ESPN up 25% from 2006), and merchandise sales (Up 300% league wide, LA Galaxy up 700%). The Beckham jersey was the number one selling item at Sports Authority.

Beckham was able to come to America because of the MLS's new designated player rule, also known as the Beckham rule. Each MLS team has a salary cap of \$2.1 million, but the designated player rule allows each MLS team to spend as much as they want on one player, and it will only count \$400,000 toward their salary cap. That is why the LA Galaxy is able to shell out over \$10 million a year for Beckham. Other examples of this throughout the league are Mexican

legend Cuauhtémoc Blanco (Chicago Fire), former English Premier Striker Juan Pablo Angel (New York Red Bulls), and former World Cup winner Denilson (FC Dallas).

The Beckham effect has recently been seen in Australia and New Zealand, drawing crowds of 31,000 plus and 80,000 plus for friendly matches. Beckham's team, the LA Galaxy, lost 5-3 to Sydney F.C. and won 4-1 against Wellington (New Zealand) in their short two game tour. Beckham scored in both games including one of his classic free kicks in front of 80,000 plus against Sydney F.C.

Motivation Speaker Positively Impacts SNHU Athletes

Mike Ricciardi
Staff Writer

Southern New Hampshire University athletes were required to attend a meeting in the Fieldhouse on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. Dan Duval, a motivational speaker, presented the athletes with his life story and how alcohol and drugs derailed his life. Duval attended Trinity High School in Manchester, N.H. and was an All-American football and basketball player while attending college. He was kicked out of school because of his alcohol and drug abuse. Duval explained his

circumstances during the motivational speech. He explained to the students that one night he blacked out and threw a television out of a window where it landed four feet from a student. This is ultimately, what got Duval kicked out of college.

After leaving college, Duval didn't believe he could make it past the age of 30. His drug abuse and alcohol problems were extremely brutal. Duval has been clean for the past 20 years and is currently coaching basketball and speaking to young adults like he did at SNHU.

Duval has spoken at SNHU before and his message is extremely strong. In an e-mail to the Men's Tennis team, Assistant Coach Dan Horan wrote, "The message that Dan sends is extremely important for our student-athletes to hear and NEVER GROWS OLD."

Duval's message was extremely strong; many students had commented on this. "It was beneficial because it opened my eyes up about drugs and alcohol. It showed you how it can drastically alter your life if you abuse these substances." said freshman baseball player Mark Barnett.

didn't stop there. Within the first three minutes of the game Southern New Hampshire led 9-0. Gerald Carter led the team with fourteen points and six rebounds. He was 8-8 at the free throw line, and kept on trucking with trying to hold the rest of the team along with, Captain Sam Carey, Chris Buckley, and the team's new addition Troy Bowen. Sam had 13 points and seven boards throughout the game. Chris finished up the game with 10 points and Troy throughout a pair of three pointers.

There were some scary parts of the game with, Stonehill being in lead at points, but the game wasn't about to stop there. It was an intense game of going back and forth for both teams. Southern New Hampshire would pick it up for a lead of up to 9 points and then all of a sudden Stonehill would come out with shots from players AJ Rudowitz, Nick Smith, Matt Hall and Vince Rosario. They were pulling out free throws and intense lay-ups all throughout the game. Neither team was about to give up.

Stonehill was falling behind during halftime which was leaving our crowd in happiness and theirs on edge. The score was 34-29. After halftime, Nick Smith and Matt Hall decided to step it up and with free throws and lay-ups to catch up. With their largest lead of the night at 64-52 and four minutes left on the clock they really weren't playing around anymore. Stonehill took on the last few shots and took over the game. Southern New Hampshire fell behind with at first five points, and the offense and defense struggled to compete.

At the last minute of the game Stonehill really pulled it together by throwing up two lay-ups and four free throw shots. Which led them to their victory and SNHU's loss. But not for long, those tough guys will be back in the game in no time.

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joys in life. Aw. Once you get older you don't find anything nearly as interesting as it was, and you need to be entertained every waking moment.

What happened? All I know is, every Christmas I resort back to my childish ways and insist upon having a Christmas tree and decorating the house. As the youngest, I have always been a pain, and this time of year it is magnified, times ten.

