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-Bob Marley

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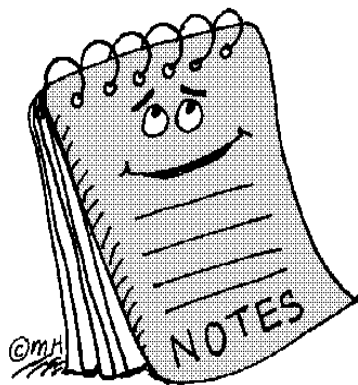
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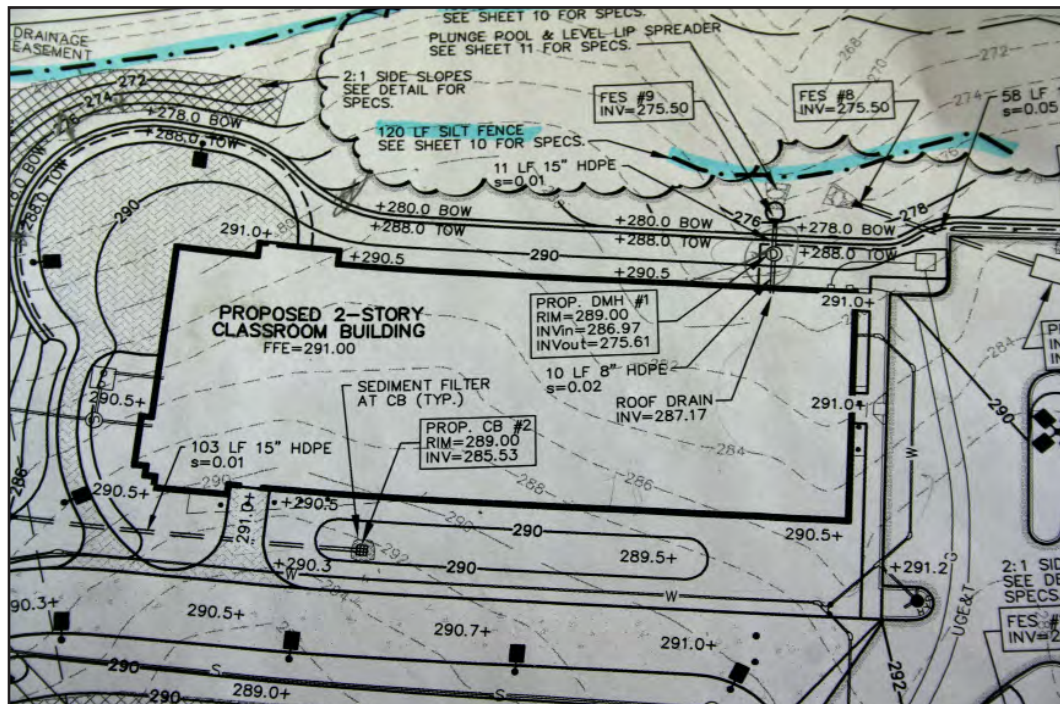
Opechee Constructing New Academic Center Harvey Plans New Dining Facility

Suzanne Lentell
Photo Editor

The proposed and recently town approved construction of a 33,500 square foot academic center and a new parking lot that will accommodate 150 vehicles is currently underway at Southern New Hampshire University. Opechee Construction Corporation, based out of Belmont, NH, was chosen to complete the project. Opechee has 28 years experience and has spent 15 of those years serving Southern New Hampshire University.

Opechee expanded the campus in its earlier days by constructing three buildings now known as Washington Hall, Hospitality, and Webster. The new academic center is to be made of similar brick used in Opechee's past projects at SNHU and will have multiple glass windows.

Dana Adams, a project manager for Opechee, described the new academic center. There will be a common learning area that can be used as a study space where students can converse and interact with one another in groups. A connected café space will be available for coffee, drinks, and snacks. Four independent rooms will be available with substantial light and tables for group meetings or for a more secluded, quiet space. "It will be



New academic building, design plans
(Photo provided by Suzanne Lentell, Photo Editor)

a great addition" stated President LeBlanc and also told Adams that part of his big ideas are to "help pull campus a little more onto the east side."

The home near the construction site was torn down by a separate demolition company

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President LeBlanc Questions Drinking Age; Wellness and PS comment

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Southern New Hampshire University President Paul LeBlanc recently announced his opinion on the drinking age by voluntarily signing the Amethyst Initiative. The Initiative encourages the discussion and rethinking of the drinking age by stating that the legal age of twenty-one is not working. The Amethyst Initiative website boldly asks, "how many times must we relearn the lessons of prohibition?"

According to the article "100 College Presidents want to discuss Lowering Drinking Age," published by Jason Claffey on August 20, 2008 in the Fosters Daily Democrat, President LeBlanc said "this question has been almost untouchable". The article continued with comment from President LeBlanc, noting that the 21-year-old minimum drinking age has created more problems than it has solved, at least on college campuses.

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The new academic building on East Side
(Photo provided by Suzanne Lentell, Photo Editor)

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8-29-08 1:00 AM

A student entered Windsor and walked into the Residence Life Office. The Resident Assistants couldn't comprehend what the student was saying because he was slurring his words. There was a strong smell of alcohol coming from the student and the student was also swaying back and forth while standing.

8-30-08 11:17 PM

Public Safety was called by the Resident Director reporting that students were playing a drinking game called beer pong. Upon entering the residence, many empty cans and bottles of beer were surrounding a table that looked like it was used for the drinking game.

9-1-08 11:15 PM

A car was parked in a fire road and needed to move. Public Safety approached the car and asked the driver to roll down the window and the driver refused. Finally the driver rolled down the window and the car smelled like marijuana. The driver and passenger had glassy eyes and were very lethargic.

9-4-08 1:15 AM

Public Safety responded to a report of unwanted people climbing in the window of an apartment. The student stated that he was falling asleep in his apartment and heard voices in the common area, which he did not recognize. He got up, grabbed a golf club, and walked toward the common area. The student saw one person in the apartment, one person climbing into the window, and another person outside. They intruders said they were looking for someone and ran out once the resident told them he was not there.

9-5-08 10:20 PM

A student was carrying a backpack. As a Public Safety officer walked closer to the student, she started to walk faster to try and get away but was stopped by the officer. The officer asked for her student ID but she said she did not have it with her. When asked if she had her keys, she said she also did not have that on her. The Public Safety officer walked with her to her residence and let her inside her room. Upon entering the students' room, she pulled out her ID and keys out of the backpack along with alcohol in it. She said she couldn't believe she was carrying everyone's alcohol and was getting in trouble for it. She did not say who the alcohol belonged to.

9-5-08 11:45 PM

Public Safety responded to a call about a student lying on the ground with his pants down near some trees. The student smelt like alcohol and swayed back and forth if he tried to stand. He admitted to drinking and was taken back to his residence.

9-6-08 2:20 AM

Public Safety received a report that a male student was in front of New Castle taking off his clothes while yelling and swearing. When the Public Safety officer arrived a few minutes later, the student was gone.

9-12-08 11:00 PM

Public Safety received a call of a girl vomiting on herself and was unable to keep her head up. She was picked up and placed on a stretcher and was taken to the hospital.

9-13-08 12:12 AM

Public Safety received a call for an unresponsive female. The student was lying in bed with paper towels around her head and a bucket on the side of the bed. She did not respond to any questions asked. Manchester Fire Department was called and after some time, the student slowly responded to them but was unable to move much and was taken to the hospital.

Letter From the Editor Editor In Chief: Libby Parent

Welcome Back! It was a long summer of not working and going to the beach for me and I was almost ready to get back to SNHU on my birthday! Although summer was great, I was looking forward to getting started on our first issue of the 2008-2009 school year.

As you may have noticed, our editor column has become somewhat lengthy! We now have a fully functioning editorial staff to make sure this paper is just what it needs to be, just for you! And by the way, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU. Let us know what you want to see from us, because we are your voice. We are looking for writers for every section; so join the party! Seriously, it's a lot of fun.

So the September issue is jam-packed full of information! We have several new additions to the staff (yay club day) and we are well on our way to great things this year. I'll even let you in on a secret: our issues will soon be available online. Our Managing Editor, Dan Smith, is working hard on drafting a website for *the Observer*. I will keep you posted on that progress!

Anyway, back to the issue. As you may have noticed, we have a significant amount of coverage on the changes of SNHU. Our new Photo Editor, Suzanne Lentell, and returning News Editor, Ashley Manley, showcase some of the biggest and greatest changes on campus. In addition, Ashley and returning staff writer Amanda Mayberry collaborated on an interesting piece on President LeBlanc's support of the Amethyst Initiative.

Other great articles to check out are returning staff writer Mike Capalbo's NFL preview (Go Giants!) and new staff writer Zach Keating's college football preview. Nick Tasso, our returning Sports Editor, reported on our own SNHU students volunteering at the Olympic Games and provided a 2008 Olympics wrap-up!

And sadly, I have given up my column "Can We Just Discuss" after three years of monthly complaints; Caitlin Murphy, our Entertainment Editor, has taken up the challenge. But don't worry, I'm sure this monthly letter to *the Observer's* devoted readers will turn into a rant column in no time at all!

So, we have tons of new additions to the staff and *the Observer* is pushing full steam ahead. We hope you enjoy the hard work we have put into this issue, and please do not hesitate to contact us. You know I'll talk about anything, so shoot us an e-mail or give us a call. Thanks, enjoy, and rock on :)

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to make room for the 150 parking spots expected to be completed in November. The trees that were cut down were being cleared the week of August 18th, making room for the bulldozers and the Opechee construction team the following week.

Dave Trotter, one of the overseeing project managers of Opechee, provided the construction plans which showed the new two story academic building, the surrounding sidewalk, as well as a parking area.

Harvey Construction based out of Bedford, NH is doing work on campus as well. Harvey is now "in planning" for the newly approved 47,700 square foot dining facility also projected to be finished by the fall of 2009.

Other accomplishments of Opechee are Robert Frost Hall, Frost Auditorium, Frost Finance Classroom, Athletic Building, New Castle, Hampton and Windsor Hall, and the Lincoln and Conway Apartments.

NY Times Best Selling Author, Son Release Book

Ashley Manley
News Editor

R.A. Salvatore, an author from Massachusetts has released 18 New York Times bestsellers and has written almost 50 novels. He just recently collaborated with his son, Geno Salvatore, on "The Stowaway," a fantasy young adult book that is the start of "The Stone of Tymora" trilogy geared for ages 10 and up that was released this month.

R.A. Salvatore geared this book towards young adults due to letters from young adult fans and bookstores that wanted to target that demographic. R.A. has often geared his novels to a more adult level of readers in the past.

When asked if R.A. took the reins in writing this book he stated that he "acted as more of a guide" and continued by saying that "The Stowaway" was a "story [Geno] wanted to tell".

Geno described that it was somewhat challenging to write for young adults, but he simply "tried to remember how [he] was as a 12-year-old". He went on to say that "it was surprisingly easy to work with [his dad]". They will be collaborating again on the last two books of the trilogy.

Fantasy may not be the genre every reader typically explores, but when asked what their one reason would be for someone who has never read a fantasy novel to do so they responded with ease. Geno simply stated "because it's fun," whereas his father had a little more to add. "Even though the main character may be an elf, [he] still has the same fears [as humans]... [fantasy shows that] one kid can make a difference".

Both authors were on tour from September 9-14. "The Stowaway" was published by Mirrorstone in September, is for ages 10 and up, and is \$17.95 for hardcover. For more information go to www.rasalvatore.com.

Schoolapalooza Welcomes Education Students

Suzanne Lentell
Photo Editor

On September 3, 2008, the School of Education held their Open House to welcome the incoming freshman education students to meet their prospective professors and advisors, as well as current education students.

It was a beautiful sunny day, and there was a celebration outside of Belknap Hall where there were a number of activities. Everyone gathered for drinks

and refreshments inside, as well as some music and cotton candy outside. There was also a bubble machine, and the biggest activity was the tie-dyeing of t-shirts and tank tops.

