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# Killer Whale Lives Up to Name

Samantha Cohen Staff Writer

When one thinks of popular family vacations, Sea World in Orlando, Florida definitely comes to mind. Young kids get to watch and inquire about some of the world's most fascinating animals. There are shows to watch that are lead by highly trained professionals for the crowd's enjoyment. Sea World is supposed to be a place for marvel wonder and excitement for young children and their families.

However, that was not the

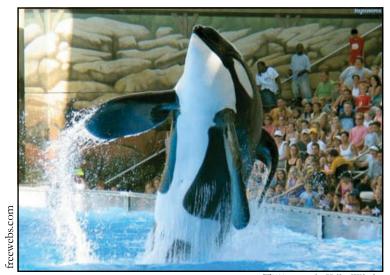
case on February 24, 2010. Children of all ages accompanied by friends and family lined up to watch what was thought to be a routine killer whale show, starring 12,000 pound Tilikum. Helen Kennedy from New York Daily News explains that Tilikum is the oldest and biggest killer whale in captivity. Normally, it is described as calm and easy to work with. For whatever reason, something seemed to have upset the whale because it grabbed its trainer, Dawn Brancheau (who was very experienced and said to be very skilled at her job). The animal took her life right there in front of the many spectators.

Young children watched in

complete horror and awe as the once cheerful, energetic trainer in charge of the show was brutally murdered by the whale. According to Kennedy, Sea World President Dan Brown said everything was operating normally as it should, and there was no hint as to what went so terribly wrong.

The most difficult thing to do is figure what actions to take after such a horrific tragedy. How is such a popular tourist attraction supposed to recover? Some say that the whale should be freed. Others say that killing it would be the theme park's best course of action, since this same whale has already been involved

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Tilikum, the Killer Whale

# Alcohol, Without the Empty Calories



Lotus Vodka enhanced with vitamins

#### **Patrick Trouve** Clubs & Orgs Editor

Since the end of prohibition in 1933, for some, alcohol consumption has been a part of American culture. One cannot turn on the television or open a magazine without constant attacks from alcohol advertisements begging all to consume. Whether it is a casual drink after a long day at work or an all night party with your college friends, drinking alcoholic beverages seems to be a cultural mainstay

void of any obvious nutritional Competition. benefits, until now.

One company, Lotus Vodka, bottled by Delicious Brands in San Francisco, has successfully crafted a beverage that combines standard liquor with vitamins to eliminate the empty calorie stigma that alcohol has carried since its inception. The company, formed in 2007, and its product have become internationally renowned for Blue Lotus, one of two varieties the company distributes, winning Gold medals in 2008 and 2009 at the San Francisco World Spirits

The company offers two types of vitamin-infused vodka: Blue Lotus, with its guarana extract, taurine and caffeine, and White Lotus, complete with B and C vitamins. The beverages, aside from the introduction of a variety of vitamins and energy boosting ingredients, are produced in a similar fashion to most other popular vodkas; both Blue Lotus and White Lotus are triple distilled and contain 40% alcohol by volume (80 proof).

> The company's founder, Please turn to page 04

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# Letter From The Editor

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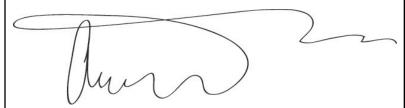
Finally Spring is beginning to show its face. With all of the storms of the past month it is nice to finally see some sunshine! With the changing seasons come several changes to the paper too! We're mixing some things up with the layout of the paper. We would love some feedback on how things look.

Another change, as you may have noticed, is that the Observer is printing twice as often. After a bit of deliberation, we decided to make this significant change so that we can better serve the SNHU community. Printing twice a month has allowed us to provide SNHU with more timely and varied articles.

This issue has a lot of particularly interesting articles in it. You should always check out your horoscopes in Arts & Entertainment. I also recommend checking out page 8 of the paper to see who won an Academy Award (just in case you missed it on Sunday night). The International Spotlight on Emma Xialu Chu is also something you should take a look at.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue just as much as the staff and I enjoyed putting it together. As always, we welcome your input and hope that you'll contribute your thoughts from time to time.

Best wishes,



Aimee L. Terravechia

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# Letter to the Editor: **SNHU Crosswalk**



New crosswalk on North River Roa

#### Gregg Mazzola

Director of Communications

Southern New Hampshire University's recent east side campus expansion has drawn rave reviews from area residents and businesses, but the growth in infrastructure has not come without some new safety responsibilities.

The fall opening of the university's new Academic Center coupled with the January unveiling of the Dining Center has increased foot traffic from one side of campus to the other, which crosses over North River Road in Hooksett.

Mindful of this changing dynamic to the campus landscape, the university added a crosswalk and a traffic light from the Dining Center's entrance extending to the campus' west side to control the flow of traffic and to ensure a safe environment. In addition, emails to the campus community have been issued that promote the lawful ways to approach and cross the crosswalk area as both a pedestrian and a driver.

With any change in traffic flow comes a period of adjustment, and the university campus is no exception to that rule. We are instructing pedestrians before crossing blindly into the crosswalk to first activate the cross signal, changing the traffic light from green to red. Pedestrians must understand that cars have the right of way under a green light and entering a crosswalk under these conditions puts them and drivers in harm's way. Drivers, on the other hand, should not stop at a green light and wave students across - we love the gracious gesture and welcome the slow approach, but it encourages students to cross when they do not have the right

The university will continue to be proactive in monitoring this traffic and pedestrian flow to maintain a safe environment. We also ask drivers approaching this area to do so with caution and patience and assist us in this effort.

# Op-Ed

# Open Letter to Campus Ministries

#### Chad Marden

Staff Writer

Dear Campus Ministries Student Association,

I recently read your letter to the editor in the last issue of The Observer and I must say that I was just as offended by it as you were of my article. Out of intellectual honesty, I wish to point out the following discrepancies of point of view:

- 1. I was not scolding you or any other particular group of people. I was pointing out a grammatical error.
- 2. I will openly admit that I was wrong not to specify what religion I was referring to in my article. However, such a religious debate, which the article is not about, regardless of context, seems like an attempt to put

down one's beliefs.

