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- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

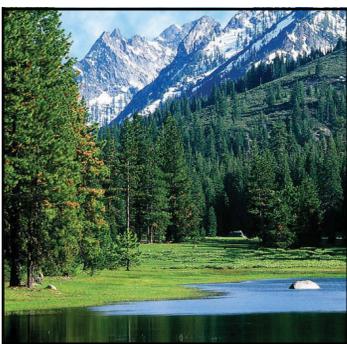
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H1N1 Virus Precautions at SNHU

Tim Callahan
News Editor

SNHU is gearing up for a potentially active flu season due to the H1N1 virus (more colloquially referred to as the swine flu), and precautions regarding personal hygiene are being emphasized on campus and beyond to reduce the spread of the virus.

The virus has the same basic symptoms as the regular flu: fever, sore throat, cough, aches and pains, fatigue, stuffy nose, and chills. What is particularly disconcerting about this strain of flu around college campuses is that it is much more prevalent among 13-24 year olds than the elderly. This is probably due to older people already being exposed to some ancestor of the H1N1 virus.

If people were to contract the virus, it is suggested that they isolate themselves in their room until they are able to return home. In the case that people are unable to leave campus, the

afflicted are asked to stay in their rooms and avoid contact with their roommates as much as possible. It is important to note that people with the virus should not be in public. Furthermore, people should not leave isolation either until they have not had a fever for at least 24-hours without the aid fever reducers or until they have self-isolated for 7-days.

Individuals who are sick should travel to the Wellness Center in Chocorua hall to be screened. To recover, it is essential that they isolate in their rooms, drink plenty of fluids, use tissues as necessary, take common cold medications, and clean and ventilate their room regularly.

Jet Goldberg, the Wellness Center Director at SNHU, maintained that, "if people are really careful about isolation, and washing their hands, and doing all the things they would nor-

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Scare of H1N1 Virus causes people to wear masks

SNHU Introduces New Academic Building

Tim Callahan
News Editor

After months of furious work, the new Academic Building was finally opened for classes, adding style, function, and an ever-expanding green sensitivity to the campus.

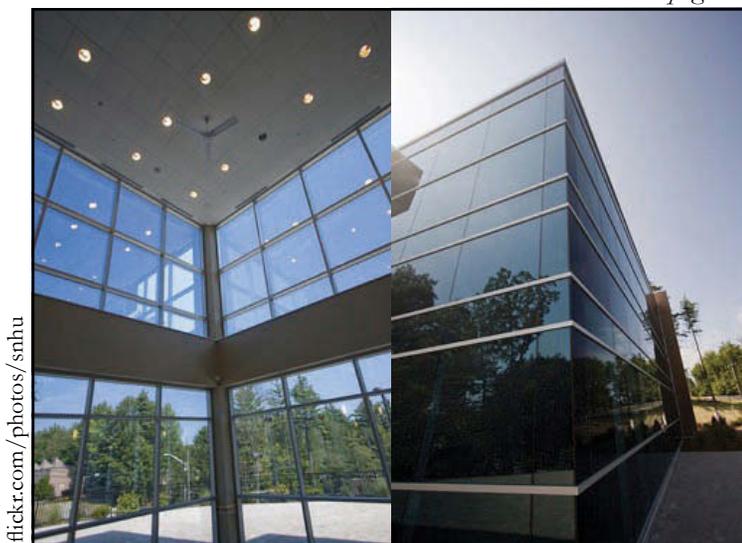
At a rather informal dedication ceremony, students were able to celebrate the newest addition to the campus and kick the school year off in a relaxed way. The new Academic Building, which President LeBlanc was giving tours of during the ceremony, is comprised of a great deal of brick and glass, and the space inside is very impressive. With five classrooms, a few multi-functional rooms, administrative offices, group study rooms, a café, an abundance of windows to let in natural light

and plenty of seating in the Learning Commons, the building was very well designed and executed.

Considering the new building and some renovations about campus, President LeBlanc was confident in his ability to say that the campus "is in as good of shape on opening day as I've ever seen it."

President LeBlanc seemed excited and proud to outline the details of the building and construction, as they represent another step forward for the university. He was also quick to dole out a great deal of credit to Bob Vachon for the campus renovations: "Bob Vachon has done an extraordinary job this

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Views of the new Academic Building from inside and outside

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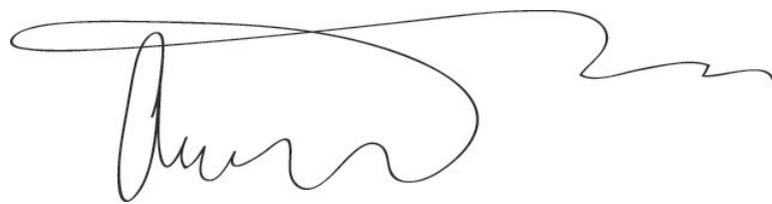
Welcome back everyone! I don't know about all of you, but I'm rather excited about coming back to school. I'm ready to get going with both classes and the paper (although, I know I'll probably be singing a different tune come midterms). Overall, I'm hopeful for the semester ahead.

As with every year, the Observer is seeking new writers. (Come to our meetings Wednesday @ 3:30 in Robert Frost!) We also need help with our website, and can always use an extra hand for layout (any graphic design majors?) We are looking to do a lot with our paper this year, and hope to make it bigger and better than ever. If you are interested in helping out, send us an e-mail (observer@snhu.edu) or simply drop by at our next meeting.

This issue is also filled with a lot of very interesting articles. The Observer has a new reoccurring article in the Sports section called Penmen Profile. This month staff writer Griffin Spencer featured SNHU's Sports Information director Greg Royce. Dillon St. Jean's short story in the Creative section called "Just Some Explosions." Or, if you're interested what the stars have in store for you, you can always check out your horoscope for the month on page ____.

Just like SNHU, the Observer has a lot going on in its first month back from summer. I'm eager to see what this year brings, and hope some of you will decide to join us!

See you around campus,



Aimee L. Terravechia

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Ask Aimee

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

Dear Aimee,

I'm worried about starting college this year. I've previously attended college, but I know things have changed in the few years I've taken off from school. I'm starting again as a freshman, and I'm nervous and concerned about staying focused. My first stint at college ended with poor grades and low motivation. How do I make sure this go around is more productive?



Aimee Terravechia

- Starting Over

Dear Starting Over,

First let me commend you on making the difficult decision to return to higher learning. Although the journey will be difficult, it can be well worth the financial and time investment.

That being said, you will have a stressful and challenging experience ahead of you. The important thing is to remember to stay focused on your goals. Why are you attending college? What do you hope to achieve? Keep your sights aimed at this. When meeting difficulties, remember these reasons and push through.

Secondly, I highly recommend that you stay as organized as possible. Keeping your notes, to-do's, and homework assignments in order will help you to better achieve your goals. It will also help you not to lose your mind when all of your classes assign 10-page papers at once, or when Mid-Term and Final exams come along.

Finally, I suggest that you make connections. You're here, at SNHU, for the next four years. Why not meet a couple of people and make a few friends? Getting involved in school activities allows you to branch out, create a social web, and make mutually beneficial ties. In addition to hanging out with peers to chill out and relax, you can also create opportunities for study groups, and social safety-nets. Spread out and root yourself here—it will allow you to grow exponentially.

Best of luck,
Aimee

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Journalists Abroad: Prison Just Part of the Job

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

This past summer has been fraught with both heroic and terrifying stories pertaining to reporters and prisons. News stories like former President Bill Clinton negotiating the release of Euna Lee and Laura Ling from North Korea. Or perhaps, like the daring escape by the New York Times' David Rhode from his Taliban captors. Furthermore, the story of Newsweek reporter Maziar Bahari, who is still in captivity in Iran, is both compelling and tragic.

Although these stories may seem shocking to some, the imprisonment of journalists abroad who are simply doing their job is nothing new. Overall, according to the Center for American Progress, over 29 different countries currently are American Life producer, Nancy Updike, Memeriam became very concerned with the pressure being placed on him.

"There is a point in everybody's life where your life separates to before that event and after that event," Memeriam said, "There is a point where I knew I would no longer be able to



Iranian protests ask for journalists to be released

dential elections in Iran, the country held only 10 journalists from abroad captive. From June 12, 2009, the day the election was held, until June 25, 2009, an additional 25 journalists were added to that figure according to a report by Eric Alterman and Danielle Ivory from the Center for American Progress. The numbers continue to rise.

In addition to the massive arrests, Iran is also holding mass-trials. As recently as August 25, a mass-trial was held, including six journalists. Iranian captors held and tried one of the journalists, Saeed Hajjarian, captive, on August 25 and reportedly tortured him during imprisonment. According to Reporters Without Borders, Hajjarian's trial lawyer, Gholamali Riahai, had resigned and was not present at the hearing after being repeatedly denied access to his client's prosecution file.

Many other imprisoned journalists in Iran report mistreatment during their detention. Ahmad Zeydabadi, arrested in June 14th and tried on August 25th, wrote to family that, "[he] was kept in a cell that was like a tomb for 35 days, hearing nothing from outside, seeing no one."

