



## Americans demonstrate for peace

By Garrett Boucher  
News Editor

Whether you were in San Francisco or Concord, New Hampshire, on Saturday, Feb. 15, hundreds of thousands gathered to protest a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq. Young, old, veterans, students and an array of others braved the cold to show their strong opposition to an attack.

In New York City, thousands of protesters, including members of The Human Rights Associations, congregated on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, near the United Nation's building and watched performers and speakers take the stage.

Speakers included Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Susan Sarandon and Rosie Perez, among others. Archbishop Tutu gave a powerful speech that seemed to move all that attended and Martin Luther King III displayed his conviction by saying, "Just because you have the biggest gun does not mean you must use it."

Crowd control was a major issue at this protest. Fences stretched as far as the eye could see on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and other

barricades lined the adjacent streets. The atmosphere upon entering the city was uneasy. Police were present in force all around Manhattan. At least six officers seemed to join anyone who had their breakfast on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues. In fact, a McDonald's on E. 55<sup>th</sup> St. was packed on both floors with uniformed police.

Protesters filled in sectioned-off areas around noon. They carried anti-war signs and one creative group brought a large puppet of President Bush that towered over the crowd.

Unless one was standing less than half a block from the stage, all that could be heard were faint echoes from the loudspeakers. Many carried radios and tuned into the rally being broadcast on WBAI 99.5.

Those who needed to use restrooms or eat were forced by police to leave through the back of the fenced-in areas. This process entailed squeezing one's way through thousands of people who were at time reluctant to move.

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Photo by Garrett Boucher

On Feb. 15 hundreds of thousands, including SNHU's Human Rights Association, gathered to protest a possible U.S. invasion of Iraq in New York City.

## White from above

By Garrett Boucher  
News Editor

On Feb. 17, the eastern United States experienced a storm that surpassed many of those in past decades. Airports, businesses and schools closed to recover from a seemingly endless snowfall.

At SNHU, snow-covered cars appeared as icebergs protruding from the parking lot. In addition to causing the cancellation of Tuesday's classes, the snow was a nightmare for students with cars on campus. Residents from New Castle to Washington had horror stories to tell. Students reported that the Cranmore

Lot was plowed only once and while it was still snowing. This led to two-to three-hour digging-out struggles. Many in Lot #10 encountered difficulties trying to get their vehicles up a hill covered in black ice. Those in Winnepesaukee found a plow blocked the entrance. Others complained of insufficient numbers of shovels that Public Safety had available. Another common complaint was the failure to clear the path between Chocorua and Winnisquam. Public Safety officer Ray Greene said, "We could be a little more prepared." He also emphasized that this storm was unusual and no one expected it to be so strong.

As we go to print, the large lot next to Robert Frost Hall appears as if a severe earthquake had misaligned all the vehicles. Public Safety helped those who found their cars blocked clear up the mess.

Below-zero temperatures last month in combination with this month's blizzard have made Winter 2003 unforgettable.

This tumultuous weather brings to mind words from a Ralph Waldo Emerson poem titled Snowstorm:

Announced by all the  
trumpets of the sky  
Arrives the snow...the  
whited air

Hides hills and woods, the  
river, and the heaven...



Photo by Kara Dufour

It took students hours to dig out their cars from last week's snowstorm.

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## Campus Security Log

### Campus Security Logs of the Past and Present

Compiled by Kara Dufour  
Editor in Chief

After compiling the Campus Security Log for the past two years, I have often wondered whether the security log entries from years back have been as entertaining as the present-day security log entries. To answer my question, I started looking through some of the past volumes of the Observer and found there have been quite a few entertaining security log entries. So, for this issue's Campus Security Log, I have compiled some of the most entertaining entries from the past five years of the Observer.

#### Volume IV, September 1997-May 1998

Date: 12/30/97  
Time: 00:20

During a snowstorm, all vehicles on campus were required to be moved to the Main Lot so that the lots could be plowed. A PSO was in the process of driving his truck to the main lot when he received a radio call from an officer in the Gatehouse. The officer in the Gatehouse observed flames billowing out from under the PSO's truck as he drove into the Main Lot. The PSO in the burning truck disregarded the radio call as a joke and continued to drive the flaming truck. When he finally parked, he realized that his truck was indeed on fire. The other officers grabbed fire extinguishers and attempted to put out the fire. Hooksett Fire Department arrived shortly thereafter to hose down the charred remains of the truck to ensure that the fire was out.

Date: 2/21/98  
Time: 00:30

At the above date and time, two PSO's observed a student exiting Winnisquam in a rather unorthodox way, by diving through a window screen. He was immediately approached and ordered to show his ID. He told the officers that his girlfriend lived in Winnisquam but was not currently there. He was documented and then the on-duty RA was called. The RA and the PSO's entered the residence with the damaged window screen and it was secured. They also noticed drawers

opened and clothes thrown everywhere. The RA said she would check with the residents of the room at a later time to determine if anything had been taken. The PSO's secured the door to the room and left the scene.

Date: 4/23/98  
Time: 17:13

At the above date and time, a PSO saw a red Camaro parked at the northeast side of the baseball field parking lot. The PSO approached the passenger side of the vehicle and saw a female subject lying on top of a male subject. The PSO knocked on the window, which caused the couple to separate. They were asked to show some identification and asked if they were affiliated with NHC in any way. Both stated that they were not part of NHC. After taking down the necessary information, the PSO let the subjects know that a report was being filed on their incident. He also advised them to get a motel room in the future.

#### Volume V, September 1998-May 1999

Date: 4/10/99

On the above date, seven females from an opposing softball team were found half naked behind the Graduate School of Business changing their clothes. The PSO told them to put their clothes on and that if they wanted to change or shower they could have their bus driver go to our gym where they could use our locker rooms.

#### Volume VI, September 1999-May 2000

Date: 9/6/99

On the above date a PSO confiscated a child's inflatable pool because it was a safety hazard as it was set up outside of a first-floor window. Another PSO reported the occupants were using the pool by jumping through the apartment window into the 12-inch deep pool.

Date: 10/15/99

On the above date, a PSO responded to a vehicle down an embankment into a tree at the end of G lot. Upon arrival, the PSO met up with the owner. The owner informed the PSO that he parked his vehicle and was on his way to class when he turned back and

saw the car rolling down an embankment into a tree. The owner informed the PSO that he accidentally left the car in neutral instead of park.

Date: 2/18/00

On the above date, a student was driving his vehicle around campus, including fire roads, giving bumper rides and had only off-road lights on. Maintenance was worried as the student drove through B-Lot dragging students while Maintenance was plowing.

#### Volume VII, September 2000-May 2001

10/15/00

On the above date two PS officers were walking and heard a loud bang. As they were looking behind a building, a male student was seen holding a long piece of PVC pipe. The student ran into the building. An RD did a Health and Safety Inspection and found a home-made "potato gun." Also found was a can of hair spray and a ramrod. The subject could not be located.

Date: 11/1/00

On the above date, the supervisor of food service reported someone unknown had set off seven stink bombs throughout the Student Center. Housekeeping cleaned up the area and sprayed the Student Center with air freshener.

#### Volume VIII, September 2001-May 2002

Date: 4/3/02

Time: 11:40

At the above date and time while in lot 3 a PSO was informed of two males selling speakers out of the back of a red van. The PSO responded and found the van. The males claimed to be selling extra speakers for their boss. The PSO informed them that they had to leave and that this is private property and if they came back they would be arrested.

Date: 4/11/02  
Time: 08:40

At the above date and time a male student arrived at PS to report that someone wrote with magic marker on the rear window of his car. He said he only noticed it that day but wasn't sure when it happened. The word "hamburger" was written on the right lower portion of the rear window.

## Telefund Team

### 2002-03:

## Raising money for tomorrow's students

By Steven Kowlessar  
Contributing Writer

SNHU is currently communicating with 26,000 alumni and friends by phone, mail or in person. This campaign year, the Telefund Team of Southern New Hampshire University has performed exceptionally well. With motivation and great team cohesiveness, this young yet professional group of university undergraduate and graduate students has raised over \$80,000 in pledges. Monday through Thursday, they engage in kind and friendly conversations with our alumni who have supported the university in the past.

These students secure an average of 120 pledges per week amounting to approximately \$4,000 per week. The majority of the money raised is to support scholarships offered by SNHU. In addition to the script provided, these students add their own knowledge about the academic and physical changes on campus. By making every phone call a personal one, the Telefund

Team solidifies the bond between SNHU alumni and the school.

Since we began our campaign in September, the students' performance and work ethic have been outstanding.

The experience from our returning students and the energy from our new students are what create such a motivated, hard-working and professional Telefund Team. Our goal this year is to raise \$100,000 in pledges. This goal will require dedicated effort, but the team members are well on their way to surpassing this amount. If you see these students on campus, please stop and offer your congratulations for a job well done!

#### Telefund Executives:

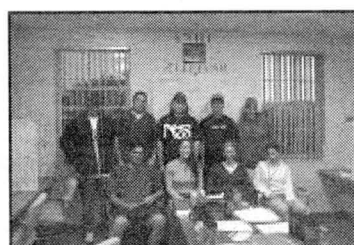
Clive Anthony, Manav Bhatia, Jaclyn Doherty, Dena Duplessis, Amy Jones, Meghan Morin, Latoya Nembhara, Aarti Herekar, Lisa Sessions, Jake Smith, Akshay Tickoo, Travis Willette, Josh Waninger.

#### Telefund Manager:

Steven Kowlessar  
Annual Giving Director: June Phillips

*The Telefund Team: Undergraduate and Graduate students work hard to raise money for future students.*

Photos courtesy of June Phillips





## Senior perspective: The saga continues

By Jessica DeAngelo  
Staff Writer

What does 10 weeks mean to you? In the span of 10 weeks many things can happen. For me 10 weeks is what I have remaining of my childhood. And if I think about it, the last 3 1/2 years have been childhood revisited, but all crammed into a shorter amount of time. I sit in my pajamas and play Dr. Mario more now than I ever did when I was 10; prayed for more snow days and when those days did come I got into more snowball fights than ever before. But after these 10 weeks Dr. Mario and pajamas are going to be traded in for business suits and meetings. Instead of praying for snow days I'm going to curse them because that means I have to leave that much earlier from work to beat the rush-hour traffic. Ten weeks from now I'm going to be wishing I was struggling to stay awake in class and wondering what I ever did to SNHU to make it punish by graduating and forcing me into a world of uncertainty.

Uncertainty, that is exactly what all of us graduating seniors are facing right now. What if I don't find a job, what will I do? If I do find a job, what if I hate it or I'm bad at it? Have the last four years and \$100,000 prepared me for life?

In order to prepare myself for this shock of reality, I've done a few things to make the impact a little less electric. Academically I went to the Career Development Center and got some help on my resume. I went to the job fair on Feb. 13. I gave out a few of my resumes, and one of my roommates even got an interview. But the most important thing that I have done and will continue to do over the next 10 weeks is to make the best out of the remainder of my college life. Instead of complaining about having an 8 and a 9:30, I'm going to be thankful because after those classes I can go back and pass out in my bed for the next five hours. I'm going out every single night knowing that going to the bar on a Tuesday is soon going to be turning into picking up take out and sitting in on a Tuesday.

Most importantly I'm going to savor every moment I have with my roommates and my friends. People who once were just faces in the crowd have turned into the best friends I've ever had and made the memories that will be forever etched into my mind. In this world of impending uncertainty there is only thing that is for certain: I can say that after all is said and done I did it the best I could when I was stuck in this place.

## CAPE's Winter Weekend

By Kelly Muller  
Staff Writer

It's mid winter, and by now everyone is sick of the never-ending snow, bitter cold temperatures and icy roads that make it treacherous to not only drive but even walk anywhere. We're all looking forward to the day that spring arrives...if it ever does. It's nice to have a chance to do something fun for a change, and CAPE's annual winter weekend, "Dude, Where's My Sled?" proved to be all of that and much more.

The festivities kicked off on Wednesday evening, Feb. 5, with Super Bingo in the Pub. Traditional for CAPE's weekly Wednesday night Bingo, the prizes at Super Bingo were MUCH more. There was plenty of money to be won; CAPE gave away \$200, and the Pub was packed...so packed that they set up extra Bingo tables out in the hallway!

On Feb. 6, if you were in the Student Center during lunch hours you were probably wondering what everyone was hanging around outside the Pub for. Well, many of you probably have these in your

rooms now...the long lines of eager students were waiting to have their pictures taken with their friends to be put in key chains or snow globes! What better way to capture your winter memories than with a snow globe? Or how about a cool key chain of you and your friends? Maybe that would help make cleaning off our cars or driving in the snow a little more bearable.