- 3. Controversial material should not be taboo. If we don't talk about something, how do you expect someone to learn more about it and form opinions and/or solutions?
- 4. I am deeply religious myself and one of the practices we teach is the open acceptance of all beliefs. To insinuate that I would put down anyone's beliefs comes as a reproach to my honor and integrity.

I am glad that you have voice your opinion, as for me writing provides a reason to encourage people to do what you did, which is questioning the reality of my views or the views that oppose mine. So thank you for your letter and for your input.

> Much respect, Chad Marden

# Can We Just Discuss:

### What a Waste

#### Chad Marden

Staff Writer

Once a semester, the campus does their "Trace the Waste" campaign to get us to stop wasting food. I think it's great that they want to do something about it, but is there really no better way to get your point across than to SEAL OFF EVERY TRASH CAN IN THE CAFETERIA?

Seriously folks, that's just plain rude. Some of us, believe it or not, have more important things to do with our time than to wait in a ludicrously long line just so you can inventory our garbage. And half the time it's not even food waste. I had to

wait in line for the better part of two minutes just to dispose of a straw wrapper and a paper cup. Eventually, someone got fed up and punched a hole in the plastic wrap covering one of the trash cans just so he could get on with his life, and I applauded his emotional honesty.

Bottom line: there's a fine line between activism and being just plain pushy and annoying. I'm all for trying to stop wastefulness, but can you at least find a civil way to do it next time? I'd prefer not to be late to class because of somebody's obsessive-compulsive need to paw through my rubbish.





# News

## Vitamin Vodka

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MIT graduate Rob Bailey, created the drink with the constant commercial push for health in mind. "People are watching what they consume Monday through Friday. There is no reason to stop on the weekend," explained Bailey to Newsweek Magazine at the launching of the drink. Bailey hopes that, by consuming Lotus Vodkas, consumers can eliminate the consumption of sugary energy drinks such as the popular Red Bull with their cocktails.

The drink, despite the innovation and potential health benefits, has received some criticism. A 2007 study at Wake Forest University found that college drinkers were more likely to binge drink, commit an assault, or be sexually assaulted when consuming drinks containing caffeine. If this study were to ring true nationally, Lotus Vodka could create potential danger on college campuses and bars nationwide.

Dr. Sam Zakhari, a director of the division of metabolism

and health effects at the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, believes that, when choosing between a vitaminenhanced vodka and standard vodka, consumers should choose the vitamin-enhanced variety but not to expect much difference in terms of health benefits; the vitamins in the vodka will certainly not eliminate the effects of alcohol on the body such as motor skills, reaction time, and rational judgment.

Overall, Lotus Vodka has created a product that, although just as potentially dangerous as a run of the mill spirit, can add some sort of nutrition to the consumer's weekend drink. Despite the potential benefits of the drink, consumers should not rely solely on the vodka for their vitamin intake. As Dr. R. Curtis Ellison, a professor of Medicine at Boston University, explained, "People should not drink wine or alcohol for their health. It's like putting vitamins in cigarettes. That's stupid"

# Killer Whale

Continued from page 01 in two other causalities. But, despite the name, killer whales do not usually attack humans, especially for no reason.

The park cannot release Tilikum into the wild because it has been held in captivity for far too long for the whale to know how to survive in the wild. They cannot put the whale to sleep because it is a huge asset to Sea World's breeding program.

In the two previous incidents that Tilikum was involved in, the humans were probably seen as toys and the whale did not seem to know any better; however, in an interview with Kennedy, Naomi Rose, a senior

scientist at the Humane Society of the United States, stated, "what he did in the previous two incidents were not attacks - to him, the people were toys, and to a whale, being under water for 20 minutes is nothing. This sounds a little more like an attack."

No one is sure of the whale's future; however, President Brown said the situation is still under very careful investigation, and even more safety precautions are going to be put in place for future shows and trainers. So, next time you think of Sea World being for the faint of heart, you may want to think again!

# Toyota Moving Forward?

#### Samantha Cohen

Staff Writer

Toyota, a once extremely trusted car manufacturing company, is now something people are beginning to be skeptical about. With a slogan like "drive your dreams," it is no wonder people are irate that their dreams turned into nightmares. With recalls including sticking accelerator pedals and the floor matt pedal entrapment, Toyota drivers have every right to feel unsafe.

It is no surprise that the Toyota Company is largely at risk and also under very careful investigation. The most recent action taken because of all the ire towards the company took place on Capitol Hill February 23rd and 24th. David Ross of ABC News explained that the President of Toyota, Akio Toyoda, apologized tearfully to Congress. He admitted to letting safety precautions slide, and safety was not number one on their priority list as it very well should have been.

When asked questions, Toyoda was not sure how to answer them, so he beat around the bush, leaving Congress members unsure of what his next move will be. As Ross put, "Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood said Toyota had 'dragged its feet' and been 'safety deaf' until he personally called Toyoda to warn him he needed to provide quicker and better responses to 'dangerous' safety defects."

Although Toyoda does take full responsibility, what he needs to do is put action behind his words. He cannot take back the tragedies that have already happened, but he can learn from the company's mistakes and, as Toyota's other motto states, move forward.

According to Stephen Manning from Associated Press, On February 23rd, U.S. sales chief James Lentz tried to console all who were hurt and angered by the catastrophes by telling them changes would be made, but also admitting and acknowledging that there is still a long road ahead for the company to be completely off the radar. There are no easy solutions for the problems that need to be fixed, and that poses a threat not only



to drivers now, but the company overall.

It looks like these problems are not all that recent, as Manning explains that there have been 34 deaths associated to problems with accelerators since 2000. People want to know why these issues are just being brought to light now, and they have every right to.

Lentz also clarified the problems were mechanical, and the company is doing everything in its power to straighten out the tribulations. It seems as if Toyota, while the company is at stake, is putting safety as their foremost concern now that officials have questioned otherwise. It wants to revamp its once untouchable reputation and get back on its feet to let the public know that the company can be trusted once again.

### Trace the Waste

Kyle Beaulieu

Contributing Writer

Environmentally Sustainable Students (ESS) conducted their second ever Trace the Waste event on February 23rd. The purpose of this event was to track the amount of food waste generated by students, faculty, and staff in one day. Our goal is to create awareness within the SNHU community around the food waste generated so that students, faculty, and staff can be given this important information. Through this information, we hope to empower the SNHU community to reduce its food waste, which we will measure each semester.

