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## SNHU Travels to China



**Nick Tasso**  
Staff Writer

At the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China, twenty SNHU Sports Management students will be afforded the opportunity to volunteer at the games. Professor Mark Hecox and Professor Elizabeth Jowdy will also be going on the trip overseas. Though Professors Doug Blais and Kimberly Bogle are also on the list, they were unable to comment on the event as they were recently out of the state at a sports conference. For each student vying for one of the positions, an applica-

tion process beginning in the fall will occur in order to be considered. This process will include an interview, an application, and letters of recommendation. "Each student will have to be in good academic standing with the university," says Jowdy. The students chosen will then take a course in the spring about international business and sports in society. In this class they will learn how to speak Mandarin—the language spoken in Beijing, and hear guest speakers from China to talk about their native culture. This class will be designed to help the students adapt to Beijing. "The individuals involved

will be spending two weeks of summer in China for the events and spend one or two days site-seeing," says Jowdy.

While at the games, the students' jobs will be "unlimited." Jowdy explains that they will be doing jobs ranging from assistance in competitions, to sponsoring, to helping out in the village, to broadcasting. "The possibilities are endless."

"[The students] will be exposed to sports in a whole different culture," claims Jowdy. She feels that this is a great opportunity for each student to see "another side of sports." Instead of thinking about sports and how they are run in the United States, the students will gain an alternative approach.

As a volunteer at the 1996 Olympic Games, Jowdy put the game together and attained a comprehension of the tasks that SNHU's students will likely encounter. "[The students will be] surprised at the magnitude of planning that goes into the Olympics."

As far as networking opportunities go, Jowdy contends that "what [each student] does individually will help determine future prospects."

According to Jowdy, the details of SNHU students' involvement at the event are "still in the works." The University's current Sports Management students have heard buzz about the venture for weeks now. Sophomore Sports Management student Chris Marley says he hasn't heard anything public, but is still "curious" about the possibilities.

SNHU's Sports Management Department will be releasing more information about their involvement in the 2008 Olympic Games as details are confirmed.

## More Students Study Abroad

CHESTER, Pa.--(COLLEGIATE PRESSWIRE)--March 15, 2007--Move over England, France and Italy. More students are investigating places like Malaysia, Ghana and Israel for studying abroad over the more traditional European locations.

A recent report found that five countries - Malaysia, Ecuador, Ghana, Thailand and Israel - were among the more popular inquiries for study abroad locales.

"There is a particular trend toward more exotic locales when it comes to summer study abroad options," says John Duncan, advisor to StudyAbroad.com. "Students typically seek these different options when considering opportunities that don't require them to transfer a full semester's worth of credits."

In the past quarter leading into this summer's study abroad application deadlines, StudyAbroad.com, an online resource for overseas education opportunities, has seen an increase in the number of students searching for study

abroad programs in these typically, less popular places.

"Many students will end up studying in Western locations because they're familiar, and it's easier to assimilate into the culture," Duncan said. "There are a number of benefits, however - not often thought of - to choosing a more unusual location."

According to Duncan, some advantages of exotic locales can be:

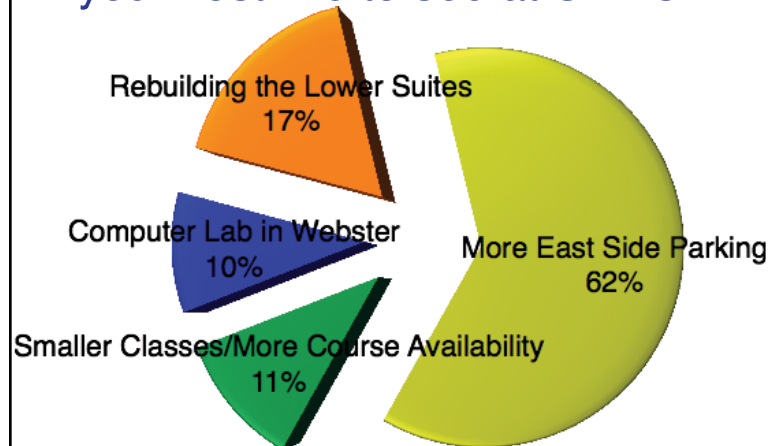
- \* Cost: living and educational program costs are generally less expensive

- \* Culture: a greater cultural difference can lead to a more immersive experience

- \* Unique study and program opportunities: more exotic locations typically offer more varied, hands-on educational programs such as anthropology, biology or sustainable development

For students who want  
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### What change or improvement would you most like to see at SNHU?



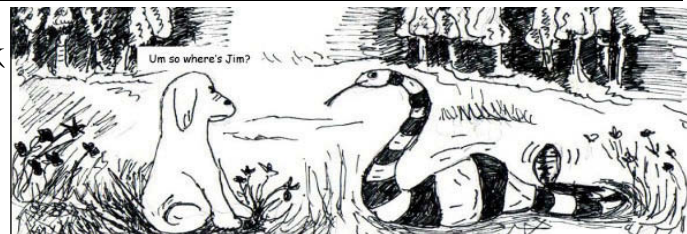
Survey Says...

\*100 People Surveyed

**Frank Rubino**  
Managing Editor

“There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers.”  
~ Susan B Anthony  
United States 19th Century Women's Rights Movement Leader”

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# News

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## Letter from the Editor

Amanda Russell  
Editor in Chief

Are you packed for spring break yet? I know a lot of you look forward to traveling to various tropical paradises for spring break to let loose and have a great time, but spring break this year only means one thing to me. Approximately a month and a half of school left until graduation! The semester has flown by fast so far, and I can only hope that it'll continue to pass by just as quickly.

Over the past month, The Observer has been busy preparing for next year's staff. Our graduating seniors, Andy Collins, Julie Lancaster, Stephanie Belida and myself are moving on to "therealworld," but our editorial board elections suggest that we'll have another strong year for the newspaper next year.