There were a few tables set up with boxes of T-shirts and tank tops for dyeing and everyone was teaching one another ways to set it up. The rubber bands were used to make designs on the shirts in swirl patterns, etc. There were about six labeled buckets of different colored dye for the clothing. While the clothes hung on the clotheslines, everyone was able to go inside for food and refreshments and/or meet and greet individuals in the School of Education to make transition easier for freshman.

Overall Schoolapalooza was a success, and the right way to start off another great year for students and faculty.

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The Amethyst Initiative began in July of 2008 with the support of presidents and chancellors of colleges and universities from all over the United States. According to the Amethyst Initiative website (www.amethystinitiative.org), "these higher education leaders have signed their names to a public statement that the problem of irresponsible drinking by young people continues despite the minimum legal drinking age of 21, and there is a culture of dangerous binge drinking on many campuses."

"The Initiative does not call for the repeal of existing law. It calls for an open, constructive debate and re-examination of the research. Supporters of the current law have a lot of supporting evidence, but there are counter arguments and research that invite review and discussion," President LeBlanc stated in a personal interview.

SNHU will continue to enforce existing regulations regardless of LeBlanc's support of the Initiative. "My support for the Amethyst Initiative in no way signals a change in SNHU's alcohol policies or enforcement."

Public Safety Director, James Winn reiterated that "should the state of NH lower the drinking age then Public Safety would enforce the new law, however the drinking age is currently mandated by our state as 21 and that is what Public Safety enforces."

Opponents of the Amethyst Initiative are widespread, even among the SNHU community. "The staff of the Wellness Center believes the drinking age should not be lowered," affirms Jet Goldberg, Wellness Center Director.

She continued by saying "unlike college presidents who are far removed from the realities of drinking on college campuses, and thus have the luxury of the theoretical discussion, this information has been developed for and by the people in the trenches who deal with the fallout from high-risk use." This information refers to the facts she provided such as "alcohol use by those under 21 is also related to numerous health problems including injuries and death results from car crashes, suicide, homicide, assaults, drowning and recreational mishaps." This fact being only one of the many she provided.

The Amethyst Initiative states that "adults under 21 are deemed capable of voting, signing contracts, serving on juries and enlisting in the military, but are told they are not mature enough to have a beer." In response to this statement, Goldberg said that "voting, signing contracts and serving on juries doesn't kill you...drinking alcohol can. Enlisting in the military can also kill you so maybe instead of reducing the drinking age we need to increase the age at which someone can enlist in the military."

Currently, the Initiative has approximately 130 signatories from various university and college presidents and chancellors all over America. Goldberg stated "there are 3,600 college and university presidents in the US, 130 of those signed the initiative: that is a very small percentage."

To view the signatories of the Initiative, or for more information about the Initiative go to www.amethystinitiative.org.



"The Stowaway"
(Photo provided by Google)

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION; SHOULD THE DRINKING AGE BE CHANGED?

Write to observer@snhu.edu
and share your opinion.

You don't have to write an article; just share your opinion. We'd love to hear what you have to say about this article or any other article you read in this newspaper.

If you do want to write for the paper, you can receive up to 12 credits for your hard work.

Constitution Week Makes A Splash

Daniel Smith
Managing Editor

On Thursday September 18th the School of Liberal Arts (SLA) hosted an experimental program in celebration of Constitution Day. The program was supported and presented by three members of the SLA at 1:00 pm in Professor Susan Youngs literature class.

Professor Michael O'Keefe, who proclaimed himself the Special Assistant to the Dean of Liberal Arts, Karen Erickson, interrupted the class and started informing students that, due to security concerns, bag checks were being executed. O'Keefe also asked students to take out and turn off all cell phone and PDA devices. Most students complied with this request.

Several students began asking if these requests were against the law. O'Keefe stated that it was within the school's rights that, with reasonable cause, he could search bags. Professor O'Keefe continued to assert his authority and continued to press the issue.

Students began asking for Public Safety, the Dean, and Manchester Police while some voiced a theory that they were being tested and it was a joke. O'Keefe then reasserted his question to open the students' bags.

At this point Professor O'Keefe took off his glasses and told the class that what had just happened was a simulation. He told the students that the purpose of the simulation was to get students to learn about their rights in this country in celebration of Constitution Day, which Southern New Hampshire University is legally obligated to observe.

O'Keefe started an open conversation with the students about their rights at which point Dean Karen Erickson came in and joined the conversation.

Dean Erickson outlined the pre-amble of the constitution and talked about how the students felt when their rights were taken away.

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*Left to right: Dean Karen Erickson, Professor Michael O'Keefe, and Professor Youngs
(Photo provided by Daniel Smith, Managing Editor)*

SNHU Gets a FaceLift

Ashley Manley
News Editor

to keep." The entire process took approximately one month and the approximate cost of the move was \$25,000. The site work along with other miscellaneous costs were about \$122,600 according to Vachon.

The new Academic Center is also in progress. It is going to be located next to East Side Drive, across the street from the Hospitality Center. Ground breaking has already occurred for this project. The parking lot is going to be located in the "open field along the left side of East Side Drive and just beyond the softball field, access to the parking lot will be via a drive from Lincoln roadway."

The Academic Center will have a mixture of "spaces ranging from multipurpose rooms, a case room for lectures, computer lab, a learning commons with spaces that can be reserved for group study, and some traditional classrooms as well...all with wireless capability" according to Vachon.

All over campus, various mini makeovers have taken place this summer, so many that Brad Pozanski, Vice President of Enrollment Management, stated that "this summer is like last summer on steroids!" Some of the most noticeable improvements have been window replacements in all of the five townhouses as well as a new sidewalk and landscaping in front of Attitash. "If this project is well received by the community, we may be able to upgrade other

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*The process of relocating the Morrissey House
(Photo provided by Suzanne Lentell, Photo Editor)*

Southern New Hampshire University has had quite a few upgrades over the summer, some of which are still in progress. SNHU has begun to make some major changes by breaking ground for the new student center, the moving of an entire building to an entirely new location, the start of construction on a new Academic Center, as well as the various mini makeovers of numerous buildings all over campus.

Morrissey House was relocated on campus intact to its new location next to Lot 12. It was moved in order to create room for the new dining facility. According to Bob Vachon, Director of Facilities, "[The Morrissey House] had been recently renovated to house Conference and Event Services, and was a building we felt was economical

SNHU Hosts Red Cross Fundraiser

First Prize \$3,500

Ashley Lacroix
Contributing Writer

This October marks a fundraising addition for the Greater Manchester Chapter of the American Red Cross. With new leadership and a new direction, the Red Cross has started a new fundraiser to help support the local disaster operations that the Chapter provides to the community. This event is called The Golf Ball Drop.

The Golf Ball Drop is a fundraiser and a “game of chance” to raise funds for the Greater Manchester Chapter. The goal is to sell 800 golf balls, which can be purchased online at www.redcrossmanchester.org. Each individual golf ball will have a number recorded on it and the patron purchasing the ball will receive the recorded number.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Southern New Hampshire University baseball field. The golf balls will be dropped from a bucket 2 stories high from a fire truck. Cash Prizes will be given to the first three golf balls to reach the golf ball hole in the field. Participants do not have to be present to win and will be notified that day if they are the winner. First prize is \$3,500!

This is the first time The Red Cross has held this fundraiser and has the support of the Local Fire Department and Southern New Hampshire University.

For more information you can contact Leslie Shaffer at the American Red Cross at 603-624-4307, ext. 229. Leslie is an AmeriCorps *VISTA Member and responsible for this new fundraiser!

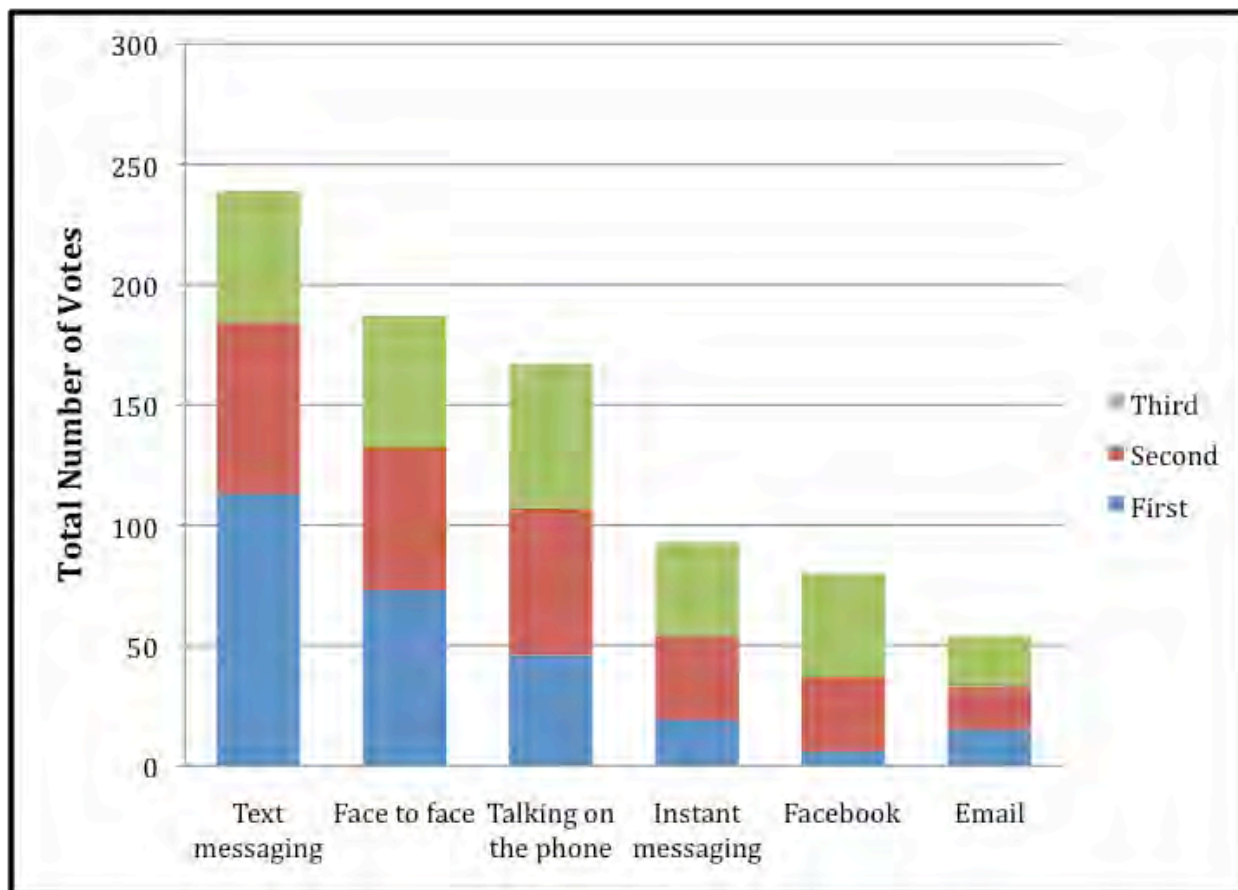
The American Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that provides disaster relief services to the community. The mission of the Red Cross is to help people prevent, prepare and respond in times of emergencies. The American Red Cross receives no government or national funding and relies on the community to provide these services. For more information or to contact the American Red Cross visit www.redcross.org.



(Photo provided by Google)

Fun Survey Results From Your Friends in Honors Statistics

Honors Statistics (MAT250) recently surveyed 276 SNHU students and asked them to rank the top three ways they communicate with their friends. The leader of the pack, Professor Cox, had this to say about the results: “I’m not surprised that text messaging was first, and it was nice to see that people are still talking to each other in person, with face to face ranking second. I’m also not surprised that email was last. Email is, like, you know, so last millennium.”



