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Happy St. Patrick's Day  
from all of us at  
the Observer

## Obama and Clinton Battle for the Democratic Nomination

**Frank Rubino**

*Managing Editor*

The Presidential race for the White House has been heating up on the Democratic side with Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton battling to win the Democratic nomination.

At the March 11 Mississippi primary, Obama received 60.8 percent of the votes and was awarded 19 delegates, while Clinton received 37 percent of the votes and was awarded 14 delegates, according to Foxnews.com.

As of March 12, Obama's delegate count stood at 1602, which is 106 higher than Clinton's 1496 and 423 short of the 2,025 delegates needed to win

the Democratic nomination. Most of Clinton's delegates have come from wins in Texas, Ohio, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and California. Obama has done well in Kansas, Idaho, Delaware, Connecticut, and Illinois, where he is a Senator.

Key upcoming Democratic primaries include Pennsylvania with 156 delegates to be held on April 22 and North Carolina with 115 delegates to be held on May 6. According to a March 12 Foxnews.com article contributed by writer Bonney Kapp and the Associated Press, early polls show Clinton with a lead in ~ See **Nomination**, Pg. 3



*The race is on. Senators Clinton and Obama debate on the campaign trail.*  
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## Snow Removal at SNHU; Friend or Foe?

**Ashley Manley**

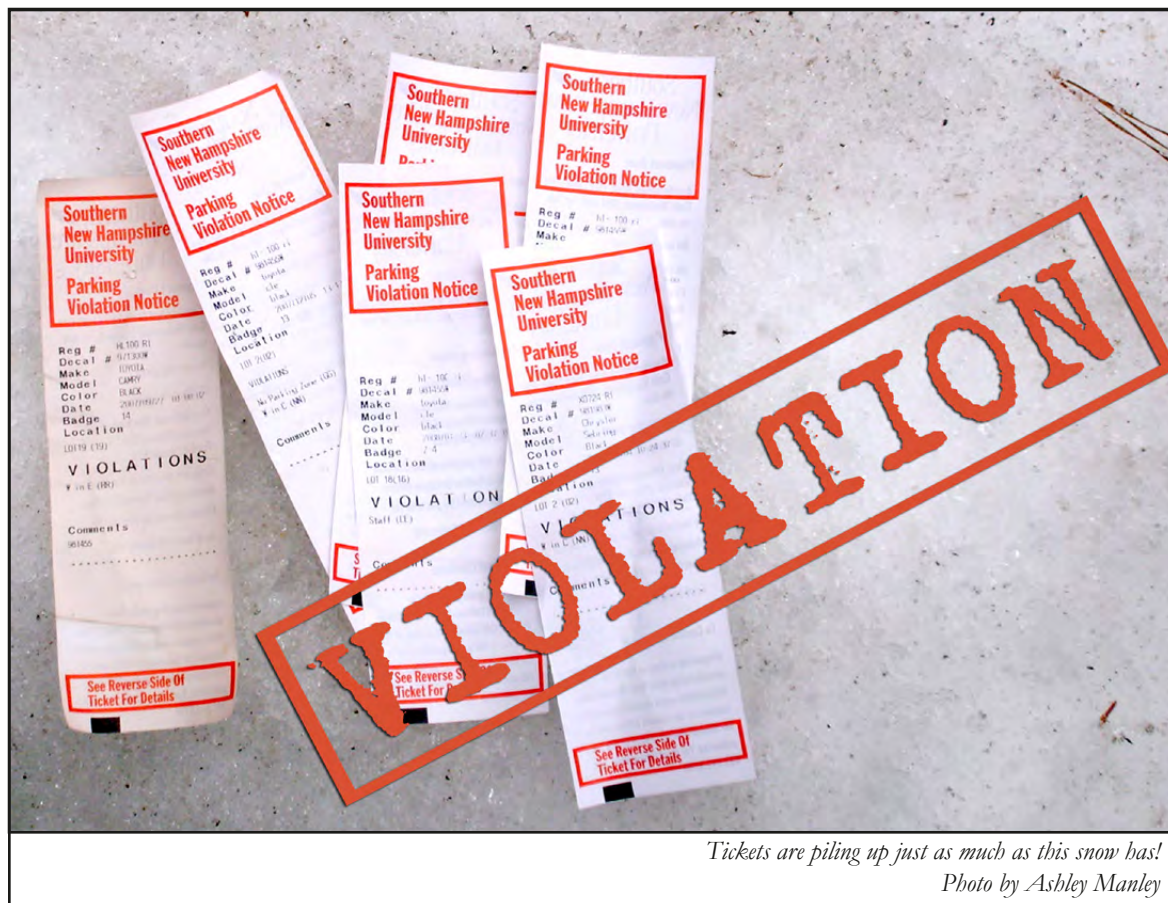
*Staff Writer*

Snow removal at Southern New Hampshire University has caused some students aggravation this past winter while authorities are handling the challenge.

Snow removal requires cars to be moved out of resident and East Side lots by approximately 10:00 p.m. on snow removal nights. According to the SNHU website, after snow removal, all vehicles must be returned to their normally assigned lots by 9:00 a.m. If vehicles are not moved, a ticket could be issued and there is a possibility of towing.

While students move their cars for snow removal,

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*Tickets are piling up just as much as this snow!*  
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## Letter from the Editor

Katlyn Morin

Editor in Chief

March? Lucky us. Spring Break has FINALLY arrived. Why do they save the best for last? Oh yeah, we're the best! I hope all of you did well on mid-term examinations. Glad those are out of the way. What is it now...t-minus 60 some-odd days? Thank goodness. I'll miss this place; don't get me wrong – I'm just not interested in schoolwork anymore. Are you?

If you haven't noticed, this issue is full of news! I suppose we can lend that to this ridiculous winter we've been having, causing safety concerns, parking violations and a whole lot of texting! I'm still overwhelmingly annoyed with the great parking jobs everyone's been making lately, too. It took me almost 15 minutes the other day to back out of my parking space. Granted there are snow banks galore, but when the lots start looking like my box of Hot Wheels threw up all over the place, I get a little flustered.

On a brighter note, the Observer just held elections for its 08'-09' Editorial Board. Congratulations goes to Libby Parent, who will hold the position of Editor in Chief; Dan Smith, Managing Editor; Ashley Manley, News Editor; Holly Bundy, Copy and Business Editor; Dillon St. Jean, Creative Editor; Caitlin Murphy, Arts & Entertainment Editor; Nick Tasso, Sports Editor; Carter Meyers, Layout Editor; and Gina Arnone, Advertising Editor.

There are still available positions for photo editing if anyone is interested! Again, a big congratulations to the new board! Good luck – work well, work hard and work with each other. You heard it here first!

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## PAGES?! OUR LARGEST PAPER EVER!

## Public Safety Logs

Compiled by:

Nick Tasso

2/25/2008 3:00 p.m.

Public Safety received a call from East Side saying there was a car with four students in it who were all smoking marijuana. As Public Safety approached the vehicle, a student put up his window. He was told to put his window down and to give the Public Safety officer the marijuana. The student stated that he did not have anything like that. The officer told the student that the car was seen with them smoking this substance. The student pulled a bag of marijuana out of the center console.

3/1/2008 10:27 p.m.

Public Safety was called to assist an RA with the strong smell of marijuana. The Public Safety officer could smell marijuana and knocked on a resident's door. The student who answered the door gave the officer his ID. When asked if he had been smoking marijuana, he told the officer no. When they asked the student if they could do a health and safety inspection, the student admitted to smoking. He handed over an empty soda can with ashes in it. When asked if there was any more, the student gave the Public Safety officer a medicine bottle with marijuana inside.

3/1/2008 1:30 a.m.

Public Safety noticed a strong cigarette smell in a building. They located the smell to a room and knocked repeatedly. The Public Safety officer said he was going to key in to the room and then did. In it, there were six students sitting in the dark. When asked who was smoking a cigarette, they all said no one. There was an illegal student and Manchester Police was called. The person who actually lived in the room was away. A girl who was in the hallway was on the phone with the student who lived in the room. The Public Safety officer asked the girl if the student knew there were individuals in his room. He stated no. After a health and safety inspection, there were eleven beer cans and a bottle of Jag-ermeister found. The illegal student was arrested for trespassing. The lock was also changed on the room.

3/8/2008 4:40 p.m.

Public Safety received a call about a strong smell of marijuana. The RA knocked on the door and a student answered. The student's eyes were bloodshot and there was a heavy smell of marijuana. There was a towel under the door and the windows were wide open. The student denied smoking but could not explain the smell when asked.

3/8/2008 11:50 p.m.

A Public Safety officer observed a student throwing a snowball at a building. He was stopped and asked for an ID. When he said he didn't have an ID, they asked for his name. The name he gave them did not match any name in the locator. When asked again for his name the student attempted to run away. The officer tried to stop him but could only get a hold of his backpack. In the backpack they found a can of beer. Public Safety later identified the individual.