Our current news editor, Katlyn Morin was elected editor in chief, and Frank Rubino will return for the third year as our managing editor. Jordan Lake, Daniel Smith, Ashley Spranzo, Libby Parent,

Nick Tasso and Amanda Chodosh will all return to serve on the 2007-2008 editorial board. Their experience and creative ideas will make the newspaper even stronger next year.

This month The Observer partnered with The Women's History Month Committee to recognize women who work hard in the business world and here on campus each day. Look for Stephanie Belida's article on local sports entrepreneur Jane Blalock, and Ashley's Spranzo's tribute to women. One of our newest staff writers, Ashley Manley, interviewed an adjunct faculty member, Imane Naji Amrani, who discussed the limitations she experienced growing up in Morocco, before relocating in the United States.

In addition to these Women's History Month articles, also look for two feature articles on our school's President, Paul Leblanc, and professor Andreas Reif. I hope everyone enjoys this issue. Have a great spring break!

## Public Safety Log

Nick Tasso  
Staff Writer

### 3/11/2007 1:20 AM

At the above date and time, Res Life heard bottles clanking inside Winnisquam and wanted to do a health and safety check. During the check, 3 Mike's Hard Lime bottles were found.

### 3/3/2007 3:05 AM

At the above date and time, PS officers went down to Winnisquam looking for a student who had been involved in a previous incident. When PS arrived at his dorm, they opened the door and two people ran out trying to escape. In the room, there was a blow tube for smoking pot and PS detected a very strong odor of marijuana. A large glass bong was also found in the room.

### 3/3/2007 2:55 AM

At the above date and time, PS was called for an assault in New Castle. When arrived, PS questioned the students involved. The student attacked claimed she was assaulted by another student who they

had an altercation with each other earlier in the night at an off campus party. She also claimed she fought back in self defense. MPD was contacted and came to settle the situation.

### 3/2/2007 1:30 AM

At the above date and time, PS officers noticed a strong odor of marijuana in front of New Castle. They looked up and noticed an open window with a fan in it which was blowing smoke out of the window. They entered the building and went to the floor that the window was opened. The PS officers knocked and a student opened the door. There were two students in the room. When asked for their ID's, one student opened a draw looking for it and there were 3 beer cans inside it. The two students admitted to smoking a joint which was brought to the room from someone else.

### 2/17/07 2:00 AM

At the above date and

## New Political Website Created by SNHU Students

Amanda Russell  
Editor in Chief

The presidential election is twenty months away, but the race is already heating up. Nominees from both parties have started to run ads and make public appearances across the country in order to gain support for their campaigns. Two students from Southern New Hampshire University are keeping up with all the campaigning, and have created a website that makes it easy to get the cold hard facts about each candidate.

The new website, [www.whosyourcandidate.com](http://www.whosyourcandidate.com) was created by graduate student, Remi Francoeur, and undergraduate student Derek Lemire.

"Our goal was to make an informative political website that would attract people that aren't normally interested in politics," Francoeur said. "There's no dirt on this site, no negativity, just the facts," he continued.

Francoeur hopes that the website will attract the younger voting generation.

"A lot of younger people who try to become involved and aware of the political scene become disinterested because of all the hearsay and negativity. This site is completely unbiased. There's bio's of all the candidates, and an interactive forum, so anyone who visits the site can get involved," Francoeur said.

The large field of candidates also motivated the two SNHU students to create "one stop" website where you can get information on all the candidates on both sides of the field.

"This is the biggest field of candidates that we've seen in our lifetime," Francoeur said. "College students and the younger working generation can really influence this election if they become informed, and get involved," he said.

Francoeur also mentioned that the local media has expressed interest in the political website.

"A local newspaper and television station have contacted me about the site, and that's the positive attention I'd like to see grow," Francoeur said. "I want this site to get recognized through word of mouth. People can get all the information they need about every single candidate in one place. What more could you ask for?" he continued.

Francoeur received his Political Science degree from Franklin Pierce College, and is currently working on his M.B.A. at SNHU.

"I've been involved with numerous campaigns in the past. It really is fun to keep up with current events, and I hope this website will help others realize that politics can be fun and interesting too," he said.

time, PS was clearing Washington because of a fire alarm and found a brown canvas bag with six Labatt Blue 12 oz cans, a reusable ice pack, and a water bottle that had a liquid that smelled like alcohol.

### 2/17/07 1:10 AM

At the above date and time, while doing a clearing of Washington for the fire alarm, there was a door wide opened with 2 750 ml bottles of Smirnoff Raspberry vodka sitting in the room.

### 2/10/07 12:10 AM

At the above date and time, a student walked out of Greeley with a beer in her hand and quickly hid it under her shirt.

PS noticed this and stopped the student and asked to see what she was hiding. She showed PS an open can of Bud Light.

### 2/10/07 2:45 AM

At the above date and time, PS was called for an intoxicated student. When they arrived, the student was passed out and when she was woken up, she vomited. Her guest told PS that she started drinking vodka and juice around 10:30. The student once tried to stand but she stumbled and fell. She began to vomit again. EMT's were called and she was taken to the hospital.

# News

## Getting to Know President LeBlanc

**Brian Kanarek**  
Contributing Writer

"I lead with soul," said Paul LeBlanc, President and CEO of Southern New Hampshire University. Leading with his inner most core and naturally having a passion for education through providing an atmosphere most conducive for its facilitation.

President LeBlanc takes a management by objective approach to leading the university. He meets with his seven vice presidents as a whole every two weeks and separately as needed. However, he keeps in close communication to stay abreast of all the news campus wide.

His objectives are to make a better quality of life at the university, raise standards, and improve the overall condition of the school.

He is all over campus attending sporting events, campus activities, or encouraging and motivating employees.

### Philosophy

He is very real. He calls it as he sees it. He is quick to rectify any problem. "Deal with it head on, never let the problem fester," said President LeBlanc.