(Photo provided by Dave Cox)

New Dining Service Provider Brings Penmen Cash off Campus

Ashley Manley
News Editor

For the past five years Southern New Hampshire University has received offers by dining service providers inquiring about taking over of the dining services at SNHU. SNHU’s bookstore used to be internally run as did the dining services. However, on August 1, 2008, Sodexo Campus Services took over.

The reason for the change? Dr. Scott Kalicki, Vice President for Student Affairs, stated that the change had “nothing to do with dissatisfaction” and that

there is simply a need to “stay current.”

Kalicki continued by saying that the Board of Trustees, himself, and the Vice President of Finance reviewed the dining options presented to SNHU. Sodexo was “excellent” and “met all of their requirements.” They didn’t want to lose SNHU employees, but they wanted to have new concepts that were fresh. Sodexo met these requirements and more; they are even helping in the design of the new café that will be located on East

Side.

“We are excited Linda [Hicks] stayed... [she is] loyal to SNHU... [and we must give her] a lot of credit for making this transition seamless.” Kalicki added that the manager of the dining services at the moment is “actually a SNHU Alumni.”

While some students have remarked that the choices have been better, for example, the addition of Vitamin Water,

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others have made complaints about the slip ups and long lines at the café. Kalicki acknowledged these student concerns and praises but went on to say that “they’re retraining...just be patient...and give the manager feedback...they want to get it right..” He also reminded that “[SNHU is] jam packed” with students.

The switch to Sodexo brought a highly anticipated possibility of the use of Penmen Cash off campus. Why couldn’t this occur before? Kalicki stated that “we literally couldn’t do it, but Sodexo [can]” and is making it possible.

The use of Penmen Cash off campus is anticipated to begin on October 15, 2008. The only definite establishments signed on for use is Shorty’s and CVS/Pharmacy. SGA pulled students together for ideas and other possibilities include Papa John’s, Dunkin Donuts, Panera, The Puritan, Red Arrow, Super-tan, Luisa’s, BJ’s, and Irving.

How does it work? You swipe and go; as Kalicki stated “it is just like a debit card.” You will still be able to use Penmen Cash on campus and will be able to put money on it through the options that are already available.

If you have any establishments or eateries you would like Penmen Cash to be used at contact the Observer at observer@snhu.edu or Scott Kalicki at studentaffairs@snhu.edu.



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Obama Versus McCain: Key Issues

Timothy Reed

Staff Writer

The 2008 presidential election is swinging into full force with the two presidential hopefuls, Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain. While they have opposing viewpoints on nearly every issue they both want the same thing this November: your vote.

The democratic candidate, United States Senator Barack Obama, plans for Iraq include engaging representatives at all the levels of Iraqi society and with the help of the United Nations, seek a new accord on Iraq’s con-

stitution. He also wants to start to pull out one to two combat brigades. He has also stated interest to provide \$2 billion of expanded aid to the countries taking in Iraqi refugees.

United States Senator John McCain has a different strategy. His interest is in expanding the US presence in Iraq to clear out insurgent strong holds and to accelerate the training for the Iraqi armed forces and police.

As for health care, Obama would like to enact national health care policy that has guaranteed eligibility and “compre-

~ See **2008 Election**, Pg. 07

Many students stated that they were upset and afraid by the simulation.

Student Stephanie Greenfield stated that O’Keefe was very intimidating and the whole simulation was “scary.” Another student, Andrew Maziarz, thought the presentation was great and that he would be telling everyone about his experience. Andrew stated that when the presentation started he was asking himself “who is he?”

Dr. Susan Youngs commented that the simulation went well but a couple of students got very upset. She commented that Professor O’Keefe was frightening and most students didn’t know he was walking all over their rights. She also commented that students would “remember what it felt like” and now understand their rights better. Dr. Youngs was also very impressed with how some of the students stood up for their rights. She felt that the simulation opened up an important debate about the point at which people will surrender their rights.

Professor O’Keefe worked as a U.S. Diplomat and has worked with many foreign warlords and dictators. He has first hand knowledge of the absence of rights we enjoy in the United States, in other countries.

O’Keefe felt as though the overall goal of the simulation was achieved and that students have a clearer idea and understanding of their rights, especially their fourth amendment right, which was taken away in the simulation.

Dean Erickson commented on the simulation by stating that it engaged students in an open discussion about life and the Constitution. She feels that the “best process in teaching and learning [is when] the student is a producer of knowledge.”

The restlessness of freedom – An overview of the Georgian conflict

Sinziana Scoarta

Staff Writer

Georgia is a republic located in western Asia, between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea. Its capital city is Tbilisi and the national language is Georgian. The country was part of the USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) until it gained its independence in April 1991. Georgia adopted its constitution in August 1995, the process being drawn out due to the continuous political and territorial turmoil.

The country is at present run by President Mikhail Saakashvili, who has the executive power. The legislative power is in the hands of the Prime-Minister, Lado Gurgenedze, and

the 235 seats unicameral government. The republic contains two autonomous republics, Ajaria (in the south-west) and Abkhazia (in the north-west), and the autonomous region of South Ossetia (in the north central part).

The regions have gained de facto (“really existing although not legally stated to exist”-according to the Longman Online Dictionary of Contemporary English) independence, but not international recognition as sovereign states, which makes them enclaves within the Georgian borders. The country has experienced numerous conflicts within its territory from the moment it gained its independence up until the present due

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SNHU Students Participate in Beijing

Nick Tasso

Sports Editor

August 9th through August 21st ten students and three faculty advisors from Southern New Hampshire University went to Beijing, China to volunteer for the 2008 Olympic Games.

The students volunteered their time by sitting at information booths set up throughout Beijing. The information booths gave out information to citizens of Beijing about what events were going to be held and other pertinent information about the results of those events.

Senior Megan Shay described her volunteering experience saying, “the most important thing I learned from the experience of volunteering is how important each volunteer really was. I felt like we were able to help China get more information out to people that weren’t able to go to any events, but it let them still feel the impact of having the Olympics in their city. When having a big event of this magnitude, the volunteers are relied on to do the task that they are given to the best of their ability.”

Although students took basic Chinese courses, the language barrier was still challenging. Almost all of the citizens of Beijing spoke

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hensive benefits” that include all essential medical services. Also, with this new health care people would not have to reprioritize their health care when they change jobs.

As for McCain, he plans on establishing a plan that forces the states to provide health care for those unable to get it otherwise. Additionally he plans on providing cheaper prescription drugs by bringing greater competition into the market.

As for the state of the economy, McCain’s plans include ending policies that contribute to the higher costs of food and transportation, permanently repeal the alternative minimum tax, reduce the federal corporate tax from 35% to 25%, and to freeze discretionary spending except for veterans for a year to evaluate all programs.

Obama on the other hand wants to help all workers adapt to the changing economy by updating the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program as well as fight trade policies that open the market to foreign goods to protect American jobs. He also does not want to privatize social security, but fix the system we currently have.



Government Seizes Control of Fannie & Freddie

Gregory Randolph, Ph.D.
Contributing Writer

As the fallout from the mortgage crisis continues to unwind, Federal officials have embarked on a massive takeover of the mortgage pair of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Government officials hope that the bailout will reassure debt holders and help citizens gain access to mortgages.

Fannie and Freddie are the largest players in the secondary mortgage market. Their primary function is to increase the supply of funds available to purchase

mortgages in the U.S. Fannie and Freddie primarily buy mortgages from banks, supplying the banks with the funds necessary to make more loans.

The two firms then repackage the newly purchased mortgages as mortgage-backed securities. These securities are then sold to investors, providing more funds that can be used to purchase mortgages from banks while helping to keep the interest rate low. Fannie and Freddie earn revenue by charging fees to

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Bank of America to Create New Financial Giant by Purchasing Merrill Lynch

Holly Bundy
Copy & Business Editor

Bank of America Corporation announced September 15 that it has agreed to purchase all stock rights from Merrill Lynch & Co, Inc. for \$50 billion. The purchase of Merrill Lynch by Bank of America will expand their financial services creating a new financial giant within the market.

Bank of America will be exchanging .8595 shares of their stock for each share of Merrill Lynch common stock. Bank of America expects to close the transaction with Merrill Lynch during the first quarter of 2009. The purchase will add 16,000 financial advisors of Merrill Lynch creating a brokerage with over \$2.5 trillion in client assets and over 20,000 financial advisors which will turn Bank of America into the world’s largest

brokerage.

The purchase will also give Bank of America a 50 percent ownership in Merrill Lynch’s asset management operation Black Rock. According to the BBC, James Ellman of Seaclyff Capital stated that the purchase “catapults Bank of America into positions of strength in three businesses where they are weak.”

The transaction marks the end of Merrill Lynch as an independent firm that started with its founding in 1914 with the idea that everyone, not just the rich, should be able to have investments in the financial market stated the New York Times. Merrill Lynch decided after writing down far over \$8.4 billion in securities earlier this year and the news of the Lehman’s bankruptcy that it was the best choice for the future to enter with Bank of America into the purchase rather than becoming another name in the turmoil of

the industry like Bear Stearns or Lehman Bros, according to the New York Times. Merrill Lynch feels the buyout was the best choice with the mortgage crisis and other companies struggling to stay in business.

Ken Lewis, Bank of America Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, stated in a press release that “acquiring one of the premier wealth management, capital markets, and advisory companies is a great opportunity for our shareholders...together, our companies are more valuable because of the synergies in our businesses.”

John Thain, chairman and CEO of Merrill Lynch, stated in the press release. “Merrill Lynch is a great global franchise and I look forward to working with Ken Lewis and our senior management teams to create what will be the leading financial institution in the world with the combination of these two firms.”

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to the aforementioned separatist regions.

The recent Georgian conflict arose on the grounds of a continuously tense relationship between Georgia and one of its separatist regions, South Ossetia. Georgian troops entered the territory of South Ossetia due to threats of shelling and other types of uprising on July 31st. Victims—25 civilians and troops—were reported on both sides, which enhanced the already tense situation to flare up starting August 1st.

The present conflict mounted at a fast pace after the Russian army entered the territory of South Ossetia, respec-

tively of Georgia, and supported the separatist groups in their fight against Georgia. Such a reaction from Russia’s side was considered just a means of displaying its military force which is a number of times greater than that of Georgia. At the same time it proved to totally defy the rest of the world. Russia was also set on paying back recent debts due to the fact that at the NATO Bucharest Summit held at the beginning of April in Romania, Georgia and Ukraine, two former Soviet Union states expressed their utmost desire to join the alliance.

Furthermore, another debt to be paid by means of the

Georgian conflict was that of the Serbian region of Kosovo that had its independence recognized by the Western powers and organizations but was not at all endorsed by Russia. As a counterattack, Russia proclaimed the acknowledgement of South Ossetia’s and Abkhazia’s independence in a straightforward, undermining manner.

*More details on the unfolding Georgian conflict to be continued in October’s issue, which will include United States’ and the European Union’s view on the issue.

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guarantee the securities they sell.

Prior to the takeover, Fannie and Freddie were privately owned while being classified as government sponsored enterprises. While the Federal government did not technically guarantee securities from the two firms, it was often assumed that the government would take on responsibility if necessary. The takeover confirms this implication.

As housing prices fell while late payments and foreclosures increased, Fannie and Freddie began to rack up large amounts of debt. Furthermore, the perceived problems at the two firms and in the housing market in general have made it difficult and expensive for them to raise capital.

Although a Federal takeover may have been the only feasible option on the table for the Treasury given the extent of the troubles at the firms, others caution that the move will not resolve the problems in the housing market while risking an enormous amount of taxpayer dollars.

Critics of Fannie and Freddie blame the privately owned yet implicitly government backed nature of the firms for the problems. They were able to borrow at lower rates and assume larger risks in comparison to private firms.

The Treasury has implied a reduction in the size and role of the two firms in the future. However taxpayers are currently on the hook for billions of dollars to help solidify the two firms that currently back or directly own approximately half of all U.S. mortgage debt (around \$5.4 trillion).