The total food waste generated for that day, by those students, faculty, and staff that dined in at the cafeteria, was 241 lbs or 3,856 ounces. The average food wasted per person was 0.17 lbs or 2.78 ounces.

In the upcoming months, we hope to provide information that will put these numbers into context with other information, so that the SNHU community may better understand what these numbers mean.

At any school, in general, there are two major contributors to food waste: members of the campus community, and the campus dining centers. ESS hopes to work closely with both the members of our SNHU community and our dining center, to help reduce the overall food waste generated by SNHU.

For members of the SNHU community that would like to begin reducing their impact immediately, try taking your left-overs to-go, and finish them later as a snack!

Finally, we would like to thank the members of the SNHU community and the SNHU dining center for your support. We hope to continue our efforts to Trace the Waste! If anyone has any questions, suggestions, or comments, please feel free to e-mail ess@snhu.edu.

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# Scholarship Campaign Kicks Off

#### Marissa Twombley

Staff Writer

Want to apply for a scholarship for SNHU? Every year SNHU seeks students who are willing to participate in applying for scholarships that are generously provided by the alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends of the university.

Every year, students hope that they can succeed at obtaining a scholarship to help pay for tuition, books etc. Many students do not know that you can easily access scholarship applications online on the school website and turn them into the Office of Financial Aid. This year, SNHU has decided that, in order for students to meet the cost of a university education, they are increasing their aid up

to \$18,000 in scholarships and grants that students with a high school GPA of 2.5 or higher are eligible for.

When students apply for scholarships, they must choose from three available scholarship categories: merit scholarships, other scholarships and named and endowed scholarships. Each of these headlining categories has a number of scholarships and sub categories in which students can apply.

Any current or incoming student can apply for merit scholarships which include the Academic Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship, Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship, Honors Program Scholarship, Future Business Leaders of America Scholarship, (FBLA), DECA Scholarship, and the

Skills USA Scholarship.

Besides merit scholarships, other scholarships that are available are Alumni Family scholarship, Athletic Scholarship Program, Resident Assistant Scholarship Program and the Women's Faculty Scholarship.

Students have a variety of options and chances of receiving scholarships because, under SNHU's named and endowed scholarships, you can choose your field of major studies and apply for scholarships under Business, Community Economic Development, Computer Sciences, Continuing Education, Culinary/Hospitality, Education, General, Graduate School, Greek Organizations, International and Liberal Arts.

Every one of these scholarships and sub categories of



scholarships can be located on the Southern New Hampshire University website with the eligibility requirements and a description of each scholarship available.

So take control and apply for scholarships! The deadline for applying for any scholar-

adventure in which Sam and

ship is March 15 by 5 p.m. All applications must be handed in to the Office of Financial Aid and recipients will be notified in writing by June 1 whether they have won. You can see all of these scholarships at http://www.snhu.edu/1453.asp.

## The Mr. and Miss Of SNHU

#### Sinziana Scoarta

A&E and Opinion Editor

On Tuesday, March 2nd, Phi Omega Psi and CAPE hosted the first Mr. and Miss SNHU Pageant. The Last Chapter Pub was maxed out capacity-wise by the enthusiastic supporters and friends of the contestants. The event was MC-ed by Maura Schulman and Mike Rizzi, while DJ Chad ensured the musical background for the entire contest.

The six brave contestants who proved their talent, wit and sense of humor in front of the demanding SNHU audience were Brandy Hooper, Holly McNeil-Turner and Becky Scalera on the Miss side, and Corbin Bogert, Paulson Edum and David Washington on the Mr. side.

All contestants were introduced to the audience in their formal outfits, which truly complemented their on-stage attitude, be it fun or classy. The talents of all the contestants were as diverse as their personalities. Scalera impressed the audience with her devil stick skill, Hooper made proof of her piano- playing talent, and McNeil-Turner energized the contest with her lively singing. The men, on the other hand, had magician Bogert guessing an ace of hearts, Edum interpreting an inspirational song and Washington reciting an SNHU- inspired poem that concluded with "SNHU. I love you. I hate you. But forever I thank you."

The jury, made up of Chance Clutter, Assistant Director of the Career Development Center, Bob Schiavoni, Director of the Office of Residence Life and Louisa Martin, Director of Diversity for the Office of Cultural Outreach & Involvement challenged the contestants with a series of thought-provoking yet laughter-prone questions. When asked what he would do if he won the pageant, Washington replied that he would instill

a sense of brotherhood in the community, while Edum stated that if he were Mr. SNHU, he would make sure that the event would be held annually. McNeil-Turner pertinently answered that a theory of why the world is flat is due to the lack of openness of people, and Hooper, with a bit of support from the audience, stated that she would like to be a white tiger as they are graceful, brave and smart. Bogert was given the challenge to make an impression of Petey the Penmen, and he encouraged us all to "Sign with SNHU, because SNHU is the future." Scalera suggested that one of the best excuses she could use with professors is that she had a terrible incident the night before and was up all night writing incident reports or even that one of her residents might have eaten her homework.

Bogert opened the second round of questions and answers confessing that the video game that best describes him is an

Max fight Lincoln's statue, and Hooper boldly suggested to the audience that, if she needed to make room for herself on a boat, she would throw a person overboard. Edum's six words to share with the audience were vet again SNHU-inspired "SNHU is a good place period." The tone of the Q&A changed when McNeil-Turner was asked by the judges why she is wearing Virginia Tech apparel while competing in the SNHU pageant. Turner's answer was unexpected by the entire audience, as she confessed that two of her friends had been killed at Virginia Tech, the college that she was supposed to go to had she not come to SNHU (which since became her home). When Washington was questioned as to whether he would go to Disney if he won the contest, he first made sure that he would have all expenses paid for any company that joined him. As Scalera was not keen on confessing who she would bribe from the jury members and with how much, she gave in to the audience's request and did a Cartman South Park impression that had all those present laughing out loud.