Kaveh Mozafari, an online journalist imprisoned in Iran, wrote a letter to the head of the judicial system, Ayatollah Hashemi Shahroudi, September 2009

criticizing the conditions he has been experiencing while imprisoned: "... I was blindfolded during interrogation. I was not questioned about the charges but about my private life and my beliefs. The authorities deny using physical torture at Evin prison but the psychological pressure and violence is real. The basic rights of citizens in detention are being violated."

The poor conditions and psychological pressure that Mozafari mentioned are tools being used to force confessions. Omid Memeriam, an Iranian journalist who was arrested last year, confessed to crimes he never committed when put under these same sort of psychological and physical pressures. According to an interview conducted with This

imprisoning journalists for nothing more than reporting the news. The country pushing the hardest for arrests seems to be one that has been making a lot of headlines this summer: Iran. According to the organization Reporters Without Borders, Iran has become "the world's biggest prison for journalists."

Before the president take the pressure. I knew people who had gone to prison...and never recovered. I did not want to be like those people."

After a few weeks of interrogations and beating, Memeriam agreed to confess. He asked his interrogators what they wanted him to write. They gave him names of people and places to include.

"I drafted my story, I gave it to my interrogator. He was like my editor. He gave me a few pages back, and I had to incorporate what he added into my story," said Memeriam.

When reviewing many other confessions obtained in Iran, Nancy Updike noticed that there was a "Distinct and unchanging editorial vision. People who have never met each other have been confessing to much of the same things in much of the same ways."

These confessions are often broadcasted on the state-run television channels, or their transcripts are published. For this reason, the arrests of most journalists serve two purposes in Iran. The first being to stop the accurate and lawful reporting of events there, and the second to help fuel a machine of confessions that blame external forces for the unrest within the country.

Obama Addresses Health Care

Tim Callahan
News Editor



President Obama addresses Congress

Amidst the growing health care controversy, President Barack Obama addressed a joint session of Congress on September 9 to clarify misrepresentations of the bill and salvage his approval rating.

In an attempt to defuse the town-hall meetings that saw constituents actively voicing their disapproval of the proposed health care plan, Obama started strong in a speech that lasted more than 45 minutes, saying, "The time for bickering is over...the time for games has passed. Now is the season for action."

Furthermore, Obama refuted the rumor of death panels that were supposedly provisioned for in the bill that essentially preside over the longevity of an elderly person's life. In an effort to assuage the critics that claimed he would run up the deficit, Obama pledged that a provision would be attached to the bill that would call for budget cuts should the program run at a deficit. With a proclaimed \$900 billion price tag, the bill will meet with extreme opposition from those who do not favor a public option.

Despite making a few attempts to reach across the aisle, Obama tended to distance himself from the Republicans by taking potshots at the pre-

vious administration and failing to adjust the bill to make it even slightly more amenable to Republicans. In regards to the overall cost of the bill, Obama was sure to mention that it was "less than we have spent on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars." Republican disdain for the bill was apparent as chuckles could be heard when President Obama recognized there were still some details that had to be ironed out. Despite this, the speech was a fairly strong one, and Obama made sure to evoke the memory of Ted Kennedy in a letter that Kennedy left the president.

In what turned out to be the side-show of the address, Representative Joe Wilson (R-S.C.) shouted out, "You lie!" during President Obama's speech. This outcry occurred after Obama claimed that the Democratic health care proposals would not incorporate illegal immigrants. Wilson's action was an extreme breach of etiquette which disrespected the presidential office. His comment met with boos and scorn. Soon after the address, Wilson formally apologized.

Though it has yet to be determined what effect the address did or did not have, it is certain that the debate surrounding health care will remain contentious.

New Academic Building

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summer, and not only this summer but this entire year."

Students around campus are generally responding favorably to the ultimate realization of this most recent project. Freshman Ryan Ricci said, "It's good that things are getting taken care of, and the campus is being updated and expanded. It looks great."

Certainly, the aesthetic component of the Academic Building and subsequent rejuvenation of the campus by recent projects will go a long way towards the development of the university.

Joe DeVita, a junior at SNHU, took a more practical point of view regarding the new building. "As long as they can stuff it with classes, then I'd be able to appreciate it even more than simply for its appearance," DeVita said. With the aforementioned classrooms and administrative offices already in use, the new building seems well on its way to being used to its full extent.

The new Academic Building was also built with the environment in mind, although students may not realize it by simply looking at it. Created for sustainability, the building utilizes low-flow plumbing, recycled materials, passive solar heating, motion sensor lighting, and many other environmentally friendly features. Following Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDs) guidelines, SNHU continues on its eco-friendly theme.

In other construction news, the new cafeteria is on schedule to be completed in November, and it will be fully operational when students return for second semester in January. The current cafeteria will be transformed into a new Wellness Center, and various administrative offices have potentially been slated to move into the Student Center. The acquisition of the Ford house and surrounding property has also given the university a fair bit of leeway for future projects, although the economy will more than likely dictate such ventures.

Swine Flu Virus

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mally do anyway, it'll be like a normal flu season."

She stressed the need to continue with simple counter-measures: washing hands, disinfecting shared items like remotes, using tissues, cleaning living spaces regularly, etc. Furthermore, Goldberg was emphatic that this is "not something to panic about," and the H1N1 virus is simply another strain of flu. Thus far, there have not been any confirmed cases of the virus on campus.

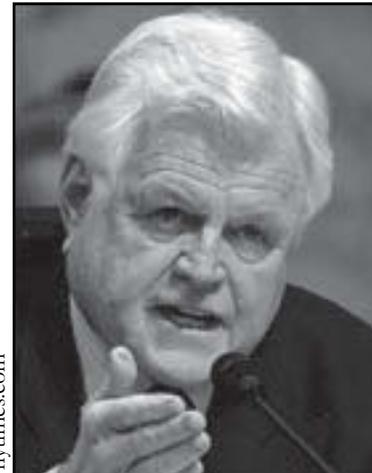
Staff and faculty members have been asked to be accommodating and understanding for anyone who contracts the virus. Content will be available online for sick students, and precautions will be taken to prevent direct contact.

As of yet, a vaccine for the virus has not been completed, and it may not be completed on time for flu season. However, SNHU has applied to be a provider of the vaccine should it become available. Until then, the Wellness Center is encouraging people to get a regular flu shot, so individuals remain healthy enough to stave off H1N1. For now, it would be well advised to adhere to the Wellness Center's mantra: "Prevention is your best protection."

If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms or if you have any questions, then contact Health Services at 645-9616.

Big Seat to Fill

Tim Callahan
News Editor



The late Edward M. Kennedy

With the passing of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) on August 25th, Congress lost one of its preeminent Democratic leaders, and his seat remains vacant.

Kennedy was a champion for the less fortunate, and he dedicated much of his career to health care reform. In these contentious times, it will prove difficult for the Democrats to pass the health care legislation that they are trying to push through Congress without their greatest reformer. Alas, Kennedy must eventually be replaced, and there is much debate surrounding the election of his successor.

Current Massachusetts law states that Kennedy's seat will remain vacant until January 19th, when a special election to replace the Senator will be held. With important issues like Kennedy's cause of health care reform coming up for debate in Congress, some believe that the law should be overturned, so Governor Deval Patrick can name a temporary successor. If

the temporary promotion is not held, then Massachusetts will only have one Senate vote during these crucial times. Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.) is vehemently pleading for state legislators to rescind a law that was passed in 2004 with Democratic support that requires a special election to replace vacant Senate seats.

As reported by the Boston Globe, Kerry made his standpoint very clear: "We need to be in the strongest position possible. Big decisions are being

made now, not in five months. And important votes are coming now, not in five-months."

Despite the seeming severity of the situation, Democrats and Republicans alike are opposed to the temporary appointment of a replacement for Kennedy. If Deval Patrick were to appoint a temporary replacement, then Republicans argue that the appointee would most certainly be a Democrat. Also, anyone who is appointed to such a position would gain an unfair advantage in the coming special election. Though Patrick contends that he would try to prevent any temporary appointee from entering the election, there is still a great deal of controversy surrounding the topic.

As it stands, the front runners for the special election are Martha Coakley (D), Attorney General of Massachusetts, Scott Brown (R), Massachusetts state Senator, and Massachusetts Representatives Michael Capuano (D), and Stephen Lynch (D).

THIS WEEK THEY LEARNED THE IMPERFECT VERBS IN ITALIAN,
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First Days is a Success for Freshmen

Haley Webb
Staff Writer

As the rest of the campus has hopefully noticed by now, new freshmen and transfer students are here! These students are the newest addition to our campus community and were kept extremely busy with First Days orientation events

as soon as they arrived on campus. Their first week at SNHU was absolutely packed with scheduled events both informative and fun. This year, the students had a variety of events to attend, with incentive as well. If students attended each of the First Days' events, they could be entered to win a \$300 Book Store gift card and several other smaller prizes.

The new students officially arrived on campus on September 6th. Resident students were on campus and ready to move in bright and early. Luckily for them, they were greeted by a variety of student leaders. As Scott Tierno, Director of Student Life, explained, "The new students and their families received a warm welcome to the SNHU community with activities and programs that helped them connect with each other and the campus." As soon as the students arrived on campus, there were Orientation Leaders and PALs ready to help them move into their new dorms or help them register.