3/14/2008 1:19 a.m.

A reckless driver was spotted in lot 13 and was followed to another lot. While looking for the car, they found a student urinating into the gas tank. When asked what he was doing, the student tried to close the fueling door on himself. When asked

~ See P.S. Logs, Pg. 3



## P.S. Logs \_\_ Cont. From Pg. 2

to stop what he was doing, he stated that he wanted to finish first. The student used profane language towards the Public Safety officer. Hooksett Police was requested since the student wouldn't leave the lot and return to his dorm. The student was highly intoxicated, was unsteady on his feet, had slurred speech, glassy eyes and smelt like alcohol. Hooksett Police arrived and took the student into custody. While being put into the car, he tried to get away and an account of resisting arrest was added.

The Public Safety Office is open 24 hours a day. For more information on safety around campus, please email [safety@snhu.edu](mailto:safety@snhu.edu). If you have any questions for the observer, please contact us by email at [observer@snhu.edu](mailto:observer@snhu.edu).

## SNHU Hosts Relay For Life

**Daniel Smith**  
*News Editor*

On Friday, February 29, Southern New Hampshire University embarked on a new challenge. SNHU hosted its first annual Relay for Life. The event lasted over 18 hours and boasted over 200 volunteers. It was held in the Hampshire Dome in Milford, New Hampshire.

This was the first year for the SNHU Relay and plans for next year's Relay for Life is all ready in the works. The event started at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concluded at 1:00 p.m. the next day. There were many events and fun activities to be enjoyed at the Relay including bands such as Easton Legacy and acoustic singers from the band Cogent. Other fun activities included a rock wall, guitar hero tournament, yoga, theme laps and a drive-in movie.

While the entertainment was well received, the real reason people were there was to raise money for cancer research. There were many events and ceremonies throughout the event that reminded everyone of why they were there and helped raise awareness for all types of cancer. Different teams came up with posters describing different types of cancer and their effects. The advocacy chair hosted events such as scavenger hunts to raise awareness.

Overall the event raised more than \$25,000 for the American Cancer Society. The event planners were very pleased with the turnout for the Relay and the amount of money raised, but feel they can do even more next year. If anyone would like to find out more about the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life you can visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## Snow Removal \_\_ Cont. From Pg. 1

criticisms can be heard about the snow removal process around the SNHU campus.

Following the past snow removal, Ashley Lacroix, a junior and resident student, was asked how she felt about the snow removal process. "I wouldn't be able to drive my car around campus if they didn't plow but the massive amounts of tickets [Public Safety] gives out if your car isn't moved right away is ridiculous," she said.

Assistant Director of Public Safety Norman St. Onge commented about Public Safety's ticketing and towing by stating that, "I do think it has improved since last year." He went on to note that last year there were anywhere between 30-40 tows a night whereas there are only approximately 10-12 a night this year.

St. Onge stated that he was unsure of the increase in ticketing on snow removal days versus non-snow removal days, but did state that the majority of complaints during snow removal are by commuters who cannot find parking spots.

All the snow this year has been keeping facilities quite busy. Bob Vachon, Director of Facilities Management, stated, "This winter has been incredibly challenging. We're very close to breaking the state record of 122.1 inches of snow set in 1873-74... we have had to relearn what an old-fashioned New England winter means in terms of snow removal."

Based on what Public Safety, students, and the Director of Facilities reported, this has been a challenging winter for everyone. At this point, it is hard to determine if snow removal is a friend or foe, at this point it is simply a matter of a opinion.

## Nomination \_\_ Cont. From Pg. 1

Pennsylvania, and Obama with a lead in North Carolina.

Things have been a lot quieter on the Republican side. Republican candidate John McCain has collected more than the 1,191 delegates necessary to win the Republican nomination. Competing Republican candidates Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee have only been able to collect around 250 delegates respectively. On the Democratic side, John Edwards was able to collect 26 delegates before dropping out of the race.

Campaign tactics from Clinton's team have included television ads depicting Clinton as being better than Obama at handling a 3 am phone call about a national crisis. Obama's team has been promoting the fact that Obama has opposed the war in Iraq since its start.

According to CNNPolitics.com, Clinton and Obama both support a phased redeployment of troops from Iraq. Among other issues that are being considered in the upcoming election, both Clinton and Obama support continued funding for stem-cell research, are both are against privatizing social security.

However, Obama and Clinton are in disagreement over the issue of education. Clinton believes the No Child Left Behind act should be removed, while Obama favors reforming it. Also, Obama has stated he would meet with leaders of Iran, Syria, and Cuba within the first year of his Presidency to discuss issues, while Clinton says she would not.

On April 16, there will be a debate between Clinton and Obama in Philadelphia before the Pennsylvania primary on the 22nd.



*Res-Life Wreckers taking team lap at Relay for Life.  
Photo by Daniel Smith*

## SNHU Graduate Joins the Peace Corps in Ukraine

**Joanna O'Brien**  
*Contributing Writer*

Becky McNeal, 54, of Camden, Maine, has been accepted into the Peace Corps. McNeal will be departing for Ukraine in March to begin pre-service training as a community development Peace Corps

Volunteer. Upon graduation from Volunteer training in June, McNeal will be assisting businesses, government institutions, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in transforming Ukraine from state-controlled economy to a free market economy.

"The opportunity to be a community member, rather than an 'American tourist' has always been a desire," said McNeal.

McNeal is currently working on a master's degree at Southern New Hampshire Uni-

~ See **Peace Corps**, Pg. 5

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## Connect with Great Art and New Friends at the Currier

**Leah Whitehouse**  
Contributing Writer

After being closed nearly two years for a major expansion, the Currier Museum of Art, New Hampshire's celebrated and internationally renowned art museum, has announced a public grand re-opening scheduled for Sunday, March 30th. That morning, at 11:00am, a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Governor will kick off an entire week filled with special events and free public admission.

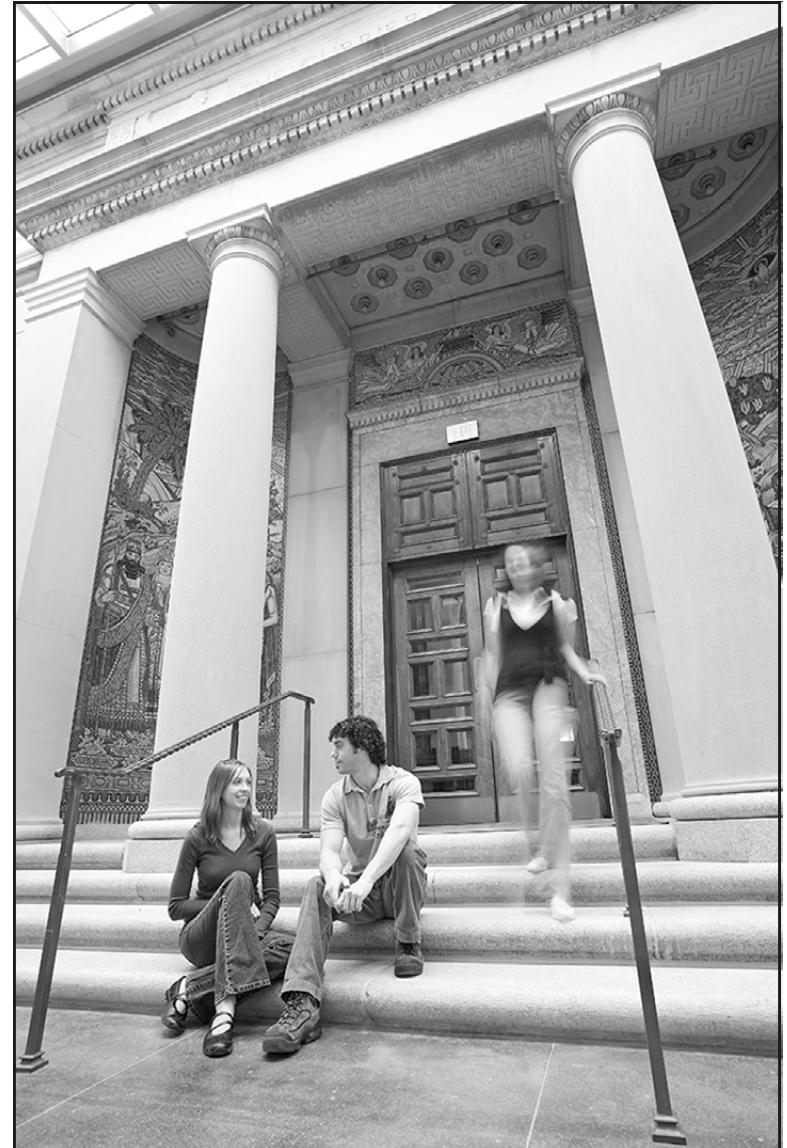
In just a short drive, walk, or Segway ride, Manchester students can enjoy a world-class collection, exhibitions and amenities comparable to those featured at the world's greatest art museums. Southern New Hampshire University's Art Historian, Andrew Laurie Stangel, has described the Currier as "New Hampshire's flagship institution for the collection, conservation, and presentation of the Fine Arts!" A visit to "the Currier," Dr. Stangel continues, "provides our students with a unique opportunity to study works of art – from lands and

cultures beyond their own time and horizon – in a pre-eminent and internationally recognized institution whose goal is to promote a better understanding of the arts of man and their relevance in an ever-increasing technical world."