Although the jury has the difficult task in deciding who the winners are, they declared David Washington and Holly McNeil-Turner as the first place winners for the Mr. and Miss SNHU Pageant. The runner-ups were Corbin Bogert and Becky Scalera, while the third place was claimed by Paulson Edum and Brandy Hooper. All contestants were awarded cash prizes, starting with \$100 for first place, and \$50 for second and \$25 for third. Likewise, the audience was awarded for its participation by means of a gift card raffle. The pageant concluded with the audience applauding the courage and talent of all contestant and wishes for the event to be held in the years to come.

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# Arts & Entertainment

# Horoscopes

Aimee Terravechia

Editor in Chief



Pisces (Fish) Feb. 19-March 20

Finally a break from the regular hustle and bustle! A change of pace is exactly what you need to keep your head in the game. Monotony had you too comfortable this past month, so prepare yourself for spontaneity in the coming weeks. Although it may add some stress, it will help you in the long run.



Aries (Ram) March 21-April 19

This month expect a lull in your work load. Although you may think of it as a much-needed vacation, don't let yourself relax too much. Things will pick up again towards the end of the month, and you'll need to keep yourself active until then to ensure you don't lose your edge.



Taurus (Bull) April 20-May 20

This month is full of hardships for you. Don't worry too much though—you'll catch a break around the 19th of the month. Until then, keep your nose to the grind stone and don't let up on your hard work or dedication. Your input to the projects at hand will be rewarded.



Gemini (Twins) May 21-June 20

This month you will be at a crossroads around the 23rd. You're choices may appear simple, but take time in deciding your path. This decision could have a profound impact on the coming months. Although you may seek the advice of those close to you, do not solely rely on their words.



Cancer (Crab) June 21-July 22

Your romance life is still heating up as a result of last month's encounters. Try not to rush into anything serious. Take time to enjoy the fun side of this potential new relationship, and don't over think your emotions. Try to have a little bit of fun!



Leo (Lion) July 23-Aug. 22

You'll be reaping the rewards of last month's actions soon. A break from all of the hard work you've been putting in is much needed and deserved. When your time comes, don't take it for granted! Bask in the sunlight and put your feet up.



Virgo (Virgin) Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Watch your steps carefully this month. Someone that you once considered to be a friend will show their true colors around the 16th. Keep an eye out for moody behavior and don't take your acquaintances actions personally.



Libra (Scales) Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Time to buckle down and do some hard work! You've let yourself fall behind in your work, and now you have to play some serious catch-up. Take things one at a time, and don't feel overwhelmed. Your mound of work won't do itself, but it will get done.



Scorpio (Scorpion) Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Expect the unexpected this month. Although things have been rough for the past few weeks, you'll get a refresher when your schedule or routine changes. Although you'll still keep busy, the different pace will help you keep focused.



Sagittarius (Archer) Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your responsibilities may feel overwhelming, but don't let them get the best of you. The key to success is time management and balance! Don't forget about your social obligations while you try to manage your work and school life.



Capricorn (Goat) Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Although you may feel embarrassed by the situations of the past few weeks, don't let it consume your thoughts. Move on from your mistakes. Learn from them, but don't dwell on them. The only stupid mistakes are the ones you make twice.



Aquarius (Water Bearer) Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Try to relax despite the added stress this month. Stay focused, and you will conquer your obstacles. Don't let stress completely weigh you down—this will only inhibit you from accomplishing your goals. Limit distractions and you will succeed.

# $A \mathcal{C}E$

## She & Him "In the Sun"

#### Aimee L. Terravechia

Editor in Chief

"In the Sun," the new single released by the group She & Him is both sweet and serious. The duo, made up of actress/singer Zooey Deschanel and musician M. Ward, continues to sooth eardrums everywhere with innocently melodic songs.

Following the success of their first album, titled Vol. I, the two are continuing on with their unique sound. A little bit sugarplum, a little bit folksy, "In the Sun" does not disappoint. It sounds like the perfect soundtrack to springtime, and although the background chorus can sound a little heavy, the song still maintains a certain sweetness to it

"Thieves," the second single off of their new album, Vol. II, is by far my favorite song of the



M. Ward and Zooey Deschanel of She & Him

duo's. Although its heavier subject matter makes it an unlikely choice for a first single, it is the better of the two released thus

While not as striped down and acoustic as their first album,

both "In the Sun" and "Thieves" signal a new and more mature sound for She & Him. I eagerly await the release of the full album late this month, as well as future songs from the talented and ever-intriguing She & Him.

#### And the Oscars Go to... **Best Picture:** The Hurt Locker **Best Director:** Kathryn Bigelow Sandra Bullock **Best Actress: Best Actor:** Jeff Bridges Mo'Nique Best Actress in supporting role: Best Actor in supporting role: **Christoph Waltz Best Visual Effects:** Avatar **Best Original Score:** Up The Cove **Best Documentary: Best Editing:** The Hurt Locker Best Animated Feature Film: Up

# Cult of the Classic: "Yor: The Hunter from the Future" (1983)

#### Chad Marden

Staff Writer

There's a common rule among B-movie Geeks like myself – if it stars Reb Brown, you can expect it to fail gloriously. This holds true in most of his works, but at least you laugh at his brand of over-thetop acting. As evidence of this claim, let's look at one of his earliest leading roles; "Yor: the Hunter from the Future".

The plot follows Yor (Reb Brown), a muscle-bound, bronze-skinned, blonde cave man who is seeking his origins

and the meaning behind a mysterious medallion he has worn for as long as he can remember. He is aided by the cave girl Ka-Laa (Corinne Clery) and her adopted father Pag (Luciano Pigozzi, credited as

Alan Collins) whom he saves from a rampaging dinosaur early in the film. Together, they start learning random clues to Yor's origins while helping those in need.

Admittedly, the plot is much better suited to a T.V. series then a movie. The story jumps around too much to be followed easily in a short 88 minutes (98 minutes if you're watching the director's cut). I often found myself forgetting what everyone wanted out of this show until the movie eventually reminds me. I blame

this, as well as the poor dialogue on the fact that this is the work of an Italian director making an American movie. As a result, things are bound to be lost in translation.

The two biggest annoyances all through the movie are the soundtrack and the second act twist. Just like the writing, the music is from a foreign band singing in English. This makes the lyrics almost impossible to decipher. As for the twist, you'll see it coming from far away if you just read the title of the movie.