LeBlanc believes that he has employed top executives including a recent addition of former Mayor Bob Baines (Executive-in-Residence). The bottom quadrants are also equally split, one category is called "the savage village people" and the other is the "father mother role." The backroom politics are the savage village people; this refers to what is happening behind the scenes and the scandals of an institution.

President LeBlanc has an excellent way of dealing with this, by bringing rumors out in the open and making them transparent. He noted that he ends every meeting by saying, "What rumors have you heard?" This is direct and to the point and bold to discuss what could be private or personal matters in front of everyone.

Lastly, the father mother, parental leader is responsible for dealing with subordinates on more personal level. This may entail helping someone get through a difficult or emotional time in their life or helping them realize their productive intellec-

tual potential. President LeBlanc gave an example of taking



someone aside for a coffee and motivating them to get in gear and approach their work in a different manner. He saw himself mentoring the individual on a personal level and trying to bring out the best in them.

### Ethics

President LeBlanc sees operational decisions as easy, clear cut, and simple. On the flip side, he dreads the people problems because feelings are involved and a positive resolution is not always possible.

LeBlanc admitted to this being the worst part and the

only downside of his job. In dealing with people, President LeBlanc said "If you are not losing sleep over it, there's a problem."

While he takes his job very seriously and is seemingly astute with his affairs, he is a loving father and husband. He manages to extend his hobbies to traveling the world and seeing a new place for work or pleasure as often as possible.

He is easily inspired and motivated to come to work and attack the issues head on.

LeBlanc is genuinely interested in bettering his life and those who surround him in his personal and work lives. Luckily, he recognizes and embraces change and transitions. He prides himself in seeking out change.

President LeBlanc is committed to his job that he often invites alumni, staff, faculty, and a variety of outside resources into his home to build a foundation of trust.

President LeBlanc is a model leader, who does a fine job of setting the example. He has implemented more development and training programs for the staff and faculty of the university in addition to becoming the first green university in the nation.

From the new housing structures to the planned ground breaking of the new student center and dining facility, it appears that this year has been a successful year for the administration.

Students inspire him and his has a sense of mission to transform lives.

His motto in life: "Leave the place a lot better than you found it."

### Study Abroad

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information on studying abroad, country requirements and other international educational opportunities, Duncan suggests visiting the following resources:

\* Study Abroad Funding.org for scholarships, grants and financial aid

\*The study abroad

office at your university; talk with your advisor

\*Three great Web resources for you to begin your research:

- [www.IIEPassport.org](http://www.IIEPassport.org)
- [www.StudyAbroad.com](http://www.StudyAbroad.com)
- [www.nafsa.org/secussa](http://www.nafsa.org/secussa)

## From Germany, With Love—Among Other Things

**Jordan Lake**  
Staff Writer

"Too much coffee!" exclaims Andreas Reif when indicating his "biggest weakness." Anyone who's taken one of his courses during Reif's tenure at Southern New Hampshire University, would tell you of his penchant for tongue-in-cheek. As I sat there to interview this 40-something native of Germany, with only the plush leather of the teachers' lounge couch obstructing my view, it seemed clear that another weakness may have been that particularly tiring Wednesday afternoon.

Having seven children can bolster that effect. In a culture today that finds celebrity in the broken but famous family, it's hard not to take solace in a man who would easily profess "coming home to my kids—and wife," as the highlight of his day.

"But that's Andreas," says senior and former pupil Daniel Remmes.

### Wise as a serpent; innocent as a dove

It would be almost impossible to talk about Reif without mentioning his faith. That may have been some source of apprehension behind his tiredness that afternoon. "I only want to learn everything that I can in the world, and to share the truth with others," explains Reif. As a man who's acquired a Language Degree at the University of Maryland, Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and currently finishing his Doctorate online through Trinity College in Canterbury, England, that's a fairly humble statement.

"He's crazy," says sophomore Michael "MJ" Martin "I took his Religions course here [at SNHU] spring '06; he's energetic and tells us information that definitely keeps us awake."

"He's a Good professor," asserts junior Greg Caron "he just goes out of his way to answer a question someone might have in class and make sure you understand it." Caron says of Reif's Introduction to Philosophy class "he really encourages his students." Clamoring ahead of Caron, junior Douglas Walker boasts "[Reif's] one of the best professors at SNHU," qualifying that Reif "always

keeps things interesting no matter what the subject is."

With 10 years of missionary experience under his belt, Reif speaks fondly of his time spent delivering medicine, food, wisdom and rescue to those in need. "We put on plays and dramas for kids. It was just a wonderful experience for many years."

### "I wanted to be a rock star!"

More than SNHU, Reif's vocational turf spans New Hampshire Community Technical College, Hesser College, and New Hampshire Institute of Art—and his teaching boundaries don't end there. Reif takes care, along side his wife, Lynn of 14 years, home-schooling their seven children. "I never thought I would have seven kids—I always wanted to be a rock-star!" Reif contends, as he also leads acoustic guitar and vocals in Faith Baptist Church's Praise Team in Manchester, NH.

As if that weren't enough, Reif has also found time to be a Primerica Financial Service Advisor on the side. But try not to confuse him with a superhero. "I buy too much on e-bay," contends Reif "and I am a bit too impatient. I 'stop and smell the roses' for about 10 seconds—but at least I'm never bored"—says the man who multi-tasks while driving a stick-shift.

### For better, for worse

Through his vivacious exterior, today it's easy to find a successful business man with a wise heart and an introspective soul, but life before love was not the brighter side of things. "Being single was the worst experience in my life," says Reif "I always wanted to get married." From the age of 14, to the day he said "I do" he knew that a life without love was no life at all.

But for Reif, love is now his outlet and primary source of that brief period in time known as relaxation. "I read a lot and enjoy the time I get to spend driving around with my kids—we go on road cruises; but I love to spend time with my wife. She always helps me to relax and unwind."