Recently a Manchester student, Emily Duane, through a volunteer assignment, received an exclusive insider tour of the newly expanded museum. Her favorite feature of the museum is the new sky lit Winter Garden, a beautiful spacious indoor courtyard where the Currier's new café will be located and the venue of many special events and galas. "I particularly liked the mosaics and how the new colorful Sol LeWitt installment echoes these original 1929 mosaics. I also love how they preserved the lion's head from an original fountain. It's a fragment of the Currier's history," said Duane. These embellishments of the new courtyard are pieces from the Currier's own history and illustrate the museum's mission to preserve the past while being progressive and evolutionary.

This symbiotic relationship between old and new, past and present is recurrent throughout the museum. The museum's beloved historic court that leads to several of the original galleries, centrally links the new northern and southern major additions. Some of the new features include a spacious glass-enclosed grand north entrance, expanded museum shop, the Winter Garden, galleries, classrooms and a 180-seat auditorium. The additional expansive galleries will allow 50% more of the Currier's diverse and extensive collection to be on display. Furthermore, the new galleries will accommodate eminent international exhibitions that will bring world-class art and treasures from all ages and regions of the world right to Manchester, New Hampshire. So whether you drive, walk or Segway ride there, the Currier Museum of Art, along with all great museums, is sure to provide some of the paths to discovery of what it means to be human, described by the often subtle yet compelling visual language of art.

For re-opening event information, please visit [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org).



*The Currier Museum of Art is located at 150 Ash Street, Manchester, N.H.  
Photo by Jose Martinez*

Cyan  
Magenta  
Yellow  
Black



*Seniors are all ears before departing their college years with SNHU  
Photo by Ashley Burke*

## Destination Disney

**Ashley Burke**  
Staff Writer

On May 12th 123 seniors will embark on their last journey as the class of 2008 to Disney World.

At 7:30 a.m., 40 seniors living within an hour's distance will take the first of the three planes to Disney World where they will be staying at Disney's All Star Music Resort until May 16th. Included in the trip are all access passes to all of the parks excluding Pleasure Island, all transportation, and two meals.

"I am most excited about hanging out with all my friends for one last big party," said senior Anthony Poole.

One big party is exactly what this year's trip will be as most participants will be rooming with whomever they chose, and the trips itinerary is open for students to choose how to spend their time.

Also excited for the trip is Scott Tierno, Director of Student Life. "We've never had

a senior week like this before," said Tierno. "I expect it will be a great event and most [upcoming] seniors will want to do something like this in the future."

However, because this year's trip for senior week is quite different than the past, scheduling dates have left some seniors fearing they will have to move out of their dorms right before the trip and not have a place to stay.

"The trip is a great idea, but the school is making us go home for the weekend of May 9th and we have to be back real early on Monday May 12th for our flights," said Poole. "If you live far away like my roommates and I do, you have to get a hotel so you can make the flights on time. This is an inconvenience."

When asked about this situation, Tierno was very understanding and has directed those students living far away to the Director of Residence Life to make their case. "The idea [of the trip] isn't to inconvenience anyone," assured Tierno.

He mentioned students can approach Residence Life about temporary housing for that weekend and decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, implying that students living further away may get more consideration for temporary housing compared to students living in the immediate vicinity of the campus.

In the beginning stages of this year's senior week, Tierno admitted he and some of the other team members felt hesitant about going to Disney because of the uncertainty in student interest and turnout of seniors for the trip. However, based on previous senior weeks' average turnout of 120 seniors, this year's senior week is no exception. Out of 306 seniors, 100 seniors were

~ See **Disney**, Pg. 7

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Peace Corps **Cont. From Pg. 3**

SNHU graduate Becky McNeal  
Photo provided by Becky McNeal

versity in Manchester, N.H., in Community Economic Development as part of the Master's International program. She previously worked for the Institute for Global Ethics.

Established in 1987, Master's International is a Peace Corps program in collaboration with over 40 academic institutions that offers Peace Corps Volunteers the opportunity to complement a master's degree with overseas service available in a variety of fields. Master's International students serve in over 70 different countries and participate in every aspect of life overseas.

"My three daughters are all in college and my home has become quiet and wanting," said McNeal. "The Peace Corps is a perfect fit for this window of opportunity, both health-wise and family-wise, as it ignites a desire to make a positive difference."

Today, 8,079 Americans serve in the Peace Corps. Of that total, 5% or 406 Volunteers currently serving are aged 50 or older. The Peace Corps regards older Volunteers as a great asset, bringing both their professional and life experiences to help countries around the world meet their development needs. Volunteers over age 50 are currently

serving in 66 of the 73 Peace Corps countries.

During the first three months of her service, McNeal will live with a host family in Ukraine to become fully immersed in the country's language and culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills necessary to assist her community, McNeal will serve for two years in Ukraine, living in a manner similar to people in her host country.

McNeal joins the 73 Maine residents currently serving in the Peace Corps. More than 1,631 Maine residents have served in the Peace Corps since 1961.

Since achieving independence in 1991, Ukraine has taken significant steps toward democracy, political pluralism, entering the European Union, and a free-market economy. In an effort to address these multi-dimensional goals, the Peace Corps has sent over 1,746 Volunteers to Ukraine since 1992. Volunteers are actively engaged in the areas community development, English language education, and youth development. Ukraine is currently home to the largest Peace Corps program with over 374 Volunteers presently serving.

The Peace Corps is celebrating a 47-year legacy of service at home and abroad. Currently there are 8,000 Volunteers abroad, a 37-year high for Volunteers in the field. Since 1961, more than 190,000 Volunteers have helped promote a better understanding between Americans and the people of the 139 countries where Volunteers have served. Peace Corps Volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Peace Corps service is a 27-month commitment. To learn more about the Peace Corps, please visit our website: [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov).

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## Feature: SNHU Family Hits Hard Times

Anthony Polito  
Contributing Writer

Three years ago, two of Public Safety Officer Dick Lawrence's four children, Stephanie and Kevin, were diagnosed with cancer. Five months ago, they buried 16-year-old Stephanie. Just weeks later, doctors informed the Manchester family that cancer had resurfaced in Kevin, 19.

The Lawrences' rare circumstance -- two children battling cancer simultaneously -- is only part of what makes their story so compelling. Fifteen years ago, Dick and his wife Ann took in her brother's children, Stephanie and Kevin Hudon, after their mother died. Since then the Lawrences, including 23-year-old Melissa, and 18-year-old Philip, have functioned as one big happy family.

In September 2005, Stephanie was diagnosed with bone cancer. Fourteen months later, Kevin was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. While Dick worked as a second-shift Public Safety Officer, his wife devoted herself to the care of her children, making the weekly 150-mile round trips to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center for

biopsies, surgeries, chemotherapies, scans and blood tests, all while trying to keep home life as normal as possible.

Kevin's treatment went well and his condition seemed to be in remission by last spring. But as he grew stronger, Stephanie started to fade. Despite a valiant and determined spirit, Stephanie died in August 2007.

On November 9, one year to the day of his first diagnosis, Kevin learned that his condition had returned. Kevin started another round of chemotherapy in November, and will receive a bone marrow transplant this month. Over the course of his treatments, doctors have detected an immune deficiency, which causes him to take about

twice as long to rebound from illness.

Once Kevin returns home from the transplant, the house has to be ready. While he's in the hospital, PSO Lawrence will be working to create a sterile environment at home. Thanks to a generous donation, most of the housing supplies will be donated. However, the Lawrences still have mounting bills due to travel expenses, labor, and the immeasurable emotional strain.

At this time the SNHU community, headed by a student initiative, is setting up fundraising to help the Lawrence family. If anyone is interested in helping out or donating you can contact Amanda Morrill at [Amanda.morrill@snhu.edu](mailto:Amanda.morrill@snhu.edu).



The Lawrence Family.  
Photo by Union Leader

## SNHU Athletes: Scoring Big

Laurie Boland  
Contributing Writer

The sound of the crowd overwhelms your mind as the game lies in your hands. With the score tied at the end of the game, you find yourself with the ball. As you sink the three, finish a free kick, or hit the game-winning run you feel like you're on top of the world. But, what do you do when the lights go out and the season ends? SNHU student athletes volunteer.