This movie is bad, but it's so



Left to right: Yor, Ka-Laa, and Pag

delightfully cheesy you can't help but enjoy yourself and laugh at the over-acting, poor special effects, and other follies. That's why we call them 'guilty pleasures'. It certainly deserves its 'Golden Raspberry' title as one of "The 100 Most Enjoyably Bad Movies Ever Made." If you do watch this, I advise you not to take it seriously. Otherwise, one of Yor's lines about halfway through the film is best followed out-of-context; "We will need a lot more hemp before we're through."

# A & E

# **TOP 10's**

#### In Music

## Top 10 Albums

1. My Best Days

Danny Gokey

2. Almost Alice

Various

music inspired by Alice in Wonderland

3. Smoke & Mirrors

Lifehouse

4. Need You Now

Lady Antebellum

5. Boston's Boy

Sam Adams

6. Jason Derulo

Jason Derulo

7. Soldier of Love

Sade

8. Easton Corbin

Easton Corbin

9. The E.N.D.

Black Eyed Peas

10. Animal

Ke\$ha

## Top 10 Singles

1. Break Your Heart

Taio Cruz

2. Rude Boy

Rihanna

3. Imma Be

Itiliailia

Black Eyed Peas

4. Hey Soul Sister

Train

5. Need You Now

Lady Antebellum

6. Blah Blah Blah

Ke\$ha

7. Baby

Justin Bieber

8. In My Head

Jason Derulo

9. Carry Out

Timbaland

10. BedRock

YoungMoney & Lloyd

\*Based on plays in iTunes

## **SNHU Student Creates Tunes**



From left: McCallum, McDonald, Marino, Boehlke, Morel

# Patrick Trouve Clubs and Orgs Editor

In a music scene saturated with bands playing the same four chords and dictating point-less messages of over-partying and love lost, one group, New Hampshire's own Forever the Fallen, are breaking from this mold to spread a positive message through their own brand of hardcore music.

Forever the Fallen was formed in February 2008 by SNHU student Dante Marino and his friend Tom McCallum, both former members of the band A Breath Beyond Broken. With Marino and McCallum occupying a vocalist and guitar position respectively, the duo called upon their friends, guitarist Andy Morel, and, after a few drummers and bassists came and went, Ryan Boehlke on bass and Pat McDonald on drums.

Their music, a fusion of the popular screamo/hardcore acts Underoath, Bless the Fall, and Oceana, aims to "spread a positive message to all who will listen to it," Marino explained. Through their unique use of earthy sounding guitars and digitized drums, coupled with fast paced drumming on McDonald's part and Marino's successful fluctuation between singing and screaming, Forever the Fallen certainly adds something new and certainly worth a listen.

The release of Forever the Fallen's debut EP Convictions and subsequent touring of the east coast last summer has given the band time to write some new music and hit the studio yet again, a process the group has been undertaking for the last few months. The new full length release, set to be available this coming spring, will be titled "Narrations" and features songs that are, as Marino explained, "more personal and carry a lot of effort from us as a band. It really shows how far we've progressed." "Narrations" is being produced by Fred Sladkey of Mudskipper Studios in Arlington, Massachusetts.

Although the band is engag-

ing in constant shows throughout the New England area, the next major performance the band will appear in is the CD release show of popular New Hampshire screamo band Our Last Night in Derry, New Hampshire on April 30th. We Came as Romans, Armor for the Broken, and Spies Like Us will also appear on the bill.

Forever the Fallen hopes that the release of Narrations will ensure them a spot among the top hardcore acts in the region and maybe even open the eves and ears of a few record labels. The band urges all to check out their MySpace Music page at www.myspace.com/foreverthefallenma where a good deal of tracks from Convictions can be heard, together with new songs from Narrations in the weeks to come. Also, to purchase tickets for the Our Last Night CD release show, a great opportunity to see Forever the Fallen live, contact the band via their MySpace or Facebook page or talk Dante when you see him around campus.



# Creative

# Common Things

#### Dillon St. Jean

Creative Editor

When left bereft of common things Like tin and stone and pocket watch I sift through scraps for bells and rings Or bottle caps from father's scotch.

I tie napkin round walking stick And fill with my home gewgaws My cars, my coins, and candle wick But none that couldn't fit one's craw.

While piecing together delicacies Crackers and biscuits and small bittersweets Sandwiches of flavored jellies I pack away these escapist treats.

Slipping through the doorway
I specter away my smallest blade
To keep my foes so far away
And maintain neutrality in shade.

With words unspoken, goodbyes pass I take to roads that go unseen By many laddie, many lass Keeping close my items lean.

For small is but a state of mind A fact I plan to prove tonight My journey will lead me to find That bravery comes not from height.

# I Remember

#### Aimee L. Terravechia

Editor in Chief

I am sometimes at a loss to
Put into words exactly what it is
That I mean to say.
And then I remember.
What I mean to say is what I
Have already put into words and
There is nothing else.

Occasionally I forget what it is
That I have set out to do.
And then I remember that
I am to do what is set before me, and
Not the other way around.

Sometimes I cannot
Recall exactly how to call the
World my own, and collect from
It what I will.
And then I remember.
My will is my own and from that
Should the world collect from me.

Every once in a while I
Try to remember what it
Was that set me on this path of mine.
And then I remember.
It was my path that
Set me.

# Hummingbird

#### Alicia Beane

Contributing Writer

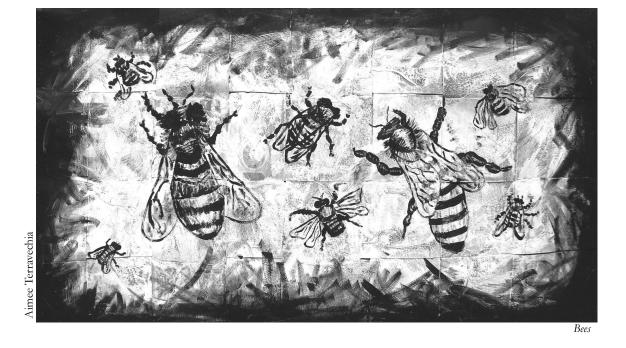
It has been said that if a hummingbird Was much larger in size, It would be like a tornado. If you were a hummingbird, You would be the destruction of this world. You're a walking-rather, running-Contradiction. An amusing, yet annoying, oxymoron. Your anger could upset the ocean-It could make heaven fall. Why do I even bother with you at all? Why do I let you get under my skin? Nothing you do sinks in-You're up to your chin in quick sand, And you're still laughing-choking-And you don't even know it. Why can't I forget? Forget the way you wrapped me Around your finger. The way you had me on a leash-A fishing pole- and reeled me in. And there you go again-Always leaving-usually me. Of all the things you could be, Never become a hummingbird. For I fear- you will most definitely be-The destruction of this world.