LEHMAN BROTHERS

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Barclay Reaches \$1.75 Billion Deal to Purchase Lehman

Holly Bundy
Copy & Business Editor

Barclays reached an agreement with Lehman after three days of failed talks to purchase Lehman for a fire-sale price of \$1.75 Billion. The deal includes Lehman's Midtown Manhattan headquarters building and two data centers, a value of \$1.5 billion. The deal must be approved by a judge that is overseeing Lehman's chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings.

According to the BCC, Barclays and Bank of America had been in talks to rescue the bank,

but negotiations faltered when it became clear that the US Treasury was opposed to using government money to help seal a deal. Lehman Brothers filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection September 15 allowing the company time to reorganize and devise a plan to pay creditors over time. After the filing, talks with Bank of America continued and resulted in an offer to purchase the ailing company for \$1.75 billion.

According to the New York Times, Lehman's slow collapse began as the mortgage market crisis unfolded in the summer of 2007 as its stock experienced a steady fall from \$82 a share.

Lehman, although being one of the smaller firms on Wall Street, was a major player in the market of subprime and prime mortgages, which increased the risk of losses for the business due to risk.

After Lehman's announced a loss of \$2.8 billion for second-quarter and the company's failed efforts to raise new capital, it searched for solutions to remain a player in the markets by creating a spin-off company with its commercial real estate holding. On September 10, Lehman's announced that it expected a loss of

over \$3.9 Billion and over \$5.6 Billion in write-downs. As the markets condition became worse it became clear that a spin-off company was not an option and talks to sell the company to Bank of America failed as the Treasury made it clear it would not be assisting in a bailout. Lehman was forced to enter chapter 11 Bankruptcy to reorganize the business.

Lehman Brothers which employs about 25,000 staff worldwide, including 5,000 in the UK, was founded in 1850 by three brothers. One Lehman employee stated as she left the building to the BCC, "I think the whole history - 150 years of effort and hard work - that's the most saddening part for me."

Angus Campbell, head of sales at Capital Spreads in London, stated to BCC that "Barclays has long been trying to establish themselves on Wall Street and Lehman's demise offers an opportunity they're not willing to miss."

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areas on campus...it is my hope that this new sidewalk becomes the standard for the campus" stated Vachon.

The list of changes that have been made and continue to be made at SNHU is extensive, from painting, to new windows, carpets, and roofs. The changes have greatly added to the SNHU community's functionality as well as cosmetic appearance.

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Can We Just Discuss...The New Alcohol and Other Drug Policy

Caitlin Murphy
Entertainment Editor

"Excuse me; can I see your ID?" That's the sound of me greeting everyone that comes into my townhouse on a Friday night, or any other night of the week for that matter, in which students are consuming alcoholic beverages. This is clearly to make sure everyone is over the age of 21, heavens forbid an underage college student drink. I would just be all torn up inside if I knew that had happened under my watch.

You see, even though myself and my roommates are all over the legal drinking age, if we get caught with an underage person drinking in our place, really bad things happen. For starters, my townhouse would become dry for the next FOUR months. In addition to that, we would be placed on probation, meaning if we were caught doing something

"wrong" again, we could be kicked off campus. This new Alcohol & Other Drug Policy is coming from a school that has publicly gone on record advocating for the United States to discuss lower its drinking age to 18... hypocritical much?

But I think the best (and when I say best, I mean ridiculous) part of the new policy, would have to be the shot glass rule. Only one shot glass per 'of age' person is allowed in your residence, and "for measuring purposes only." Because taking a shot instead of pouring that shot into a mixed drink are two different things right...NOT. So folks, you had better mail home all those other

shot glasses you brought to school with you and hope you don't lose or break the one you have. Please, feel free to check out these and all the other fun and fantastic new rules and regulations in SNHU's Alcohol & Other Drug Policy.

What do you think about the new policies? We'd love to hear it, and your response might even make the paper. You go to this school too and your opinion counts just as much. However, we don't know what it is unless you tell us... so please tell us.

"To-Go, Please"

Caitlin Murphy
Entertainment Editor

In the Environmental Protection Agency's 2007-2008 College & University Green Power Challenge, Southern New Hampshire University was ranked amongst the top 10. This article is not trying to take anything away from that, I think that is great. As far as renewable energy goes, we are one of the top colleges in the nation. However, there are still many areas of SNHU that could use a little greening up. One in particular would take no effort at all, just a conscious decision each day.

Over the years, many articles have been written involving our school cafeteria; the food, the service, whatever. But my biggest beef with the SNHU café would have to be our to-go containers, of which we probably go through hundreds, if not more each day, creating way more trash than necessary.

Now answer me this, why do you need a to-go container to eat your food out of, when you are in fact not going anywhere? It just doesn't make sense. What is it about to-go containers that makes them so much cooler than real plates and silverware, which I might add; do not take up any space in a land fill?

I understand, if you have class, or want to take your food back to your room; then by all means, yes,

~ See **To-Go** Pg. 14

Barack Obama's Rally in Manchester: An International Student's Perspective

Sinziana Scoarta
Staff Writer

September 13 was a day showing odds on Senator Barack Obama's side. The Veteran's Memorial Park in Downtown Manchester already had a round-the-block queue forty minutes after the gates were open. The sight was surely impressive for somebody like myself, who has never witnessed a pre-election rally in the United States of America.

The event was opened by Reverend Mary Westfall's statement: "What a beautiful array of humanity you are!" Following the reverend was Bill Wickmor, a veteran, who encouraged the audience to state the pledge of allegiance. All the voices seemed to have united under one at the moment when everyone was holding their hand on their heart, looking proudly and with hope at the flag that represented the American people and the American dream.

The presence of Barack Obama was

signaled by the spirits of the crowd soaring to an incredible level of excitement. And here he was, one man standing up for one nation.

The presidential candidate started by extending a diplomatic sign of appreciation for all the volunteers that made the day's rally possible, thus acknowledging the fact that the success of one is in fact the unilateral work of many. The victims of hurricane Ike were also mentioned in the Senator's speech, encouraging all those present to lend a hand, because "in times of need we are there for each other."

The acknowledgement that "the American dream is slipping away" was followed by the question: "What happened to that promise, what happened to that dream?" The answer was indirect yet on all the supporter's lips: George Bush happened to that dream, a dream luring to all the high-achievers and freedom-seekers around the world.

Just like in any political campaign, an attack towards the candidate was a must. However, the well-crafted argument that the democratic presidential candidate forwarded with distinction was not at all disturbing. The lack of personal attacks was impressive along with the moment of chivalry when the public applauded in appreciation of the military service that John McCain provided to its country.

I would certainly say that Barack Obama's strongest suit is his

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Mandarin and knew just a little English and vice versa for the group. "The most important thing that I learned from volunteering was probably learning how to communicate with people who don't speak your language fluently," said senior Tim Francis.

It was not only hard to communicate during the time that they volunteered, but also during recreational downtime that they had. "We did have difficulty ordering food some days and the only thing we could do was point to other tables and say what we want," said senior Abbi Newton. One way the group tried to communicate with the citizens of Beijing was by hand gestures. "When we were in stores and restaurants, it was very hard to get what we wanted across. We did a lot of pointing and hand gestures to attempt to get what we wanted," said senior Harris Severs.

Along with volunteering, the students also visited the Great Wall of China.

The chances to see athletes and interact with them were very limited. "There were chances to see athletes if they were walking around randomly any of the venues. When they weren't in any competition some of the athletes did watch other events and they would usually wear their team gear so we could tell that they were athletes," added Newton. "Other than seeing the athletes in the community, there was no set place where you could meet the athletes."

"The closest we got to meeting athletes was when we got autographs from Shawn Johnson and Nastia Liukin during their appearance on the Today Show. We were also lucky enough to meet Tiki Barber while we were getting a tour of the NBC facility," said Severs.

This was a great opportunity which gave all of the members experience in a lot of different aspects including international business. "If I ever am required to go overseas to work, I think this experience will help a lot. It gave us some solid experience on what it's like to go into a foreign country where English is not their first language," added Francis.

Overall this experience was a great well rounded experience including their visit to the Great Wall of China. "It was a big rush to hike up to the wall and walk across it for about a half mile taking pictures," added Francis. The students and faculty learned a large amount about Chinese culture and will be able to use this experience throughout their life.



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Step Brothers: Movie Review

Daniel Smith

Managing Editor

Grade: B-

With less than stellar box office showings and meager ratings, this end of the summer comedy did not hit the mark I had hoped for. The ever funny John C. Reilly and Will Ferrell had a great idea for a movie, but did not execute well

enough. The story line consists of two divorced parents coming together and bringing their two sons into the picture. The kids are in their late 30's and early 40's and live at home with their newly united parents. The main story is based around how they interact together and how their

parents deal with them.

The comedy aspect of the movie was great. There were some funny skits that reminded me of some of Will Ferrell's best stuff from "Saturday Night Live." However, the story line did not hold much water. Some of the stunts and plot twists made no sense, even for a Will Ferrell movie. In the end, most of the movie played off very childish and weird.

While I did enjoy seeing a bed crush Will Ferrell, this movie will not be making its way into my DVD collection. My recommendation is to see it when it comes out on HBO, but don't waste your money buying a ticket.

Lost in the Sound of Separation

Linda Mullally

Clubs & Opinion Editor

If you are looking for another pop radio hit, then do not look to Underoath's latest album *Lost in the Sound of Separation*. With intensely heavy guitar

riffs and incredible percussions, Underoath is able to continue their trend of exceptional records with their latest release.

The album starts with a bang in the song "Any man can dig a hole, but it takes a real man to call it home." The track is great because it is strong from start to finish, not a second of down time for the listener to forget

the message of the song; which is that throughout life, you will inevitably make mistakes, but it is how you feel about the mistakes that you've made that depicts the type of person you are.

The album continues with several other fast tracks including "Breathing in a new mentality," "Fault line a fault of mine," and "Too bright to see, Too loud to hear." These tracks bring listeners to think about different philosophical topics, including