### To see the world!

"My oldest son is 11, and

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## Germany

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he'll be getting his drivers license in a few years," Reif reveals when explaining his future traveling endeavors. "I would love to rent a Winnebago and travel across the country with my family—or maybe just stay at hotels." Reif is optimistic about his children's future in a world that will need some heirs that are "well equipped."

While he is eager for the personal triumph of finishing his Doctorate, Reif has plenty to keep him occupied in the mean time. Whether in front of a classroom, or in the lay-z-boy next to you, you'll know you're in capable hands—marked by a book at his side, a ready reply and a full cup of coffee.



*Professor Reif and his family  
Photo/Prof. Reif*

## Freedom Celebrated During Womens History Month

**Ashley Manley**  
Staff Writer

An adjunct professor from Morocco knows first hand the true meaning of "freedom." Imane Naji Amrani grew up in Morocco, an Islamic nation where the rights of women were limited. Amrani says that the freedoms of women have become more liberal in recent years in Morocco, but women from other Islamic countries do not have all of the rights Moroccan women have because of their conservative countries.

"You are no longer legally obligated to obey your husband, you have the ability to retain custody of your child, and you have the right to request a divorce," Amrani explained as she was talking about the changes that are happening in Morocco.

Women in the United States expect to have these rights; it is our right as a citizen, a human being, and as a woman. Women in Morocco however did not

have these rights until 2003. It is great changes like these that have occurred in history that should be recognized during Women's History Month.

Amrani discussed the freedoms Moroccan women have just recently been granted. She gave a presentation in Walker Auditorium where she explained in depth the limitations women experience in Islamic nations. She presented a PowerPoint that outlined the misconceptions of Islam and its expectations of its followers.

Amrani wanted the community at SNHU to understand that Islam does not condone violence against women. In actuality, the word Islam comes from the word "salam," which means peace in Arabic. Essentially, no matter what is shown in the media, Amrani said, "violence happens to women everywhere, not just in Islam communities."

In October 2003, The New Family Law called, "al mou-

dawana" was passed. It granted women in Morocco the rights of equality, divorce, polygamy, as well as children's rights.

Amrani said that she is "extremely excited about the new laws." She feels comforted that the laws allow her to be protected under the rights that are given to her. The passing of al moudawana is a milestone for Moroccan women just as getting the right to vote was for American women.

The advances women have made to gain rights over the years is a remarkable feat, said Amrani.

Women from every country and every culture have a history fighting for rights and for the protection of those rights. Although there is still some progress to be made, the progress made already is something to be proud of. Women's History Month is the time to step back and appreciate the obstacles that women all over the world have overcome.

### OUR TOP 10 GRADUATE MAJORS:

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# Entertainment

## Pizza: The Universal Food

**Julie Lancaster**  
Opinion Editor

For some, pizza is known as lunch or dinner. For others, pizza is known as breakfast: cold and delicious. For most college students, pizza is that delicious food we order at 2 a.m. on a Friday or Saturday night. It is the food we had at our 10th birthday party or the typical Friday night dinner when mom or dad didn't want to cook. Pizza

is however, for most, amazing. The average Southern New Hampshire University student is familiar with the typical Beauty's pizza, Papa John's or Domino's pizza. However, are they familiar with some of the others? For example, did you know that Manchester offers well over 20 different places to order pizza? Did you also know that many of them are right outside your doorstep?

In a recent taste test of four unfamiliar pizzerias, a select group of students judged the pizza based on taste and appearance. Here are the results:

	Taste	Appearance
Alley Cat	Cheese - 2 Pepperoni - 3	3
Luisa's	Cheese - 4 Pepperoni - 3	4
The Boot	Cheese - 4 Pepperoni - 4	4
Pappy's	Cheese - 1 Pepperoni - 2	2

**Scale:**  
1 Lowest  
5 Highest

**Best Sauce:** Luisa's  
**Best Crust:** Luisa's  
**Best Pepperoni:** The Boot

## Let's Celebrate Girls!

**Ashley Spranzo**  
A&E Editor

Ok, so it's March, and everywhere you see, whether it be on calendars, announcements, flyers, hallways, etc, it's Women's History Month! It's our time, and women of the past to celebrate our contributions, and accomplishments. For instance, lets talk about fashion. It's everywhere! It's who we are, how we present ourselves, and represent who we are to others. Ever since we were little girls, even when our mothers used to dress us, we would of course opt for the Cinderella costume with tap shoes to wear to Pre School, but of course, mother dearest convinced us otherwise, and we could wear the dress when we got home from school. From since we can remember, we have evolved and developed our own each individual style. Even better, we have established and credible women who now bring us fresh, edgy, and new ideas to improve our own unique look.

This past summer, I had the opportunity to intern at Glamour magazine in New York City. To say the least I learned a ton! And to top it off, it was only a few floors above the infamous Vogue, so cool! I learned a lot from all of Conde Nast's publications, and to say the least women run the show (some help from the guys of course). We are the brains behind the beauty, and know what is hot, and what's not. These girls work extremely hard with designers, PR people, etc, to bring us the latest. We also need to thank our curves, and bless those designers that dress them, and make us look the best that we can be. With their help, and our distinguished style, we take our canvas and make it our own, which separates us, from everyone else. So when you are looking in the mirror, remember, and be proud of who you are, what you've put together, and walk out of your room with your stilettos, skinny jeans, and couture top with confidence!

## RIAA Launches New Initiatives Targeting Campus Music Theft

WASHINGTON--(COLLEGIATE PRESSWIRE)--Feb. 28, 2007--The recording industry today launched a new and strengthened campus anti-piracy initiative that significantly expands the scope and volume of its deterrent efforts while offering a new process that gives students the opportunity to avoid a formal lawsuit by settling prior to a litigation being filed.