Thursday night was one of the weekend's most popular events...the lip sync contest! Here was your chance to get a group of friends together, and strut your stuff and sing along to your favorite songs. The dance team and the break dancers both performed, and each group that participated in the contest put together a skit and performed it in front of a crowd of 250-300 people, trying to win the \$300 grand prize. First place went to Nicole Corvini, Jill Silvio and Katie Unsworth. Second place for a prize of \$200 went to David Nettleton and Nick Raponi, and \$100 and third place went to Christina Deprete, Vanessa Dicone, Erica Flynn, Danielle Jendrasko and Katie Levimonde.

Congratulations to the winners! Everyone did an awesome job and whether or not you went home with a prize, everyone had a great time.

Friday night in the Pub, 80's cover band Orange Crush performed, and the Pub was filled to capacity. Everyone who attended got to kick back and relax after a long week of school and work, and what better way to start the weekend than to get breakfast in bed? Over 200 resident students signed up to have breakfast delivered to them, and why wouldn't you when the menu was Dunkin' Donuts? After a delicious breakfast and the chance to relax all day Saturday, it was time to put your snow gear on and head up to Gunstock for snow tubing! At only \$5 a person it was a steal of a deal. About 30-35 students attended and it was a fantastic way to end another extremely successful Winter Weekend. Thanks to CAPE for all of their hard work. Without them and all of the time they volunteered, this weekend could have never been possible! It was a great time both indoors and out!

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# Creative Writing major arrives at SNHU

By Cari Welch  
Photo Editor

September of 2003 is sure to be an exciting time, and not just for the hordes of freshmen moving into their first dorm room. For the first time at SNHU, students will be able to

take classes toward the goal of a bachelor's degree in Creative Writing and English.

The new major will complement the Creative Writing minor that is now offered by the English department. With this new major, students will be able to take classes in nonfiction, fiction, poetry and play/screen writing. Three of these

classes must be completed with one elective in advanced creative writing as part of the new program.

Appropriately, the major will begin and end with student writing. Each student who wishes to enter the program must submit a sample of writing to Dr. Robert Begiebing, professor of English. Samples can be delivered to his office in Robert Frost Hall # 346. Students applying for admittance should try to get their samples in by the end of school in May.

Once course work is completed, each student will be required to submit a portfolio of their best work to the teaching staff before graduating with the writing degree.

The new major will have a few unique features to set it apart from traditional English degrees. One of the major highlights will be a partner-

ship with the New Hampshire Writers' Project. Students will have the opportunity to participate in workshops and events that the organization hosts throughout the year. Begiebing pointed out that this merger will give students the chance to work with a great variety of people, from the established local writer to Pulitzer Prize-winning poets.

The writing program will be headed by Prof. Begiebing and will include his fellow English professors Dr. Allison Cummings, Dr. Lawrence Kinsman and Prof. Charles Wilbert.

Each professor is experienced in one of the four genres of the program. Every student will get the opportunity to pick one of these prestigious writers to help them develop and prepare their senior portfolios.

The program's professors have worked hard with Dr. Roberta Salper, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, to make the program of high quality in hopes of attracting students across the nation. SNHU's creative writing program will be one of very few in New England, but has been a popular major nationally. Begiebing hopes that having the major will help to set the university apart from other area schools. With the aid of institutional promotion and the special features that the program is offering, there is no reason not to expect great success.

## Mardi Gras at SNHU

By Kelly Muller  
Staff Writer

Yes, that's right! Mardi Gras is one of the most popular events in the United States...it is known all over the world, and it is coming to SNHU! Mardi Gras catches everyone's attention as one of the most exciting and vibrant events that takes place each year. As college students we all dream of getting the opportunity to actually go to Mardi Gras. But let's face it; New Orleans is not just a hop, skip and jump away. Well, dream no more! On Friday, Feb. 28, the Kappa Lambda sorority is holding their annual Mardi Gras event with CAPE as the co-sponsor. Now you need to travel no further than the PUB to experience a Mardi Gras event that is sure to prove to be just as exciting as being in New Orleans!

The festivities take place from 8 p.m. - 12 a.m. For

those of you who have never attended this event, here is a little insight into what you can expect. Besides delicious food and Mardi Gras beads galore, there will be music, games and plenty of prizes and raffles to be won. Many restaurants and businesses around the Manchester area have donated prizes for the raffles and games. The Kappa Lambda sorority was also in the café February 17-21 selling Mardi Gras masks to get everyone pumped up for the event. The money raised from the Mardi Gras event will benefit the Diabetes Foundation's Camp Care Free, a camp for children with diabetes.

So when you are bummed that you cannot make it to New Orleans for Mardi Gras, just remember the Mardi Gras event being held right at SNHU. Not only is it fun, food, music and prizes, but it benefits a great cause. Kappa Lambda and CAPE hope to see you there!

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Groups even tried breaking down fences and some were met with a barrage of pepper spray. Old women and the sick were also denied passage if they attempted to leave from the front and sides of the pen.

Hundreds amassed on E. 54<sup>th</sup> St. to show their support by marching. Student activists played musical instruments, walked with bullhorns and even played the drums on mailboxes and flipped-over postal bins. Shop owners that had not done so already took precautions and locked their doors. The police swarmed the crowd, and the flow of the march was directed toward the West Side. Police barricaded the surrounding streets and eventually trapped the mobile protesters.

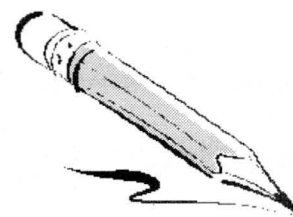
That event could be called

the demise of the protest. From that point on anyone who attempted to enter the area where the protest was held had to show driver's licenses and state their reasons for passing by.

By that time the thousands that had gathered earlier were randomly scattered about the city. Though the crowd was no longer as concentrated, the emotion and power they had shown still resonated through the streets.

The marches were not successful in the eyes of President Bush and Prime Minister Blair, who later dismissed the protesting masses as the equivalent of a marketing "focus group."

But it is undeniable that hundreds of thousands of Americans had marched for peace.



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## Campaigns and Elections to be offered fall term

By Richard Padova  
Contributing Writer

With a presidential campaign season right around the corner, SNHU's political science department will be offering POL 317, Campaigns and Elections, during the fall '03 semester. This course will examine the dynamics of New Hampshire's all-important, first-in-the-nation presidential primary as well as national campaigns and elections. Contemporary and historical

factors that have shaped modern American political campaigns will be emphasized. Prerequisite is POL 210, American Politics.

As part of the course requirements, students will be expected to volunteer on a presidential campaign. With a record-setting number of Democratic challengers entering the New Hampshire presidential primary, as well as an expected re-election bid by President Bush, students will have a wide array of cam-

paings to choose from.

This course will be taught by me, academic advisor and instructor of political science at SNHU. I have worked on presidential campaigns since 1980 in many different capacities — advance work, polling, visibility, get-out-the-vote efforts, speechwriting, debate preparation and opposition research.

## SGA: Bringing progress for the student body

By Roy Wilkinson  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has worked hard all year to produce results for the student body and through their efforts we have been able to accomplish feats to help both the university and the student body for now and in the future.

Recently, as you might have seen from fliers around campus, SGA is participating in a program called the "Business Challenge," sponsored by Rent-A-Husband. The idea, brought forth by SGA Vice-President Ashley Riley, is to raise funds for Camp Sunshine. Camp Sunshine is a camp for terminally ill children and their families to attend to help escape the trouble and worries of the illness the child is fighting. SNHU will be the first university to take the challenge along with other high schools. Through a video presentation, it showed the camp setting and it discussed how it was run. At the camp, the children have a good time and are happy to be away from their illness and the parents also have workshops to help them deal with any problems or personal suffering from having the child with an illness. SGA and possibly other groups around campus are going to put on events to help raise funds. We urge you to come out, have fun, and also know that some of your money is going toward a good cause. This program helps many people each year. Let's show that this university is alive and caring.

In other SGA news, you might have noticed a couch in the stands at home basketball games in the SNHU Fieldhouse. The couch is sponsored by SGA in addition to the SNHU Athletic Department. It allows a great incentive to come watch the basketball games. The student who receives the special program has the opportunity to sit on the couch for the game with two friends and also have food and drinks free of charge. Hopefully, the trend will continue in years to come.

Also, SGA has had discussions about possibly allowing each student meal card to be used for laundry, concession stands, vending machines, and the bookstore in the future. Plans are also being made to possibly turning the cafeteria into a food court look. The project would help

increase space and have more of an updated look for our expanding university. The topic is making some progress and more news will be disseminated as soon as more information is available.

Another big topic of discussion is the impending renovations of the Student Center and possibly the building of a new University Center in the future. With the cost of the project deemed fairly high, SGA has implemented an increase in the Student Activities Fee by \$50 per year, per student starting next year. The funds will be put into an escrow account to be man-

## Weight Watchers

By Heather Anderson  
Staff Writer

It's hard to believe with all this snow on the ground that spring is only one month away. We will soon be thinking about spring clothes and even bathing suits. Over this long cold winter many people, myself included, have been hiding those extra-unwanted pounds under our big winter clothes.

So what can we do to shed this weight? Well, we have many different options here on campus. We have our brand new gym, programs such as kickboxing, step aerobics and new this year Pilates and yoga. We also have an Olympic-size swimming pool that I haven't gotten a chance

to try out. We have all these options, but what about the people who work out all the time but eat all that junk.

There are programs off campus, but that requires time and transportation. Wouldn't it be nice if we had a program like Weight Watchers on campus? Well with the help of Jackie Dunn and Maria Ashton that might soon be a reality.

Weight Watchers lives by the motto, "Eat the food you love and lose the weight with winning points." For 40 years, Weight Watchers has helped millions of people all around the world lose weight. They believe a healthy body results from a healthy lifestyle. This means mental, emotional, and physical health. Weight Watchers provides you with information, knowledge, tools, and motivation to help you make the right

choices for you about nutrition and exercise. They do this by organizing meetings around the world. They are also committed to health and dieting safety.

When I spoke to Dunn she informed me that we are in the stage of implementing the program. We are waiting for a representative. A few years back we had the Weight Watchers program. We tried again last year but we couldn't get enough people interested. There is a minimum needed of 15 people. If anyone is interested in joining the program you can get in touch with Jackie Dunn for more information. Weight Watchers also has a great web site that includes message boards and 24-hour chat rooms for inspiration, success stories, food, recipes, different workouts for different people, and weekly featured articles.

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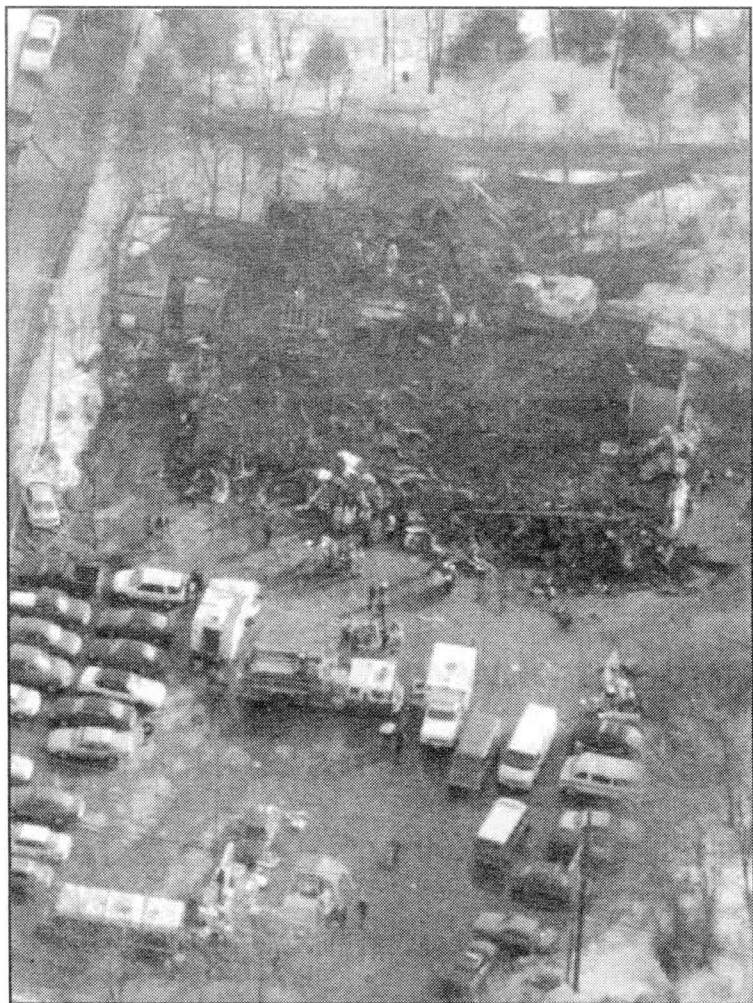
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Another view of SNHU's Winter Wonderland from last week's storm.

aged and invested by the institution and the funds use would be approved by SGA through recommendation from the Student Center Advisory Board. With the new renovations, the Student Center will be expanded to help the institution with the growing number of students coming to SNHU. It will also mean a possible expansion of open hours for The Last Chapter Pub. It is the hope of the SGA that these plans will help the growing community of students and also help attendance at events held in the pub. The renovations should begin to take effect as early as this summer.