The first campus event the new class of students attended was Convocation. This SNHU tradition featured many changes this year. For example,

each student received a commemorative "Flame of Knowledge" pin in honor of the event, and as they received their pins, their names were announced to the large audience housed by the small gym. This new program

conclusion of the event, the students proceeded to a Send-Off Reception to say good-bye to their families.

That night, the students attended the Thinkfast game show, where one student was

students were excited and amped up by speaker Marlon Smith. Smith talked with the students about setting and reaching goals in a very humorous and entertaining way, advocating going the extra degree, working through fear,

Field, the new students competed in the Penmen Games. Teams of 6-8 students competed against one another in events such as skip-it, dizzy bat, trivia, potato sack races, and the shoe mix-up. The winning team was delivered free bed and breakfast from Dunkin Donuts the following morning by the Orientation Leaders.

Topping off the evening was the Norman Magic Experience with magician Norman Ng. Ng amazed the crowd by reading minds and making various objects, such as bowling balls and cell phones, disappear and transport. Last week's First Days events concluded with the annual "drive-in" movie on Larkin Field, this year featuring "I Love You, Man" starring Paul Rudd and Jason Segel.

The last event of First Days is the "Give a Little... Feed a Lot" food drive taking place on September 12th. Local residents of Manchester and Hooksett will be asked to donate

food by leaving it outside their homes to be collected by volunteer SNHU students. This will be the last event the first year students must attend to qualify for the \$300 gift card.

First Days went very smoothly for everyone involved. The events were not only fun and interesting, but also educational for the first year students. There were many events that have become orientation traditions and many new, exciting changes as well.

and living life without regrets.

Next, the students attended "Let's Talk About 'IT,'" where two women, Becca Tieder and Kelly Addington, shared their experiences with sexual assault. While it would seem that such a topic would ensure that the event would have a grave and dramatic atmosphere, Becca and Kelly were comical and amusing. They preached their philosophy of safety and sexual empowerment in a modern and realistic way, relating with the students.

Later that day on Larkin

Monday morning, the students were lucky enough to win \$200 to split with his teammates. Students worked together with their teams to answer pop culture questions using a handheld remote and competed against one another in challenges emulating "American Idol" and "So You Think You Can Dance." The highest scoring and challenge winning teams were then able to select a team representative to compete in another round. One student dominated the round, securing the win and the money for his team.

Monday morning, the stu-



format greatly demonstrated the university's desire to have Convocation mirror graduation, allowing the students to enter and leave SNHU in a similar fashion. The students heard from many familiar members of the SNHU community, including senior and Undergraduate Orientation Training Coordinator Danielle Kireczyk, graduate student Michael Rizzi, senior Rob Breault, Father Bruce Colvard of the Campus Ministry, Patricia Lynott, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and President Paul LeBlanc. At the

Clubs & Organizations

ADGroup Brought Back to Life

Tim Callahan
News Editor

After nearly a 17 year hiatus, ADGroup has been brought back to SNHU for those who are interested in the advertising industry.

ADGroup is the SNHU chapter of the American Advertising Federation (AAF). This organization is typically known as the sponsor of the National Student Advertising Competition (NSAC); however, the AAF also provides affiliated chapters with a professional organization of students who are passionate about advertising.

Although the club name seems very specific, the membership of the club is not as discriminating as it may seem. Whatever the major may be (e.g. Communications, Digital Media, Marketing, Journalism, etc.), the ADGroup welcomes those who are interested in advertising and those who wish to showcase their talents.

Prof. Patricia Spirou, the advisor for the SNHU chapter, describes the ADGroup as a 4-part student experience. Primarily, the ADGroup is concerned with developing leadership skills and personal talents that complement a student's curriculum. Also, the group allows students to network with companies, professionals in the

industry, and their own peers to share ideas and contacts. Furthermore, the ADGroup allows individuals to gain recognition from advertising agencies by showcasing their skills. Finally, members of ADGroup gain real-world experience through internships, advice, projects, trips, and contests against other chapters.

Prof. Spirou said she is "very excited that [ADGroup]'s back and in full swing." Spirou is a firm believer in "getting our students as much company exposure as possible." In fact, a networking opportunity is occurring on September 22nd with 60 different companies participating. The ADGroup is also currently working out the details of a trip to visit some global advertising agencies.

Also, for those who are interested in graphic design and web research, check out the Ad Lab. It is an on-campus, student-run group that services 6-10 clients a year for profit and not for profit. Described as "SNHU's Advertising Agency," the Ad Lab has had clients such as Amoskeag Business Incubator, the American Red Cross, and Shorty's.

Anyone interested in joining the ADGroup, can contact the group at adgroup@snhu.edu.

Considering an Undergraduate Internship? Make Sure You Know the NEW Deadlines to Apply!

Chance Clutter
Contributing Writer

Are you thinking about performing an undergraduate internship next semester? Are you, like many students here at SNHU, looking to enhance what you have learned in the classroom while gaining valuable work experience in your career field? Then you need to make sure you connect with the Career Development Center BEFORE October 5th!

There is a new internship process with new deadlines that you will need to follow if you want to obtain academic credit for your internship. Students must contact the Career Development Center by: emailing

(careerdevelopment@snhu.edu), calling (603) 645-9630, or stopping by the office (Exeter Hall #59) to be registered for the Pre-Internship Seminar course on Blackboard. Through this course you will learn the complete process to follow to obtain a quality internship including: what forms need to be completed, whose signatures you need, as well how to search for a quality employer. Even if you are just thinking about doing an internship next semester, sign up for the Pre-Internship Seminar now to make sure you do not miss out on a great opportunity just because you were late regis-

tering!

In other news, for those of you who are interested, you can also fan us on Facebook follow us on Twitter, join the CDC staff's LinkedIn networks or speak with us on Ning. The CDC is making it easier for you to know about upcoming events, new internship and employment opportunities, and career-oriented workshops. We wish you a great start to your new semester, and we hope to see you in the Career Development Center soon! Remember, it's your career...what have you done lately?



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9/16/2009	BINGO	CAPE	7:00pm	Last Chapter Pub
9/17/2009	Comedian: Hasaan Minhaj	CAPE	8:00pm	Last Chapter Pub
9/18/2009	Band: Chad Perrone	CAPE	7:00pm	Last Chapter Pub
9/19/2009	Off Campus: Codzilla	CAPE	10:30pm	Boston, MA
9/20/2009	Fall Student Leadership Conference	CPL	1:00pm-6:00pm	TBD
September 21-25	Fraternity & Sorority Rush Week			
9/21/2009	Rush Night	Phi Delta Psi & Phi Omega Psi	8:00pm	Last Chapter Pub
9/22/2009	Rush Night	Phi Delta Theta & Phi Delta Beta	8:00pm	Last Chapter Pub

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This promotional campaign was created to educate students about their rights, responsibilities, and resources in a way that integrates different facets of campus life at Southern New Hampshire University. Students can participate in a year-long series of contests that ask questions about specific policies, resources, and academic, social, and career issues.

To enter the contest, fill out the information below, and drop it off to the Observer Drop Box located in Stark Hall, or at the Office of Student Affairs, located in Exeter Hall.

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Email Address: _____

Rights- Your right to information:

What Act, originally passed by the U.S. Congress and later amended, requires colleges/universities to report statistics on serious crimes or violations?

Answer: _____

During a Judicial Hearing, you do not have the right to view a copy of the incident report(s).

True

False

Responsibilities-Personal Safety

Drinking games which intend to increase the rate of consumption of alcoholic beverages represent a major violation of the SNHU AOD policy and may result in residence probation.

True

False

Community-Your role in the SNHU community.

Residents are responsible for all violations that occur in their residence through encouragement or neglect. If a student is found responsible for hosting an AOD violation or serving underage persons the apartment or townhouse will become dry for at least 16 weeks excluding breaks.

True

False

Future-Decisions you make today, may impact your future.

Posting photos of yourself playing drinking games on Facebook may diminish your chances of getting a job on or off campus.

True

False

Certain jobs require background checks. During a background check, your student discipline record will not be made available without your approval.

True

False

For answers to the questions, please visit the SNHU online Handbook at: <http://www.snhu.edu/2112.asp>

Please submit your answers by September 23rd 2009, for a chance to be one of the two winners to receive of a pair of RED SOX tickets. Tickets are available for the October 1st and October 2nd games.

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A&E and Opinion Editor

Welcome (back) everyone! Whether you are happy to see this or wish you were still enjoying the summer mode, I have to break it to you: school has started and we have to put our thinking hats on...or so they say.

Although some Facebook statuses were counting down the days until they moved back to SNHU, others were wonder-

ing where summer had gone, with all the fun, chillaxation and lack of schedules. Yes, some of us worked, other enjoyed themselves. Nevertheless, a great new year has started and it is time to take advantage of all that the campus is offering, from joining clubs and organizations (writing for the Observer...wink, wink) to having fun at the events put

on in the Last Chapter Pub, there is something for everyone.

For the new students: DO NOT WORRY! You will make friends and get used to everything, just give it time.

For the seniors: enjoy your final year as college students.

For the sophomores and juniors: keep up the good work!

Have a great year everyone!

Western Interference

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

"Freedom is not something that anybody can be given. Freedom is something people take, and people are as free as they want to be."