Even though the sensation of scoring the game winning goal is amazing, the feeling of truly helping less privileged children is just as rewarding. When SNHU athletes are not studying or working out, most are finding time to donate their time and knowledge to an important cause.

The Softball, Baseball, and Women's Lacrosse teams held clinics this winter that taught coaches and children the fundamentals of the game and provided insight and areas of focus to help participants improve. The SNHU Volleyball team travels off campus to a near by high school to play and teach students volleyball. Nicky Dumond, a junior on the team, says, "It's a very rewarding experience to meet and form relationships with all these little girls that love the same game we do."

The Hockey team has volunteered their time and money to great causes as well. Multiple members of the team, including Bradon Hammermister, John Frey, and Chris Gunn, were involved

~ See **Scoring Big**, Pg. 8



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## S.N.H.U. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS ENGAGEMENT: THE CHAPTERS OF LIFE “I have a question for you...”

Amanda Mayberry  
*Staff Writer*

It is with great pleasure that The Observer announce the engagement of S.N.H.U. Senior Communication Major Jordan Lake and Graduate Student with a B.S. in Sports Management Daniel Remmes. Remmes of Haverhill, MA proposed to Lake of Farmington, ME on December 29, 2007 in Newburyport, MA.

The couple who have been together for about two years enjoyed dinner at The Grog and later went for a stroll along the docks where Remmes, after asking for Lake's hand in mar-

riage from her father, got down on one knee and said “I have a question for you...” When asked if the proposal was a shock to Lake, Remmes stated, “Jordan had an idea of it. I can't hide anything from her. Everyone knows I'm a terrible liar.”

The couple, which met at S.N.H.U. through mutual friends, plan to relocate to Chicago, “Danny can always finish grad school online and [Jordan's] applying for school. We'd move back to New England to raise a family unless we fall in love with the mid-west.” Dan describes engaged life as “about the same, we're just stronger as a couple, of course there's a lot of planning involved with getting a wedding underway and that is pretty stressful. We're okay with the challenge.” The couple has not yet set a date, but the wedding will be within a year.

The happy couple describes their love as “completing each other.” “One's always able to pick up the slack for the other. It's been extremely important that we can share our faith as well, praying together, going to church—we're very thankful that we've been so blessed in so many areas of our lives and our relationship. We don't want to take anything for granted.”

The couple would like to say “thank you for all of the creative

~ See **SNHU Engagement**,  
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**Dest. Disney** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cont. From Pg. 4**  
budgeted to participate because of the trip's nature. Fortunately, all those on the waitlist were accommodated bringing the total participation of seniors this year to 123.

When asked about any special surprises for seniors on the trip, Tierno was reluctant to say but confirmed there hasn't been anything officially planned.

On May 16th, all seniors, regardless if they participated in senior week, will have the option to stay in New Castle Friday night before graduation.

## Cell Phones for Soldiers

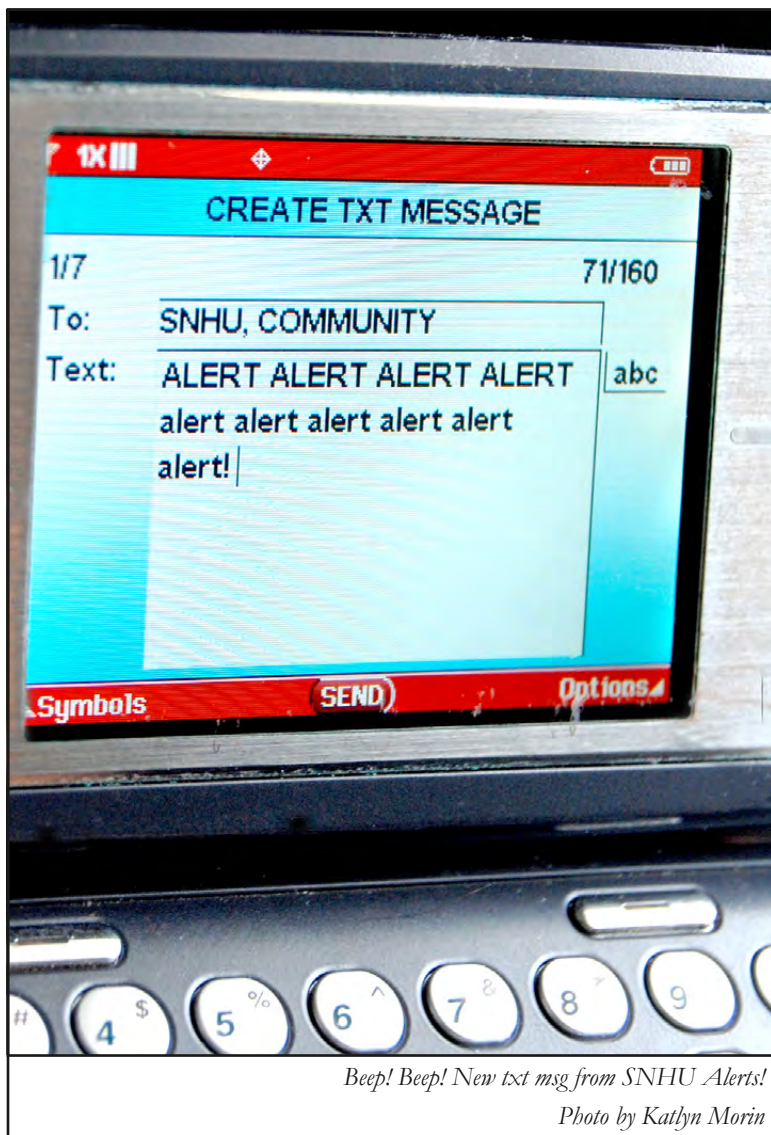
Ricky Satawa  
*Contributing Writer*

Cell Phones for Soldiers (CPFS) is a nonprofit organization started by teenagers Brittany and Robbie Bergquist four years ago out of Norwell, Massachusetts. The goal of this organization is to provide soldiers overseas the opportunity to call home. CPFS hopes to provide as many soldiers as possible with prepaid calling cards by generous donations of old and used cell phones. A recycling center pays CPFS for the phones. The profit from just one recycled cell phone buys over one hour of prepaid talk time for a soldier

calling the United States to speak with family, which otherwise is a very expensive call.

You can help CPFS by gathering old cell phones and chargers from home, friends, and family in the coming weeks. There will be a drop-site box next to the Student Center Information Booth starting after spring break.

Everyone is encouraged to join the Bergquists on Wednesday, April 23, at 2 p.m. in the Last Chapter Pub as the SNHU community officially kicks off the CPFS effort. Please visit the CPFS website at [www.cell-phonesforsoldier.com](http://www.cell-phonesforsoldier.com).



Beep! Beep! New txt msg from SNHU Alerts!  
Photo by Katlyn Morin

## SNHU Alerts Raise Varied Opinion

Katlyn Morin  
*Editor in Chief*

In an effort to explore different means of communication to its community, Southern New Hampshire University introduced SNHU Alerts this past academic year. Opinions about the text messaging service have since been on the rise.

“The Crisis Management team (which regularly meets and attends workshops, etc.) had learned about such emergency communication systems and was investigating which would be the best one for our campus,” said Dr. Scott Kalicki, vice president for Student Affairs. “A recommendation was made to the Executive Council when we found what we thought was the right product/service,” Kalicki said.

Kalicki stated that the system “allows us to get a message to nearly an unlimited number [of] students, faculty and staff in less than a minute.”

Carla Carpenter, senior at SNHU Manchester, said, “I like it for the safety feature, but I don't when I get (alerts) for SNHU Maine.”

Students can subscribe to receive alerts for different centers when they sign up for the alert service and have access to an account where settings can be changed. There is also a field for suggestions if anyone is receiving alerts that do not apply to them or simply need assistance.

Others enjoy the accessibility the system provides. “It's easy to get snow delays and it's good for safety reasons if something bad happens on campus,” said Sara Bertagnolli, a junior at SNHU. Bertagnolli says she hasn't had a problem with professors allowing her cell phone to be on in class.

Hope Larson, a sophomore at SNHU, uses the texts mainly for cancellations and says it's easier for her to receive a text message than trying to find (cancellations) online. For those who are not able or do not wish to receive the SNHU alerts, they can be found on the SNHU website under student links.

Kalicki wishes to encourage students, faculty and staff to take advantage of this free service. “We are committed to only sending emergency messages (the lowest emergency being a weather-related school closing),” said Kalicki.

The alert system is used by SNHU to report crisis situations affecting the SNHU community as well as cancellations and delays. With record-breaking snowfall this year, cancellations have been frequent, putting the new system into use right away.

All personal information inputted into the SNHU Alerts system is safe, confidential and not released to anyone. To date, approximately 1,800 users have signed up for SNHU Alerts.