The SGA is interested in any problems, concerns, or possible ideas for the university. Please let SGA members know what you would like to see happen. Stop by the office near the information booth. SGA is here for you!





Courtesy of KRT Campus

*Workers sort through debris Friday, February 21, 2003, at a nightclub in Warwick Rhode Island where a fire killed dozens and injured more than 150.*

## Around the world news

By Garrett Boucher  
News Editor

**Hong Kong** — 12,000 foreign domestic workers marched to protest a proposed plan that would reduce pay and increase taxes. The government would place a HK \$9,600 (US \$1,232) charge on every standard two-year contract. Employers would pay the fee but workers argue this will be passed down and cut their monthly salaries by more than ten-percent.

(source: hkstandard.com)

**Iran** — Tupolev flight 154 from Tehran to Khorramabad went down in flames. All one hundred and seventeen on board perished. Four of the passengers were Spanish businessmen. The plane reportedly crashed into the Sefid-Kouh (White Mountain). One hundred rescue workers were at the scene and mountaineers were needed to recover the bodies. The causes of the crash have not yet been determined but many believe it has to do with the country's aging fleet and difficulty obtaining adequate spare parts.

(source: cnn.com)

**Russia** — The Russian Space Agency plans to launch the first manned space mission since the Columbia shuttle crash. The flight is scheduled to take place in May. NASA is prohibited to build extra Russian space craft because of the nation's recent decision to help Iran build a nuclear reactor.

(source: bbcnews.com)

**Bangladesh** — At a Roman Catholic Church in Chittagong a Virgin Mary statue appeared to have tears rolling down her face. Despite the country's Muslim population of approximately 90%, the site attracted a large number of all faiths. Scientists believe that a possible cause for the tears is a build up of condensation in marble that is kept in a glass case.

(source: bangladesh-web.com)

**Nigeria** — Government talks lead to a six-day halt for striking Nigerian oil workers. As of yet the strike has not seriously hurt the country's economy. There is a fear by the government that a pro-

longed strike may do damage. Nigeria is the world's seventh largest oil exporter and the government receives roughly 80% of its revenue from the industry.

(source: ngrguardiannews.com)

**Burkina Faso** — Africa's largest cinematic event opened in the city of Ouagadougou. The FESPACO film festival was started in 1969 and occurs biennially.

This year's theme is "the actor in the creation and promotion of African films." Large crowds attended the ceremony that displayed dancers and new fashions. The festival exclusively features African films.

(source: fespaco.bf)



**South Korea** — In the city of Daegu approximately one hundred and twenty-five people died in a train fire. The fire was started by a man who poured gasoline into one of the metro carts and then set it ablaze. Doors of the second carriage that caught fire were not opened until twenty minutes later. There is also a theory that many died because of a power supply cut off that kept the doors locked.

(source: donga.com)

**China** — An earthquake struck the north-western part of the country. The death toll has reached two hundred and fifty and is expected to climb. This region is home to a Muslim minority that has experienced earthquakes before but with few casualties. One of China's largest earthquakes took place near the city of Beijing. The quake killed over 200,000 people and had a magnitude of 7.9. (source: CNN)

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## Maybe I'll just take one year off...or thirteen?

By Elizabeth Dolbeare  
Staff Writer

Did you ever consider taking a year off from school? Perhaps you thought about traveling around the country or getting a job or just using the time to get your head together and figure out what you want to do with your life. You may have considered it, but before you act on it, consider this: It is amazing how one year can quickly turn into thirteen and I'm living proof. So what happened? *Life* happened.

After the first year was up, I informed my mother that I was ready to return to school. She basically told me that was nice but I wasn't taking any of her money with me. First problem: financial resource dried up. I figured I'll deal with that by paying for it myself but it would take some time to save up the money, so now 1 year has turned to 2.

The rent, car payment and

living expenses had to be paid, so I didn't save as much as I thought I would. The end of the second year came and went.

Then the inevitable happened: I fell madly in love and eloped and thought putting off school just one more year wouldn't hurt. Year 3.

Next, as luck would have it, the pregnancy test came back positive. Oops. Well, school would just have to wait until the baby was a little older. Years 4 and 5.

Do you have any idea how much daycare costs? School would have to wait until the baby starts first grade. Years 6, 7, 8 and 9.

My husband and I started a new business and, while the business was getting off the ground, my steady paycheck was necessary to pay the bills. Years 10 and 11.

The new business took off in leaps and bounds. Business was so good that my part-time involvement turned into

full-time involvement. There was no time for school. Years 12 and 13.

I am one of the lucky few; I actually made it back. However, now I juggle school, marriage, parenthood, and running a home and a business. This is NOT the way to do this. I see those on campus who have to juggle only school and a social life and how I long for those days. A social life is just one of the things I gave up in order to come back here.

You may be thinking, "Hold on there - I said I'd take off one year; not thirteen." And I say to that, "Ha!" Wouldn't it be nice if we could neatly plan our lives? Unfortunately, it just doesn't work that way. Whether we like it or not and no matter what we do, life can and will get in the way of our plans. There are no guarantees, but your best shot at getting a degree is to stay right where you are and finish what you started.

## Put your college education to use - get a job

By Katelyn Duggan  
Opinion Editor

I was sitting in class recently and overheard one student talking to another about a job they heard about, or knew someone who was going to get them that job, or something along those lines. As I sat there for the rest of class (I know I should have been paying attention), I drifted off and began to think about a job.

Even though I am only halfway through my junior year, and currently have three jobs for the summer, I am already beginning to worry about finding a job after graduation that relates to my major, which I have spent \$100,000 on. Sitting in that class I began to ponder exactly what needed to be done in order to find a good job in which I could make a decent amount of money and be happy at. Where do I start? Who do I talk to? What do I need to do? As all these questions began to swirl around my head, and my stress level began to rise. I figured the best place to start would be my advisor. After talking to her, my stress level began to decrease, I now had a direction in which I needed to head.

My advisor gave me a list of ways that I, or any other student, could find and apply for jobs. She suggests at the latest start this whole job business right at the beginning of senior year. However, I choose to start now. These are some of the ways that you can begin the job hunt.

Check every week for display ads for your field in different newspapers. The Boston Globe has tons of display ads for companies, as well as the Boston Herald and other newspapers. These newspaper display ads are relatively local, and the papers are also available on campus, so pick one or two up every week. Especially check newspapers on Sundays to see what's out there. Check to see what skills and experience these companies are looking for.

Check trade journals of your chosen field. These journals are most commonly published every week and can be found in our library. At the back of these journals usually there is a geographic listing of jobs.

Use the Internet as a source. Mass market yourself.

Use websites such as monster.com or nhjobs.com. There are hundreds of websites that specialize in job finding; you can even just go to a search engine and type in "employment" and hundreds of websites will pop up.

Another option is to contact a headhunter or recruiting company. Often you don't pay for their services; the companies hire these people to find worthy candidates for the job. You can get in touch with recruitment companies via the Internet as well. Simply sign on to a search engine and type in "recruitment companies," and you should get a number of listings. These companies will want a copy of your resume and an interview. They will want to get to know you, what you want to do in a job, and especially what you don't want to do so you aren't wasting their time. Special advice: Use five or six different companies; don't rely on only one company. Also, note to self: Don't expect these companies to find you a job overnight; it may take six to nine months to find you the job you want.

Some other words of wisdom from my advisor: Get to know any company that you think you really might want to work for. Get a foot in the door so to speak. Get to know the people, let your face be seen, get involved in the company and begin networking.

If your schedule allows for it, get an internship or co-op. Many students have had luck landing a job after graduation with the company they interned for.

Network with some of the alumni of our school. You can obtain a list of all alumni in your field from the Alumni Office. Make contact with them; you never know what may happen from that initiative you take.

Last, but not least, HAVE PATIENCE. Finding a job won't happen overnight. It takes hard work and dedication. However, don't get discouraged. Plan well and make as many connections as possible with companies and people you know in your field. If you can follow all these suggestions and work with whatever comes your way, by March/April of your senior year you should be comfortable in knowing what you are going to be doing after graduation.



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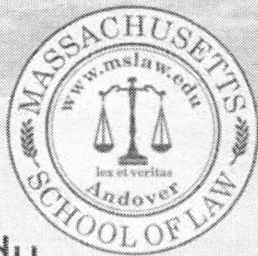
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# Growing pains

By Kelly Muller  
Staff Writer

One question...Where are all of the new additions we are supposed to be getting to SNHU? Sure, we have a beautiful new academic building (that only took what seemed like a decade to build), but when you think about it, it may be the turn of the century again before we start to see anymore new additions. It just seems that the population of the school is growing and growing, but there is never anything done to accommodate the growth. Maybe there are ideas and plans in progress, but with each freshman class being bigger than the last, there has got to be some changes, and SOON. Pretty soon SNHU won't be able to keep accepting students. Applications will be accepted with the understanding that once a bed opens up on campus, THEN admissions will look at your application.

What is the deal with triple rooms? Since when did Washington Hall become so overcrowded? To those of us that lived there years ago, it seemed small when we were living there, and heck we only had one roommate then. Imagine living in a triple, and dealing with a six foot by six foot room AND two roommates? New Castle isn't even that old yet, and already we have run out of extra rooms to stick the freshmen in! I don't even want to mention "The Ghetto," because that would mean picturing actually living there. Way back when I first started school here they had been talking about tearing down the lower suites, but to this day they are still assigning people to live there!

The campus just keeps growing with people, and the space isn't getting any bigger. Even giving residence parking a FEW spots in the commuter lot has not freed up any more spots on campus, and it still takes about 20 minutes of driving around to find a spot remotely near where you live. My family lives in Bedford, and sometimes I feel like it would be just easier to park at

home and walk to school. I'd probably get there quicker in the time that it takes me to drive around campus, actually find a spot, and then make the trek all the way to my townhouse.

On the brighter side, the university has started to make plans to build new apartment buildings. The thought of having apartments and townhouses where each resident has their own room is incredible. I thought that maybe we signed some hidden contract when we signed our residence agreement...no one under the age of 22 is allowed to live in their own room. Everyone must be stuffed in with a roommate, whether that means you live in a four-person

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townhouse or six-person apartment. Six people to one phone line and one bathroom? How DO we survive?

Although this article may sound incredibly negative toward campus living, I do have hopes for the future. I, unfortunately, will not have the opportunity to live in all of these new apartments and will not be here to see the day the ghetto finally DOES get torn down. I just pray that for such a young university, they take the time to actually put these plans into effect before the ghetto falls down on its own, four people start living in a room in Washington, and ten people start sharing apartments in Whittier. Or better yet, people stop coming to SNHU altogether. My true alma mater of NHC no longer exists; I'd hate to see my college memories turn into a school that really does no longer exist anymore.



# Ask Alfreda

Dear Alfreda,

I have recently gotten together with a new guy, and already it is tough...my friends think I spend too much time with him, and it is making it hard for me and him, and also straining my friendships with my friends. How can I balance both and make everyone happy?

Signed,

Torn in Two

Dear Torn in Two,

True friends would be thrilled that you have found happiness with a new guy. Methinks there may be some jealousy at play here. Let your friends know how much they mean to you, but also let them know that the new guy is important as well and you really want them to be happy for you. Plan some activities that include your friends and your guy together, so they can get to know him better. The more they know about him, the less of a threat he will be to them.

Dear Alfreda,

I am finding it very difficult to decide where I want to go when I graduate in May. I have no idea if I should stay in New Hampshire, or take this opportunity to move away and experience new things...any suggestions?