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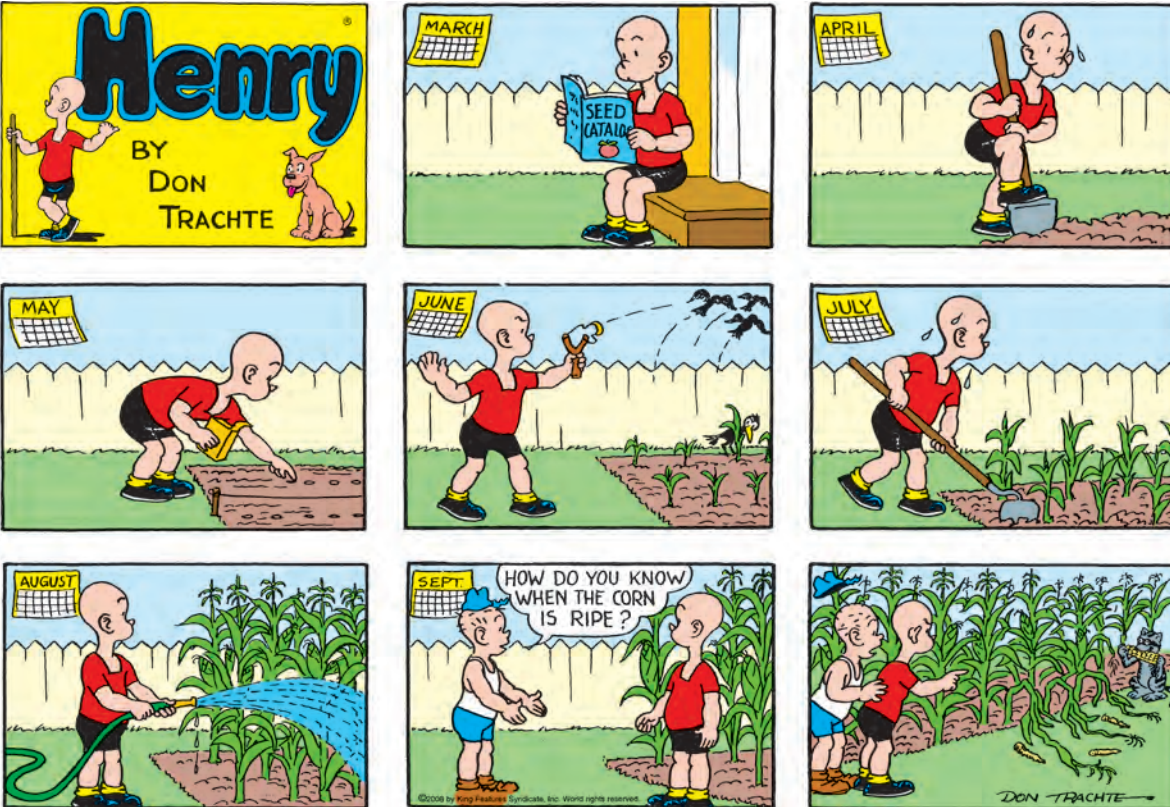
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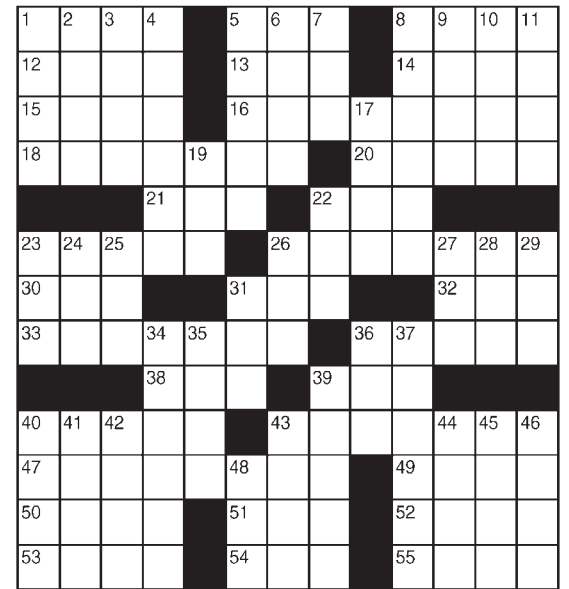


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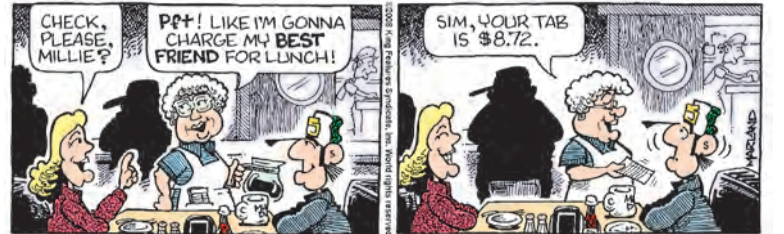
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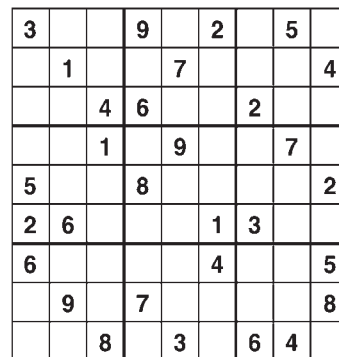
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by Linda Thistle



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- *Thurs. October 2
"Get Lost" with Doug Lansky
7:00pm in the Small Gym
Doug has traveled all over the world...get great tips and locations of where you should visit or study abroad!
- Thurs. October 9
Ryan Horne, Acoustic Performer
8:00pm in the Pub
- *Wed. October 29
"Murder Ball" with Mark Zupan
6:30pm in the Small Gym
Mark is a paraplegic rugby player...you will not want to miss this motivational and inspirational story! Mark will also have a book signing following the event.
- *Thurs. October 30
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Around the World: Celebrity Style!

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American Idol Star Engaged with a Reality Star!

Based on PEOPLE magazine: Jennifer Hudson was given a Neil Lane diamond ring on her 27th birthday. David Otunga, who is known as "Punk" on the reality show I Love New York 2, decided it was time to pop the question to his now fiancé. The two have been together less than a year. Both Hudson and Otunga live two completely different lives, but connect by both growing up in Chicago. The American Idol star will let loose on her debut album due out Sept. 30.

Love from New York...its Saturday Night Live; Politic Style!

Based on AOL News: Tina Fey returns to her old show Saturday Night Live for an opening sketch as Gov. Sarah Palin. The show opened up with the famous "Weekend Update", as Fey and co-host Amy Poehler, who played Sen. Hillary Clinton, go at it. The two opened with a plea from both parties to end sexism in presidential campaigns. Palin has accumulated a lot of points with citizens, especially female citizens, after Clinton's loss to Sen. Barack Obama. What also made this skit enjoyable was the resemblance Fey has towards Palin. With all the comedians' political digs towards one another, it provided a great laugh from the viewers. Poehler, playing Clinton, wrapped up the sketch with a great line, "In Conclusion, I invite the media to grow a pair. And if you can't, I will lend you mine!"

Hey Lohan WATCH OUT!

According to TMZ: Lindsey Lohan was heading into her New York City hotel when she thought she tripped over a member of the paparazzi. She then proceeded to get up, turn around, and punch the photographer in the nose, not knowing that she did not trip over the photographer but a barricade. At the time, Lohan was on the phone during the incident, where she reportedly told the person who she was speaking with, "Oh my God, I just hit a paparazzi." In 2007 Lohan racked up 2 DUI's and attended rehab. Other than this incident, Lohan has been able to clean her act up in 2008.

'Lost' Actor let loose on Drunk Driving

Based on AOL News: Daniel Dae-Kim was arrested on Oct. 25 when a Honolulu police officer noticed he was driving very erratically. When pulled over, the officer gave Dae-Kim a breathalyzer and found his level to be at .168, double the state's legal limit. This past month at his court appearance, Dae-Kim plead no contest. District Judge William Cardwell scolded Kim for the amount of alcohol intake Dae-Kim had that night. Dae-Kim received a \$500 fine as penalty. Cardwell told Dae-Kim that this can not happen again. Unlike the show 'Lost', in which Dae-Kim stars in, his fate turned out to be a little better than the group of castaways.

Other Celebrity News

AOL News: George Takei, 71, and longtime partner, Brad Altman, 54, are married. The couple, who has been together for 21 years, got married on September 14th.

AOL News: Britney Spears will release her next album entitled "Circus", sooner then expected. The album will be released on her 27th birthday, December 2, 2008.

AOL News: Shia LaBeouf told ET that his car accident in July was, "eye opening and terrifying" LaBeouf was speaking about his truck that was flipped in a car accident over the summer. "It was one of the biggest things that's happened to me, for sure, in my life."

E Online: Matt Damon and Wyclef Jean spent the weekend touring the Caribbean to help Hurricane victims. Haiti has been hit by 4 tropical storms and hurricanes since mid-August. Damon and Jean definitely left a mark in the Haitians eyes, a people who have been through a lot over the past few months.

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get your food "to-go". But I have been to many other colleges, and I have never seen the majority of their students eating food in disposable containers by choice.

So this coming school year, let's help SNHU be as green as we claim to be by exercising our student right to eat food in the cafeteria with real plates and silver wear; this time let's get our food "for here".

ADRIAN GOG

Dillon St. Jean
Creative Editor

Professor Adrian Gog was born in the year 1895, an only child to a beautiful young mother and a runaway father. On his fourth birthday, he inquired to his mother as to why there was less fuss in his area about the invention of the automobile. By the time his fifth birthday had rolled around, young Adrian had invented a steam-powered flying device. Despite their jealousy, his fellow school children still managed to tease him about how “foolish” he looked in his machine. As a result, Adrian invented a teleporter that trapped the children in a state of null-space, which lead to him being harshly scolded by his mother.

By the age of ten, Adrian had already finished college and had become a professor. Using his position as a professor, he took advantage of his new facilities and finally managed to crack the evolutionary code, thus creating what he referred to as “The Perfect Hummingbird”, a small bird capable of going upwards of eight thousand miles per hour. The Hummingbird

then proceeded to destroy the school’s campus, leading to Professor Gog’s firing.

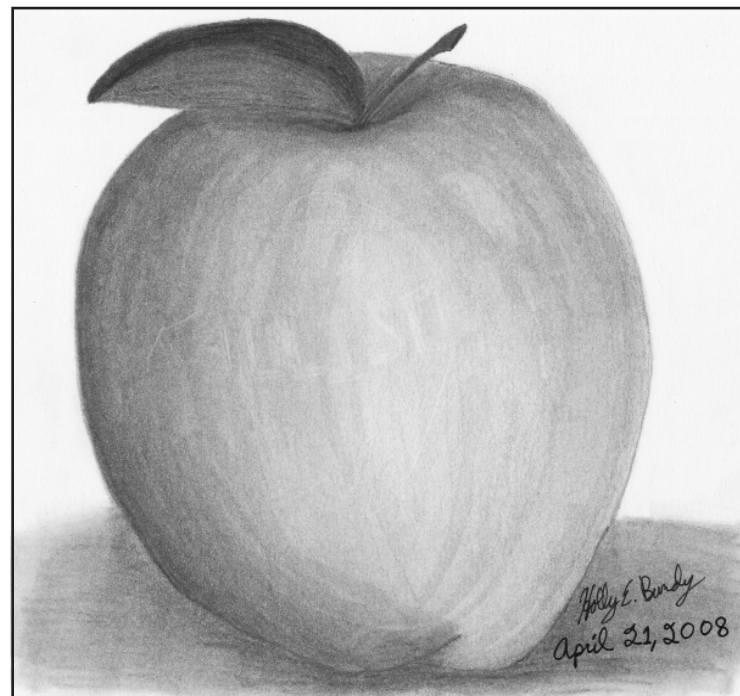
Months after turning nineteen, he managed to utilize time travel, which he used to meet many different people like Abraham Lincoln and John Lennon. Within his first year of using his time device, he managed to prevent Napoleon Bonaparte from actually succeeding in conquering the world. He then proceeded to travel forward in time to gather a small number of dodo birds to reintroduce their species in the year 2749. Adrian lead a happy life, until he realized how lonely he was when he was twenty-three.

It was then that Adrian travelled to the year 1892, in the same town he had grown up in. He met a young woman named Marian, and quickly fell in love with her. He immediately took her with him, breezing throughout time and enjoying himself. During one of their brief runs of ancient Egypt, Marian learned that she was pregnant. While in Egypt Adrian found himself fighting against a res-

urrected mummy who, using a bizarre curse that altered reality, caused Marian’s appearance to change, as well as initiated a prophecy that would be realized in the year of 4053. Adrian took Marian back to the year of 1895, where he was forced to leave her, with only a month left of her pregnancy. Before he left, he told her simply to “name him ‘Adrian’.”

In the year 4053, Professor Adrian Gog took his steam-powered flying contraption out of retirement and flew it towards Paris, where he had been told a catastrophic event would occur. In the place where the Eiffel Tower once stood, there was a giant stone statue in the license of the Professor. The stone goliath began to move and destroy the bustling Metropolis of 4053 Paris. Quickly, he flew his flying machine directly into the mouth of the creature, being swallowed whole. Once inside the golem’s stomach, Adrian felt comfortable releasing another of his inventions: The Perfect Hummingbird. The small bird quickly darted around, weakening the humongous rock monster. Just as the giant began to crumble, Professor Adrian Gog used his time device to escape to the farthest point he could reach in the future.