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support, particularly on campus. We're lucky no one actively gets sick of us talking about one another in class. We'll definitely miss all of that, but we're really looking forward to the new adventures that are ahead of us. This has been a really amazing chapter in our life and we look forward to the rest of it together."

All of us from The Observer wish Jordan and Daniel the best in their future together, to all the new adventures to come and the memories of the ones past. Congratulations!

\*\*Are you newly engaged, married, or have an announcement to make within the S.N.H.U. community? Contact the observer: [observer@snhu.edu](mailto:observer@snhu.edu) and you could be the next spotlight!



*We're engaged! SNHU students Jordan Lake (left) and Daniel Remmes (right).  
Photo provided by Jordan Lake and Daniel Remmes*

## Scoring Big \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 5

with "Race for the Cure". This is a foundation committed to finding a cure for cancer. They raised over \$2,000 for the cause.

Similar to the hockey team, Women's Soccer is staying active in the community all year long. Headed by Coach Terry Prouty, the team has joined SNHU's Outreach Day of Service, painted offices in local hospitals, compiled food bags at Thanksgiving time, and taught young children soccer skills at Beech Street Elementary School.

Their most effective volunteering effort has been their continued focus on an after school program called Kids Café in Manchester, NH. For four years, the team has sent six players a week for a duration of ten weeks during the winter to eat, play, and interact with the children for two hours.

The Women's Basketball team has also volunteered by creating hopeful annual events. The team works hand in hand with Girls, Inc of Manchester, which is a local after school program. Some of team members volunteer every Wednesday during the fall and spring to play games and help the girls with homework. New to their list this year was a very successful free clinic the players held for school aged girls during their vacation week on February 29th, 2008. Nearly fifty girls attended and each student athlete was responsible for conducting drills and motivating the girls.

On the February 9th game vs. Pace University, the Women's Basketball team held a "Think Pink" event to help raise awareness and money during Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Everyone was encouraged to wear pink. Raffle tickets and pink sandals were given out at the event. The players wore pink shoelaces during the game. The players were also sporting special event T-shirts that anyone could buy. Most of the proceeds from the shirts went to research to help find a cure for Breast Cancer.

The Athletic Department has always encouraged raising money for charitable organizations through the Northeast 10 and NCAA. Every year, each NE-10 school pledges a money amount of over \$500 for the Make-A-Wish foundation. SNHU's Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) is making sure the school reaches their goal of donating \$1,500 this year.

The Fitness Challenge, headed by Vinny Zuccula, the head trainer at SNHU also helps raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The Fitness Challenge is held every year before winter break and is open to all students and faculty. SNHU as a whole raised over \$2,000 this year. For the second year in a row, the Women's Basketball team donated the most amount of money, while the hockey team received a \$2,000 donation from the Donna Anne Poulack Foundation on behalf of SNHU for Make-A-Wish.



## Inflationary Concerns Mount for U.S. Economy

Dr. Gregory Randolph  
*Contributing Writer*

While fears of a potential recession have dominated the headlines lately, recent price data has brought attention to the threat of inflation to the U.S. economy. The consumer price index, which aims to measure the general level of the prices of goods and services purchased by the typical U.S. consumer, increased 0.4% in January. This was above the 0.3% forecast.

The January price increase contributed to a 4.3% increase in prices over the past year. The core consumer price index, which excludes the typically unstable food and energy prices, was measured 0.1% above forecasts at 0.3%.

Inflation is a concern because it alters the purchasing power of the dollar, which is the amount of goods and services that the dollar can purchase. When prices are stable and inflation is anticipated, market participants can anticipate the price increases and behave accordingly. This tends to impact the economy positively.

However, when inflation is unexpected and variable, it can distort the information of prices, reduce investment, and lead to the unproductive use of resources. These types of price fluctuations tend to have a negative impact on the economy.

The possibility of higher inflation is particularly concerning at a time when economic growth is slow. The Fed is currently attempting to stimulate the economy with interest rate cuts. Lower interest rates decrease the cost of borrowing, which tends to encourage spending and investment.

Additionally, the lower interest rates can lead to a rise in the overall level of prices as more money is available to purchase goods. However, the Fed currently believes that weak economic growth and the resulting decrease in the demand for resources make inflationary pressures unlikely in the near future.

The next Fed meeting is set for March 18 and the expectation is that the Fed will agree on another interest rate cut. While the Fed appears to have placed concerns for economic growth ahead of inflation at the moment, some Fed members caution that interest rate hikes may be necessary in the future to rein in inflation.

## Unemployment Rate Decreases Although Job Losses Continue

Holly Bundy  
*Copy Editor*

The unemployment rate decreased from 4.9% to 4.8% in February, although many industry sectors experienced heavy losses in employment for the second straight month.

Even though employment decreased, the unemployment rate also experienced a decrease due to decreases in the labor force from 66.1% to 65.9% as discouraged job seekers stopped seeking work and were no longer counted in the unemployment rate by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. During February, 450,000 people for various reasons were no longer being included in the unemployment figures.

Bernstein of the Economic Policy Institute stated to the International Herald, "Had the 450,000 people who left the labor force last month been counted among the unemployed, the jobless rate would have been 5.1% instead of 4.8%."

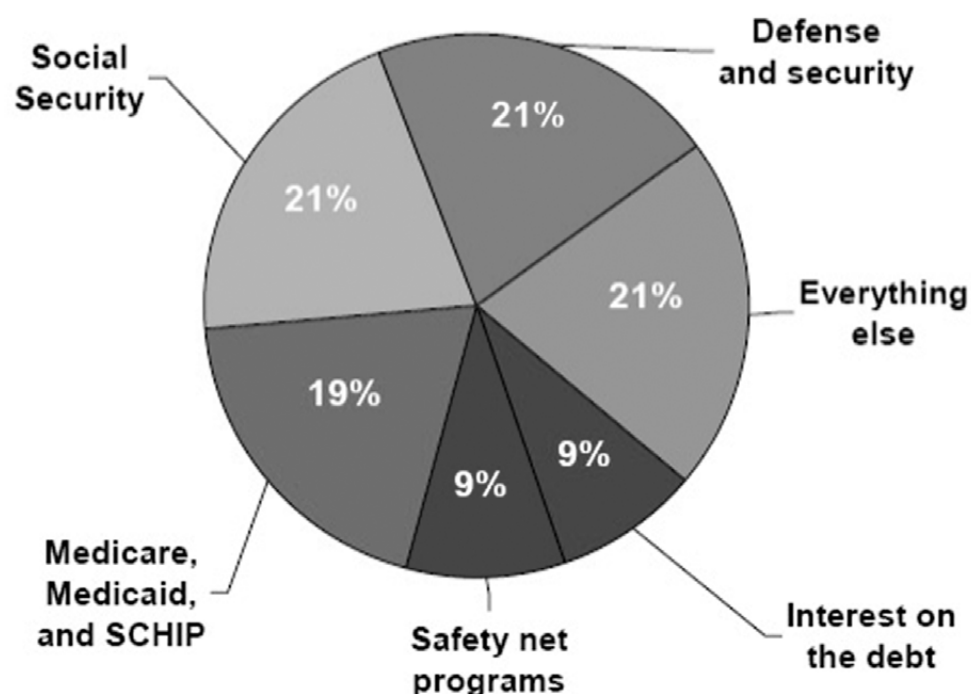
Keith Hall was reported by Reuters as stating that the Bureau of Labor Statistics' broadest measure of unemployment that includes unemployment by both full and part time employees as well as people not searching for a job showed that an increase from 8.1% a year ago to 8.9% today.

CNNMoney.com reported that Hall, the commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said to the congressional committee,

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FIGURE 1

### Most of Budget Goes Toward Defense, Social Security, and Major Health Programs



Source: Office of Management and Budget data.

Photo provided by Professor Dennis Shea

## Opinion: Why Do We Pay Taxes?

Professor Dennis Shea  
*Contributing Writer*

Everybody that works has a dilemma. "I never get paid what I earn." "My paycheck states that I made \$480.00, and I only received \$385.44." "Who is taking my money?" "What are they doing with it?"

The way the system works is that the company you work for sends in form 941. This states the amounts that each of their employees have taken out of their paycheck. This amount is also totaled on the W-2 form that employees receive at the end of the year.

Form 941 allows the government, specifically the U.S. Treasury Department, to collect the money from the employer's tax depository bank or from the check they send with the 941. If they do not send in the money, you will still be able to

collect on your end. They have incurred a liability when they send in the 941, and the U.S. Treasury Department will hold the company responsible for the payment.

"OK! But what are they doing with my money?" The sixteenth amendment to the constitution, ratified on February 3, 1913, gave congress the power to lay and collect taxes. Tax law is known as the Internal Revenue Code; Congress enacts the laws and the IRS enforces them. It is expected that each inhabitant of the United States that receives income will be responsible and perform voluntary compliance, meaning file a tax return in a timely manner.