The only difference between Christmas at my house now, rather than we were kids, is we all know the truth about Santa Claus and we don't try to sneak a peek at our presents before the big day. Usually we all know what we are getting anyways, as my mom asks because she has no

idea what to buy us anymore.

When I was a kid and shared a room with my sister, we all would sleep in her queen size bed on Christmas Eve. My brother and I would sneak downstairs at four in the morning to look at all of our presents and get our stockings and we would open them up together. I tried to get them to do that last year, but they weren't having it.

The Holidays are a great time for me to act like a child, except now my presents are a little more creative than a noodle necklace. Happy Holidays!

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over to the Yankees firm no-negotiation policy if he chose to opt out, but due to a third party, Rodriguez was able to go behind his agent's back and work out a deal with the New York Yankees.

Center Fielder Torii Hunter also made news when he signed with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim for \$90 million over five years. Hunter is viewed by many as the best defensive center fielder and provides slugger Vladimir Guerrero with needed protection in the lineup. Other moves so far include closer Francisco Cordero signing with the Cincinnati Reds, short stop Orlando Cabrera being traded from the Angels to the Chicago

White Sox for pitcher Jon Garland. Most recently, highly prized prospect outfielder Delmon Young went to the Twins in a six man deal including pitcher Matt Garza.

The off-season fun has just begun as Dontrelle Willis and Miguel Cabrera of the Florida Marlins are on the verge of being traded to the Detroit Tigers for starting pitcher Andrew Miller and five other prospects. Johan Santana is also likely to be moved to either the Boston Red Sox or New York Yankees.

Fantasy Football Corner: As the fantasy regular-season winds down, some teams prepare for the playoffs while others are scrambling for contention or just

wondering what went wrong.

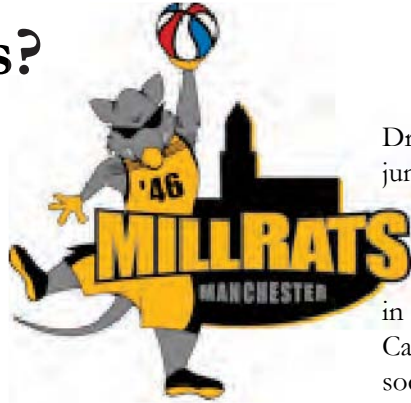
The usual suspects have been dominating opponents over the past month. The fantasy leaders for the past four weeks are Terrell Owens (537 yards, 8 TD), Brian Westbrook (578 total yards, 5 TD), Larry Fitzgerald (418 yards, 5 TD), Brett Favre (1310 yards, 11 TD), and Tony Romo (1059 yards, 13 TD). The season leaders for passing, rushing and receiving are Tom Brady (127.9 QB rating), Adrian Peterson (1081 rush yards), and Randy Moss (1095 receiving yards). Based on the remaining matchups, my projected studs are T. Brady and R. Moss (NYJ, MIA, NYG), LaDainian Tomlinson (DET, DEN, OAK), Joseph Addai (OAK, HOU, TEN), and A. Peterson (CHI, WAS, DEN).

Manchester Millrats: Better than the Boston Celtics?

Gabriel Mercier
Contributing Writer

Not quite, but they are the best team in New Hampshire, and are quietly sitting atop the American Basketball Association, known for basketball hall of famer and former ABA and NBA superstar Julius Erving.

The Millrats play their home games at Southern New Hampshire University's Fieldhouse and are coming off an overtime thriller, in which they handed the reigning champions Vermont Frost Heaves their first loss of the year. The Millrats are made up of a number of former college players mainly from powerhouses such as the University of Florida, UCONN, Providence College, and other programs. The Millrats are led by Bob Sanders (Providence Col-



lege) and Ishmael Caro (New Haven). The other players are Souleymane Wane (UCONN), Anthony Anderson (UMASS Amherst), John Huggins (AIC), Rashidd Al-Kaheem (Florida University), Ife Anosike (Salem State), Charles Easterling, and former SNHU players PJ Young and David Cooper.