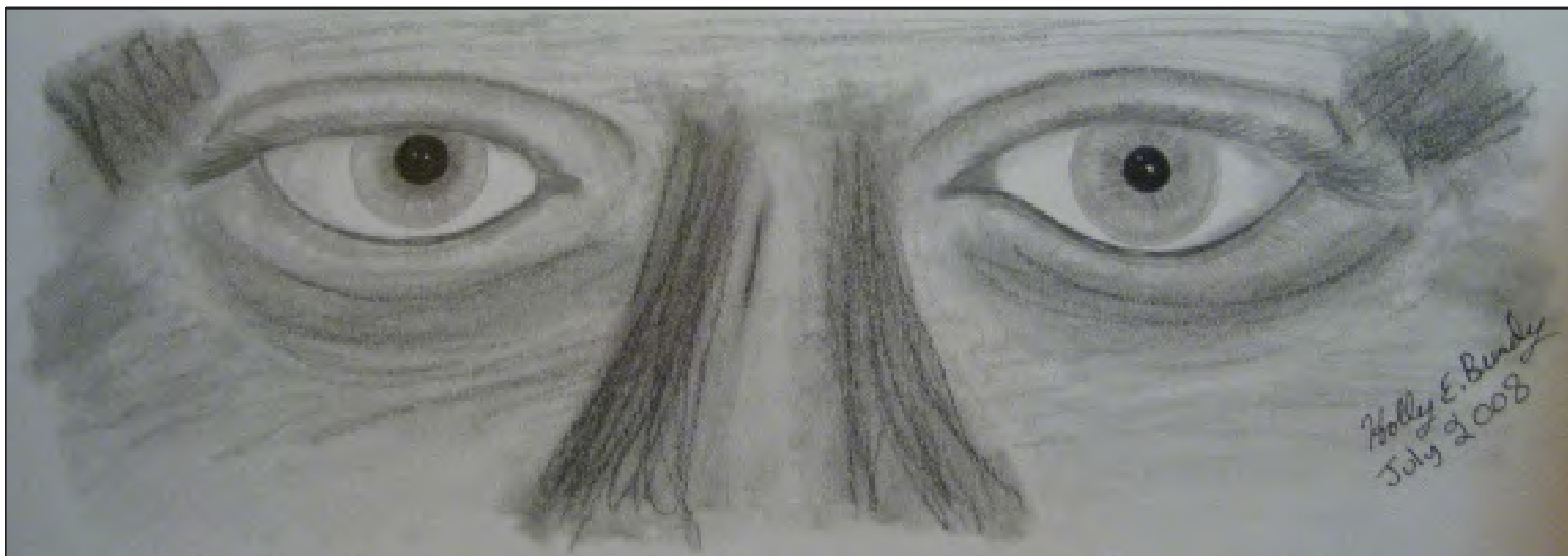
One month later, he decided to take up golf.



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appeal to people and his ability to empathize as the core of the election process. He analogized the lives of the members of his family with that of random yet impressive people he met. One of his main points was that “the world is looking for leadership from the United States,” a perfectly true statement because the United States is one of the “rulers” of this world economically, technologically and politically speaking, representing everyone’s sample of a liberal, democratic, capitalist society.

Obama expressed his creed that having the people to support him is all that he needs to win by stating that he [John McCain] might have the lobbyists, but I have you... This election is about your hopes, this election is about your dreams, about building a better life.” The rally ended with the presidential candidate’s last statement “We are going to change the country and the world!” This statement assured people that we should beware of being yet again blinded and not making the good choice. Citizens of the entire world will be feeling these changes that are made with the new presidential candidate.



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what one's true purpose in the world is and how to look back on poor decisions you've made with a more positive outlook.

All eleven mind-blowing tracks on this album are certainly memorable, and definitively original from most bands in their genre. Underoath continues their trend of different yet great albums with Separation.

START GETTING READY! It's Time for the SNHU Internship Fair!!

Career Development Staff

Contributing Writers

Can it be that it is already time to start thinking about next semester or even next summer?! For those of you who are thinking about doing an internship, it certainly is! The Career Development Center is sponsoring the annual SNHU Internship Fair on Wednesday, November 5th from 11am to 3pm in the Athletic Complex (Small Gym). This is a great opportunity to meet with employers and learn about possible upcoming positions at their companies. Even if you don't want an internship, meeting with employers will give you a great head-start when it comes time to apply for jobs after college! But first, you will want to make sure you are prepared before heading over to the fair.

Prior to the event, it would be a good idea to find out what

employers are going to be there. This way you can do a little research on their website which will give you something to talk about when you meet them. It also shows your level of interest and means you don't have to ask that awkward question, "So...what does your company do?" It is also important to realize that there are multiple positions at every type of company. Don't assume there are not any jobs for you or your major based only on the company's name! For example, Retail companies also have HR departments, IT departments, and Accounting departments. Researching the companies and then talking to the employers at the fair are the only ways to find out if these companies have openings that will be a good fit for you.

Additionally, it's a good idea to start looking at what dress clothes you have to wear and making sure your resume is ready to go. You only get one chance to make that great first impression and much of that will come from how you present yourself. Finally, talking to employers can sometimes be a little intimidating. Remember, they are excited to meet you! Employers need students to work for them and that is why they have traveled from all around in hopes of meeting as many great students as possible for their organization. Besides, it's your career, what have you done lately?

For further information on career-related topics; contact the Career Development Center in Exeter Hall.



Ice, Ice, Baby!
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Happy Birthday Visitors Program at SNHU

Jackie Dunn
Student Affairs

For the last 20 years or so, once a month, a few faculty/staff members and students visit residents at Mt. Carmel Healthcare Rehab and Nursing Center who have a birthday during that month. A flower and a card are offered to them while we visit. Retired priests in the Peterson House right next door to the center are also included. Everyone meets at the center at 10:00 A.M., however, if transportation is needed, Jackie Dunn, the coordinator of this program, will arrange a ride for you. The program is funded by the President's Office.

In addition to birthday celebrations, during the month of December, we also visit all the residents to wish them happy holidays. Extra help is especially needed during that month as there are 120 residents in the center.

So please join us and help us spread some cheers! If interested, please call Jackie at 603-645-9608, or just stop by the Student Affairs Office located in Exeter Hall just before Postal Services.

Anticipated visits for the fall semester are scheduled for: October 11, November 15, and December 13.

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Welcome Back Phi Omega Psi

Ashley Burke
Staff Writer

Now that summer is over, the sisters of Phi Omega Psi have been busy welcoming the new freshmen, planning upcoming events for the SNHU community, conducting philanthropic efforts, and preparing for Rush.

Kicking off this semester was the annual Highlighter Party on September 16 at 8:30 PM in the pub. This event welcomed all members of the SNHU community in a rave-like club atmosphere with glowing t-shirts and a DJ. The event proved to be a great event for meeting new people and having a good time.

Every year, the sisters of Phi Omega Psi donate hours of their time raising money for charities and doing community service. Some of last year's philanthropic efforts included visiting the elders at Mount Carmel nursing home, conducting the Troop Drive and Jean Drive, and participating in Relay for Life. In September alone, the sisters volunteered at the Loudon NASCAR Races, helped clean up the SNHU community, and participated in and made donations to two Breast Cancer Walks.

At Club Day, the sisters of Phi Omega Psi officially began their recruitment with a fun "rave" themed table, and personal introductions to all members of the SNHU community. At Rush, they mingled with all the girls interested in pledging their sorority, and invited them to their informal dinner where the girls got to spend more time getting to know the sisters.



Phi Omega Psi
(Photo provided by Ashley Burke)

Beginning this week from September 22 through the 26 is the "Fuel Up Your Semester" gas card raffle in the Student Center. In October, Phi Omega Psi will be sponsoring a pumpkin carving contest and a caramel and candy apple making event in the pub.

Phi Omega Psi was founded in 1971 and continues its reign

as Southern New Hampshire University's oldest sorority on campus. Being part of the Phi Omega Psi sisterhood is about individual growth, building leadership and collaboration skills, making a difference in the community both on and off campus, and fostering a family away from home. By promoting service, sisterhood, scholarship, and leader-

ship, the sisters of Phi Omega Psi continue to make the college experience a memorable one for everyone.

If you are interested in learning more about Phi Omega Psi, please email phiomegappsi@snhu.edu. If you have any questions about pledging, please contact Meredith Ryan at Meredith.Ryan@snhu.edu.

Economics & Finance Association

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Contributing Writer

The goal of the Economics and Finance Association is to create opportunities for academic and personal growth outside the classroom. Some of the events that we sponsor include local field trips to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, the Anheuser-Busch plant in Merrimack, and Fidelity Investments. EFA also sponsors the three day spring trip to NYC to see the Federal Reserve and the NYSE. In addition we do an annual investment competition open to all SNHU students, staff and faculty, with cash prizes for the top winners. We also have guest speakers each year including an alumni night in which former SNHU students return to discuss their work experiences in the business and finance world.

The Economics and Finance Association was awarded the best academic organization on campus last year thanks to all the support from students and School of Business faculty. This year, we are going to continue with our stock competition and go on a field trip to Fidelity Headquarters in Boston. Of course, the NYC trip is always open to everybody. We look forward to more people joining us in our events this year!

CAPE: From the President's Eyes

Danielle Kireczyk
Contributing Writer

It was Fall 2005, and my senior year of high school had just kicked off! I was driving with my Dad up to Hooksett, New Hampshire to attend SNHU's Open House and finally see the campus of my future college. When I was on the tour, I was too excited to listen to the tour guide as I looked at everything around me. Finally, my ears kicked in when we entered The Last Chapter Pub. My tour guide mentioned a club on campus called, CAPE, Coordinators of Activities and Programming Events, which put on BINGO, comedians, and musicians. I

remember leaning over to my Dad and saying, "I want to join that club!" Now, it is my junior year and I am the President of CAPE.

CAPE has given me opportunities that I could not even imagine would bring me when I first heard of the organization. My sophomore year, I was elected to be the Major Weekends Chair where I had learned how to deal with contracts, agents, performers, novelty companies, and many other administrative aspects. This year, I have less event planning duties and more administrative which will prepare me for my future where I someday hope to work in a business setting. Not only has CAPE prepared me for the

future, it has expanded my social network in many ways. I have formed strong relationships with administration as well as made new best friends. I have also learned time management skills and I have become even more organized than I ever thought I could be. CAPE brings different aspects to different people, but they are all positive!

This year, we have a brand new Executive Team, including, Mike Rizzi as Vice President, James Perkins as Treasurer, Amanda Mayberry as Secretary, Phylcia Dunham as Special Events Chair, Liz Irwin as Music and Comedy Chair, Heather

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Attention Freshmen: PALS are Here to Help!

Ashley Manley
News Editor

Have questions about scheduling, how to add/drop a class, or what classes you should take? Peer Advising Leaders (PALs) are here to help. PALs are student extensions of the Academic Advising Office. They are trained to aid students, particularly freshmen, with their questions and concerns. PALs are meant to be an extension of the professional advising available to you but put things in a student perspective. PALs are paired up with a First Year Seminar: Foundations of Critical Thinking (SNHU 101) class from the start of the academic year. They are available to aid those students, faculty, and any member of the student body

with general questions regarding topics such as academic planning and campus life.

There are currently 33 PALs who have a variety of majors, interests, and campus involvement at SNHU. They stay in constant contact through email with the SNHU 101 class they are paired with and in addition they have both office hours and outreach hours. During outreach hours you can find PALs walking the halls, dormitories, or simply around campus answering questions and getting to know students.

Richard Colfer, Director of Academic Advising, Carey (Bradbury) Glines, Assistant Director of Academic Advising, and Jessica Garcia, a new Academic Advisor, oversee

the PAL program. Jessica comes to SNHU with a strong background in higher education and student support services. She holds an undergraduate degree in Communications from Western New England College and a Master's degree in College Student Personnel from Miami University. The Academic Advising staff, along with the PALs, welcome Jessica to Southern New Hampshire University. The Academic Advising Office is located in Exeter 59. Check out the PAL website at <http://www.snhu.edu/853.asp> for the names and contact information of the 2008-2009 PAL team, or simply email academic advising (academicadvising@snhu.edu) for more information.