How would you feel if the public roads were not maintained, or even built? Suppose

~ See **Taxes**, Pg. 11



Industry	Company	Symbol	Price	Percent Change: Last Six Months	
Retail	Best Buy	BBY	\$40.35	-3.5	
	J Crew	JCG	\$44.18	-1.8	
	Lowes	LOW	\$21.81	-26.2	
	Target	TGT	\$51.09	-16.5	
	Wal Mart	WMT	\$50.29	17	
Financials	Capital One	COF	\$47.65	-27.1	Crude Oil: \$109.92 per barrel
	E Trade Financial	ETFC	\$3.77	-73.2	Gold: 983.97 oz.
	Lehman Brothers	LEH	\$44.95	-16.1	Natural Gas: \$10.03 per 1,000 cubic feet
	MasterCard	MA	\$203.90	48.2	
	Morgan Stanley	MS	\$41.01	-33.1	
Internet	Amazon	AMZN	\$66.51	-22.2	National Average for a Gallon of Unleaded Gas: \$3.23
	Ebay Inc.	EBAY	\$26.59	-27.3	Year Ago \$2.53
	Google	GOOG	\$440.18	-15.6	
	Rediff	REDF	\$7.01	-52.9	
	Yahoo Inc.	YHOO	\$28.45	22.3	
Oil and Gas	Conoco Philips	COP	\$78.32	-4.8	Dow Jones Industrials: 12,110.24
	Diamond Offshore Drilling	DO	\$121.90	15.7	Year Ago 12,318.62
	ExxonMobil	XOM	\$85.97	-0.3	NASDAQ Composite: 2,243.87
	Halliburton	HAL	\$37.92	7.1	Year Ago 2,402.29
	Sunoco Inc.	SUN	\$53.27	-21.4	S&P 500: 1,308.77
Healthcare	Aetna Inc.	AET	\$44.55	-14.9	Year Ago 1,406.60
	Boston Scientific	BSX	\$12.75	-6.9	
	Eli Lilly	LLY	\$49.78	-10.6	
	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	\$62.55	0.6	
	Pfizer	PFE	\$21.28	-10.2	

Data from 3/12/08 Source: www.MSNMoney.com

## Job Losses \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 9

“job growth appears to have weakened across nearly every industry with the exception of health care and government.”

The net loss in jobs during February was 63,000. Job losses were heavily felt in most industries lead by the losses in the construction and manufacturing industry. The declines were the worst since March 2003. The manufacturing industry shed 52,000 jobs. The construction industry shed 39,000 jobs. Retailers trimmed 34,000 jobs from their work force. Temporary staffing cut employees by 28,000. Hotels trimmed staffs by 4,000 as discretionary consumer spending declined. Overall job losses in the private sector topped 101,000. The only gain in employment was experienced in the government industry.

It was reported on CNNMoney.com that Hall mentioned that the 637,000 workers over the past 12 months that are working part-time but are seeking full-time work, suggested that the job market is a sign of the labor market becoming weaker.

# Chase Announces Additional \$1.3 Million Grant to Financial Literacy Organizations

College & University Pressroom  
Business Wire

WILMINGTON, Del.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Chase Card Services, the credit card division of JPMorgan Chase & Co. (NYSE:JPM), is donating an additional \$1.3 million through its Financial Literacy Grant Program to organizations across the country to help more Americans understand and take control of their finances during today's uncertain economy.

“Knowing how to manage your finances is an important skill throughout your life, but especially during times of economic uncertainty,” said Jeff Courtney, senior vice president, Customer Support Division, Chase Card Services. “Fortunately, there are a variety of qualified organizations to provide assistance, and our Financial Literacy Grant Program is intended to improve awareness of those resources. We hope these grants will help people across the country get the information they need to increase their financial literacy, improve their financial situations and, as a result, their overall economic stability.”

According to a recent survey by Freddie Mac and Roper Public Affairs and Media, 57 percent of late-paying borrowers still do not know lenders may offer workout options to help avoid foreclosure. However, borrower confusion is not limited to mortgages, but can extend across the financial industry.

“We are grateful for Chase's commitment to financial literacy through their Financial Literacy Grant Program,” said Susan C. Keating, president and CEO of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC). “By supporting NFCC Member Agencies across the country, these grants will directly help the many consumers who are in need of quality financial education and counseling services.”

Chase's Financial Literacy Grant Program, now in its third year, gives consumers greater access to information, credit counseling services and the support resources that they need to take control of their finances and improve their financial health and stability. With its donation this year, Chase has provided \$3.9 million in the past three years to more than 90 organizations. The nationwide program is part of the ongoing commitment by Chase to support financial education and literacy for people of all ages, so they can keep their finances in check while pursuing what really matters in their lives.

This year's grants will be sent to more than 30 organizations, including credit counseling agencies and consumer financial research groups. Chase grant recipients, such as the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Buffalo, Inc., the Young Women's Christian Association in El Paso, TX, and the Consumer Credit and Budgeting Counseling in Marmora, NJ, will use the grants directly for consumer education, community outreach and awareness programs, and for conducting research to design more effective financial literacy programs. There are also grant recipients like Take Charge America in Phoenix, AZ, a program that provides basic financial and budgeting education to high school students.

Each grant recipient is selected based on criteria that distinguish them among qualified credit counseling agencies that are providing valuable service and education to consumers both within their communities and throughout the country.

## Consumer Tips for Dealing with Financial Stress

The NFCC offers some basic tips to help customers avoid and better manage their debt:

- Track your expenses. To find money available for savings, first determine where you are currently spending your money. Write down every cent you spend. At the end of the month, take a look at where your hard-earned cash really goes.
- Create a budget and customize it to fit your lifestyle. A well-designed spending plan considers all sources of income, living expenses, debt obligations, and savings. Be sure to incorporate all three expense categories - fixed expenses (e.g., mortgage, auto loans and rent), variable expenses (e.g., credit cards, groceries, entertainment, clothes and gasoline) and periodic expenses (e.g., property taxes, home repair, and car maintenance).
- DON'T start charging when there is no money. If you have no money left after paying your bills, you may be headed for trouble. It is not a good idea to routinely rely on your credit card to pay for living expenses when you don't have the cash available. As a general rule, you should not be spending more than 20 percent of your take-home income on credit card bills or loans, and this includes your car payment.
- DON'T apply for new credit cards simply because you've reached the credit limit on existing cards. When your cards are taken to the limit, it is time to pay off the balance and adjust your spending habits - not apply for more cards.
- DO make more than the minimum credit card payment. The NFCC recommends paying at least double the minimum required payment.
- DO reduce expenses wherever possible. Look for no or low-cost entertainment and cut back on other day-to-day spending. Small reductions in daily spending quickly add up to big savings. Trimming \$5 from your daily expenses adds up to more than \$1,800 over the course of a year!
- DO work with your creditors. If you encounter any problems repaying your debts, contact the creditor immediately and explain the situation. Creditors often will work with you to come up with an alternate payment arrangement.



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that you couldn't go to school because there were none? What if everybody carries a gun to protect themselves because there are no police officers, or your house burns down because there are no fire-fighters? These are some of the implications of not paying taxes.

It comes down to being responsible enough in your behavior to actually be concerned about the society you live in.

According to IRS.gov, the Federal Government collected \$2.8 Trillion in 2007, and with that amount of money they can do things that we as individuals could not. If you wish to complain about the allocation of the funds that everyone pools together as detailed in figure one, you must vote and let your congressional delegates know your feelings about how they spend your money. It again comes down to being responsible for the society you live in.

## Opinion: LEAP Extends Presence on Campus

**Carter Meyers**  
*Layout Editor*

On February 20th, the Debate Club hosted a debate in the Pub to discuss the benefits and negative repercussions of legalizing drugs that are, at this time, illegal and considered socially unacceptable.

The arguments included topics of violence, economy and the overall moral feeling of society. However, the question that I left the venue asking myself was NOT, "Why do we not legalize these drugs?" or, "Why should we keep them banned?" My question was actually, with an unbiased view, "Are these drugs unacceptable because they are illegal? Or are they unacceptable because people genuinely believe they shouldn't be tolerated for reasons separate from those aforementioned?"

John Tommasi, a representative for LEAP (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition), was invited to the event to speak on behalf of the organization. In his presentation to the audience, he described LEAP as an organization, LEAP's history, and ideals that they support and represent. Founded in 2002, LEAP is comprised of current and former law enforcement and criminal justice professionals. Their intent is to speak out about the failure of existing drug policies.