# A Poet's Curse

#### Alicia Beane

Contributing Writer

Curiosity
Grabbed you
As it did PandoraThe heart just begging
Dehiscence
Say a prayer, if you will,
Then close it up tight.
Find a good grassy hill
To bury it
Or perhaps,
Like Orpheus
Fight to retrieve what's missing:
Keep turning
It over and over in your hands
Until it becomes a casket



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# Clubs & Orgs

# Reasons NOT to Attend the Career and Internship Expo

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For reasons why you should be attending the fair on Wednesday, March 17th in the Small Gym, check-out the Career Development Center's website at http://www.snhu.edu/1077.asp

It's your career. What have you done lately?

### "HAZE" Shown at SNHU

Josh Gomez
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On the rainy night of February 24, 2010, Order of Omega, Phi Omega Chapter put on a showing of the documentary "HAZE." This documentary has been a selection in six film festival and has been shocking audiences across the nation. The film addresses the issues of hazing and alcohol abuse that occur at college campuses across the United States. Order of Omega brought this film to SNHU with the help of Wellness Center, Sport Management Club, Inter-Greek Council, Crew Club, and the Office of Campus Programming and Leadership. "HAZE" recounts the tragic story of Gordie Bailey who fell victim to a hazing incident. It also addresses issues such as rapid fire drinking games, alcohol laden hazing rituals, and

binge drinking.

Over one-hundred and fifty SNHU faculty, staff, and students attended the event. After the seventy minute film ended there was a discussion panel held. The panelist included Director of Wellness Center Jet Goldberg, Professor of Economics and Finance, Greg Randolph Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Scott Kalicki, Resident Director Anthony Polito, Inter-Greek Council President Katherine Manchester, and Public Safety Director Jim Winn. All of the panelist have been a part of Greek Life or dealt with hazing or alcohol in some way, shape, form, or fashion.

Mike Reposa, a sophomore Hospitality major, said, "I liked [HAZE] because it was very informative on the topic of binge drinking on college campuses."

People were in awe of the photographs of Gordie's Corpse. "It made me realize how many red flags actually occurred in Gordie's situation but were so easily overlooked because of the normalcy of binge drinking and its effects to the average college student. Gordie's death came from something that could happen to anyone on the SNHU campus on any given weekend. To me, it showed how thin the line between a hangover and tragedy can be," said 3-year business student Samantha Morelli.

Order of Omega would like to thank of the co-sponsors of the event as well as the panelists and all staff, faculty and students who were able to attend. The organization is planning on showing this film again in the future and to keep the discussion alive about hazing and alcohol abuse on college campuses. If you would like to contact the organization about the event you can do so at orderofomega@snhu.edu.

# Phi Omega Psi Makes February a Month of Giving

Maura Schulman

Contributing Writer

Phi Omega Psi sorority has been working very hard to make this a semester that impacts both the SNHU and outside community. They have been working hard giving back and making a difference. During the month of February, the girls have worked to plan events for students on campus and different projects to give back to those in need.

From the beginning of February, the girls were hard at work preparing for an awesome semester for Rush by planning various events for those who were interested in sororities to get the chance to know the girls of Phi Omega Psi. They got that chance at Rush in the Last Chapter Pub that took place February 9, 2010.

They felt giving back to the community is one thing they really love doing, and this month was no different. During the month of February, while promoting their upcoming event Mr. & Miss SNHU Pageant, taking place on March 2, 2010,

they were selling muffins for people to buy for their "muffins" for Valentine's Day. During the week of February 22-26, they worked with Wellness to cosponsor a jeans drive where they collected jeans to donate to charity and give away different items that were to help raise awareness of eating disorders and promote and attitude towards being comfortable in your own body. They also collected money throughout the month of February at the various tables and on their own to raise money for Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society's cure for cancer.

The girls are really looking forward to the months of March and April to continue doing things for the school and the community. Look around for their various tables in March and April for giveaways for St. Patrick's Day and for raffles that correspond to their event in April, Fish Wish.

If you have any questions about the sorority and what they do, feel free to contact them at phiomegapsi@snhu.edu or Meredith Ryan, the president at Meredith.Ryan@snhu.edu.



# International Spotlight

## Emma Xiaolu Chu

Jaclyn Blute

Contributing Writer

#### How did you find out about and chose SNHU?

My study-aboard agency suggested SNHU for me. I had no idea about colleges in U.S., after I checked SNHU website, I impressed by it and decided to come to SNHU.

#### Why did you want to come to the US to study?

Study aboard is a perfect way to broaden my limited horizon and it is excited for me. When you go to a country you barely know about it, it is challenging. However, I would like to take this challenge.

#### What's been the biggest thing to adjust to here in the US?

Time zone! Exactly 12 hours. In China, time is 12 hours earlier than here.

#### What do you miss most from home?

My family and friends.

#### What are some of the similarities and differences between life at home and life in the

Similarities:

Pretty much a lot because of

e.g. We celebrate Valentine's day; KFC, Pizza Hut and McDonald are everywhere.

#### Differences:

We have another official new year which called "Spring festival". It always comes about a month later than U.S. new year. In super market, you have to pay for plastic bags.

Most people live in apartment

without a private car since the public transportation is well developed. Usually, people live with their parents even they get married. The reasons for that are most people cannot afford more than one apartment in their life and people are supposed to take care their parents by themselves.

#### How specifically does life here at SNHU compare with life at a university back home?

School housing is subsidized by Chinese government so that it is way cheaper than outside but here is reverse.

We don't have such a lot diversity on campus activities but here we have a lot. SNHU has a better club running system and it works very well.

#### How do dating traditions differ between the US and

Pretty much the same. However, we are more conservative about relationships. We take it slow.