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA), on behalf of the major record companies, today sent 400 pre-litigation settlement letters to 13 different universities. Each letter informs the school of a forthcoming copyright infringement lawsuit against one of its students or personnel. The RIAA will request that universities forward those letters to the appropriate network user. Under this new approach, a student (or other network user) can settle the record company claims against him or her at a discounted rate before a lawsuit is ever filed.

The initial wave of this new initiative launched today will include letters in the following quantities sent to Arizona State University (23 pre-settlement litigation letters), Marshall University (20), North Carolina State University (37), North Dakota State University (20), Northern Illinois University (28), Ohio University (50), Syracuse University (37), University of Massachusetts-Amherst (37), University of Nebraska-Lincoln (36), University of South Florida (31), University of Southern California (20), University of Tennessee-Knoxville (28), and University of Texas-Austin (33). The RIAA, on behalf of the major record companies, will pursue hundreds of similar enforcement actions against university network users each month.

"We have transformed how we do business, and online music has experienced a sea change compared to three years ago," said Mitch Bainwol, Chairman and CEO of the RIAA. "A legal marketplace that barely existed in 2003 is now a billion dollar business showing real promise.

Many rogue sites have gone under and fans have a far better understanding of the right and wrong ways to enjoy music. No matter how much we adapt, though, any new business model must always necessarily rely upon a respect for property rights. That's why we must continue to enforce our rights."

The new initiative comes as the nature and understanding of online music theft have changed dramatically since the RIAA first launched its individual user lawsuits in the fall of 2003. The music industry's anti-piracy efforts have achieved real progress holding accountable the businesses that promote theft and deterring many would-be illegal downloaders. On college campuses, though, the illegal downloading habits of students remain extensive and disproportionately problematic.

For example, a survey by the Intellectual Property Institute at the University of Richmond's School of Law found that more than half of college students download music and movies illegally. Additional data from market research firm NPD shows that college students, the most avid music fans, get more of their music from illegal peer-to-peer than the rest of the population: 25 percent vs. 16 percent (percentage of total music acquisition from peer-to-peer downloading).

At the same time, the RIAA's new deterrence initiative will focus more heavily on Ares and Gnutella-based networks such as LimeWire, which are gaining in popularity as online destinations for free, illegal music.

RIAA officials praised the collaborative efforts of the university community, such as the Joint Committee of the Higher Education and Entertainment Community, but said despite progress and a more proactive approach by many universities, the pervasiveness of illegal downloading on campus was unacceptable and compromised industry's ability to invest in the new bands of tomorrow.

"We understand that no

## Around the World

**Caitlin Murphy**  
Staff Writer



## Venezuela

**Luis Ramirez**  
**Age:** 19  
**Hometown:** San Cristobal, Venezuela  
**Government:** Democracy  
**President:** Hugo Chavez  
**Languages:** Spanish  
**Favorite Food:** Paella and Spanish Foods  
**Favorite Music:** Reggaeton, Salsa  
**What do you miss most about home:** Family, Friends, and no drinking age  
**Why are you at SNHU:** I am here on a tennis scholarship and I am studying Finance/Accounting  
**Future Career:** Financial Advisor  
**Final Thoughts:** "Venezuela is an interesting country with nice people, warm weather, and the best parties!"



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## What is your greatest Spring Break memory?



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"I got kidnapped in Rome."



Travis McCormick  
Senior  
"I went to Italy and fell asleep standing up in the coliseum."



Amanda Robbins  
Junior  
"My 90 yr old grandmother snuck me into a bar."



Charles Crawford  
Graduate Assistant  
"I randomly drove across country."



Lia Liporto  
Junior  
"I got lost in New York and almost hit a deer."



Jess Lambert  
Sophomore  
"I work all spring break, my life sucks."

Brittany Thompson  
Sophomore  
"I went to Florida for Bike Week and my best friend won the wet T-shirt contest."

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Jess Savage  
Junior

"I got sick all vacation."

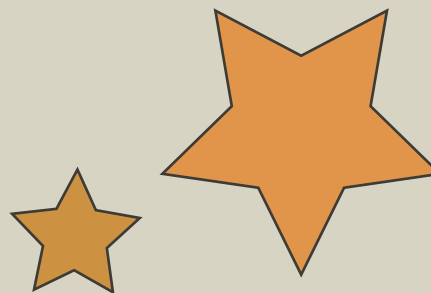
Shawn LaLiberty  
Senior

"I got arrested for underage drinking on the way to Montreal."

Mike Gallant  
Senior

"I went to Disney World and my friends got hit on by a mascot character."

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# Sports

## NH Native Makes it Big in Women's Sports World

**Stephanie Belida**  
Sports Editor

Athlete, school teacher, waitress, financial officer, and entrepreneur. These are all jobs that Jane Blalock of the Jane Blalock Company (J B C Golf Inc), has held before finding a perfect match.

Jane Blalock is a native of Portsmouth, NH. She grew up in a time when there were not many opportunities for women in sports or the workforce. Because of that she took up golf. She started as a caddy at Portsmouth Country Club and that is where she started to learn the game as well. She never expected to become a great golf player; she just wanted to be a good amateur. Then she got a chance to take lessons from a great teacher in Florida.

She continued to take lessons in Florida while working at the golf course. And from there she tried out for the LPGA. She won tournaments and was rookie of the year. Jane played for 17 years, not really any better than anyone else, but willing to work harder than anyone else. She decided to quit while she was ahead. From there she went on to

work for Merrill Lynch. She was able to get by for five years with her street smarts from playing golf. She realized she needed to "deal from her strength" which was golf. She started a golf marketing company. She was just running golf events. That's when she started wondering where the women were.

Jane started running golf clinics for women. She not only taught them how to play golf but how to let golf improve their business. Since then she's built a 35,000 name database of business women throughout the country. The Jane Blalock Company is the only national women-owned golf event management and marketing firm.