“Travel Around the World...at SNHU”

Amanda Mayberry
Staff Writer

CAPE brings numerous acts to campus including bands, comedians, speakers, and more, but Doug Lansky could perhaps be one of the most global guests. Doug Lansky has traveled all over the world and will be making a stop at SNHU on October 2, 2008 when he shares his travel experiences in “Get Lost” at 7:00pm in the Small Gym.

Lansky began his travels when he was fifteen years old on a bike trip across France. He then studied abroad his junior year and caught the “travel bug.” Lansky has since traveled to more than 100 countries and worn many hats as a travel writer for the

Chicago Tribune, host of a travel show, National Geographic writer, and numerous other writing positions.

When asked what his favorite destination was and his response was, Doug said “It’s like picking a favorite night of good sleep.” Lansky states that narrowing all of his travels down to one favorite is not an easy task, and that sometimes you can’t truly determine whether the experience was good or bad until it is over and you can reflect on the time. Lansky also states that a favorite destination can change with time and experiences, “it’s a bit like a favorite song. My favorite changes.” He did however say that at the moment Brazil may

be his top destination.

Lansky will give students tips on traveling, “everything from what to pack, to figuring out where to go to calculate costs, to finding a job abroad, to learning how to hitchhike on yachts, to saving thousands of dollars, and to the best safety precautions.” Lansky states that traveling is a great experience, “The more you see, the more you realize what you haven’t seen.”

Doug Lansky will be sharing his experiences on October 2nd at 7:00pm in the Small Gym. You will not want to miss this travel around the world! You might also win the Eurial pass at the show, which is worth over \$800...so don’t miss this event!

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Vendola as Major Weekends Chair, and Holly Arnold as Travel and Recreation Chair. We are working hard to cater to the student body’s interest and already have some great events lined up! We want to hear from you and we want to know what you want! Please do not hesitate to email us at CAPE@snhu.edu or stop by one of our weekly meetings in the Pub every Monday night at 6pm! See you there!

International Student Association

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The International Students Association (ISA) promotes and embraces diversity among SNHU students, both international and domestic, by sharing cultural knowledge and experiences through fun activities such as social gatherings, games, and trips. With over 300 international students on campus, ISA is striving to spread the influence of globalization and working with SNHU to develop a global vision for students.

One of our major past events was International Educational Week, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and Education. This week long event included individual events including the following: International Night (Our annual gala), International Alumni Networking, field trips to Boston and New York City, Chinese New Year Celebration, and a game night.

We work jointly with START and SNHU Drama Club on plenty of events. We warmly welcome everyone to join us and plan fun events together.

Environmentally Sustainable Students

Linda Mullally
Clubs & Opinion Editor

Environmentally Sustainable Students is a newly formed club on the SNHU campus, which was created to “serve our community as an environmentally sustainable resource through education, service, and activism.” Recently, the SNHU community was ranked one of the top ten schools as far as sustainability goes, and ESS hopes to continue and further our activities as a green campus.

Environmentally Sustainable Students has several fun events planned for the upcoming academic year, including those such as a “make-your-own-organic-t-shirt day”, hosting an Environmental Movie Night with organic treats for attendees, and having representatives from both the Obama and McCain campaigns to come to SNHU and speak about environmental issues involved with the upcoming election. ESS is also open to any new ideas for events, so feel free to attend one of their meetings, Tuesdays from 5-6 in Stark Hall, room 6!

Let the Games Begin!

Katie Perry
IGC Executive Officer

Beginning on October 14th, the event of the semester will begin: Greek Games. Scores will be kept and games will be won, but the fun that is experienced during Greek Games makes everyone a winner. The Greek community participates in the various events, such as kickball, dodgeball, Pictionary, and volleyball, every semester. With six organizations participating, each fraternity and sorority will pair up with their respective brothers or sisters: Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Beta, Phi Omega Psi and Phi Delta Psi, Kappa Delta Phi and Kappa Delta Phi N.A.S. Kappa Chi Chapter.

Although it will be letters against letters and colors against colors, Greek Games are all about fun and getting to know each other. This year, the Greeks will also be taking the games off campus. The ending event will be a community service project to help enlighten Greek members and the SNHU community that the Greeks are one family.

College Football Preseason Rankings

Zach Keating
Staff Writer

Team	2007 Record
1. Georgia	(11-2)
2. Southern California	(11-2)
3. Ohio State	(11-2)
4. Oklahoma	(11-3)
5. Florida	(9-4)
6. LSU	(12-2)
7. Missouri	(12-2)
8. West Virginia	(11-2)
9. Clemson	(9-4)
10. Texas	(10-3)
11. Auburn	(9-4)
12. Wisconsin	(9-4)
13. Kansas	(12-1)
14. Texas Tech	(9-4)
15. Virginia Tech	(11-3)
16. Arizona State	(10-3)
17. Brigham Young	(11-2)
18. Tennessee	(10-4)
19. Illinois	(9-4)
20. Oregon	(9-4)
21. South Florida	(9-4)
22. Penn State	(9-4)
23. Wake Forest	(9-4)
24. Michigan	(9-4)
25. Fresno State	(9-4)

College Football Preview and Predictions:

1.) **Georgia** – Georgia welcomes back one of the best Bulldog teams ever. QB Matthew Stafford and running back Knowshon Moreno both come



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back ready to face one of the toughest schedules. Winning in the SEC won't come easy this year, and the Dogs will have their hands full with teams like Florida, South Carolina, LSU and Auburn. 2008 Predicted record – 10-3

2.) **Southern California** – There is little controversy over the number one spot, as USC brings back one of the most talented rosters in recent history. Quarterback Mark Sanchez and running back Joe McKnight are taking this one personally, as the Trojans feel they have been snubbed by the BCS committee the past two seasons and denied the chance to play for a National Championship. 2008 Predicted record – 13-0

3.) **Ohio State** – Ohio State has been embarrassed the past two years with losses in both BCS championships. Coach Jim Tressel and his signature crimson sweater vest hope quarterbacks Todd Boeckman and number one freshman prospect Terrelle Pryor will produce some magic. Boeckman and Pryor's air attack will be assisted by running back Chris "Beanie" Wells.

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2008 Predicted record – 11-2

4.) **Oklahoma** – The Big 12 is stacked this year, but the Sooners have a great lineup lead by quarterback Sam Bradford who led the nation in passing efficiency in 2007. He is helped by wide receiver Juaquin Iglesias and running backs DeMarco Murray and Chris Brown. 2008 Predicted record – 12-2

5.) **Florida** – Heisman trophy recipient and quarterback Tim Tebow and all-around athletic phenom wide receiver/running back Percy Harvin will lead Coach Urban Meyer's Gators right into the teeth of the toughest conference in the nation; the SEC. The Gators have their hands full with rivals such as Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina. 2008 Predicted Record – 11-2.

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Baseball Rumblings

Nick Tasso
Sports Editor

Rodriguez Breaks Single Season Save Record

Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim closer Francisco Rodriguez broke Bobby Thigpen's 57 saves in a single season record on Saturday September 13th when he recorded save number 58th save against the Seattle Mariners. This amazing streak began on April 2nd against the Minnesota Twins. Rodriguez looks to get past 60 saves. Manager Mike Scioscia should be careful however with K-Rod because they need him for the post season and he has already passed his own career high mark in appearances.

Tampa Bay Rays in First Place?

After losing the "Devil" from their name, the Tampa Bay Rays have found themselves atop the American League East. By taking two out of three games against second place Boston Red Sox in the last two series played, the Rays only need to hang on for a little while longer to win the East. For a team that never finished above .500 and only finished out of last once in their ten-year existence, it is quite an amazing turn around.

Chicago Looking to Win First World Series in 100 Years

The Chicago Cubs have the best record in the National League by quite a big margin and seem like a big favorite to make, if not win the World Series. The loveable losers have two dominant starters when healthy. Carlos Zambrano hadn't pitched in twelve days due to shoulder tendinitis but somehow came back on September 14th to no hit the Houston Astros in Miller Park. Along with Zambrano, Rich Harden, when healthy, is just about as good as anyone.

Mets Faltering Again?

The New York Mets led the National League East heading into September but fell out of first when Philadelphia Phillies overtook them on September 16th. Questions have begun to circulate to the team about this season being just like last when they lost a big lead in the standings in a matter of days.

NFL Preview

Mike Capalbo
Staff Writer

Injuries have been the story of the season so far, as a long list of perennial superstars were sidelined by the end of week one and most of them for the season. No injury so far can be as devastating as the torn ACL/MCL suffered by 2007 MVP Tom Brady, an injury that changes the NFL landscape. Other significant injuries are Osi Umenyiora (NYG, knee, out for season), Shawne Merriman (SD, knee, out for season), and Nate Burleson (SEA, knee, out for season). Three of the most likely candidates to go to the Super Bowl coming into the season (Patriots, Giants, and Chargers) begin the season with major pieces of the puzzle missing.

This article will break down each teams' chances in 2008, and how each division looks coming into the season. Divisional rank and record will be projected (*) along with an outlook of what to look for.

NFC East

Cowboys – 12-4* - In the NFL's toughest division, it is hard to label any team as a "favorite," but based on the Cowboys' recent success in the regular season (13-3 in 2007), they look to take the division once again as they have become a regular season dynamo although the playoffs seem to be a different story. Dallas even swept the Super Bowl champs (NYG), but not in the divisional playoffs. Look for more of the same from the Cowboys, but it may not come as easy this year.

Giants – 11-5* - The G-men never can seem to get any respect, even after one of the most miraculous runs in sports history that ended with the Lombardi trophy, but perhaps it is for good reason in '08. It will be very difficult to overcome the loss of Strahan (retirement) and Umenyiora (ACL); however, look for Justin Tuck, along with an improving Eli Manning and a physical run game to help the Giants gain a wildcard spot once again.

Eagles – 10-6* - A healthy Donovan McNabb and an improved defense (Asante Samuel) will rebound the team from a disappointing 2007 season. With one of the best offenses in the league, the Eagles should make a wildcard push even in such a competitive division.

Redskins – 8-8* - In any other division, the Redskins would probably be a sure playoff team, but they seem to be the odd man out in this division, especially with a new head coach and system in Jim Zorn.

NFC North

Vikings – 11-5* - The addition of Jared Allen helps the pass aspect of an already very good



Tony Romo
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defense (#1 rushing defense '07), and "All Day" Adrian Peterson ignites the offense (#1 rushing offense '07). With the Packers loss of Brett Favre, Minnesota may have enough to work off of last year's success and take the division.

Packers – 9-7* - The Pack has a lot of faith in Aaron Rodgers, and he certainly has a good supporting cast (Grant, Jennings), but the loss of Favre takes a lot out of this team. It remains to be seen how Rodgers will hold up in a full season.

Bears – 7-9* - After reaching the Super Bowl in '06, the Bears took a big step back in '07 with a horrible sub-.500 season. With Kyle Orton as the starter, things probably won't improve too much anytime soon.

Lions – 7-9* - With Martz gone, the Lions want to balance their offense and establish more of a run game. The problem is that the team is focused on wide receivers which are evident by the Lions drafting several wide receivers as their first pick in the NFL Draft in recent years. The defense cannot get any worse, but they have a long way to go.

NFC South

Saints – 10-6* - After a slow start to the 2007 campaign, the Saints made a run down the stretch but were just in too big of a hole to climb out of. With the promise



Jake Delhomme
(Photo provided by Google)

of a high powered offense bolstered by the addition of tight end Jeremy Shockey, the Saints could rebound and play to their potential.

Panthers – 9-7* - The Panthers have been inconsistent over the past 5 years, but when Jake Delhomme is healthy, they are always competitive. Delhomme is coming off of Tommy John surgery this offseason, and if he is fully recovered they should be the better version in '08.

Buccaneers – 8-8* - Tampa Bay still has a great defense, as shown last year, but the offense does not look to have improved at all, and with Garcia being benched for Griese in week two, they seem to be taking a step back instead of forward.