- James Baldwin

The Presidential election held in Iran this past summer caused quite a bit of commotion, not only for the people of Iran, but for people all around the world. From accusations of a rigged election, to rioting, protesting, and massive arrests—the election was certainly eventful.

When the incumbent candidate Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was declared the winner of the 2009 election, much changed. Mir-Hossein Mousavi, the challenging candidate, rallied his supporters around the widely held belief that the election was not the balanced and fair electoral process that it claimed to be. Peaceful protests began, which lead to somewhat less peaceful protests. Police answered with more force, and violence ensued. As this news began to surface around the world, through all means of communication available, the U.S. alongside countries weighed in on events.

The West, and specifically the United States, has a delicate relationship with much of the Middle East. Our history with Iran, in particular, is a complicated one. How we, as a nation, react to these events is a difficult subject to approach. On one hand, I strongly believe in the sanctity of free election—in the privilege and responsibility of the right to vote. I also adamantly believe in the right to peaceful protest. However, I believe that this election, like many other situations in the world, is not a battle in which we should engage.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once discussed how the destiny and freedom of one people is inextricably tied up in the destiny and freedom of another. How one man's plight is the plight of all. This I believe. But in these circumstances, I must argue that we must not interfere. My reasoning is as follows:

Iran has seen several revolutions. In the past, the Western world has interfered—acting in what was perceived to be the western country's best interests. This history discredits

our involvement in much of the political evolution of Iran. Instead of repeating this interaction again, we must allow the Iranian people to stand up, take control, and mold their government and political system to suit their needs.

If we give open aid to the protesters, we only give credit to the Iranian government's accusations that the Western world is inciting discord. Despite our intentions, we would only succeed in taking away a degree of power from the Iranian people. This is not our battle. I say this not because it is a distant country, not because it is a country that the U.S. currently has no official relations with due to its nuclear program, and also not because the people who's futures are changing, and who's rights are being challenged, are not Americans. I say this, because if this is indeed a battle that the Iranian people chose to fight, and then this makes it their battle. True freedom can only be won when fought for. It cannot be awarded by a separate entity. It is a battle that all people must win for themselves.

Can We Just Discuss... Realistic or Cynical: a Perspective

Chad Marden
Staff Writer

In my 25 years on earth, many people have labeled me a cynic simply because I hold up the belief that, most of the time; the future will never be any good. As I intend to write many articles like this one, I would like to provide some introspection on my beliefs and the truth behind my 'cynicism' while helping others to avoid making similar snap judgments toward others.

In 1951, celebrated Science Fiction writer Theodore Sturgeon gave a speech at New York University. There, a detractor started citing poor example of Sci-Fi writing and started to suggest that it had no future as an art form because, "90 percent of Science Fiction is crud." Sturgeon responded saying that this was because Sci-Fi was subject to the same law of averages as everything else, or as he put it, "90 percent of everything is crud."

This famous quote became known as 'Sturgeon's Law' and suggests that everything is more likely to fail than succeed. It may seem pessimistic at first, but it's also relieving to know. After all, if something fails when you have low expectations, you've lost nothing. In fact, if anything, you gain the sense of smug satisfaction that comes with saying, "Ha! I knew that would happen!"

So, as you can see, I don't think of myself as a cynic as much as I do a realist. I realize that the world can bring both pleasure and pain, but it's better than feeling nothing at all. My advice is to strive hard for your goals but expect little. And should something fail, learn from it and pay it no attention after that. Remember; the real cynics are the people who tell you, "Everything's going to be just fine."



Mir-Hossein Mousavi speaking to supporters

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Creative

"The Viennese"

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

One night when mourning my loved one lost,
A night with a cold December frost
I sat alone as darkness came,
In my solitude only pain remained

Slowly, slowly I drifted to sleep,
The one realm in which I did not weep
And there it is I go to meet
My beautiful love in my sweet retreat

I open my eyes to find my place,
I search the room and I find her face
She glides to me across the floor,
The closer she comes, the more I adore

Beneath our feet are rose petals, red
And now the music plays in my head
I clasp her right hand in my left,
My other on the small of her back does rest

I stare into her deep hazel eyes,
My feeling of hopelessness now dies
I see the world, I see our life,
I as her husband, and she as my wife

She steps to my side and looks at me,
We begin to waltz, the Viennese

She turns right, following her arm,
Then returns twirling with grace and charm

She smiles as I begin to lead,
She guides my movements and I proceed
We float and glide across the floor
And I study my footwork more and more

We must not falter, stumble or trip,
Our efforts noticed with every dip
Her careful steps parallel mine
We now move as one, as our souls combine

We waltz in circles around the room,
Pinned to my chest: a bright clover bloom,
We circle once more and we slow,
The music is fading as she dips low

One last twirl, and then she smiles,
Her eyes are bright and all the while
I fall in love with her once more,
And as she fades away my heart does soar

And as I return from my deep sleep,
I know in my heart I'll always keep
The memory of love she gave,
And my soul for her, always will I save.

"Just Some Explosions"

Dillon St. Jean
Creative Editor

It was early on a Tuesday when it happened. It was a work week. Due to a vacationing bystander filming in the area most of the moment was captured and placed onto YouTube within about an hour of the event. At approximately six thirty-five in the morning a young boy no older than eight-years old walked out into the middle of a busy street and fell backwards to the ground. He made an unintelligible shout and before anyone could respond the boy was gone in a flash of white.

The ground around the area was scorched and every car in a three block radius blared their alarms. Noise resulting from the incident left a dull hum that overlapped every other sound those in the neighborhood could have heard. No one knew who the boy was or what the origin of the explosion could have been. Nothing was left to provide answers beyond the video that made its way around the internet not long after.

At first, a number of people thought it was a hoax. Only few people would attempt to give it validity through making claims of being an eyewitness. However, it was only when true eyewitnesses came forward to speak with news networks that the video received any true praise. More and more viewers flocked to the page containing the footage, hoping to investigate the situation on their own. People

who commented claimed to have known the boy. Some made up fictional understandings of how the combustion occurred. Others began making inappropriate statements about why it was unnecessary to do such deep study on the subject.

Weeks went on as a number of channels covered the incident. The video was shown on television a countless number of times and people continued to speculate about it. Just as another few hundred comments were being made, and the online discussion had degraded to jokes made at the young boy's expense, the page crashed. Anyone who visited YouTube couldn't find the video. Even any other sites that had embedded the clip had suddenly lost it. From that day on no one could locate the recording of the boy that exploded.

About one-month later a woman walked into a police department and claimed to have been the mother of that eight-year old boy. As she spoke to the police about her son she fell to the ground and screamed out. In a flash of white light she was gone, only this time enough innocent bystanders were around to have been hurt and even killed by the explosion. Only two of the police officers who were close to hear her survived. When asked by reporters what she said, they replied "I don't feel well." It is assumed this was likely what the boy said as well.

God is an Astronaut



Painting Courtesy of Aimee Terravechia

Arts & Entertainment

Top 10 Current Artists

1. Jay-Z
2. Michael Jackson
3. Whitney Houston
4. Kings of Leon
5. Black Eyed Peas
6. Taylor Swift
7. Coldplay
8. Jack Johnson
9. Colbie Caillat
10. Miley Cyrus

Top 5 Current Albums

1. The Blueprint 3
Jay-Z
2. I Look to you
Whitney Houston
3. Only by the Night
Kings of Leon
4. The E.N.D. (The Energy Never Dies)
Black Eyed Peas
5. Fearless
Taylor Swift

*Based on plays in Rhapsody

Horoscopes

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

Virgo (Virgin): Aug. 23–Sept. 22

This is your time to shine! Use your organizational skills to the max this month. Between school and social obligations, you'll have a lot on your plate, but don't worry. You can handle just about anything this month! Keep your eyes on the goal, and your head out of the clouds.

Libra (Scales): Sept. 23–Oct. 22

Things may get a bit prickly this month. Watch out for those who claim to be your friends—not everyone is as they seem. Be careful and observant, but do not cast your suspicions on age-old allies. Keep close both friends and enemies.

Scorpio (Scorpion): Oct. 23–Nov. 21

You may experience some disappointments at the beginning of the month, but things

will begin to look up around the 17th. Remember to stay positive through adversity. Beware of naysayers and negative people.

Sagittarius (Archer): Nov. 22–Dec. 21

Last month was extremely exhausting for you. Use this month to lay low for a while, and allow time for the dust to settle. Set aside some "you time." You will need the energy to meet new challenges around the 21st of the month.

Capricorn (Goat): Dec. 22–Jan. 19

Get ready, set, go! This month will be crazy for you with a capital "C." From meetings to social responsibilities, you may begin to feel overwhelmed. Take a deep breath, and get ready to dive in. The full schedule will not cease until the end of the month. Just remember to take every opportunity to stay on top

of tasks. Do not fall behind!

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

You may be experiencing some conflicts this month. Work on communicating with all parties involved to avoid confusion. Your biggest battle will come around the 12th. Be prepared, stay focused, ask questions.

Pisces (Fish): Feb. 19–March 20

Pretty soon you will be locked into the same old schedule. Take advantage of your natural spontaneity in the next few weeks. Live for the moment—but do not live recklessly. Seize every opportunity and open every door. Overall, have fun!