Jane states that working with your strengths is extremely important. That is why she's been successful in her business. She says to have a purpose and to care about something. She's fighting to make men and women, at least in the golf world, more equal. Women control sixty percent of the money in the country and own more small businesses than men. Jane is proving that a woman can do anything a man can do.



Jane Blalock and members of the sports management team.  
Photo/SNHU Sports Information

## Spring Sports Season Kicks Off

**Stephanie Belida**  
Sports Editor

There may still be snow on the ground, but the spring sports are in full bloom.

With the recent snow storm, the Women's Lacrosse Team has postponed their season opener against Assumption College. They will meet instead on April 26, 2007. The women will instead open their season against St. Anselm Col-

lege at St. Anselm on March 21.

Also due to the snow storm, Baseball was unable to make a trip to Virginia. The Penmen were able to split a double header against C. W. Post in their season opener on March 11, 2007. The Penmen will host Merrimack College in their home opener on March 24.

Men's Lacrosse has split their first two games of the

season. They squeezed by Pace with a score 10-9 in their season opener. They then lost their second game of the season to 5th ranked C.W. Post 11-6. The men return to action the 27th at St. Leo.

Women's Tennis will begin their season at Franklin Pierce College on March 18, 2007. Men's Tennis will begin their spring season on March 19, 2007 at Franklin Pierce College.

## Upcoming Sports Action

**March 21, 2007**

3:30PM  
Women's Lacrosse @ St. Anselm College

**March 23, 2007**

8:00PM  
Men's Lacrosse @ Florida State

**March 24, 2007**

12:00PM  
Baseball vs. Merrimack College  
1:00PM  
Women's Lacrosse vs. Bentley College

**March 25, 2007**

1:00PM  
Baseball @ Merrimack College

**March 26, 2007**

10:00AM  
Golf @ Goldey Beacon

**March 27, 2007**

10:00AM  
Golf @ Goldey Beacon  
3:30PM  
Baseball @ St. Anselm College  
4:00PM

Men's Lacrosse @ St. Leo  
4:00PM

Men's Tennis Vs. Stonehill College  
6:00PM

Women's Lacrosse @ Franklin Pierce College

**March 29, 2007**

TBD  
Baseball vs. St. Anselm College  
4:00PM  
Men's Tennis vs. Bentley College

7:00PM

Women's Lacross @ Anne Arundel CC

**March 30, 2007**

3:30PM  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Molloy

**March 31, 2007**

TBD  
Baseball @ Bentley College  
TBD  
Men's Tennis Vs. American International College  
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Softball @ LeMoyne College  
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Women's Lacrosse @ Belmont Abby  
1:00PM  
Women's Tennis @ American International College



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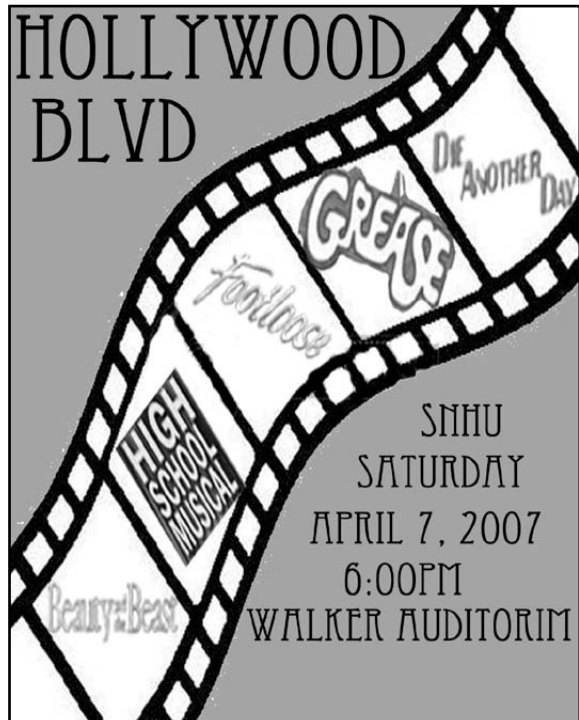
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# Clubs

## Toga Party Rocks on!

"Hey what are you wearing under your toga?" was a popular question two weeks ago when Phi Omega Psi had their Toga Party. The event was a huge success with around fifty people in attendance. The event, which had had some success in the past, was brought up as a potential idea months ago and seemed to hit the right nerve with the sisters. Nicole Gauthier, a member of Phi Omega Psi felt that "Overall the event went really well, it was a lot of fun!" All night the DJ, Jarrod MacNeil kept the party alive with his rocking tunes and personal requests. In the end the event was a huge success and fun was had by all, this is an event which I'm sure you will see again!



## RIAA

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deterrence or education program will 'solve' piracy. Our job is to provide sufficient oxygen for the legal marketplace to show its true promise," added Bainwol. "The theft of music remains unacceptably high and undermines the industry's ability to invest in new music. This is especially the case on college campuses, despite innovative business models like Ruckus' offer of free, legal music to any college student. Our work with college administrators has yielded real progress, and we're grateful for the help of those who have worked closely with us. At the same time, we recognize that the nature of online music theft is changing, and we need to adjust our strategies accordingly."

Cary Sherman, President, RIAA, said, "Because we know that some audiences – particularly campus music downloaders – can sometimes be impervious to even the most compelling educational messages or legal alternatives, these new efforts aim to help

students recognize that the consequences for illegal downloading are more real than ever before. We will continue to work with respected educators to reach students before college through programs like i-SAFE and Young Minds Inspired, but we simply cannot afford to write off a generation of college music fans. We hope that university administrators recognize the beneficial role they will play here – most immediately, by helping avert a lawsuit against a student, but better yet, by demonstrating the leadership that helps teach students right from wrong and by implementing the technological tools that prevent piracy from happening in the first place."