The Millrats next home game is December 21, 2007 versus the Quebec Kebekwa, starting at 7:00 PM in the Fieldhouse at Southern New Hampshire University. Tickets are only \$3 for SNHU students.

Drew Carey and Major League Soccer will be Sleepless in Seattle

Gabriel Mercier
Contributing Writer

Drew Carey has officially jumped on the band wagon as he will be one of four owners of MLS's latest expansion team in Seattle (Name still in development).

Carey who has been an avid soccer fan for several years will be a vital part in getting Seattle ready for their inaugural season in 2009. Carey will be joined by Hollywood movie studio executive Joe Roth, Sounders owner Adrian Hanauer, and Paul Allen's Vulcan Sports & Entertainment.

Drew Carey brings soccer knowledge to Seattle, but it is Paul Allen who is the cornerstone in the Seattle franchise as he is the co-founder of Microsoft. He founded it with Bill Gates in 1975. Allen already owns the Portland Trailblazers of the NBA and the Seattle Seahawks of the NFL.

This means any revenue from

the stadium (ticket sales, concessions, parking, etc.) will go directly to the MLS team.

Critics argued that soccer would not do well at Qwest Field (Home of the Seattle Seahawks). They were immediately hushed after the announcement that 5,000 season tickets had been sold after only three days

of existence as a franchise. This isn't a fluke with the MLS either. Toronto F.C. in their first year sold 15,000 season tickets in less than three months and sold out every single game at BMO field and has already sold all of their season tickets (16,000) for the 2008 season which starts in April. The MLS has only tipped the iceberg of its success, and it will continue to grow in the future. The MLS is looking to add one more expansion team for the 2009 season, and it will be announced before January 1, 2008. The top two candidates are Philadelphia and St. Louis, both rich in soccer history. Other cities interested in having an MLS franchise are Las Vegas, Vancouver, and also the possibility of adding another team to New York. Keep up to date on MLS's latest news at www.mlssnet.com.



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::Dr. Sarah Strout::

Dr. Strout is a professor of psychology here at SNHU. She teaches several courses including Introduction to Psychology, Social Psychology, Criminal Psychology, Personality, and Assessment and Testing. She is very involved at SNHU outside of teaching where she is an advisor for the Psy Chi Honor Society, sings in the SNHU chorus, is the treasurer for the Northeast Evolutionary Psychology Society, and is the advisor to the Social Psychology Research Group.

Dr. Strout decided to become a professor after she had a professor in her undergrad institution that showed the television show Survivor and had the students pick who should be kicked off using social psychology. She was inspired by his teaching methods to become a professor. She also noted that when she was in grad school she watched the professors to learn what not to do when she became a professor. When asked what her favorite thing about SNHU is, Dr. Strout said that she really enjoys the great sense of humor the students have here. When asked what she dislikes the most about SNHU, she stated that there are "too many Yankee fans infiltrating the system." Even with the Yankee infiltrations Dr. Strout feels that there is a strong family feel in the psychology department.

Outside of SNHU Dr. Strout does a myriad of things including painting, drawing, and reading. She is also the editor of the Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology. In addition to that, Dr. Strout does research in human mating strategies where her project last year was on heterosexual and homosexual socio-sexuality. She also does research on the relationship between mate preferences. In her spare time Dr. Strout has attained six Kyu in Aikido and takes care of her children and husband. But the thing, she enjoys most is playing the Sims 2 after a long day of work.

If you would like to check out the Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology you can go online to www.jsecjournal.com.

What are you looking forward to most during your semester break?

Malachi Parsons, Freshman
Major: Communications
"Perfecting my modeling and dancing skills at Abercrombie & Fitch."

Lindsey Monti, Freshman
Major: Psychology
"Taking a shower without having to wear sandals!"

Kimberly Arnold, Freshman
Major: Exploratory
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Mike Poirier, Freshman
Major: Graphic Design
"Not having to worry about Public Safety coming to my room every time I try to have fun."

Greg Preson, Sophomore
Major: Business Administration
"Eggnog, and hopefully getting a scraper for my car because I don't want to buy one myself."

Cagney Hatch, Sophomore
Major: Business Administration
"Knowing that when I park in my driveway, I won't get a ticket."

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