Aries (Ram): March 21–April 19

You may want to listen closely to those around you. More often than not, they will

offer sound advice for many problems you face. Also remember to listen to your heart in times of uncertainty. The problems you will face this month may seem difficult, but with thought and patience, they will be easily solved.

Taurus (Bull): April 20–May 20

Get ready to settle down this month as you move into a heavily scheduled life. You may have become accustomed to the freedom you experienced over the past few months, but all of that is about to change. Get as organized as possible as the school year starts. Many challenges still lay ahead.

Gemini (Twins): May 21–June 20

Try to balance yourself this month. You may feel torn between work and play as you

try to juggle new responsibilities. Just remember what your priorities are when deciding what to do next. Do not neglect yourself and stay true to your goals.

Cancer (Crab): June 21–July 22

Do not forget the importance of friends this month. Their support will be much appreciated as the month progresses. Make sure to not alienate old friends when making new ones. Create new bonds, but do not burn bridges.

Leo (Lion): July 23–Aug. 22

It may be time to swallow your pride and admit you are wrong. Decisions of the past month will negatively affect you in September. It is important to acknowledge your mistakes and move on to bigger and better things.

A Treasure in Disguise: The Currier Museum

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Among all the other entertainment spots that are located within a 10-minute drive from the SNHU campus, you may find a culturally enhancing one at 150 Ash Street: The Currier Museum of Art. For some it may come as a surprise, while for others it might sound familiar. However, the number of SNHU students that visit the museum is limited, unless it was required in a Humanities or Arts class.

The Currier Museum not only hosts the works of art of world-renowned artists such as Picasso, Monet and O'Keeffe but also provides visitors with the opportunity to visit the Zimmerman House, designed by Frank Lloyd-Wright. The three

levels of the Museum take the visitors through various collections, such as the European Art Collection, the Modern Art Collection, the American Art Collection and the Contemporary Art Collection, among others.

Starting July 3rd, the Museum has been hosting the

Jane and Arthur Mason Collection titled "Turning Wood into Art," which had 5 thematic areas: Material Aesthetics, Process and Image, Story Telling, Design, and Tree Life. The wood acted as the canvas of the sculptors (or turners as they are referred to) to tell a story or convey an

idea while using one of the most basic elements that nature provides us with: wood. Po Shun Leong's "Pompeii" is among the most striking ones as far as detail is concerned. It tells the story of the lost city of Pompeii that is heightened on a Corinthian-looking column that at the

top opens up in order to make people aware of the existence of a bustling society.

Overall, the fluid shaped vessel instilled a sense of calm, while in awe of the perfection that can be reached despite using a raw and fickle material such as wood, whether it is maple, ash or orangewood.

The collection will be available until September 27th and is made possible by the Mint Museum of Craft and Design, located in Charlotte, North Carolina.

SNHU students can visit the museum for free if they show proof of their enrollment by means of their SNHU ID.



Turning Wood into Art: The Jane and Arthur Mason Collection

Beatles Remasters

Aimee Terravechia

Editor in Chief

The much-anticipated release of the remastered versions of all Beatles albums finally occurred on September 9th. The release coincided with that of the Beatles Rockband game, which takes the playable and interactive songs from the remastered recordings.

The CD releases include all of the thirteen original albums, special mini digital documentaries, and even two Goliath box sets, which include everything in one package (one in stereo sound, the other in mono). Amazon even reported "selling out" with pre-orders before the box sets hit their release date.

Surprisingly, the mono box set has been particularly popular—which may have to do with both the limited quantities and the fact that the albums were originally recorded with mono sound. The sudden demand actually spurred the manufacturer to lift the original limit of only 10,000 U.S. copies before

the sets were officially released. They decided to up the limit on September 2nd, only a week before the box sets were set to hit stores.

The thirteen mini-documentaries, which total approximately 40 minutes, are also included in both the mono and stereo box sets. The set includes all sorts of Beatles goodies such as photos and pamphlets. The two box sets do differ, however, in packaging as well as sound. The mono set has a total of thirteen discs as well as a little booklet with photos and notes. However, the stereo set is larger, including, aside from the thirteen albums, an embedded QuickTime documentary about the making of on each disc. Surely many Beatles fans will seek to obtain both the mono and stereo sets, as they each offer a different combination of goodies.

Aside from bonus materials, the most noticeable benefit from these new releases is the

improvement in sound quality. The remastering brought out a much stronger and more noticeable bass, as well as an overall smoothness. Even the game release offers new and exciting things for Beatles' fans. The game release offers new challenges in Rockband, such as vocal harmonizing. Custom instrument controllers are also available, resembling what the band itself used.

These releases have spurred up quite a bit of the old "Beatlemania." Weeks before the remastered releases hit stores, an inspired "cover" album surfaced that combined the music of both the Beatles and Metallica. The group, dubbed "Beatallica," released their album, "Masterful Mystery Tour," featuring songs such as, "I Just Want to Choke Your Band."

All in all, it has been an exciting month for Beatles' fans and overall music-lovers alike.

Life for RENT- No Day But Today

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A&E and Opinion Editor

The Colonial Theatre in Boston hosted, between July 14th and July 26th, the Broadway Tour of one of the most enduring social-oriented musicals: RENT. Starring Adam Pascal as Roger Davis, and Anthony Rapp as Mark Cohen, the two original cast members from the 1996 Broadway premiere, the musical brought yet again the issues of poverty and HIV/AIDS in front of an audience that might have been too young in the 90's to perceive these social turmoil issues.

The play is centered around the difficulties of being an artist in New York City at the beginning of the 90's. Inspired by Puccini's *La Boheme*, the rock musical tells the story of a group of friends that struggle with making a living and also battle HIV/AIDS. The omniscient character-narrator, Mark Cohen is the alter-ego of Jonathan Larson, the creator of the play, as the former documents the hardships of his friend's life since finding out they are HIV-positive. The idea of fate is well-portrayed by the life-changing impact that each character has in the life of the other. While Mimi and Roger are living a romance despite their common struggle with being HIV-positive and poor, Collins and Angel show us all how important it is to treasure each moment that you have with your significant other.

Heterosexual, gay, and lesbian relationships are explored in a context that in those days was notorious and taboo. While Benny, a former roommate of Mark and Roger is giving up his friendship with the two in favor of the power

that comes with his wife's fortune, Maureen and Joanne decide to go to any lengths in order to protest against the eviction that threatens them and all their friends due to Benny's plans for a multimedia center. Life, death, love, hate, gains, losses, laughter, and tears unfold with celebrity in a distinctive rock musical tone and tempo that leaves people thinking about what is really important in life: having things or people.

The story of the play is not the only striking one. Jonathan Larson, the author of the play, music, and lyrics shared a fate just as tragic as that of the friends whose memories he's evoking in the play. After a 6-year writing frenzy, Jonathan Larson did not end up seeing the success of its play on Broadway, as he died on the night following the dress rehearsal and preceding the first preview, January 25th, 1996. The play-writer was discovered to have had the Marfan syndrome, a genetic disorder. Jonathan Larson posthumously won both a Pulitzer and two Tony for RENT.

The movie RENT came on the big screen in 2005, making proof of a success just as great as the Broadway play, even though it followed it after nearly 10-years from the Broadway premiere.

For a neophyte in the world of musical theatre, the roughly two-hour play involved not only my senses in the magic that was unfolding on stage, but also my heart and mind, as the destinies of those living with HIV/AIDS and their close ones, stories of love and hate, of friendship and egocentrism, were unfolding in front of my eyes. The message of the play has a great impact, just as the Jonathan Larson's story did.

The lines "There's only us, There's only this, Forget regret, Or life is yours to miss, No other road, No other way, No Day But Today" bear the underlying idea that life is here to be lived and enjoyed to the fullest, despite the good and the bad. Seize the moment! – Carpe Diem!

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"Transforming" "The Ugly Truth" into "The Proposal"

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This summer has brought on the big screen a wide range of chick-flick comedies as well as action-packed sequels to blockbuster movies.

Rating: 5/5

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen has undoubtedly been one of the hits of the summer and, it may be said, of the year, having premiered on June 24th and still gathering crowds in cinemas. Directed by Michael Bay, the sequel of the 2007 *Transformers* made roughly \$109 million in the opening weekend and over \$830 million up until now. The action-packed sci-fi movie, starring Shia LaBeouf, as Sam Witwicky, and Megan Fox, as Mikaela Banes, alongside their Autobot friends, tells the story of the return of the Decepticons as "The Fallen" in an attempt to regain their lost power by capturing the Sun. The 150-minute movie keeps the audience glued to the screen with the innovative mix of graphics, plot and comical inserts. The graphic details are impressive and the plot well-structured, even after the third viewing. The movie will be available on DVD and Blu-ray starting October 20th.

Rating: 4.5/5

The Proposal started the chick-flick series on June 19th by providing the non-US-resident perspective and to what lengths some will go in order to become citizens of the United States, or simply to keep their job. Sandra Bullock is Margaret Tate, a ruthless editor-in-chief of a book publishing company, who tricks her assistant, Ryan Reynolds in

the role of Andrew Paxton, to marry her in order to keep her visa status and not be deported to Canada. Margaret comes in for a surprise when she discovers, while spending a weekend in Alaska with her to-be-pseudo-husband that Andrew is anything but a helpless assistant. Despite the fact that they are persuaded by Andrew's family to marry that same weekend, their plans fail to resolve the way they expected to. Although the plot was predictable, the comical sequences as well as the fairly convincing impersonation of a heartless and career-oriented woman by Sandra Bullock, have succeeded in making the movie memorable.