In addition to the strengthened enforcement initiative, the RIAA will launch a new website – [www.p2lawsuits.com](http://www.p2lawsuits.com) – to serve as an informational resource for individuals facing a lawsuit. The RIAA has also developed an educational advertising campaign targeted for university newspapers. Incorporating concepts developed by marketing students enrolled in RIAA-EdVenture

Partners classes, the ads will continue to appear in campus newspapers across the country in the coming weeks. [For samples of ads to run as part of this campaign, please see the hyperlinks at the bottom of this press release.] These educational efforts build upon the RIAA's launch last fall of an orientation video for use by universities available at [www.campusdownloading.com](http://www.campusdownloading.com).

Today's announcement comes on the heels of news last week that the RIAA is sending "notices" to colleges at a rate more than three times higher than the previous academic year. While distinct from lawsuits and pre-litigation settlement letters, these notices – letters informing a college of an individual on campus illegally distributing copyrighted songs and requesting that the university take down that illegal content – are another ongoing means of enforcement against campus music theft. Due to technological advances, RIAA officials point to the current notice volume as an improved reflection of the file-trafficking problem on college campuses.

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# Student Government

## President's Message

**Okendo Lewis Gayle**

Contributing Writer

I would like to thank the 300 of you who participated in our Executive Board election. Under the leadership of the Election Committee Chair, Prince Soko, the SGA has secured its new leadership for the incoming academic year. Junior Senator, Tyler Drummond will serve as your 2007-2008 SGA President; current SGA Secretary, Samantha Palmer, will assume the role of Vice President; current SGA Treasurer, Guy Tam Bikoi will continue

Vijay Kailaschand Jain's legacy of fiscal responsibility into the next year; Freshman Senator, Lindsey Zinka, will build on Palmer's good work as SGA Secretary. I am also pleased to announce that President-elect, Tyler Drummond, has selected Junior Senator, Prince Soko to serve as his Executive Officer. The five will officially assume office May 1, at a ceremony in the Penmen Room and under their leadership I am certain that the the Student Senate will continue to advance the interest of the student body and safe-

guard the rights of all students.

By the end of March the Senate will also elect and re-elect its membership, but before the academic year is out the SGA Senate will secure spam filters for all students, Appreciation Day for SNHU staff members, yearly allocation for our clubs and organizations, a possible increase in student activities fee and new equipment for our media groups and more. Until then, however, I wish you a safe and fun Spring Break and bid you "Sayonara" as I am off to the "Land of the Rising Sun."

## Vice-President's Message

**Michael Weiss**

Contributing Writer

First off I would like to congratulate all the new elected officials of all the clubs and organizations that have held their elections. I would like to extend a special congratulations to those elected to the SGA e-board. You all have a wonderful and exciting journey a head of you.

House of Reps. are almost over and our next meeting on April 4th at 5pm in Hospitality, we will be approving our new budget

for next year. It is an important meeting and one that I hope we can get through efficiently and in a timely manner.

The HOR is currently working through an ad-hoc committee to review and revamp our current policies and procedures. I invite any club president, including those newly elected to please come and contact me if interested in becoming a part of this important committee. Thank you and have an awesome and safe spring break!

## Treasurer's Message

**Guy Tam Bikoi**

Contributing Writer

Our spring semester is moving fast, and the SGA Executive Board elections just came to an end. First, let me give you an update about the student activities fees' expenditure. From the yearly allocation totalizing 547,684.06 \$; the clubs and organizations have spent 332,074.50 \$ so far, which represents about 60% of our budget. Second, I would

like to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected SGA executive board for next year, especially Lindsey Zinka as SGA secretary, Samantha Palmer as Vice-president and Tyler Drummond as President. Also, I would like to thank the voters who expressed their voice in order to make this important process come to fruition, and give it all its significance.

The Budget and Finance committee will resume its

meetings after spring break, and will not meet on Wednesday march 21, 2007 as scheduled due to the Model United Nations conference. However, I will remain available via email to answer any questions/ concerns, particularly for clubs that are planning to present at the next Budget and Finance committee meeting, on Wednesday April 4, 2007.

I thus wish you a good and safe spring break. Au revoir!

## Executive

## Officers's Message

**Samantha Palmer**

Contributing Writer

Congratulations to next year's newly elected SGA E-Board members. Samantha, Guy, Lindsey, and Tyler are currently very active in SGA so there is no question they will be very successful in their respec-

tive roles next year. Petey the penmen requests have been coming in more and more often so just please remember to book him in advance and contact me at Anthony.carr@snhu.edu with the event details.

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# Opinion

## SNHU in Need of Art Exhibition Center

**Katlyn Morin**  
News Editor

"One thing about SNHU: we are open to new ideas," said Curtis Smith, Vice President for Academic Affairs. As a growing university, and in today's age of opportunity, I find it necessary to propose the idea of an addition to the Southern New Hampshire University campus.

This addition would be the home of a student art and exhibition center where space would be accommodated for a studio for the SNHU community to utilize as well as a space to display artwork and presentations.

Being a communications major with a focus in graphic design, I have been fortunate to study with a great department but feel that the department is limited in certain aspects.

Sure, we have a top of the line graphics lab with the sources to produce great work – but shouldn't this valued education be shown to the community, in and outside of SNHU?

"There is a ton of good student visual work produced every semester in courses/co-ops that deserves to be displayed. This can only enrich the whole SNHU community and aid significantly in recruitment of students in all programs in all schools – not just the School of Liberal Arts and its Graphic Design Major," said Harry

I was reading in a men's magazine and I came across a simple formula that may help you. If you're looking to date someone older, take half of his/her age and add 7. If s/he is 40, you should be at least 27 to even think about having a serious relationship. If s/he is 24, you should be at least 19. Get it? Good luck with your new fling, hopefully you won't have to help him/her look for a retirement home in Florida, or apply for AARP too soon!

Dear Lexi,

I have a huge issue with authority on campus. I feel like the RA's are on a power trip. I get in trouble for the littlest things. Quiet hours, over occupancy, what's with these rules? How can I get my RA to treat me like a college student and not a kindergartener?