From,

Travel or Stay

Dear Travel or Stay,

Don't limit yourself! Expand your job search to encompass the world. You may find that perfect opportunity thousands of miles away or right here in your own back yard. The world is your oyster...start searching for pearls.

Dear Alfreda,

I really need your help! I know this may sound weird, but I am completely in love with one of my professors. She has always been really nice to me in class, and I am attracted to both her brain and her body. I guess I have always had a thing for older women but never felt comfortable telling any of my friends. I'm an adult and she's an adult, so is there anything wrong with asking her out? Please give me some advice!

Anonymous Al

Dear Al,

It is not weird to be attracted to someone who is older and in a position of authority. You are not the first person to fall for one of his professors. However, a relationship other than one of student/teacher is out of the question. You may both be adults but you are adults in different stages of your lives. It would be unethical for her to date you and she would be putting her career in jeopardy. Spend more time with the women your own age on campus.

## Class registration process needs improvement

President Gustafson unwilling to take corrective measures

By Joe Kavanagh  
Contributing Writer

With class registration just around the corner, it is important to reflect upon the events of last semester's registration fiasco. Having heard the rumors regarding the long lines often encountered during class registration week, I planned to arrive early to avoid the wait. Good plan, or so I thought. On Monday, Nov 18, 2002, I arrived at the Student Administration Services office at 5:30 a.m. (one and a half hours early). I encountered a line that stretched along both sides of the hallway, from the SAS door, past the Career, Learner and Academic Support Services office, out the door of Exeter Hall and into the snowstorm outside.

At 7 a.m. the SAS doors opened, and I reached the registration counter at 8:20 a.m., three hours after I had arrived. But, I was lucky. Having already completed a good number of credits, I was able to get all the classes I wanted. That, however, was not the case for many students who waited in line as long and longer. Was it the case for you?

Speaking with a number of my classmates, I learned that the majority arrived between 1 and 3 a.m. with the first group arriving at 11 p.m. the night before, as I am sure many of you remember. Some stayed awake all night. Physical fights erupted in that eight-hour line, and some of those who waited the longest did not get any of the classes they needed or hoped for, necessi-

tating going back to the end of the line and starting over. Five of those students fell asleep in my 8 a.m. class – for which I had been a half-hour late, and otherwise dependable students just skipped their 8 and 9:30 a.m. classes because they had not slept, choosing their beds instead.

In a letter written on Dec 13, 2002, the president of Southern New Hampshire University, Richard Gustafson, was notified of these events by yours truly, and he has yet to act upon or even acknowledge them. That is disgraceful and inexcusable. College students waiting in line for eight hours, getting into physical fights (motivated by fatigue and frustration no doubt), staying up all night, sleeping through and skipping classes, all in an attempt to register for courses that they may not even receive, is deplorable and needs to be immediately addressed and corrected prior to the next registration period.

This summer, President Gustafson will step aside and open the door for a new leader of SNHU. "Given that the university is doing so well in terms of its enrollment and its academic stature, this is the best time in my judgment to accomplish this transition," Gustafson tells Gregg Mazzola of Public Relations. "SNHU has experienced tremendous growth and development over the past two years so the timing for change is appropriate."

"Doing so well in terms of its enrollment and its academic stature" with "tremendous growth and development," Mr. Gustafson? How can a university be doing well

when its students must spend eight hours in line overnight, just to sign up for a class?

Colleges and universities across the country have adopted online and telephone registration processes successfully – completely solving the problem. But SNHU has not. Every semester we are forced to endure the long lines and our leader offers no encouragement to the students or parents that the problem will be resolved.

Mr. Gustafson must act quickly to correct this matter and not leave this for his successor. We, as students, must not accept anything less.

We must ask ourselves – What are we going to do about this dreadful situation? Are we going to allow SNHU to require that we wait in line for class registration while students of the University of New Hampshire register online and via the telephone?

Something must be done, and President Gustafson refuses to acknowledge it, then we must all work together to accomplish this goal. I know I would much rather be in bed at 4:30 a.m. than waiting in line.

What say you, Mr. Gustafson?

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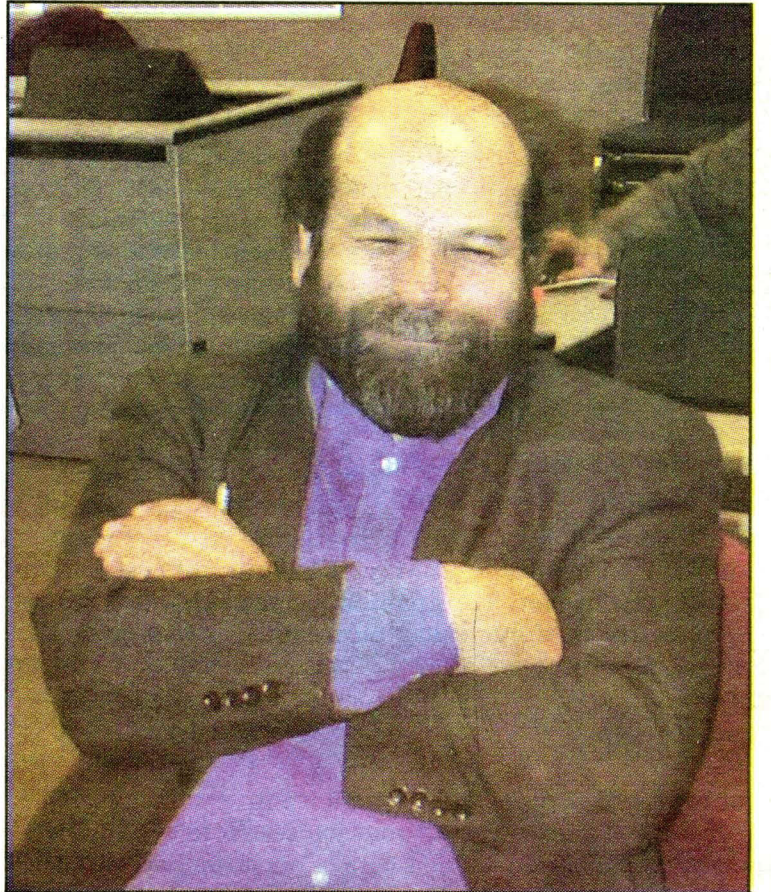


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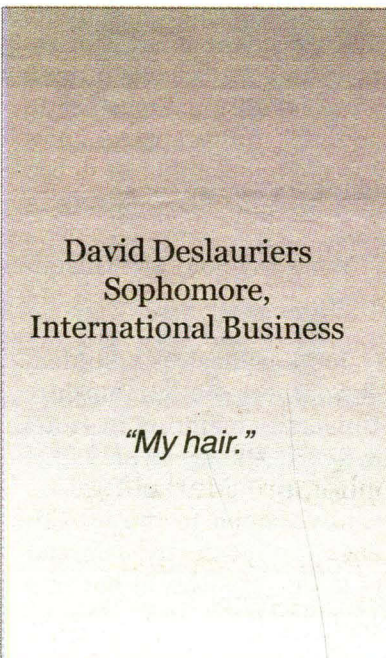
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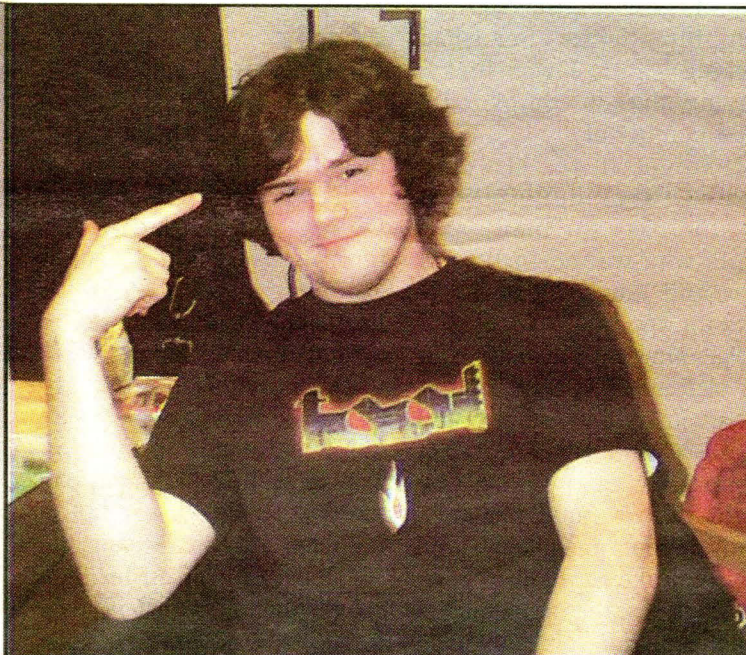
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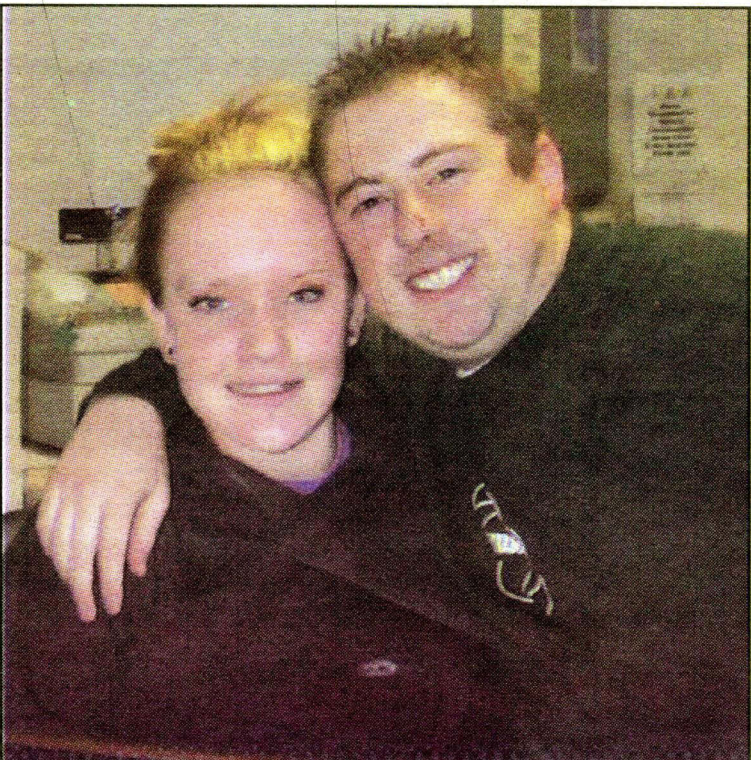


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Education

*"Black pants, brown  
shoes."*

Richie Selig  
Junior, Communication

*"Socks with sandals."*



Chris Couturier  
Junior, Business Education

*"Sweatpants and boots."*



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Kristen Trahan  
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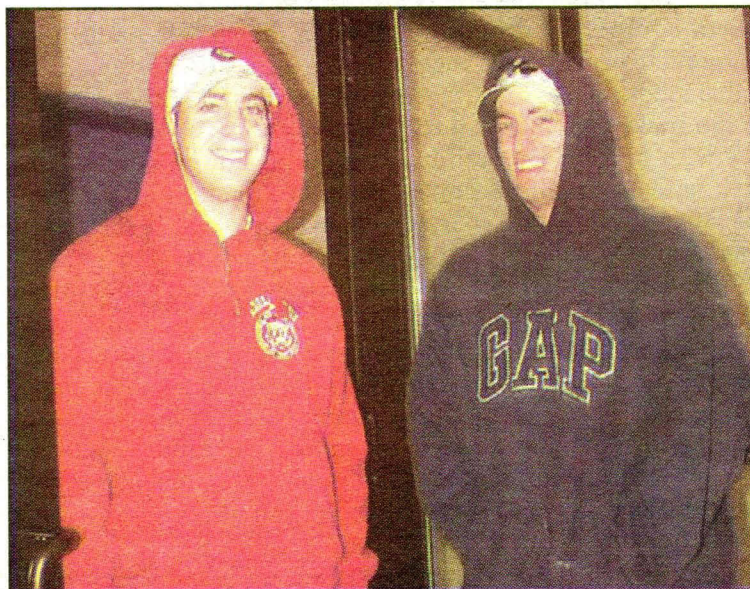
*What is the  
worst fashion  
mistake you've  
seen?*