Falcons – 4-12* - The Falcons enter the '08 season in full rebuilding mode, as rookie QB Matt Ryan will run an offense that is filled with young talent. Running back Michael Turner can

give them a boost. It won't be a pretty season in Atlanta, but they will take a few games.

NFC West

Seahawks – 9-7* - Seattle has owned this division for years, but that isn't saying much. In a terrible division, the Seahawks should have enough to own it again, but they can never seem to do anything after the regular season.

Cardinals – 7-9* - The Cardinals once again have two of the best WR's in the game, but that is not what they need to improve their play and make a playoff push. The Cardinals need improved defensive play, and it will probably take more than a year.

Rams – 5-11* - They may not be the Rams of old, but with Steven Jackson and Torry Holt the Rams can still score points. The defense, however, did little to improve, so a long year seems likely again for the Rams.

49ers – 3-13* - They will make a push for the title of worst team in 2008. With J.T. O'Sullivan at QB and hardly any defense again, the 49er's have little to be excited about. The only bright spot for the team is Frank Gore.

AFC East

Jets – 11-5* - Brett Favre looks to transform this team from a mediocracy to a contender, and an underrated defense should help him out. Favre has enough weapons in Thomas Jones, Jericho Cotchery, and Alan Faneca to score enough points. With Tom Brady injured, they have a shot at the division, but it will be hard fought.

Patriots – 10-6* - With no Tom Brady, the Patriots won't be shooting for any records or running up the score late in the game this season. The loss is a huge blow to the offense, but they still have enough offensive weapons and a good defense to make the best of it. They can still win the division, although it will not come easy with Matt Cassel running the offense.

Bills – 9-7* - The Bills should surprise a lot of people in 2008 as they, like the Jets, also improved a lot from a year ago. They showed signs of progression late last season, and

with a good start to the season, they could take a giant leap forward this season.

Dolphins – 3-13* - After winning just one game in 2007, and parting ways with Jason Taylor, Zach Thomas, and Marty Booker, there is very little room for improvement for Miami, as they enter another rebuilding season under Parcells.

AFC North

Steelers – 10-6* - They have lost a bit on offense in Alan Faneca, so it will be hard to duplicate the 3rd best rushing offense again; but the defense which was ranked #1 last season remains strong, which should propel them to top the Browns again.

Browns – 9-7* - The Browns made huge improvements last year, discovering Derek Anderson and witnessing an explosion from Braylon Edwards. However, an average defense should prevent them from making the leap to division winners.

Bengals – 6-10* - Things seem to keep getting worse for the Bengals. After being on the brink of consistent success a few seasons ago, they have regressed quite a bit in the last couple of seasons. They still have enough offense, but the defense remains horrible.

Ravens – 5-11* - Although the defense is an aging group, they are still able to stop the run and play solid defense. Unfortunately, the offense does not look to be potent enough to be successful.

AFC South

Colts – 11-5* - Peyton Manning started the season slow after missing the preseason recovering from an injury, but all the pieces are in place for this team to be dominant once again, and until the Jaguars can prove they can beat them, it's their division.

Jaguars – 10-6* - With an excellent defense and an effective offense led by David Garrard and Maurice Jones-Drew, the Jaguars are one of the best all around teams in the league. Unfortunately, they can't beat the Colts.

Titans – 9-7* - The Titans have one of the stingiest defenses in football, but offense is where the questions lie. In a tough division, they figure to come up just short.

Texans – 7-9* - It's surprising but the Texans finally look improved. Look for them to inch toward .500.

AFC West

Chargers – 10-6* - Losing Shawne Merriman is a big blow to one of the top defenses, but they have enough offense, and secondary to take the division. Advancing into the playoffs may be tough.

Broncos – 9-7* - The Broncos already look like a much improved team, even beating the Chargers in week two. Cutler will continue to improve as well as the defense.

Raiders – 5-11* - Their only hope is for Darren McFadden to post a stellar rookie campaign and give them a few games through offense.

Chiefs – 4-12* - Not much to see here... the defense is completely rebuilding and the offense is one of the worst in the league.

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Olympic Roundup

Nick Tasso
Sports Editor

Medal Recap::

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
U.S.A.	36	38	36	110
China	51	21	28	100
Russia	23	21	28	72
Great Britain	19	13	15	47
Australia	14	15	17	46

~ See Olympic Roundup Pg. 23



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Patriots' Brady Out For the Season

Nick Tasso
Sports Editor

The reigning Most Valuable Player of the National Football League, Tom Brady, tore both his anterior cruciate and medical collateral ligaments in his left knee, which will sideline him for the rest of the season, during the New England Patriots first game of the season on Sunday September 7th.

Entering week one of the NFL season, questions surrounding Brady's health were about his right foot, but Kansas City Chiefs safety Bernard Pollard changed all that.

After starting the game six for 10, Brady completed a deep pass to wide out Randy Moss while getting hit from third year player Pollard. The Chiefs recovered the ball when Moss coughed it up; but all the focus was on Tom Brady who remained down on the field clutching his left knee.

After limping off the field with the help of the Patriots'

training staff, the initial reports were unclear but the following day, word spread that Tom Brady would not throw another pass in the 2008-2009 season.

In Brady's absence, Carson Palmer's and Matt Leinart's backup at the University of Southern California, Matt Cassel, finished the game off for the Patriots going 13 for 18 with a 10 yard touch down pass to Moss in a Patriots' 17-10 victory over Kansas City.

Reports surfaced that the Patriots were going to bring in quarterbacks to try out as backup to new starter Matt Cassel but those reports were denied by New England's Head Coach Bill Belichick during a September 8th press conference and also reiterated that Matt Cassel would be their new starting quarterback.

The New England Patriots are no strangers to this scenario considering Tom

Brady took over for the injured Drew Bledsoe in 2001 and led them to defeat the St. Louis Rams in Super Bowl XXXVI; their first championship for the organization. However, Belichick downplayed the comparison saying, "I think you are comparing apples to grapefruits. What our offense was in 2001 and what it is now are two different things."

Nonetheless, Matt Cassel will be looked upon to make smart decisions when behind the center to give the New England Patriots the best chance to win week in and week out.



Tony Romo
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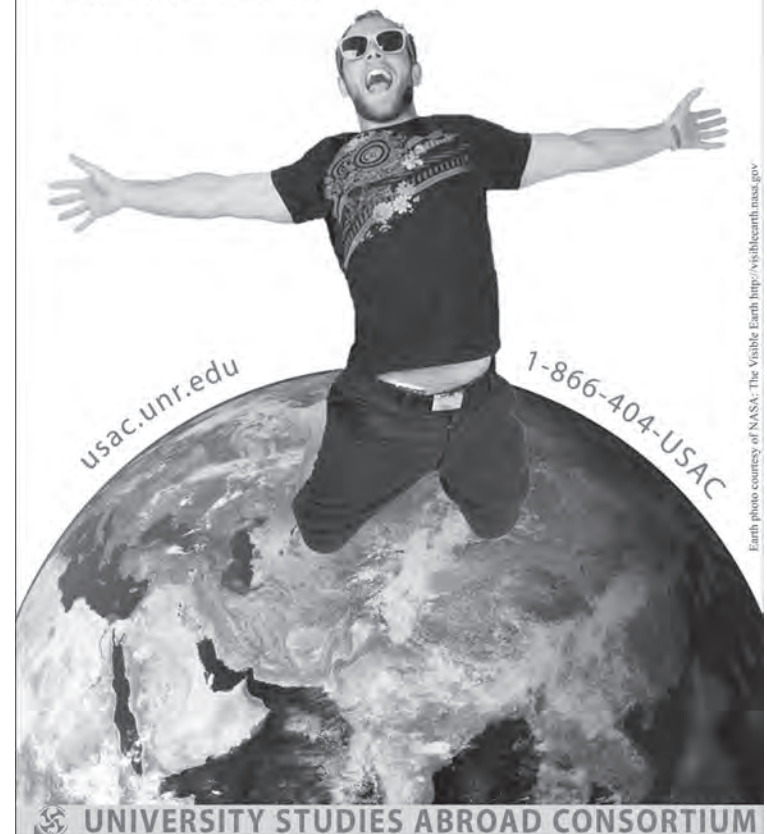
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Olympic Spotlight

Michael Phelps, U.S.A., Swimming
In eight events, Phelps struck gold in all eight breaking Mark Spitz's record of seven when he accomplished that in the 1972 Munich Olympics.



Michael Phelps
(Photo provided by Google)

Nastia Liukin, U.S.A., Gymnastics
Liukin won the Gymnastics Individual All Around Event. She left Beijing winning five medals which tied Mary Lou Retton and Shannon Miller.

Usain Bolt, Jamaica, Track and Field
Bolt won the 100 meters and the 200 meters setting world records in each. He also ran in the 4 X 100 meters event with his fellow Jamaican team mates.



Usain Bolt
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Upcoming Sport Events

Compiled by: Steph Belida

Saturday, September 27, 2008
Men's Soccer vs. American International: 1:00PM on Larkin Field

Wednesday, October 1, 2008
Women's Soccer vs. Bentley College: 7:00PM on Larkin Field

Friday, October 3, 2008
Volleyball vs. The College of Saint Rose: 7:00PM in the Field House

Saturday, October 4, 2008
Women's Soccer vs. Southern Connecticut State: 7:00PM on Larkin Field

Wednesday, October 8, 2008
Men's Soccer vs. Assumption College: 7:00PM on Larkin Field

Check out snhupenmen.com for box scores, live updates, player bios and more!

Shawn Johnson, U.S.A., Gymnastics
Johnson finished second to teammate Liukin in the Gymnastics Individual All Around Event. She also won the gold in the Balance Beam Event.
U.S.A. Men's Basketball Team
The Men's Basketball Team won the gold with a roster filled of National Basketball Association All Stars led by LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, Kobe Bryant, and Chris Paul. The championship game against Spain ended in a 118-107 U.S.A. win.



U.S. Men's Basketball Team
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Voices & Faces

Spotlight @ SNHU

Daniel Smith
News Editor



...Tiffany Lyon...

Tiffany Lyon is well known on campus for being the new Director of Campus Programming and Leadership (CPL). She came in to the job near the end of last semester from her previous position as the Associate Director of Alumni Affinity Programs. She is enjoying her new position and being in contact with the students. She says her favorite part of her new position is working with excited students. While she will miss the feeling she got by bringing alumni back to campus, she loves seeing the current students all the time.

Other than running CPL, Tiffany is the advisor to three organizations and works on programs such as voter education, club day, diversity programming, and Relay For Life. While she does not do any teaching at SNHU, she has done many presentations and works closely with Camp Synergy. Camp Synergy is a low ropes course out behind Conway Hall on the East side. Tiffany hopes to expand it by opening it up to more corporations and non-profit organizations.

Outside of SNHU, she enjoys running, catching up with friends, and hiking. She works with the Manchester Young Professionals Network and enjoys helping students and young people get ahead. Tiffany participates in road races and, when she has the time, triathlons.

When asked what her favorite thing about SNHU is, Tiffany responded that the school is filled with very friendly people, which give her the feel of a second family. Her least favorite thing is that "people get us confused with UNH". Tiffany Lyon loves working with the students of SNHU and her office can be found in the student center, behind the Last Chapter Pub.

What would you do if your direct roommate was having a "sleepover"?

Cassie Kupfer, Junior

"Honestly I would get up and toss them some protection, say 'have fun' and go sleep on the couch."



Steph Dluginski, Sophomore

"I'd join in!"



Genny Ingalls, Sophomore

"I would grab the video camera and put it on YouTube."



Derek Concannon, Freshman

"I'd get my own to even it out."



Fred Whittle, Freshman

"Slap him in the butt, steal her clothes, and tell my RA there's an emergency in my room before I leave."



Ryan Houston, Senior

"True story: Slam my fist on the desk to let him know I was awake, turn on the lights and toss them both in the hallway."



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