Rating: 4.5/5

In the chick-flick series, the *Ugly Truth*, premiered on July 24th and starring Katherine Heigl as Abby Richter, a morning producer, and Gerard Butler as Mike Chadway, a controversially outspoken TV personality, gives a different dimension to the battle of the sexes. While Abby is in search of the perfect man, Mike provides audiences with a rude awakening as to what men are looking for in women. The chemistry between the two intensifies as Mike helps Abby to lure a possible Mr. Perfect. The movie is sewn with comic scenes as well as with dialogues that make you wonder what do men and women look for in a relationship. Both Heigl's and Butler's performances were up to the par of a light comedy, however they seemed a bit stuck in a part rut. The audience nevertheless enjoyed a few good laughs.

Movie Review: District 9

Aimee Terravechia
Editor in Chief

Rating: 4.5/5

Peter Jackson's newest film is both visually stunning, and mentally stimulating. Although on the surface this seems like the latest sci-fi alien flick (and just another money making machine), *District 9* packs an intellectual punch with a deeper message.

Set in Johannesburg, South Africa, Jackson brings us to a refugee camp approximately ten-years after its inhabitants have settled in. The camp has turned into a slum, filled with crime, drug trafficking, and all-around filth. The city of Johannesburg is in social turmoil—the natural residents uncomfortable with their close proximity to their unwanted neighbors. Although this may sound like a movie that has been ripped from the headlines, there is one major difference between this and previous refugee situations. These refugees are not from another country, but rather from another planet.

The beginning of the film

takes on a documentary style by having interviews mixed with plot and traditional film-styled shooting. The main character, Wikus Van De Merwe (played by Shar-



lto Copley) first appears to be a bumbling and unsure man. As the story progresses, and events take a turn for the worse, his true character is revealed through his desire

to survive.

Although this may appear to be a little more than the average science-fiction flick, the picture truly provides much more nourishment to the intellect. The story has an underlying social commentary on both refugees, and the way in which societies react to prolonged displacement of people.

The movie is also shot beautifully—true to the Peter Jackson style—and the characters are wonderfully developed. The major drawback of the film was also the most praiseworthy part of it—its social commentary. Although interesting, truthful, and mentally fulfilling, the film also left a pit in the bottom of my stomach. Revealing such an ugly part of society created a sort of disappointment at the end of the movie—as if it created a sort of void in my faith in humanity. Overall, a very good movie—definitely a thinker.

Vice President for Student Affairs Office Hours

Dr. Scott Kalicki, Vice President for Student Affairs, invites you to drop by his office and visit with him during open walk-in hours. No appointment necessary!

Anything on your mind? Come by the office and chat for a while with your VPSA on Wednesdays anytime between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.

His office is located in Exeter 23 just before Postal Services.

Sports

SNHU Athletics: A Year in Review

Mike Ghika
Sports Editor

As the fall semester kicks off, and the athletic teams begin to get back onto the field, one can only look back on a memorable 2008-09 sports year that saw a great deal of success from Southern New Hampshire University's teams.

The men's soccer team, led by new head coach Marc Hubbard, displayed its collective talent in going 15-3-4 and earning a Northeast-10 conference title. It was the team's best win total since 2002, when they won 20 games, as a defensive mentality was instilled within a team that posted twelve shutouts and allowed just nine goals on the year. The team suffered an unfortunate loss in the second round of the NCAA Tournament, ending their season, but they were picked in the pre-season poll to win the conference again in 2009.

As for the women's team, they had a strong 8-6-4 campaign a year ago under head coach Terry Prouty, an improvement from a 2007 squad that lost ten games. They were defeated by Southern Connecticut in last year's NE-10 quarterfinals, and are currently 2-2-1 in 2009.

Also last fall, John Vaughn's volleyball team posted a 9-14 record in the tough NE-10, but was looking strong early on at 3-0 in 2009. Both the men's and women's cross country teams each had seven meets last year, as Alex Brown and Emma Lundberg stapled their names all over the SNHU record books. Men's tennis also had a successful 7-5 year, while the women's squad, led by NE-10 Conference Player of the Year Amber Chandronnait, went 12-5.

The winter brought the SNHU community another

exciting, successful season from Stan Spirou (now entering his 25th year as head coach) and his basketball team. SNHU, coming off back-to-back losing seasons, went 18-12 and surprised some people when they made it all the way to the NE-10 semifinals, defeating Saint Rose and UMass-Lowell before falling to Le Moyne.

Stephen Wood starred in his first season as a member of the Penmen, averaging 10.8 points per game to go along with his 8.3 rebounds per game. And last year as a sophomore, big man Tory Stapleton showed his NE-10 opponents how much of a threat he can be, as he led the team in scoring (13.3 ppg) despite averaging just 24 minutes a game.

The women's basketball team, led by head coach Karen Pinkos, now entering her fifth season, went 18-11 to break up a string of 17 straight losing seasons. The program lost some fine players to graduation, but the incoming class (three freshmen, one transfer) should likely make it easier to part with those who have moved on.

On the ice, the men's hockey team skated to a 9-13-2 record under Ken Hutchins. SNHU boasted the NE-10 Player of the Year in Troy Maybury (19 goals, 14 assists), and advanced to the NE-10 tournament semifinals.

Come springtime, it was time for both lacrosse squads to hit the turf of Larkin Field. The men finished 4-10, but got tremendous performances from the Ball Brothers. Mike notched 41 goals and 21 assists for 62 points, while Sean tallied 32 points for the year. For the

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Adrian Schippers Q & A

Mike Ghika
Sports Editor

A few questions for SNHU men's soccer captain and the reigning Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year, Adrian Schippers.

Q: Your father played soccer at the University of Connecticut. Has soccer been somewhat of a family tradition over the years?

A: I guess you could say it was somewhat of a family tradition. I have two older sisters and when they both started playing I did the same. This was back when I was in first grade. Then as I got older it just seemed normal to me so I stuck with it.

Q: Prior to coming to Manchester, you notched 16 goals and four assists in two seasons at Springfield College. How was your experience as a member of the Pride and what were the main factors in your decision to come to SNHU?

A: My experience on the Springfield College soccer team was a good one. It was a good transition from high school soccer to the college game. I came in not knowing whether I would even be good enough to make the team. Then once I started doing well I put a lot more focus on playing and took it very seriously. One of the main reasons that I transferred though was because I wanted to play at a higher level of soccer where all the players around me took it as seriously as I do.

Q: SNHU Soccer averaged 15 wins a year from 1984-2002 before a few down seasons, but head coach Marc Hubbard, hired in 2008, seems to have the program back on track after last season's 15-3-4 record and a conference title. What can you say about Coach Hubbard and his staff?

A: Coach Hubbard and his staff take their job very seriously. They all put tons of time and effort into building this program and turning it into a national championship team. They do everything they can to point the players in the right direction on and off the field.

Q: 2008 was a magical season that saw SNHU outscore opponents 34-9 on the year, and you yourself had eight goals and six assists for 22 points to lead the team. What would you say were some of the keys to such a successful season?

A: I wouldn't say it was fully successful because everyone on the team had much higher

goals than what we actually reached at the end of the year. But it took a lot of hard work and focus from everyone on the team day in and day out. The season is very physically and mentally demanding since it is so long and you play just two games a week. It takes a lot of mental strength to keep and stay focused everyday.

Q: Last November, you were named the Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year as well as the Daktronics East Region Player of the Year. And in April, you were named the SNHU Male Athlete of the Year. What can you say about the honor of these recognitions?

A: Getting those awards was a nice honor at the time but I have higher goals and expectations of myself. I don't focus on what I did last year, I just focus on the future that I want to have in soccer. All I can say is that it reflects on my teammates and coaches more than anything because without them those awards never would have happened.

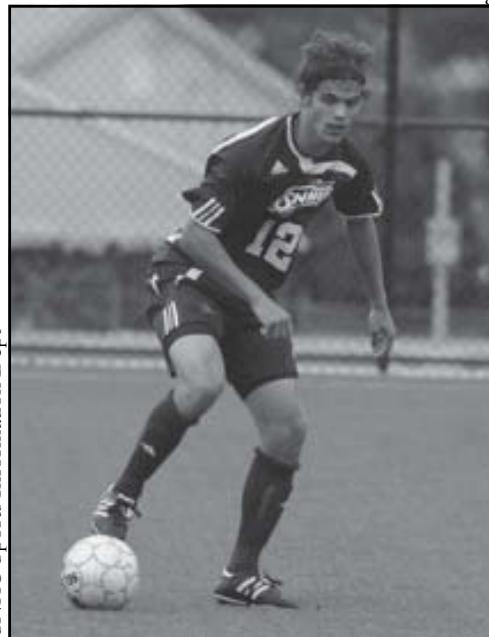
Q: Entering your senior year, Coach Hubbard also appointed you as a captain this fall along with teammates Mike Adam and Richard Kentish. Minus defender Matt Delaney and midfielder

Adrian Schippers Gabe Mercier, you have the core of this team coming back. What do you expect out this team in 2009?