By Heather Anderson and Stephanie Herget



Lindsay Parks  
Sophomore, Sport Management

*"Ghetto made-up trainer socks."*



Mike Bernard  
Sophomore, Marketing

*"Poke-A-Dots and  
stripes."*

Bill Forbes  
Sophomore, Business  
Administration

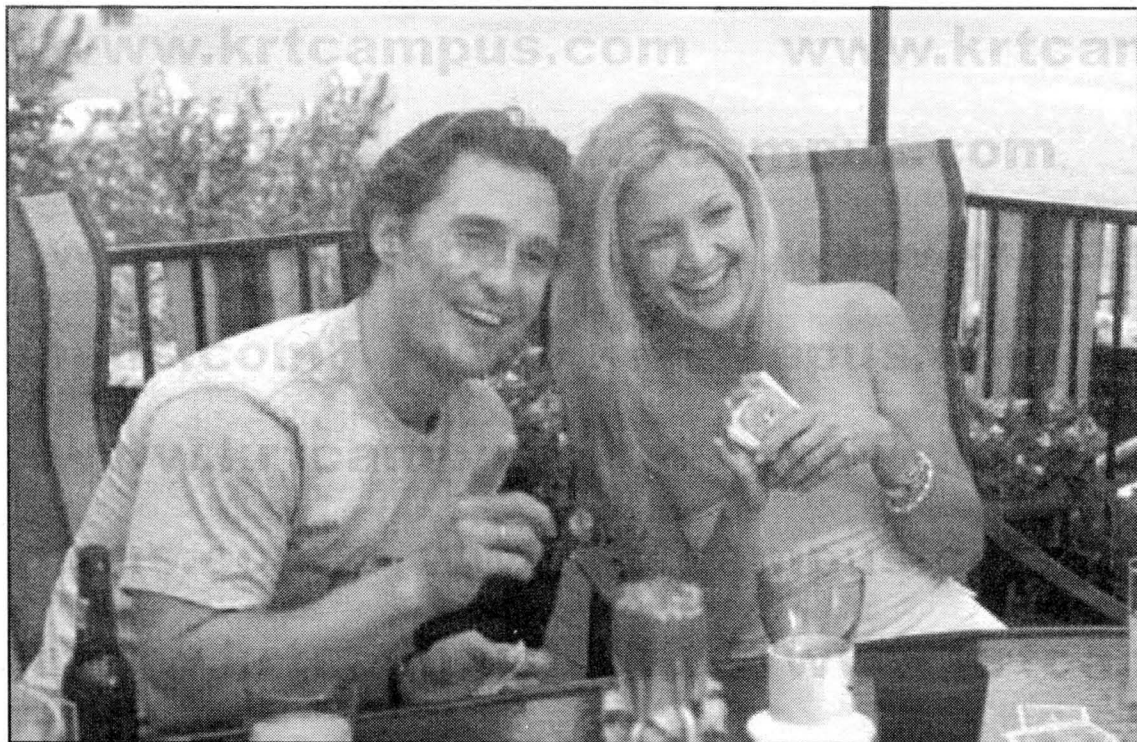
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Kathryn Roberts  
Junior, Marketing

*"Tight black pants  
with sneakers."*







Courtesy of KRT Campus

Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson star in "How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days."

## Devious love

By Stephanie Herget  
Staff Writer

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days is a romantic comedy that draws you in by the devious, deceitful, selfish, brutal, and manipulative acts Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey share.

Andie Anderson (Hudson) is the "How-to" columnist at Composure magazine and gets herself into trouble when she tries to save her co-worker from being exploited by their boss, Lana (Bebe Neuwirth). Andie volunteers to write a column on "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" by doing all the things women do to drive men away. She will find a guy and impose her gender's

overeager mistakes upon him until he splits.

Meanwhile, the guy, Benjamin Barry (McConaughey), an advertising executive who is trying to leave beer and sports equipment accounts for more luxurious items such as diamonds, makes a bet that he can make a woman fall in love with him before the big pitch to the client, in 10 days. Spears (Michele), one of the woman in competition for the diamonds account, gets to choose the woman and picks Andie knowing that she's on a deadline to find a victim of love as well.

Andie and Benjamin meet in a bar when he approaches her and asks if she wants to go somewhere and talk. Ben-

jamin takes her on his motorcycle to a restaurant and then back to his apartment where he tries to seduce her; however, Andie is doing a little seducing of her own. By the third or fourth date Andie has moved in stuffed animals, a new comforter, and she even talks to the mother.

How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days is a metaphor for the games people play in their unconscious efforts to guard themselves from true intimacy. Hudson and McConaughey are two captivating individuals who look like they belong together but are in a situation they cannot control. This movie is a romantic comedy we can all love.

## CASINO NIGHT

Do you have only a few measly bucks in your pocket? Are you willing to take a chance and make that number grow? The SNHU Culinary Student Association and Hospitality Student Association are presenting a night of fun and chance! On Friday, Feb. 28, **Casino Night** will commence with an All-You-Can-Eat dinner buffet with bottomless beverages (non-alcoholic) for only \$24.95. You lucky students will have to pay only \$15, so you can keep your money for the chips. Seating will take place between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. and the casino will open its doors at 7:00. A bar will be available for our guests, so there will be no need to b.y.o.b. to this event. In addition to the games of chance, a silent auction and raffle will be available offering a wide variety of highly coveted items, including luxuries ranging from free haircuts, golf, dinner, and massages to overnight stays at a variety of great spots! To reserve your place at dinner, contact the Hospitality Center reservation line at 629-4608.

## Daredevil leaps onto the big screen

By Barry Jordan  
Staff Writer

Daredevil, what in the world is Daredevil? Ben Affleck as a superhero, the Kingpin played by Michael Clarke Duncan and Jennifer Gardner as an assassin. Well, this movie doesn't have as much going for it as did its Marvel Comics predecessors X-Men, Spider-Man and Blade. But by the end of this movie you are surprised about how solid this film is.

I think there is a need to explain the story of Daredevil. Not to tell the end, but because the Daredevil franchise is not as popular as Spider-Man. The dark comic book story centers on attorney Matt Murdock, who was blinded in a bio-chemical accident. The accident may have taken away his sight, but his other four senses now function with superhuman sharpness. This allows him to have a kind of radar, and he attempts to use his powers for good to fight evil.

The dark mood of the comic is excellently por-

trayed through the darkness of the movie itself and the character of Daredevil. Affleck would not have been my first choice, but after watching this movie I realize what a great choice was made. The same goes for the Kingpin (Clarke Duncan), a mobster who secretly runs organized crime in New York City and is white in the comics. Duncan beefed up an extra 40 pounds to accurately portray his character and pulled it off beautifully. Elektra (Gardner) is a secretive assassin on a mission to avenge her father, and in the process falls in love with Murdock. Meanwhile Kingpin hires assassin Bullseye (Farrell) to do his dirty work.

The story line works in this dark movie. Also the special effects of Daredevil's abilities are exceptionally done and show the vulnerability of "The Man without Fear." Although this film is not on the same level that made Spider-Man a bench mark, it is a must for fans of the Daredevil comic. The movie does remain true to the comic and has enough dry humor and wit to maybe win over the casual fans.

3.5 out of 5 stars



Courtesy of KRT Campus

Jennifer Garner attends the Twentieth Century Fox world premiere of "Daredevil" at the Mann Village Theatre in Los Angeles, California, Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003



## Innocence Lost

By Donna Lacroix  
Contributing Writer

Busy people rushing by,  
Focused on me and I,  
Forget to pay attention to  
A world created two by two.

Pay no mind, leave it to fate,  
But understand that small mistakes  
Can accumulate quickly before our eyes,  
Into oceans filled with sorrow in disguise.

One by one innocence is lost,  
Unnoticed by those who fail to pause,  
And listen to the voices and souls  
Of precious lives with eyes so cold.

Bloodshed is a lesson unlearned.  
The only way to express unremitting concerns.  
No one can see the deep pain in their eyes.  
What will it take for them to realize...

That children yearn for hands to guide them through,  
A world so large with games so cruel?  
No one can hear, their voices are drowned,  
By the nonstop commotion of the world going round.

Soft voices or deaf ears?  
Warm blood and salty tears  
Are shed each day for us to see,  
But yet we still just let them be.

Busy people rushing by  
Forget to stop and find out why.  
Why the violence, why the hate?  
The answer here may come too late.

By Amanda L'Heureux  
A&E Editor

After the most recent snowstorm dumped over two feet of snow across New England and along the East Coast, most people are ready for spring. However, snowboarders are praising Mother Nature as they await this year's U.S. Open Snowboard Championships, held annually at Stratton Mountain in Vermont. The event, to be held March 11-16 at the Sunbowl, will unite the world's best pro snowboarders as they compete for cash prizes and respect.

Straight from the 2003 X-Games, held in Aspen, Shaun White returns to better his record after winning gold in both the Men's Superpipe and Slopestyle events. U.S. Olympians J.J. Thomas and Ross Powers look to grab some revenge after near podium misses. Thomas' 1080 at the top of the pipe left him with a sixth-place finish, while Powers grabbed fourth in the Men's Superpipe. In the

## Get ready to rip!



Photo by Amanda L'Heureux

Stine Brun Kjeldaas, Kelly Clark and Tricia Byrnes claim victory in last year's Women's Halfpipe.

Women's Superpipe, Olympian Kelly Clark hopes to shine again after missing the top spot in Aspen to boarding partner Gretchen Bleiler. Clark pulled off a sick corked backside 540 with a tail grab, but it wasn't enough to edge Bleiler's frontside inverted 540 at the top of the pipe in the finals. Among the returning athletes are Danny Kass,

Markku Koski, Elijah, Abe and Hannah Teter, Tricia Byrnes and Nastasza Zurek.

With the growing popularity of snowboarding, this year's event is already drawing a larger crowd than last year. This year will introduce the new Night Shoot Out Rail Jam, replacing the big air of the quarterpipe. Riders will judge each other under the

lights and compete for cash prizes. Snowboard enthusiasts everywhere can tune into the Outdoor Life Network for live broadcasts from Stratton Mountain's Sunbowl. For more information, check out <http://www.opensnowboarding.com> for a complete list of the events schedule and television broadcasts.

## People and their hair: Rick-O

By Professor Dave Cox  
Contributing Writer

**Q: Thanks for agreeing to be interviewed. You are a natural choice for this column since you're always well maintained from the neck up. It's a great look. Do many people comment?**

**A:** Yes, most people comment about the color. The people that know I raise toy poodles say my hairdo goes with my hobby.

**Q: What strikes me most about your hair is how many shades of gray you've had over the years. What's the secret?**

**A:** It's just natural. I guess that's part of being the Registrar! My hair started to turn gray in high school.

**Q: Is your bathroom stocked full of hair care products and hair gadgets?**

**A:** Not stocked but fairly well supplied.

**Q: At what age did you start to morph into Kenny Rogers?**

**A:** About 1982 people

started to notice. That's also about the time that Kenny Rogers started to become very popular.

(There is actually a website dedicated to men who look like Kenny Rogers. The link is [www.menwholooklikekennyrogers.com](http://www.menwholooklikekennyrogers.com). For you guys out there who want to look like Kenny, the site has some helpful tips! - Dave)

**Q: Do you like his music?**

**A:** Yes, I even liked him before the resemblance started.

**Q: Well, Rick, it could have been worse. You could have morphed into Charlie Rich!**

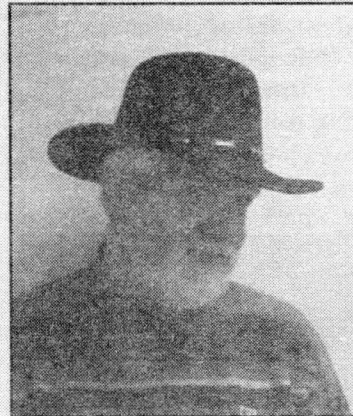
**A:** Some people have called me the Silver Fox (Charlie's nickname), but I don't look like him!

**Q: Where did you grow up?**

**A:** Lowell, Massachusetts.

**Q: Let's get back to this toy poodle thing. What got you started raising them?**

**A:** When I was growing up we had toy poodles and I really liked them. That evolved into breeding them



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and offering the puppies for sale. We haven't had any for sale in the last two years, though. Right now we have two dogs, Buster and Dusty Rose, but we're looking for another male and female.