#### Do you have any memorable incidents to share about anything that's happened to you here in the US?

When I first arrived here, I know nobody. It came to Thanksgiving holiday which is a day of family reunion here, we don't celebrate it back home but still makes me feel bad to see others went back home. SNHU has a Thanksgiving dinner program for International students. People from local community and school professors or faculties invite students to their family celebrating Thanksgiving together. It was a memorable incident in my studyabroad life. I didn't feel lonely at that time anymore. SNHU gives

What have you done outside



Emma Xialu Chu

#### of class in terms of clubs, activities, sightseeing trips,

I did a lot. I work in International Students Association E-board, organizing special events for those students who interested in diversity cultures. Last year, I took part in International student drama club and presented two big shows. I am also a general member of C.A.P.E., Yearbook, Eco/Fin,

International Business Association. The photo I attached here took from Brook middle school-SNHU Chinese New Year program. It was a culture exchange program which helps 7-12 grade domestic students understand Chinese culture. I tried to get myself involved as much as I can since I would like to take advantage of being in U.S. and SNHU. It was wonderful experience to

visit west coast, and some places around New England. The most far road trip I did by myself was Vermont Teddy bear factory tour and Ben &Jerry ice-cream factory tour.

#### What do you want others to know about people and life in your country?

China is almost as large as U.S. It is a friendly country.

# Sports

# Robinson May Not Be the Right Fit in Boston

Nate Roos

Staff Writer

On Feb. 19th, the day of the NBA trade deadline, the Boston Celtics traded away Eddie House, Bill Walker and JR Giddens to the Knicks for Nate Robinson and Marcus Landry. The Celtics were rumored to be involved in trade talks with the Sacramento Kings for Kevin Martin and John Salmons, but as the deadline approached and both Salmons and Martin were traded to other teams, it became clear the Celtics were not going to make a major trade.

The Celtics saw the Cleveland Cavaliers, the best team in the league and a recent rival, get even better by trading for twotime all star Antawn Jamison, so the Celtics knew they would be criticized if they didn't make a move of their own, especially with their poor play as of late. With many of the top players on the block already dealt, the Celtics settled for Robinson.

Although Robinson is best known for his athleticism (43.5 inch vertical leap) and winning the slam dunk contest three years in a row, he is a good all around scorer and provides a better ball handler at the backup point guard position than what they had in House. With the deal, the Celtics should see their second unit become much more fast break-oriented along with great transition players in Marquis Daniels and Tony Allen.

Another major issue with this trade is defense. At 5-9, even with his great athleticism Robinson is a liability on defense. Against the New Jersey Nets on Feb. 27th, Nets were able to take advantage of Robinson's size by isolating him with a taller guard, Devin Harris. By doing this, the Nets were able to take the lead and win the game giving them only their sixth win of the season. In a season full of disappointment, this marked the lowest point for the Celtics so far as they lost to a team on their way to being one of the worst in NBA history.

By not making a trade for a starter, it showed that the Celtics are confident in their team to contend for a championship the way they were and that they just needed to get their chemistry back. But acquiring Robinson creates more chemistry issues for the team as the entire team needs to get used to his style of play and tendencies.



Nate Robinson was acquired from the Knicks on Feb. 19th

It seems the Celtics definitely felt the pressure of the fans to make a trade in hopes that

it would spark the team but it may not have been necessary.

# Getting the Call

Griffin Spencer
Staff Writer

The Los Angeles Kings possess one of the top-rated farm systems throughout the National Hockey League, and it is a testament to the Manchester Monarchs for their ability to develop NHL-ready prospects.

These prospects wait for that call from the Kings saying that their dreams will come true and they will play in the NHL.

Monarchs right wing John Zeiler was a fifth-round draft pick of the Phoenix Coyotes that came to the Kings organization after signing a one-year AHL contract with Manchester on Sept. 16, 2006.

During Zeiler's rookie season, he was on the road with the Monarchs in Rochester when he received news from director of hockey operations Hubie McDonough that he will remember for the rest of his life.

"The coaches told me to go talk to Hubie and he told me that I was called up to the Kings and they were going to sign me to an NHL contract," explained Zeiler.

Given the fact he was with the Monarchs on an AHL contract, a fax containing an NHL contract had to be transmitted to Rochester and signed on the spot to facilitate the call-up.

"It was obviously a dream come true," said Zeiler, who immediately called his parents to share the good news with them. "You want [the call-up] to happen but you never know when it's going to happen, or if it's going to happen. It's just about getting that opportunity. There are players out there who never get that chance."

Zeiler, immediately after signing an NHL contract, rode on the team bus to Toronto where he boarded a plane for Los Angeles.

"I got there and there was

a game that night. I remember walking down the tunnel. As soon as you get in the locker room and talk to the guys, they make you feel at home. It made it a lot easier," said Zeiler.

Zeiler played in his first NHL game that night, skating on a line alongside Kings left wing Raitis Ivanans and current Carolina Hurricanes right wing Tom Kostopoulos. Playing the Anaheim Ducks, Zeiler laid a hit on Ducks defenseman Sean O'Donnell. It was then that Zeiler realized the magnitude of his first game in the NHL.

"I remember thinking, geez, this is all I've got to do up here!" explained Zeiler. "After that, I kept on playing and felt comfortable. The guys made me feel comfortable. I felt the energy from the guys, giving me feedback about my game, and it was a great experience."

Zeiler concluded his first season of professional hockey by getting his first call-up and scoring his first NHL goal against Vancouver Canucks goaltender Roberto Luongo.

Like Zeiler, Monarchs goaltender Jonathan Bernier has also seen time with Los Angeles at the NHL level in his career. Bernier, a first-round draft pick (11th overall) by the Kings in 2006, made his NHL debut at the young age of 19. Since then, he has been called up one other time during last season, but did not see playing time.

"You always think you're so far but you're really just one call away. Last year when I got called up, I didn't know if I was going to play but I was just so excited to move up," said Bernier. "It was an awesome feeling. [Last year] I was only in Los Angeles for a week, but it was worth it."