Quiet as a Mouse

Dear Quiet as a Mouse,

RA's are trained to enforce school policy, unfortunately, that's their job. Think back to kindergarten and remember one thing "treat others the way you would like to be treated." I know it may seem silly, but RA's usually tend to be a little more lenient with the minor stuff if you are respectful. Reason with them if they come by for quiet hours, and if you get in trouble and an RA seems out of line, you can always appeal to your RD.

### ASK LEXI!

Email Lexi with your questions!  
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Dear Lexi,

I'm going on spring break with my friends, and I'm really concerned about sticking to my budget. Whenever I go out with my friends, I always end up chipping in more than my share for the tab plus tip. Any suggestions on how I can stick to paying for my fair share?

Goin' Broke

Dear Goin' Broke,

You've got to learn to stick up for yourself! When the tab comes, try and get your hands on it first, and let everyone else know what they owe, and tack on a couple dollars for the tip. If this doesn't work, ask for a separate check. It may seem like an inconvenience for the waitress, but it's better than getting back from your spring break broke! Good luck!

Dear Lexi,

I recently met my latest crush, and I am very interested in him. Only one problem... He's almost twice my age! How old is too old?

Not good with numbers

Dear Not Good with Numbers,

Umen, Chair, of the Department of Communications.

SNHU is currently sponsoring "Political Chowder" with host, Arnie Arnesen. I am one of many students involved with the production of the show and she mentioned something to me not long ago – "Great work should not disappear!" This has stuck with me since and continues to motivate me in proposing the art and exhibition center to the SNHU community.

I have recently gained the support of various staff and

faculty on campus and hope to continue with this proposal.

Karen Erickson, Dean of Liberal Arts, said, "Beginning last September, I have been working on a broad idea for a center or institute that would offer "creative space" and at the same time serve as an interface between the classroom and the community."

This is positive feedback and the more feedback the better. I need your support! Shouldn't we 'go the extra mile'?

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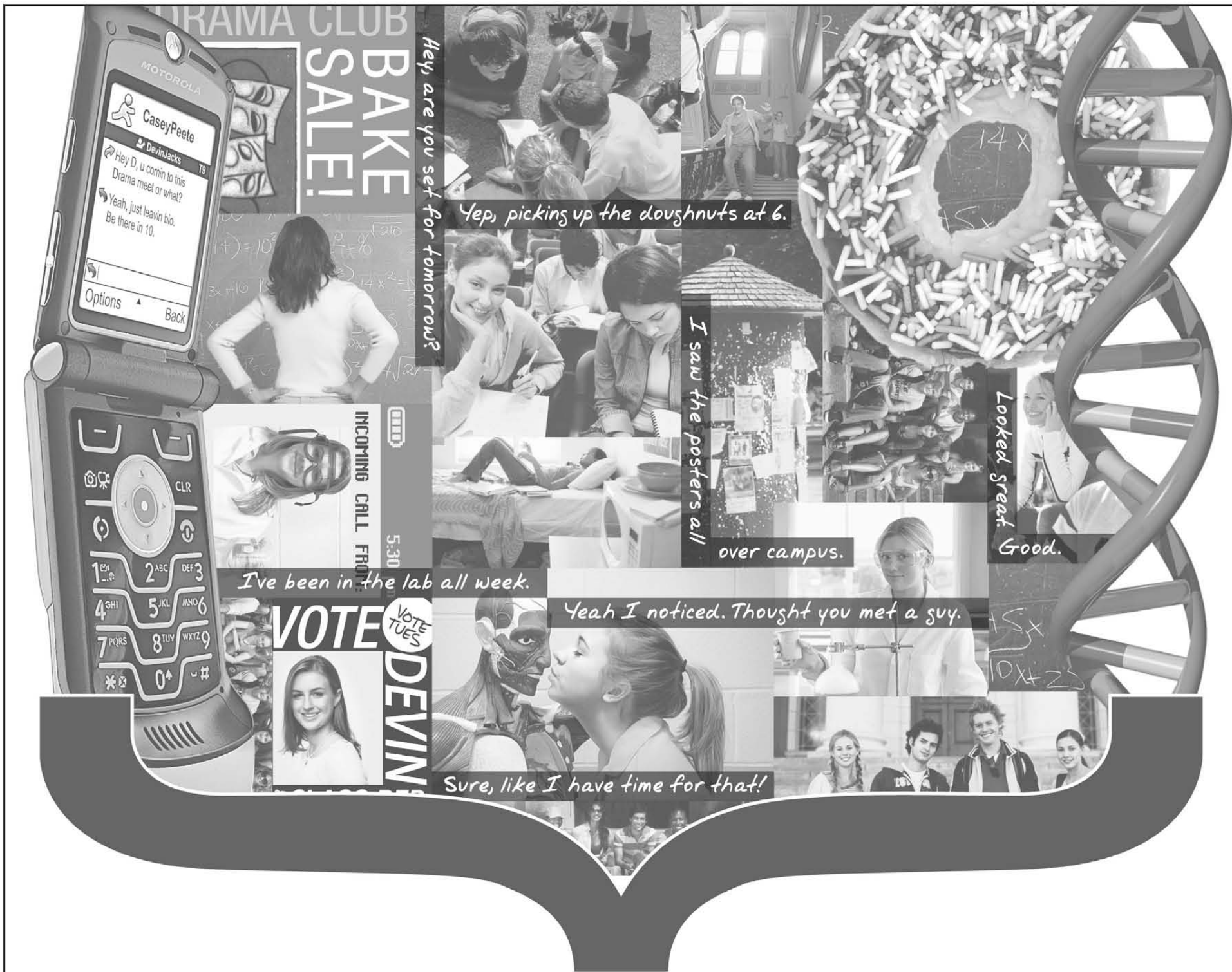
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