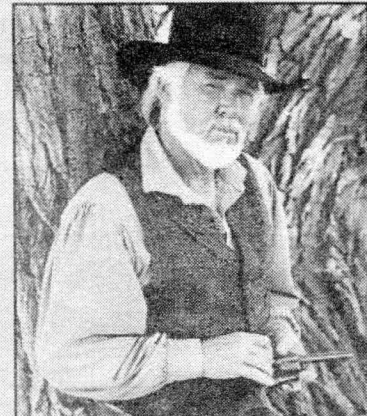
**Q: Small dogs are typically on the yappy side. I bet your neighbors love you!**

**A:** Our dogs are mostly house dogs so it's OK.

**Q: You're the Registrar at SNHU. As a teenager growing up in Lowell, did you dream of becoming a Registrar one day?**

**A:** No, I just fell into it by mistake in 1976 when I needed a job and one was open in the Registrar's office at Appalachian State. I've worked in the Registrar's

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"Superstar"

office at Appalachian State, Bentley, Rivier and SNHU.

**Q: What did you study in college?**

**A:** I studied Business and Economics Education at Appalachian State University in North Carolina.

**Q: You are a member of the A-Team here at SNHU, and you're the first member to be featured in this column. Do you think you'll be exalted or vilified for this?**

**A:** I'll be run out of town on a horse!

**Q: Being run out of town on a horse is far better than being run out of town on one of your toy poodles!**



# Fine dining on campus

By Elizabeth Henley  
Staff Writer

The Hospitality Center Restaurant is a great place to soak up pleasant atmosphere while getting gourmet food at a reasonable price. I recently went to the restaurant while Chef Perrin Long was working with the students. I was seated by one of the student servers, Japhet, and was amazed at how professional the students acted.

Upon seeing the menu, I was a little nervous. This was one of the Classical menus, so there were exotic foods like escargot and frog legs. There were some milder meals like venison, rabbit and duck. Being the type of person who chickens out at the idea of trying new foods, I managed to find something "safe." I had one of the specials, a steak.

The menus allowed you to pick items for a five-course meal: les hors-d'oeuvres/apetizers, les potages/soup, les salads/salad, les entrées/main course, and dessert. Each of these courses looked like a professional chef at a

high-priced restaurant created them. The courses were all fabulous, and my friend and I were delighted with what we chose. Of course, the best part was the dessert.

The Hospitality Center Restaurant is a great benefit to SNHU. Culinary students get a chance to work in a real restaurant environment, working different stations out back, along with serving. Everyone else at SNHU gets the ability to enjoy a wonderful meal, without having to go too far. It is definitely worth the \$20 for a dinner.

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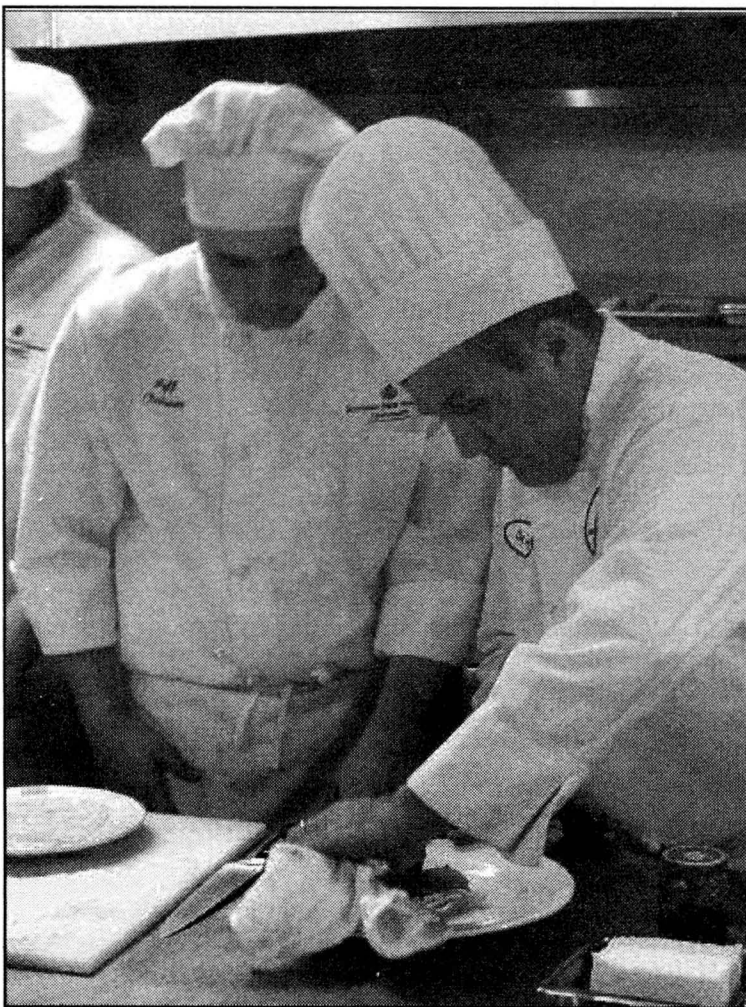


Photo by Elizabeth Henley

Culinary students get a chance to work in a real restaurant environment at the Hospitality Center Restaurant.

# Todd's Tunes

By Todd Strauss  
Staff Writer

## Nirvana - Nirvana

Just when you thought you'd never hear anything by Nirvana again, out of the depths comes a self-titled best of package! This was a must have; I picked it up the week it was released. The origin of the album is unfortunate, though, since the surviving band members did not want this record to ever see the light of day. Any Nirvana fan, however, could not pass up the chance to hear "Come as You Are," "Lithium," "In Bloom" and "Heart-Shaped Box" on the same CD. The popular live versions of "All Apologies" and "The Man Who Sold the World" are also included. The first singles Nirvana ever released, "Been a Son" and "Sliver," also made the cut despite quite medio-

cre sales, which of course all changed with the generation x anthem "Smells like Teen Spirit." "Polly" and the live version of "About a Girl" were not included, but throw in the previously unreleased "You Know You're Right" and you'd think it was the early 90s again when Nirvana was on top of the world. Grade: 94 A

## Chevelle - Wonder What's Next

For those who believe true hard rock is dead, take a listen to Chevelle. With debut single "The Red" tearing up the rock singles charts, this is a band that has potential to go far. For those interested, *Wonder What's Next* could very well be the big thrash, metal album of the last year. "Wonder What's Next," "Family System" and "Comfortable Liar" will pound in your eardrums with a heaviness not seen for years in mainstream rock. "Closure" and "One

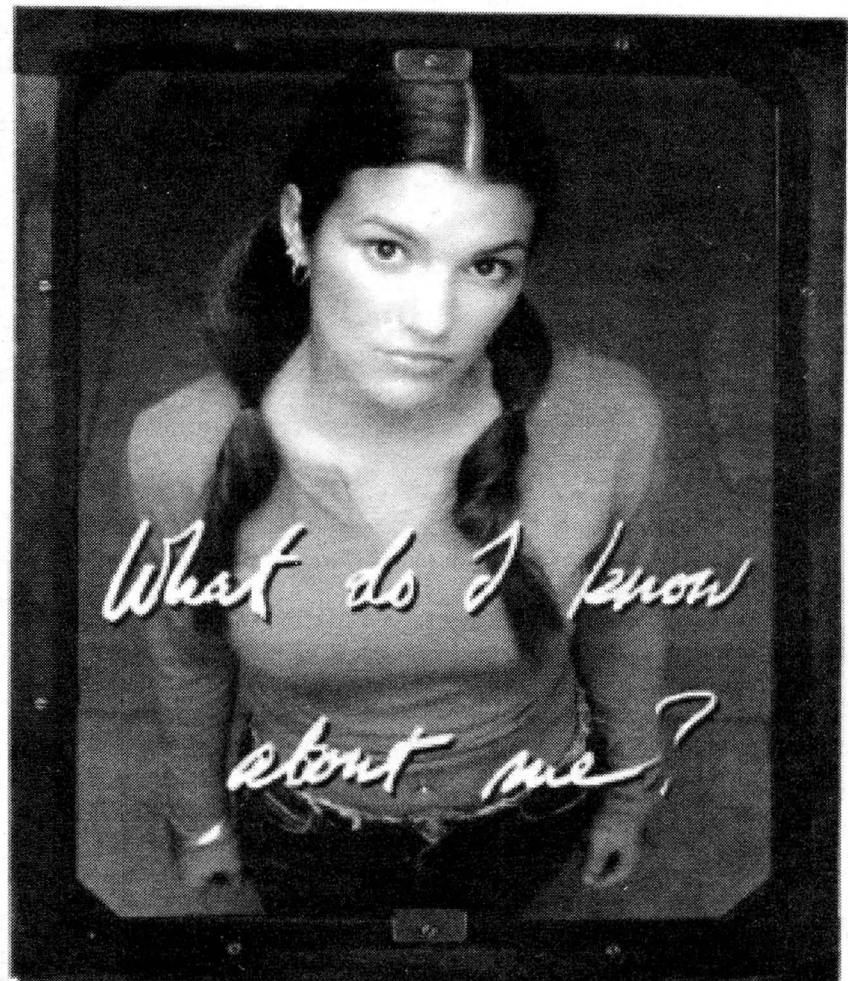
Lonely Visitor" lighten the mood, but not much. This CD is definitely for those who like to rock out, but listen with caution. I did not own this record at the time of writing this article, but believe me when I say I absolutely will soon. Grade: 88 B+

## Trivia

When the band Stone Temple Pilots were trying to come up with a name, they merely added words to the letters of the acronym of the popular motor oil STP.

When 3 Doors Down released their first album, singer Brad Arnold was also listed as the band's drummer (one has been hired since.)

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## Pacino, Farrell recruit you for their latest flick

By Barry Jordan  
Staff Writer

"Nothing is as it seems" and "trust no one." These are themes throughout the movie *The Recruit*. Walter Burke (Pacino) recruits James Clayton (Farrell) to join the CIA to become a high-level agent for the U.S. government. Clayton, the MIT computer whiz, is the perfect person to become an Ops agent. However, he has to survive *The Farm*, a training ground for men and women wanting to become agents. But *The Farm* can be more intense than any field assignment that an agent can find himself or herself in. Blinded by the unsolved death of his father,

wanting to please his mentor, Burke, and a love interest in fellow trainee Layla (Moynahan), Clayton finds out how hard this type of life can be as he is taught the ropes and rules of the game. Just as he "washes out," Burke taps him for an assignment to unearth a mole. Eventually, Clayton finds out that truth is nothing is as it seems.

This movie reconfirms a few basic truths; Al Pacino is one of the greatest actors of his time and Colin Farrell is going to be a great actor very soon. Pacino can still give the audience an intense performance through his almost annual ranting outburst (What's a Pacino film without one?). He captures the essence of a CIA trainer beautifully, giving

us the impression that he is the most knowledgeable on the staff. Farrell, on the other hand, drives this movie along with his performance. He is a quick study in this movie and uses all the skills he is taught to uncover the trail of lies and deceit.

The plot is fairly predictable but has some twists and turns to keep the audience on its toes. There is enough action and dry humor to draw you into the picture. The writers and actors did an excellent job of capturing the CIA in its essence (helps to have a former CIA agent as a consultant). *The Recruit* is a solid movie and a worthy investment for a movie ticket and popcorn.

4 out of 5 stars



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Al Pacino, left, and Colin Farrell star in "*The Recruit*."

## 50 Cent worth every penny

By Barry Jordan  
Staff Writer

It is amazing how success has found the Queens, New York, rapper 50 Cent (or more accurately he found success). 50 Cent released his first album *Power of a Dollar* in 1999 on Columbia Records under the guidance of hit-makers The Trackmasters. He made targets (and became a punching bag) of established rappers like Jay-Z, Ghostface Killah and Big Pun with the track "How to Rob." But commercial success didn't come with this underground hit, and after he was shot nine times 50 Cent was dropped by Columbia. 50 Cent regrouped and for the next three years flooded the streets with countless mixtape anthems until Dr. Dre and Eminem signed him to Shady/Aftermath Records. So can 50 Cent translate his underground success to nationwide success with *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*?

First of all this record is in good hands with production by Dr. Dre, Rockwilder, Eminem and others. The first single "In Da Club," produced by Dre, is a pure club single with a raw edge. 50 Cent effortlessly floats over keyboards and horns with his sharp and witty lyrics. The Eminem-produced "Patiently Waiting" is another head-banging track. With a typical Eminem beat that resembles boiling water, it seems slow at first and builds into a hyper and hypnotic beat. Both 50 and Eminem chop up this beat and show they are at the forefront of the rap game right now. "21 Questions" fea-

turing Nate Dogg is an infectious track that witnesses 50 Cent asking a woman how strong her love is for him. The theme "would you stay with me if I went broke" drives this track and shows the creativity in 50 Cent's arsenal. Other tracks like "High All the Time," the reggae-influenced "P.I. M.P." and "Like My Style" push this album along with hot beats and sharp lyrics.