In Tommasi's presentation,

he started with a quote from Billy Sunday, a famous baseball player during the first two decades of the 20th century. In it, Sunday spoke about prohibition among other things, and supported his argument in opposition to the prohibition act. Sunday was quoted as follows: "The reign of tears is over. The slums will soon be only a memory. We will turn our prisons into factories and our jails into storehouses and comcribs. Men will walk upright now, women will smile, and the children will laugh. Hell will be forever for rent." Much of the debate and presentation was focused more around the violence and economic factors rather than any other, which is what lead me to question what I did. I was not expecting a different channel of argument, but, after witnessing firsthand the sides of debate, it led me to wonder about what was missing from it all.

Tommasi also spoke about the violence during the prohibition and compared the numbers to the numbers of drug related murders today and gave specific examples. As such, between the time in which the 18th Amendment was imposed in 1919 and until it was repealed through the 21st Amendment in 1933, the national murder rate increased by 67% and most had been blamed on illegal liquor trafficking. Tommasi used these numbers to say

~ See **LEAP on Campus**,  
Pg. 13



*Phi Omega Psi sisters gather for a group photo  
Photo provided by Katie Perry*

## Simon Says, "Sisterhood!"

**Katie Perry**  
*Contributing Writer*

The sisters of Phi Omega Psi are not only friends, but are family. From alumni sisters working on campus to communication with previous graduates, the current sisters are keeping their family well informed and active in the sorority's endeavors. Sisterhood is a lifelong commitment that the Phi Psi ladies honor.

Simon Says, "Leadership"...Willing to follow the leader or actively lead others, the sisters are never willing to take a back seat. Being leaders on campus with true work ethics as RAs, ARDs, and numerous other on-campus jobs to becoming leaders in the outside community as teacher aids and lawyer assistants, the sisters show their strengths. Being a Greek member means being someone who participates, promotes, and helps plan events for one's own personal organization, as well as IGC.

Simon Says, "Academics"...Not only do the Phi Omega Psi ladies get an 'A' for effort but they simply get 'A's. With study hours and helping each other succeed as students, the sisters truly recognize the reason for coming to college. Making the sisters and friends they have along the way only adds the '+' to that 'A'. Ranging in majors, minors, and concentrations, each sister has a unique career goal in mind, but no matter what, every sister will help support her on the journey.

~ See **Sisterhood**, Pg. 13

## Be Comfortable in Your Genes

**Shannon Gray**  
*Contributing Writer*

Phi Omega Psi and the Wellness Center teamed up with NEDA, the National Eating Disorder Association to promote adopting and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. For the National Eating Disorder Awareness week Feb 24th-March 1st, a drive was held to collect jeans.

Many jeans were donated and "Be comfortable in your genes," was the NEDA slogan of the week. With its double meaning, this slogan not only tells people to accept the genes that they have inherited but also the jeans that they wear. NEDA encourages people to be happy with the way they are and the jeans they're in.

Eating disorders are common today and this drive helped spread awareness by asking people to donate jeans that don't fit comfortably anymore. The drive was very successful and the jeans will be given to New Horizons for New Hampshire Inc. We want to thank everyone who donated and helped make the week a great success.





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# A Series

## Dillon St. Jean

Dillon St. Jean  
Creative Writer

On the upper right side of the bookshelf there was a small scarlet book coated in a thin film of dust. In that scarlet book there was a bookmark with a black and white tassel. I dragged out the book and slid my finger along the side to read the golden words 'Book Five,' printed clearly on its spine. The light reflected off of the letters and caught my full attention. I flipped open the book, flicking a cobweb a few feet from me, and skimmed the pages. Every one contained a small drawing in the corner which, when flipped, depicted a spider spinning a web.

I didn't remember ever having purchased the book even though I had purchased just about every book on that bookshelf myself. Being that it was in my parent's basement, I went to ask my mother about it first. "I didn't buy it," she said "any books I buy I keep in a box in my room. Ask your father." So I went out to the garage and talked to my father.

"What did you say it was called?" he asked me.

"Book Five." I replied.

"Now that's funny. When I first bought this house, I recall finding a little blue book underneath our bed late one night. It was labeled 'Book Four'."

"Were there any drawings in them?"

"Actually, yes. In the corner of each page there was the animation of a bird flying." He took me to the attic and pulled out a small box that contained the blue book he mentioned, along with a green book, a black book, and a white book, which were labeled Book One through Four. "That is strange. I figured there must have been a set scattered throughout the house. I never understood how that book got under our bed, though." He allowed me to take the books back home with me. I placed my scarlet book in with the others and drove back.

When I got back home, I looked at each book to see the animation each had. Book One, the green book, contained an Ouroboros. Book Two, the black book, contained a running wolf. Book Three, the white book, contained two fish circling each other. I couldn't understand what the small animations meant, so I decided to read the books. None of the stories made any sense to me... there were tales of wounded warriors finding their way back home, stories of cannibalism, and one of the books even contained an epic poem about a man walking down a flight of stairs. I grew frustrated, having read a short story about being hit by a train and a haiku about shooting fish in a barrel, so I put the books back in the box and went to sleep.

The next day, I returned to my parent's house to retrieve my book collection. As I placed some of my favorite novels into the boxes, I turned to my left to see a small orange corner of something underneath my father's favorite chair. I reached down and pulled out a small orange book entitled 'Book Six'. My hand shook a bit as I attempted to put the book back down and ignore it. I still had so many questions, and I knew none of which were likely to be found in the sixth book. As the book touched the arm of the chair, I pulled it back up and placed it in my box of books.

"At least I can flip the pages."



LEAP \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 11

illegal drugs are creating a monumental amount of violence that could be avoided all together if these drugs were legalized, taxed, and monitored.

There was quite a following at the debate for LEAP and its partners. Apart from the people who showed up for the event, whether they were there to show their support or vent their anger toward the position of legalization, it seems as if most of the supporters who were uninvolved in the debate club, supported the idea of legalization under the wrong pretenses and misconstrued ideas of what was presented to them. Not that it was Tommasi's goal to confuse his audience, but more or less because most of those who showed up were not there for any intellectual gain. What was said during this presentation fell on deaf ears. The only words that stood out to most were those such as "legalization" and "marijuana". With the audience present, it is easy to say those were words were stated with unintended magnetism.

The LEAP organization can be contacted by phone: 781.393.6985 or by visiting their website: [www.leap.cc](http://www.leap.cc).

Sisterhood \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 11

Simon Says, "Phi Omega Psi Sorority"...

The sisters are strong, educated women. The sisters are active leaders on and off campus. The sisters are family and friends. The sisters are a SNHU sorority that is proud to be the current organization in which it is. Never giving up or willing to accept failure, Phi Omega Psi has been in existence since 1971, and plans to continue its wonderful presence on campus. Listening to Simon's wise words, Phi Omega Psi is sisterhood, leadership, and academics. Therefore, the sisters are still in the game; only one question remains: are you?

*We know there are a ton of creative students and faculty on this campus. Where are you? We'd love to see your work!*  
*observer@snhu.edu*



## Arts & Entertainment

### How's It Going to Be?

**Jon Shyer**  
Music Chair, CAPE  
Contributing Writer

&

**Caitlin Murphy**  
Contributing Writer

CAPE is proud to announce that on Sunday, April 13 at 7:00 pm Third Eye Blind will take the stage and entertain Southern New Hampshire University students and the Manchester community.

Third Eye Blind is a band two decades in the making and is one of the biggest acts the campus has seen in years. The band has put out three albums since they formed in 1993 and is rumored to have a fourth album, entitled The Hideous Strength, out before the years end. Some of their hits include "Semi Charmed Life," "Jumper," and "How's It Going To Be."

Third Eye Blind is bringing the support of Absent Star who will open the show before local Boston band State Radio plays. State Radio features Charlie Stokes, or known to most as Chetro, of Dispatch. Tickets are all ready on sale and can be purchased at the information booth in the student center or online at snhutickets.com. The cost is \$15 for SNHU students and \$20 for non-students. So save the date, April 13th, tell your friends, and come to the field house for what promises to be an incredible time.

If you are interested in setting up for the concert or breaking down please email CAPE at cape@snhu.edu or send a Facebook message to SNHU Concerts.

### Linkin Park Comes to the Verizon

**Caitlin Murphy**  
Contributing Writer

Coming off of a successful sixth album, Minutes to Midnight, Linkin Park has set out on tour once again. They rocked out at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester on Monday February 18th with special guests Coheed and Cambria. Coheed and Cambria opened for Linkin Park playing a seven song set, including three songs from their new album, No World for Tomorrow.