A: I expect great things out of our team this fall. We all have our goals set on a national championship but we still have to take it one day at a time. Anything short of that goal won't seem like a successful season in my eyes.

Q: You missed the first two games of the season this fall due to a wrist injury, and returned in the third game wearing a cast. But you didn't seem to miss a beat as you tallied two goals and an assist in a 3-1 win over St. Thomas Aquinas. How is the injury and when do you hope to be back at 100 percent?

A: I'm just happy that my wrist is healed enough to be out of the cast and I'm able to play again. As for being back 100 percent, I always have aspects of my game I can improve on so I just work hard day in and day out.



SNHU Sports Information Dept

SNHU Opens Soccer Season with a Bang

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Staff Writer

The Men's and Women's soccer teams started the 2009 campaign coming off successful years last season. The men's team finished with a 15-3-4 record in 2008, including the Northeast 10 title. The Penmen finished the year with a 2-1 loss to UMass Lowell in the NCAA Regional Final. The 2009 team looks to pick up where they left off last year, as they are ranked 11th in the country and unanimously chosen as the number one team in the Northeast-10 conference.

The women also had a good 2008 season finishing 8-6-4, while reaching the Northeast 10 Quarterfinal. They too look to keep up their momentum as they were chosen seventh in the preseason Northeast-10 Conference poll.

August 27th marked the beginning of the men's 2009-fall sports schedule, when they played at home against C.W. Post. It did not take long for the Penmen to get on the score sheet as striker Ethan Lapierre received a pass from Dan Hernandez in the 11th minute on the left side of the penalty box, leaving Lapierre open to strike the ball, which rebounded off the C.W. Post goalkeeper and right back to Lapierre, who took another shot that finished with the back of the net swaying back and forth. The Penmen took the 1-0 lead into the locker room and feeling confident.

The score would remain 1-0 until Hernandez added to the tally in the 73rd minute with a goal of his own. Hernandez received a pass from Cornelius Ilea at the top left of the penalty box and Hernandez

punished the C.W. Post keeper with a blast right over his head. The Penmen would leave the field 2-0 victors with SNHU keeper Sean Lambert finishing the game with four saves and his first shutout of the 2009 season.

Coming off the two-nil victory, the men's team would hope to keep the momentum

goal of the season in the 65th minute, when they scored on a bending free kick that barely found its way around the left post. Moments after the goal, with SNHU on a breakaway, Rodriguez appeared to have put the Penmen up 2-1 as he found the back of the net from on top of the 18 yard box. As he scored, he was also taken down

when Alyssa Integlia scored her first goal of the year. Her goal came off a rebound that went right to her feet, then right into the back of the net. That would be the last goal of the game for the Penmen. Bridgeport would add a goal to send the game into overtime on a beautiful goal from an even better high, centering cross. With the score 2-2, the Penmen would forfeit another goal with just moments left in the game to notch the first loss for the Penmen.

The second game of the year for the SNHU women's soccer team was against Dowling College on Sunday, August 30th. The team had a much better outcome in this game as they would win 3-2. The Penmen would get their first goal from Teixeira in the second half as they were trailing 1-0. With the score at 1-1, Dowling made it 2-1 about five minutes. Needing to collect at least another goal, SNHU would be awarded a penalty kick when Teixeira was brought down in the box. She converted it for a goal to get her second goal of the contest and third in two games.

Alyssa Integlia would also add to her season goal tally when she scored the game winner in the 82nd minute of the match. The goal was created with her high pressure on the Dowling back line. She forced a Dowling center back to misplay the ball right to her which created a scoring chance with the keeper off her line. The goal gave the SNHU their first win of the year and brought their record to 1-1.

with them. They entered their August 29th game against Dowling College feeling the momentum and ready to go. The game started off with the rain from Tropical Depression Danny pouring down on Larkin Field. Dan Hernandez would once again find himself in on the scoring action when he put a ball into the air for freshman Christian Rodriguez, who settled the ball, and with the Dowling keeper off his line, took a lob shot that ended up in the top left of the goal. Again, the Penmen would take a 1-0 lead into the half after an up and down first 45 minutes.

Much like the first half, the second half did not stay scoreless for long. The Golden Lions of Dowling would get their first

and one of the assistant referees blew his whistle. All who were in attendance thought it was a call for a foul, however the referee was indicating that Rodriguez was in fact offside, and the score stayed at 1-1. The score would remain deadlocked at the end of regulation, and the Penmen would be faced with their first overtime game in only their second game of the year.

Playing with only ten men due to a player receiving a second yellow card, the Golden Lions of Dowling College would score the golden goal they needed in just the first few minutes of the overtime period to lead them past the Penmen 2-1. The goal came on a Dowling breakaway that could have

or not, and they decided he was not.

The SNHU women's soccer team opened their season on Friday, August 28th at Larkin Field on the SNHU campus. The Penmen played 19th ranked Bridgeport. Ariel Teixeira scored the first goal of the Penmen season as she put SNHU on top in the 19th minute of the first half. Teixeira's goal was from inside the eighteen yard box. Her goal was assisted by fellow forward Kristina Cardoso. The game would go into the half when the Penmen gave up their first goal of the young 2009 campaign.

Heading into the second half, SNHU took a 2-1 lead



Game against Franklin Pierce

Suzanne Lentell

Penmen Profile: Greg Royce

Griffin Spencer
Staff Writer

Starting this month, the Observer will feature a series of articles that document Penmen athletics from a different perspective. While the Penmen athletes are well-known for their excellence on the field and in the classroom, much of what is accomplished on the field cannot be possible without strong support and hard work from the Southern New Hampshire University Athletic Department. The Observer will interview a different athletic administrator each month with the goal of enlightening Penmen fans about the hard work that goes along with each athletic contest.

Greg Royce, Southern New Hampshire University's Sports Information Director, has been on the job for two-years. Royce is responsible for many different aspects of Penmen athletics. He is responsible for the collection and maintenance of statistical data for fifteen varsity sports and also for generating publicity for student-athletes and the SNHU athletics program via the local media and also the Penmen athletics website. Royce is also responsible for many other game-day tasks that generally go unnoticed to the average fan, such as pre-game roster verification, post-game write-ups for distribution to local media (Union Leader, WMUR) and communication with the Northeast-10 Conference office.

On game days, Royce must produce the game programs that are distributed prior to game time, ensure that home events are fully staffed with a statistical crew comprised of student interns and volunteers, and also communicate the results of the contests to his fellow Sports Information Directors. Long workdays and work weeks are the norm in Royce's profession but the fact that there is no "average day" in the life of an "SID" keeps him on his toes at all times. "Each day seemingly has its own unique challenges," says Royce, who has served as SNHU's Sports Information Director since August 2007.

Royce completed his college career at Southern New Hampshire University, previously New Hampshire College, in the year 2000. His degree in Sport Management paired with his experience working in the Sports Information Office as an undergrad paved the way

to his current job as Sports Information Director at his alma mater. "I worked in the Sports Information Office as an undergrad for three years and thought it was something I would be interested in after graduation," says Royce.

After graduating from SNHU with his bachelor's degree, Royce made the climb to a Division I school, the University of New Hampshire, to become an Athletic Media Relations assistant. "That was a good experience coming from a Division II school, because it gave me an idea at how different the business can be at the Division I level," says Royce. Royce then left UNH to take the Sports Information Director position at Northeast-10 rival American International College. From AIC, Royce filled the position at SNHU vacated by his former boss, longtime SID Tom McDermott, who left the profession.

Sports information has certainly changed since the time Royce was an intern during his college days. Technologies have changed and demands by local media and athletic departments

have increased his workload. "When I worked in the office, the athletics website for SNHU, and basically everyone else except for the bigger schools, consisted of schedules, a roster, and maybe team statistics. Now, we have box scores and recaps for every game, bios on virtually all of SNHU's 250 student athletes, history, photos, live

both a blessing and a curse," says Royce. "Things such as the web, computerized stat-keeping and e-mail take tasks that took minutes or hours before and shrinks them down into seconds. At the same time, the expectations have gone up, such that if a score is posted a half hour after a game ends, some might consider that slow."



Greg Royce

stats of every home game, and video broadcasts," says Royce. "With the shrinking of traditional media, the position has become less media based and more promoting SNHU athletics via the website."

With all of the new technological tools available such as modern websites, text messaging and Twitter, some tasks are completed faster than they used to be. "Technology is

middle of August to the beginning of May," says Royce.

With the tough economic climate we are all surrounded by, the competition for jobs in the sports industry is fierce. "If [sports information] is something a sport management major, or anyone really, thinks they might be interested in, the best way to get experience is to volunteer. Many schools looking to hire graduate assistants

or post-graduate interns, where most people right out of school start out, won't even look at a resume unless you have some work experience within a sports information office," says Royce. Royce also recommends a solid writing background combined with experience with statistics-related computer programs.

When all is said and done, the long hours and heavy workload do not dampen Royce's pleasure with his occupation. "I am pretty happy with where I am in my career," says Royce. His happiness with his job certainly translates to his work, which has earned him the praise of SNHU Athletic Director Chip Polak.