Of course 50 Cent can't keep his feud with Ja Rule off this album as he plugs in the track "Back Down." 50 Cent takes shots at Ja Rule, and near the end of the track lets a female fan of Ja Rule do the rest of his talking. Since 50 thinks Ja caters to the females, he pokes fun at Ja by having a female state that she doesn't want 50 Cent to hurt Ja Rule because Ja has never hurt anyone in his life. Comedy sells.

But there is a weakness to this album, so many good songs that 50 Cent has pressed up to mixtapes. This album doesn't recapture his style that you loved and have grown accustomed to on mixtapes. The hunger to make it big is found on *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, but you can tell he was a tad hungrier on underground hits. 50 Cent seems to be more comfortable being the most hated rather than a crowd favorite. But this album is great regardless of that fact, and listen after listen will draw you in more. 50 Cent still steps up the lyrics with his sharp wordplay and witty style. This is a must have for the season and proves 50 Cent has finally arrived onto the popular music and hip-hop scene.

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# Louis Ramey, comedian

By Barry Jordan  
Staff Writer

Jokes and a few drinks is how Louis Ramey described his experience at SNHU's Last Chapter Pub. Ramey was the Feb. 13 entertainment as he did an hour-long comedy set for the 90 students in attendance. He kept the crowd laughing with his jokes on just about anything that popped into his head.

Ramey, originally from Atlanta, Georgia, is a 10-year veteran of comedy. Once asked to get on stage at a jazz club as a dare, he has made comedy into a successful career choice. He has performed all over the world and been on television shows like "The View," "It's Showtime at the Apollo" and "Premium Blend." He treated the crowd with some tales from his many travels and experiences.

"The crowd was real good tonight, I'm not use to having a well-behaved crowd," said Ramey. "I'm used to dealing

with all kinds of drunken idiots. This is quite refreshing," he continued. He further stated how usually if he singles out a member of the audience they will get pretty offended, but this crowd didn't take his jokes personally, which helped the show. Good thing Whitney Houston, Mike Tyson, George W. Bush or Ramey's old girlfriends weren't in the crowd. They could have been pretty sore about the punch lines he gave at their expense. But it's all in good fun and just jokes.

Ramey talked about everything from politics to playing practical jokes on tanning salons and Burger King to his first sexual experience in the back seat of his dad's car (with his dad still in the car) to a woman's sexual fantasies. But he was able to make light out of situations that could be a potential disaster, or he just stretched the truth a bit. "In all, it was a good night sand I enjoyed my first experience at SNHU, and the alcohol on campus never hurts either," said Ramey. It's all in good fun of course.



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## Losing skid continues as freshmen develop

By Roy Wilkinson  
Staff Writer

The women's basketball team continues to struggle in Northeast-10 conference play as they have dropped their last five games by an average of just over 22 points a game. The losing streak has dropped their overall record to 7-17, and an abysmal 3-17 in the conference. Granted, during the losing streak, they have lost to Bentley, Stonehill, Bryant, Merrimack and American International, who are a combined 92-33 for the season as of Feb. 20.

During the losing skid, some of the freshmen are showing that there is sunshine around the corner. Freshman Chrisondria Griffith had strong efforts off the bench during the stretch by scoring a career-high 20 points and snaring 13 rebounds against Stonehill and totaling 10 points and nine rebounds against Merrimack. Fellow classmate Glhansy Bonhomme has had great all-around games as well, both on the offensive and defensive ends. She scored 11 points and collected against Merrimack and led the way against American International with nine points and eight rebounds. Rookie guard Patricia Hogan, who started the season off at a slow pace, has begun to pick it up over the last few games and is starting to find minutes on the floor. She helped to show a fighting attitude on the team with eight points for the Penmen against Bentley, which is 24-2 on the

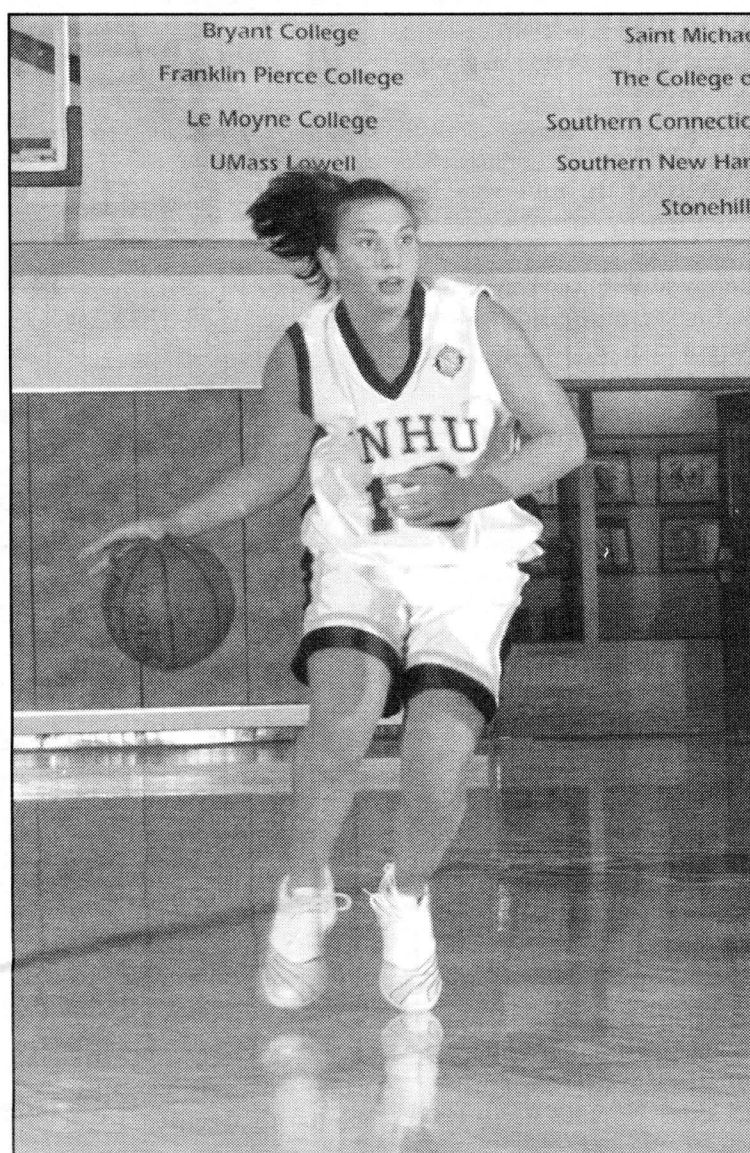


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Guard Lisa Brown dribbles the ball up the court.

season and is leading the Northeast-10 conference with an unblemished 20-0 conference record. Hogan also had a great all-around game against American International with eight points, five rebounds and five assists.

The SNHU women's basketball squad has been eliminated from any chance at making an appearance in the

Northeast-10 tournament, but the season has brought many pleasant surprises. Not many can see success with a 7-17 record but after losing their top two scoring players from last year, this year's team is still posting a better record than last year's 4-22 effort. With a stronger returning team next year, results are sure to follow.

## Penmen prepare for post-season

By Abby Kyriakoutskas  
Sports Editor

The SNHU men's basketball team has accrued four more wins following their stunning victory over nationally ranked UMass Lowell.

A noticeable step up is in the level of play of those taking over Namdi Williams' position at center. Athanasios Souflious has shown a marked improvement over previous years and P.J. Young has been a huge asset under the hoop, rebounding more effectively for SNHU than they have done in past years.

A big win for SNHU came at Bentley College in mid February. The Penmen held a double-digit lead over their opponents until five minutes before the half, and the Falcons took a five-point lead into the second half.

The lead changed possession several times during the course of the contest and was ultimately decided in the last 10 seconds of the game.

Soto Karapostolou tied the game with a jumper at just over 10 seconds. Bentley's end lost the ball and, with 9.1 seconds on the clock Mark Yeaton picked up the loose ball, glanced up at the clock and ran the 16 feet to the hoop.

He seemed to be going for a layup but, determining he did not have time, changed strategies mid-shot for a finger roll that had everyone holding their breath as time expired. The ball went in and fans flooded the court.

This marks the fourth buzzer-beater win for the Penmen this season. They have kept themselves in second place in conference standings, which gives them a buy in the first round of the Northeast-10 tournament. The Penmen will play their first post-season game on Monday, March 3.



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Forward Mark Yeaton attempts to jump around a defender while shooting.

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## Hockey

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An aggressive and physical game was seen against Wentworth. SNHU fought long and hard and played unbelievable to tie Wentworth 4-4 in OT. This game brought out the best in some of the players. Hickman threw his weight around on the ice, as well as goaltender Stehl who was on top of his game in net, making 34 amazing saves. Lytle put the Penmen on the board with his goal in the first period, but WIT came back with a goal 26 seconds later. But the Penmen closed out the first-period on a positive note when Flynn

netted his 10th goal of the year with 2:37 left in the period. WIT then made it 3-2 in the second; however, SNHU tied it up when Hickman blasted a goal past the WIT goaltender with only a few minutes left in the second. WIT scored at the beginning of the third, but Doherty answered it when he found the back of the net with a shot right off the face-off, tying it at 4. Overtime was just as intense and physical, but scoreless.

The Penmen now plan to take on Assumption College again, and then Franklin Pierce College.



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Freshman Chris White looks down to gain control of the puck.

## Larrabee

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Larrabee's steadiness is part of what makes up his ability to lead his team. Says Larrabee, "My biggest contribution has been bringing leadership to a pretty young team." The boy who once looked up to and was befriended by juniors and seniors like Mitch Filson and Bobby Miller now has his own following and guiding to do with a rash of incoming freshmen this year.

But Larrabee doesn't limit himself to befriending ball players. At home in Albany he is a friend to many, as can be seen by the number of people who travel the long distance to watch him play. He befriends strangers, those he meets in informal settings like the gym. He has seen people in need and taken it upon himself to give attention, perhaps taking them to a local restaurant and spending quality time with them.

The Colonie, New York, native also started, through the Colonie Youth Center, a basketball camp for local-area children during his senior year of high school. "It's been great. The first year we had 30 kids. Now it's up to 100 a week," he says. The most challenging thing about camp is the business end. "I do the marketing and advertising and set up the basic structure for the camp. It's taught me how to deal with people—workers, kids and parents," says Larrabee.

The skills he's learned at

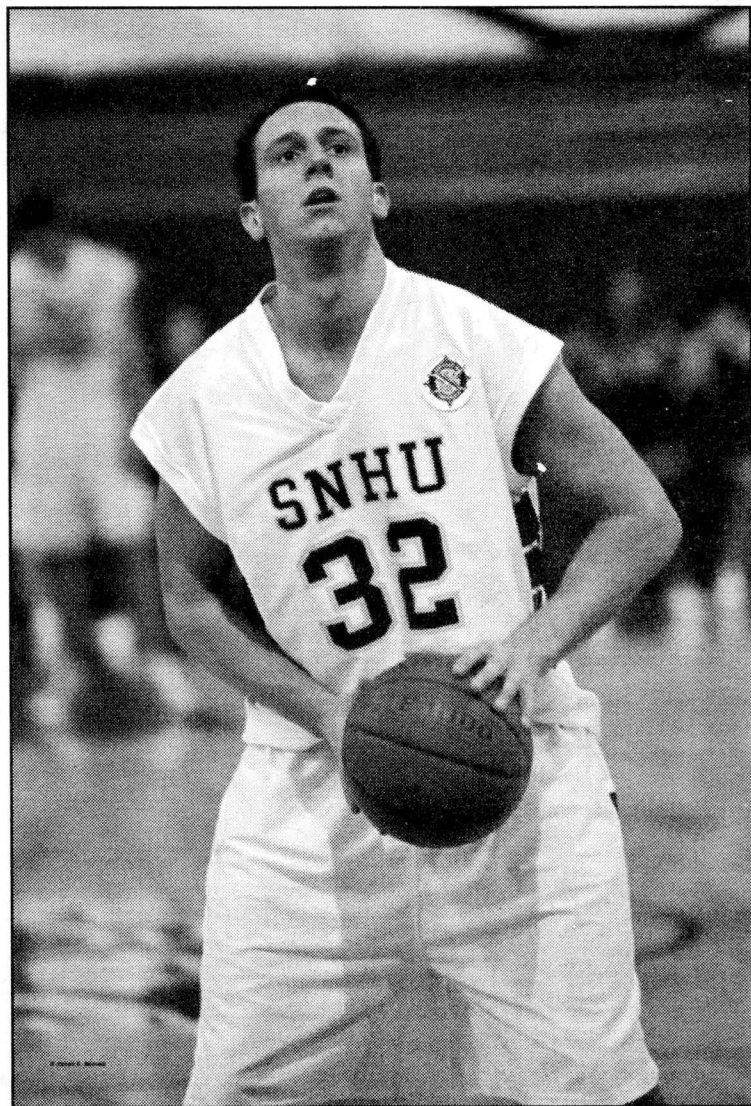


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Larrabee concentrates at the line, where he has made SNHU history with over 500 made free throws.

camp will serve Larrabee well when he decides to settle down to a 9-to-5 job in the future. For now, though, Larrabee has his sights set on something a little less predictable yet far more appealing to his affinity for basketball. Following the end of this season, Larrabee will try to forge a professional career playing basketball overseas.