His first NHL experience came in the Kings' seasonopening series in London, also a memory that he will never forget

"It was quite something, playing my first NHL game. I played against the Ducks, who won the Stanley Cup the season before, and it was really awesome to play over in London. After a couple games back in Los Angeles, I got sent down to Lewiston (QMJHL), but that whole experience was something that I will never forget," explained Bernier.

Aside from the obvious anxiety and nerves that first-time call-ups have to experience, Bernier offers an interesting viewpoint that he drew upon during his time in the NHL.

"You get that phone call and you get a bit nervous, but after that, it's still the same puck, same net, same hockey; everything is the same," said Bernier, who will undoubtedly see more time at the NHL level along with his talented cast of teammates currently playing in Manchester.

# Sports

# Sizing Up the Sox in 2010



Manager Terry Francona (left), John Lackey (middle), and GM Theo Epstein (right)

#### Michael Ghika Sports Editor

With Red Sox players reporting to spring training in Fort Myers last week, baseball buzz has once again filled the air. Meanwhile, the 2010 team has undergone a major overhaul under the advisement of general manager Theo Epstein, as a newer philosophy on run prevention has taken over the traditional Sox' focus on offensive production and on-base percentage. Only time will tell if a shift to pitching and defense will work in Boston's favor in the heavy-hitting American League East.

Boston's greatest free agent prize was right-hander John Lackey, the top pitcher on the market this winter. The Sox plucked the ace from the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim the team that swept Boston out of the playoffs last fall – and in doing so solidified arguably the best starting rotation in baseball, complementing fellow aces Jon Lester and Josh Beckett. Meanwhile, 25-year-old Clay Buchholz, who recovered from his horrendous stint in the majors in 2008 to pitch well last season, will look to solidify himself as a mainstay and premier starter rather than a mere prospect.

Daisuke Matsuzaka, who was nothing more than a lost cause in 2009, revealed this offseason that he had not told the medical staff about a leg injury that in turn led to further injuries, which certainly deemed him completely ineffective last year. With a more proper focus on conditioning, Matsuzaka hopes to regain some of his 2008 form when he went 18-3 with a 2.90 ERA and finished fourth in the Cy Young voting.

Offensively, the lineup is more balanced on paper than it was in 2009 even despite the loss of Jason Bay, whom the Sox allowed to sign with the New York Mets. However, the Sox, who in the past have tended to overvalue and covet certain players outside of the organization (see Edgar Renteria, Coco Crisp, and Julio Lugo) while obsessing over the flaws of some of its own players, certainly played it smarter this

Instead of signing the big player to the big deal, minus the Lackey sign, the Sox signed shortstop Marco Scutaro and centerfielder Mike Cameron to two-year deals, and third baseman Adrian Beltre to a one-year contract, all of which will not tie up the organization financially in the long-term. While 7477.0 170077377444

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the subtraction of Bay's bat will hurt the team initially offensively, the Sox have replaced some spots in the lineup that were gaping black holes last

The sure-handed Scutaro (.379 OBP with Toronto in 2009) will hit in the No. 9 spot in place of Nick Green/Alex Gonzalez, full-time catcher Victor Martinez will get the offensively-challenged Iason Varitek's at-bats, and hopefully David Ortiz can put last year's slow start and steroid allegations behind him. After all, he did salvage his 2009 season with an astounding 27 home runs and 81 RBIs after June 1st

Despite the knock on Boston that the 2010 Sox will not score enough runs, the current offense is still among the top three in the AL. Even still, should the inevitable come to fruition, Beltre has the ability to double his offensive output in a right-handed hitter's paradise at Fenway Park and Ortiz won't be nonexistent the first 60 games again. Meanwhile, Martinez will get a full year in this lineup much like how Bay flourished last year after being acquired at the deadline the year prior, and Jacoby Ellsbury (age 25), 2008 MVP Dustin Pedroia

(25), and All-Star Kevin Youkilis (soon-to-be 31) should all improve and continue along in their development.

Not to mention, the team's surplus of pitching allows them, should they so choose, to trade for the middle-of-theorder impact bat that has been missing since Manny Ramirez's departure. Until then, three viable No. 1 options in the rotation, a defense that essentially was revamped and turned four weaknesses into strengths, and a sufficiently feasible offense has all critics prepared for a fifth straight postseason appearance

# Spotlight @ SNHU

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Layout Editor



.::Scott Tierno::.

Most people know who Scott Tierno is, but many people don't really know him. Scott has been working here at SNHU since 1996. He was hired as Director of Student Activities, which was later split into the Office of Campus Programming and Leadership and the Office of Student Life. Scott is currently the Director of Student Life.

On top of being the Director of Student Life, Scott is also one of the advisors of the Student Government Association. Many people probably don't know that SGA is its own Non-Profit organization.

Scott originally thought he would be at SNHU only for a couple of years, however, he ended up deciding to stay for the community within SNHU and the area. He also likes this institution. He feels that overall, the administration of SNHU is trying to do their best.

One thing that Scott seemed to also like about SNHU is that if you have a new idea, you can do it here. Other than financial constraints, you are not really held back. It is also fairly easy to start a new club if you want. There are relatively few and easy requirements to meet in order to start a club.

Outside of SNHU, Scott has gotten involved with the planning board in his town. He was also the Town Moderator where he runs town elections and town deliberation sessions.

Despite the rough times we may be going through financially here at SNHU, he feels like he can call this home.

# Teacher Edition:

What is the most ridiculous excuse you have ever gotten from a student who didn't complete an assignment?

#### Bryan Bouchard

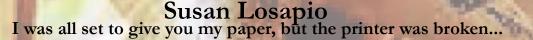
"One excuse that sticks out in my mind is I had a student miss a final exam a few years back. They emailed me soon after the exam period to tell me they had overslept. However, the exam was scheduled for 3:30 in the afternoon. In my opinion that is late in the day to oversleep!"





#### **Andrew Martino**

"A student told me he couldn't turn in work because he had a meeting with his parole officer."



My computer crashed last night and I lost my whole paper and need to start over.

Is it due today??!!

My roommate had the book, so I couldn't study. Can I take the test tomorrow?





#### Michelle Anstey

Students' take home final exams were due and a student handed me a floppy disk instead of a hard copy of his exam. When I asked him why he was handing the floppy disk to me instead of a hard copy, he replied, "well I can't open it so I couldn't print it out.

I hope you can open it."

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