"The Sports Information Office at any college or university is one of the backbones of the Athletic Department and that's true at SNHU," says Polak. "It's hard to speak of Sports Information at SNHU and not talk about Greg. He is excellent at what he does – actually one of the best in the conference and in New England."

Since graduating with his Sport Management degree in 2000, the opportunity to return to SNHU was something that was always in the back of his mind. "When the opportunity arose, it was something I couldn't pass up," says Royce. Royce looks forward to the future with a goal that is sure to be accomplished with great success. "My only goal is to keep improving the SNHU sports information office while getting the notoriety for the athletic department and its coaches and student-athletes that they so richly deserve."

NFL Preview 2009

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Clubs & Orgs Editor

With the closing of a summer full of excitement, practices, and controversies to open up this 2009 National Football League season, it is only fair that the Observer offers Southern New Hampshire University's football-craving students a preview of what is to come as we draw nearer to NFL's opening day.

One of the most exhilarating stories of the summer has to be the obvious anticipation for the return of a now-healthy Tom Brady as he prepares to go under center again as quarterback for the New England Patriots. Brady, after being sidelined for the 2008 season upon suffering a devastating knee injury in the first quarter of the Pats' opening game against the Kansas City Chiefs, will be without his former backup Matt Cassel who, after a successful season with the team, has been traded to the Chiefs. Although the injury appeared as an Achilles' heel to the seemingly unstoppable Brady, the veteran quarterback appeared as able and healthy as ever. Performing very well in the team's preseason opener, his first look at NFL action in almost a year was against the Philadelphia Eagles. Going 10-for-15 through the air with 2 touchdowns in that game, it certainly appears that Brady is back to pre-injury form and more than ready to lead the Patriots atop the extremely competitive AFC East. Brady and the rest of the New England squad managed to finish the preseason in a strong way and are the favorites of many to make a potential Super Bowl run.

Although the vast majority of NFL action occurs on the gridiron, any fan of the sport knows that every year there will be some sort of off the field controversy. Such controversy was abundant in this off-season in dealing with the legal issues of the NFL's Plaxico Burress and Michael Vick.

The issue surrounding Burress began in November 2008 when he was shot in the leg by his own concealed handgun—a handgun that was not licensed in New York and whose Florida license had expired in May 2008. After many months of negotiations and court dates in New York, Burress has agreed to a plea bargain calling for two-years of incarceration, a sentence that Burress' lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, believes is too severe when examining how seemingly minor Burress' offense was.

Brafman might have a point, considering the brevity of Donte Stallworth's prison sentence after a seemingly far more heinous crime. On the morning of March 14th, after a long night of drinking, Stallworth struck and killed a Florida man with his car. After reaching a financial agreement with the victim's family, Stallworth was mandated to only serve 24 days in prison

despite the vehicular manslaughter he had engaged himself in.

Vick has made big news in the off-season as well. After being released from prison 18 months following his sentence for running his infamous dog fighting ring, Vick has signed a one-year deal worth \$1.6 million with the Philadelphia Eagles. With Vick being out of football action since 2006, and with Philly's quarterback position secure with the veteran Donovan McNabb, it is unknown as to the role Vick will play in the Eagles' explosive offense. With many teams implementing a wildcat style offense, it would be no surprise if Vick's elusiveness and speed encouraged that alteration in his new team's offensive attack.

Other major news this off-season of great importance to NFL fans is the Brett Favre situation. After another long off-season of Brett Favre very publicly debating retirement, Favre has finally decided to sign with the Minnesota Vikings. This signing occurred after several months of negotiations between Vikings' management and Favre, which ultimately resulted in a two-year, \$25 million deal. Favre will bring not only leadership and experience, but seemingly superior skill at the quarterback position for the Vikings who have had quarterback issues since the trading of Daunte Culpepper in 2006.

The Vikings attempted to fill this void at quarterback with the off-season signing of Sage Rosenfels, who despite a strong preseason debut, will likely start behind Favre on Minnesota's depth chart. Although Favre did not have a particularly amazing season last year with the Jets, throwing 22 interceptions to negate his 22 touchdown passes, he seems to be the safe bet to lead the Vikings' offense whose dependence on star running back Adrian Peterson has led opponents' defenses to focus on shutting down the third-year rusher. Favre seemed shaky in his first preseason start against the Kansas City Chiefs but shined with confidence in the Vikings 17-10 victory over the Houston Texans the following week. With Favre's ability to create a strong passing game, pressure will be lifted off of Peterson to perform and will also force defenses to prepare for both a strong rushing and passing attack on the part of the Vikings.

The preseason has left coaching staffs across the league with a plethora of questions that will ultimately determine the fates of their respective teams. Changes will be implemented, roster cuts will be made, and teams will be shaped to perfection in order to begin this 2009 NFL season.

Spirou to be Inducted into New England Basketball Hall of Fame

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Spirou hard at work coaching his Penmen

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Southern New Hampshire University men's basketball coach Stan Spirou has been chosen to join the ranks of great coaches and players in the illustrious New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

Spirou is certainly more than deserving of this Hall of Fame induction due to the consistent success he has enjoyed throughout his extensive coaching career at SNHU. Keeping a reputation as one of the hardest working coaches in Division II, Spirou will once again take the court with his Penmen squad in his 25th season doing so.

In his previous 24-years coaching the team, Spirou has achieved an overall record of 484-235 (.673) ranking him second among active Northeast-10 coaches in wins. Spirou has led the Penmen to 14 NCAA Tournament appear-

ances, coached fourteen 20-win seasons, and has averaged over 20 wins a season throughout his career with SNHU. Between 1993 and 1995, Spirou's squads were 84-15, capturing three consecutive New England Collegiate Conference tournament titles and appearing in the NCAA Division II semis each time and even making an "Elite Eight" bid in 1995.

Spirou, a four-time NECC Coach of the Year and a 1994 Division II Bulletin National Coach of the Year, will take his place in the New England Basketball Hall of Fame on Friday, October 7th at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut. This induction, as well as an unrivaled milestone in Spirou's career, serves as a source of great pride for the Penmen men's basketball program and SNHU Athletics as a whole.

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women, former seniors Libby Parent and Jennifer Parro both had 60-point seasons en route to a 13-5 record.

On the diamond, new head coach Scott Loiseau's baseball team went 14-26-1 – a stellar improvement from 2008's 7-32 record. Many members of the team played summer ball in collegiate leagues, and the program is certainly headed in the right direction with a handful of new recruits brought on for the 2010 season in the spring.

The softball team finished its year 21-24, which was four more wins than they had the year prior. Outfielder Nicole Arpin led the team in hitting with a .304 average to go with her 5 home runs and 24 RBIs. If they get strong starting pitching this upcoming spring, their offense should produce enough to give them a strong chance in the competitive NE-10, even despite the loss of some seniors.

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On Wednesday, September 9th, Southern New Hampshire University beat Franklin Pierce College, 2-0, in front of a packed house at Larkin Field in men's soccer regular season action. The game was a rematch of last year's Northeast-10 tournament semifinals that ended in a 0-0 tie.

The Penmen controlled play throughout the game but were unable to tally a goal until 3 min-

utes into the 2nd half when Adrian Schippers found the back of the net to the left of the diving goalie. SNHU struck again with ten minutes left in the game when Kevin Woods scored with the left foot, assisted by Ethan Lapierre and Ruben Resendes. Sean Lambert recorded his third shutout of the season in net for the Penmen.

The win bettered the team's record to 4-1 overall and 1-0 in the conference.

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Upcoming Home Sports Action

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Wednesday, September 16th

Women's Soccer vs. UMass Lowell at 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 19th

Men's Soccer vs. American Int'l at 7:00 PM

Women's Volleyball vs. Felician at 11:00 AM

Women's Volleyball vs. St. Michaels at 3:00 PM

Wednesday, September 23rd

Women's Soccer vs. UMass Lowell at 7:00 PM

Women's Volleyball vs. St. Anselm at 7:30 PM

Saturday, September 26th

Women's Soccer vs. New Haven at 1:00 PM

Spotlight @ SNHU

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:::Mary Heath:::

Since June 15th of this year, SNHU has had a new Dean for the School of Education: Mary Heath. Heath has an extensive resume of working in the education field including her most recent job as Deputy Commissioner for the New Hampshire Department of Education. Being Deputy Commissioner required Heath to work closely with the school districts within the state. Heath also had to work on issues such as dropout prevention in the school districts, and she helped with the creation of different education laws. Heath also has experience as an educator. Heath worked for Plymouth State University for several years, as well as being an Adjunct Professor here at SNHU.

When asked what being the Dean of the School of Education requires of her Heath mentioned that she will be working on going through the reaccreditation of the school. This is a new experience for her as she was on the other side of the accreditation process when she was the Deputy Commissioner. Heath is also thrilled to be a part of a great university.

Heath also mentioned that she would like to widen the course offerings within the School of Education to include a leadership program which would offer Principal and Vice Principal Certification. She would also like to create a doctorate program within the school.

Previously being an Adjunct Professor here and at Plymouth State, Heath knows what it takes to be a good educator. "I love teaching. It's who I am," said Heath. She knows that teacher preparation is key. Heath also said that personalization of every student who comes through the school of education is very important; every student is different.

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 - L-Handicap & Loading
 - F-Resident Freshman
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