In the movie *Good Will Hunting* Robin Williams' character makes an astute observation when he says, "Real loss only occurs when you love something more than you love yourself," a lesson that Larrabee has acquainted himself with. He says, "I've learned that you have to sacrifice to play this kind of ball. It's more than just going through the motions."

He came in 1999 a boy with dreams, hopes and passion. So what will Larrabee take away with him? "My worst memory was my sophomore, injury-plagued season," he says. His best memory? "This season. This is the best we've played as long as I've been here," says Larrabee. This man will leave SNHU four years later with what he came with and along with that with compassion, humility and a better understanding of life in general and what it takes to survive in it.

Note: Larrabee has just received All-District Academic Honors for the second year in a row. He is the first SNHU athlete to receive this honor.

He also made SNHU record books by hitting his 500th free throw at Stonehill College just a few weeks ago, making him one of only three SNHU basketball players to do so.

Interestingly, he hit his 1,000th career point in the same gym last season.

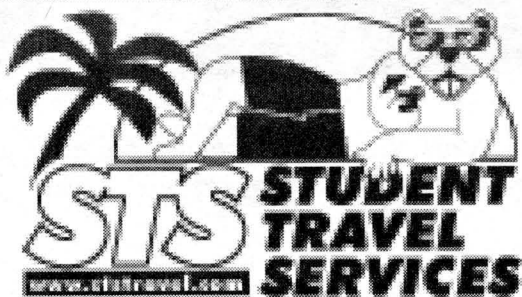
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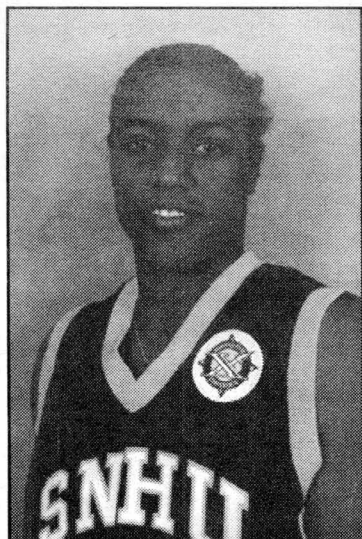
## Glhansy Bonhomme

By Stephanie Herget  
Staff Writer

Glhansy Bonhomme from Laval, Quebec, is one of the new additions to the women's basketball team this season. She graduated from Cure-Antoine-Labelle High School in 1999. Bonhomme developed her skills by playing club basketball for Team Laval for four years.

Bonhomme is a 2002 graduate of College Montmorency and was part of the girls' basketball team there for three years. While at College Montmorency, she was a two-time team captain and two-time MVP. During her final season there she led the team to a 14-0 record and a number 1 national ranking.

Not only was Bonhomme a star at College Montmorency, she also shined on Team Quebec. She played for the team



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the past two summers and led it to a junior national championship in 2001.

Since arriving at SNHU she has played in 19 out of 22 games, averaging 23.9 minutes per game. She is the third highest scorer on the team, averaging 7.3 points per game with a total of 160 points this season. Bonhomme is second in rebounds, averaging 5.8 rebounds per game. Her career high at SNHU was against Franklin Pierce, scoring 14 points with 12 rebounds.

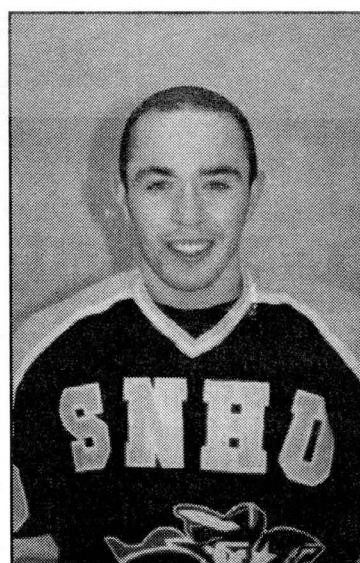
Bonhomme is successful both on the court and in the classroom. She is an Early Childhood Education Major and was just named to the Northeast-10 Weekly Honor Roll.



## Chris White

By Roy Wilkinson  
Staff Writer

Freshman Chris White, who hails from Naperville, Illinois, is the newest rising star, playing right wing on the SNHU ice hockey team. He has played



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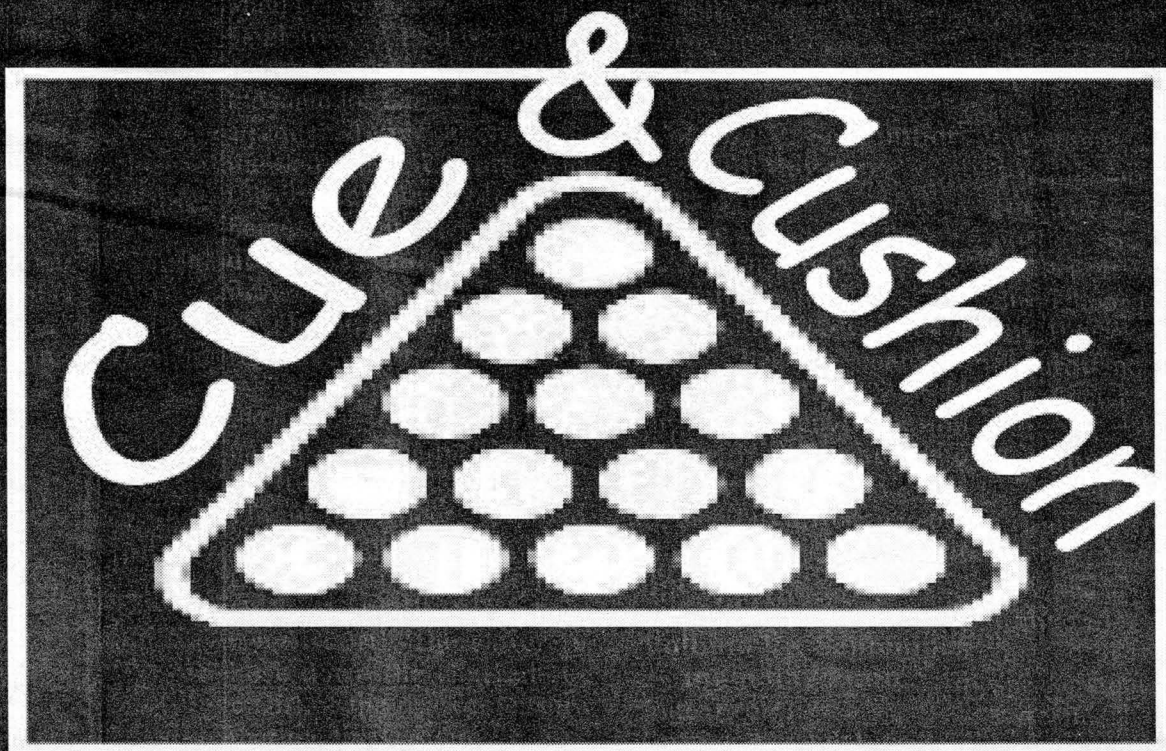
in all 21 of his team's games this season and is tied for second on the team in goals, assists and total points. He has 10 goals, 10 assists and 20 total points.

Earlier this season in a game against Salve Regina University on Jan. 15, White tallied his first career "hat trick" by scoring three goals, with the third one sending the game into overtime late in the third period. SNHU would eventu-

ally lose the game 5-4 in the overtime session. He also scored the game-winning goal against Plymouth State in a road game on Jan. 22. White has been named ECAC Northeast Rookie of the Week twice this season. The second time he was awarded, on Jan. 20 the ECAC Northeast Rookie of the Week, he was responsible in part for all Penmen goals for that week.

White, a graduate of Waubonsie Valley High School in Aurora, Illinois, comes to SNHU after playing junior hockey with the Cleveland Jr. Lumberjacks of the Central States Hockey League last year. This year at SNHU, he has teamed with fellow freshman left wing James Crank to form a tremendous scoring line for the Penmen.

White majors in Sport Management at SNHU. Playing on a team with youth on its side. White should contribute and continue to be among the scoring leaders for the Penmen in his remaining years



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## Brian Larrabee: That was then, this is now

By Abby Kyriakoutsakos  
Sports Editor

Brian Larrabee was not the player voted "most likely to be a star" when he first came to SNHU four years ago. He was not a bulky kid; in fact, he was a skinny, lanky kid weighing in at 190 carried on a 6'4"

frame. That was then.

This is now. Larrabee has bulked up, using the summers to work out and work on pieces of his game that he determines to be under par. Now Larrabee is in the spotlight and not a fan in the crowd has to ask who he is. Now, rather than being surprised at his ability and an occasional

touch of greatness, it is expected of Larrabee by fans and teammates.

But there have been many stars of Penmen basketball. The record book is full of names and dates, most of which are from days long gone. We remember certain ones, though, even if we never saw them play—Cleveland Woods, Wayne Robson and Rob Paternostro to name a few. What is it that makes Larrabee stand out from the rest and be in this special group? It is the way that Larrabee plays ball, a unique way.

One long-time Penmen fan who has watched Larrabee play from the very beginning says he knew that the freshman guard had a promising future. His observation was

this: "Some players have physical talent, some make up for the lack of it by using their mind. He's [Larrabee] not the most physically gifted player but he played a steady game with minimal mistakes,"

something most freshmen can't seem to avoid.

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## Penmen hockey

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The Penmen hockey team headed to Vermont for a match-up against St. Michael's College early in February. After a lot of back and forth, SMC scored the first two goals. Sophomore Pat Doherty then put the Penmen on the board with his goal 12 seconds into the second period on a pass from sophomore Dan Hickman. Freshman James Crank, the team's leading scorer, then made it 3-2 on assists by junior Michael Flynn and sophomore Keith Milward. The Penmen tied it up as sophomore Kurt Lytle netted another goal with 3:52 left in the second period. Saint Michael's had many scoring chances, but goalie Martin Stehl made numerous unbelievable saves. It was a tough battle but SNHU

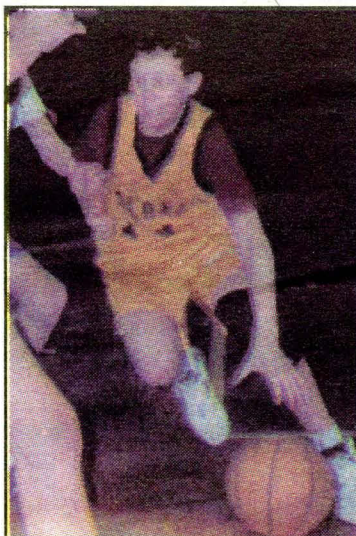
was unable to pull out a win.

The Penmen then took on Assumption College and had a big victory with a 4-2 win. SNHU opened the scoring just 2:47 into the first period when freshman Howell Smith caught a rebound in front of the Assumption net and sent a shot past the goaltender. Sophomore John Lavery then advanced the Penmen's lead with his goal in the second period. After two goals from Assumption, Crank netted his 14<sup>th</sup> goal of the year early in the third. The Penmen then regained a two-goal advantage following Smith's second goal of the game with 6:41 left to play. Freshman goaltender Tim Fewster made 30 saves to help SNHU to their win.

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Photo courtesy of Sports Information Department  
Goaltending has been a highlight of Penmen hockey this season.



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**That was then, this is now** -- Senior Brian Larrabee has a unique style that apparently developed early in his childhood. On the left is Larrabee at the age of 10 playing in his hometown of Colonie, New York. Twelve years later (right) he is still going strong.

*Come watch the SNHU Men's Basketball team in action on March 3, against an undetermined opponent in the second round of the Northeast-10 Conference Tournament Championship @ 7:00 pm.*