When Linkin Park took the stage, the crowd was more than ready. The group opened with the first single off their new album called "What I've Done." They continued with



*Linkin Park's sixth album, Minutes to Midnight  
Photo provided by Caitlin Murphy*

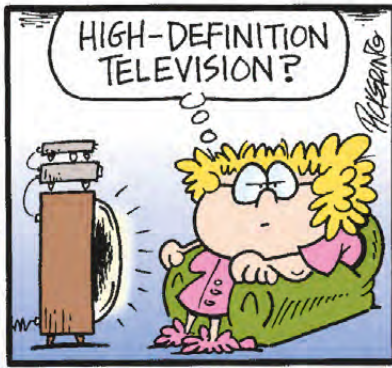
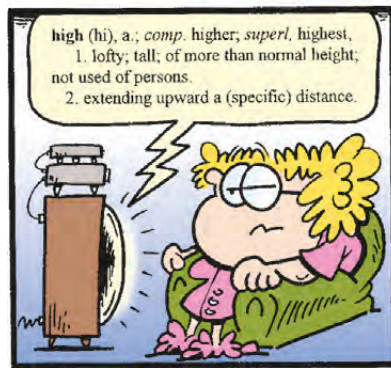
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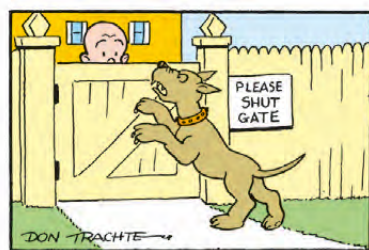
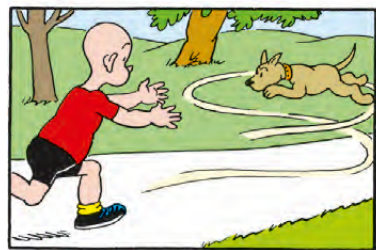
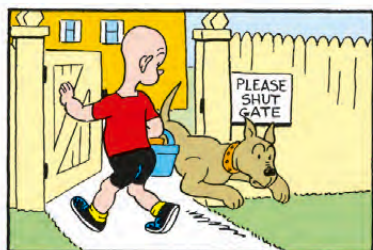
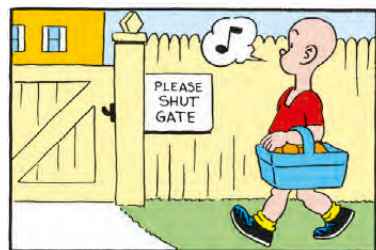
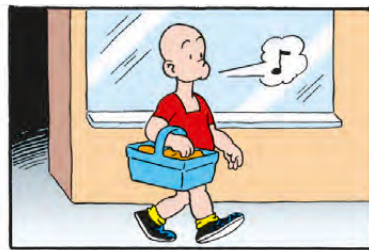
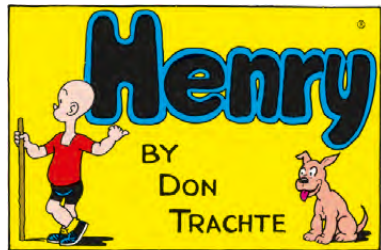
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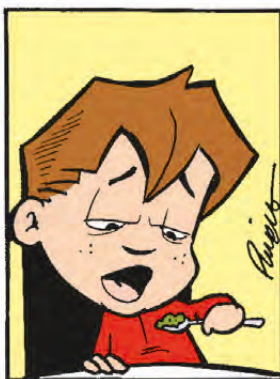
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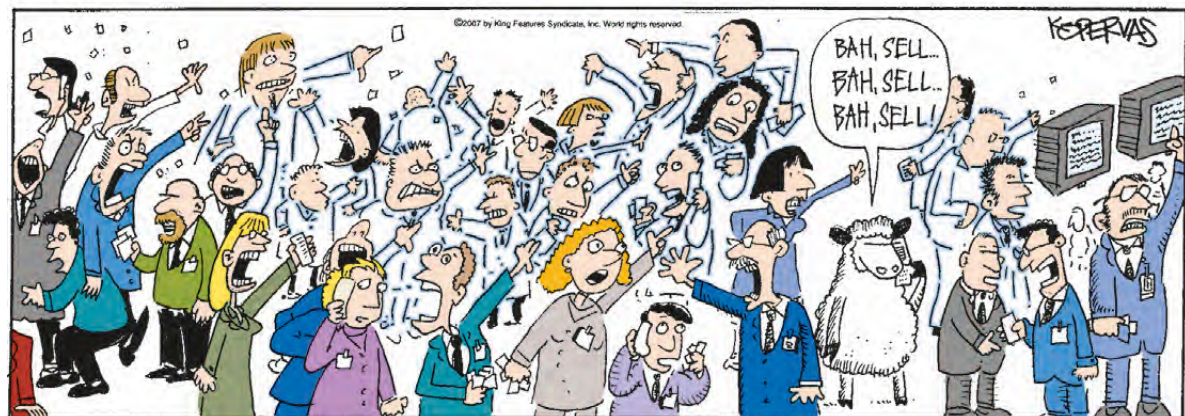


# Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

# Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopervas

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- Sluggish
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- Andean herd
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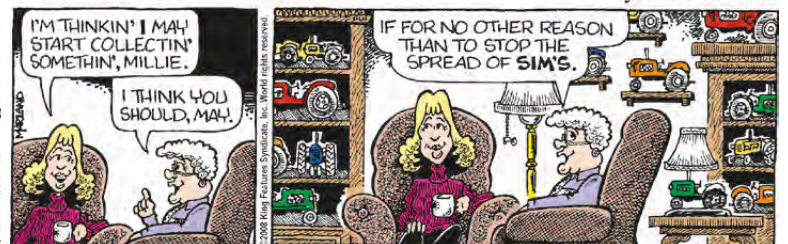
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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★**

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— Fernando Ramous, MAC make-up extraordinaire with Fashion Columnist Ashley Spranzo — a Fafinette!  
Photo provided by Ashley Spranzo

# Fun With Fafi!

**Ashley Spranzo**  
Fashion Columnist  
Entertainment & Opinion Editor

A graffiti artist - an inspiration for one of the world's leading cosmetic companies? That's right! MAC Cosmetics discovered Fafi, a Parisian graffiti artist in her hometown of Toulouse, France. Fafi is known worldwide for her exotic artwork and wild imagination. She even paints in front of large crowds on canvas or cement where people pay to observe her outstanding talent. With her outlandish style and creativity, Fafi and MAC put forth an amazing collection which introduces the spring and summer upcoming trends.

MAC and Fafi's collection features eye shadows, nail colour, cheek, lips, and liners. Colours include hot pinks, yellow, turquoise and purple. Sounds a bit wild for everyday wear but "Play with colour and just have fun," Fafi herself. The upcoming trend this spring and summer is colour, and why not have fun with it? Fernando Ramous, MAC make-up extraordinaire, transformed myself into a Fafinette. How to achieve this look? First, you must invest in the essentials: good brushes! "Brushes are the jack of all trades. Invest in a good set of brushes, and they will last, and you will look fabulous and flawless. Also start off with very light application, and build from it. It's easier to add than take away," Ramos. That said, go ahead, play with color, and become your own Fafinette.

Linkin Park

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a great line up, including hits such as "Crawling," "In the End," and "Numb." Both vocalists, Chester Bennington and Mike Shinoda brought plenty of energy to the show, at times running through the audience full of screaming fans. Before the night was over, the band had fans rushing back to their seats with not only one, but two encores to end the show.

## A Look Back...

**Daniel Smith**  
News Editor



Grade: A

"Stranger Than Fiction" is a movie about a writer who has writer's block and cannot figure out how to end her latest book. She knows that she must kill the main character to bring the book

together and make her masterpiece complete, but she cannot figure out how to do it. What she does not know is that every word she writes corresponds to an actual person in real life.

The main character, Harold Crick, has his life narrated throughout the movie. In the beginning he is a little bewildered by the voice following him, but as the story continues he is less confused by the voice and more confused by why this voice wants to kill him. Harold spends the entire movie trying to find the person behind the voice.

When Harold finally finds the person behind the voice, she has already written the ending to the story, but not typed it up yet. Harold begs her not to kill him until he reads what she has written. He is so moved by the ending that he agrees to let her

~ See A Look Back, Pg. 17

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## A Look Back \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 16

kill him. In the end she just cannot bring herself to kill an actual person and writes an alternate ending.

This movie got a lot of criticism when it first came out. Manny people thought it was the worst Will Ferrell movie ever produced. Manny also felt that Will Ferrell should stick to comedies. But if you give the movie a chance as just a movie you will find that it is an incredibly complex and moving movie. I give the movie an A for originality, plot, and acting. Will Ferrell took a step outside his comfort zone for this movie and I believe it paid off. This is already out in the movie stores and the shelves of every Wal-Mart. It would make a great Saturday night snuggle movie!

## Is Snow Romantic?

**Madeline Wu**  
*Staff Writer*

How many people think snow can bring romantic things for us? I think some people will feel like snow is so beautiful, but maybe some people don't agree with that.

There were snowstorms in abundance this year. For drivers, they won't want snow coming because it will be dangerous as they drive. Meanwhile, drivers need to take long time to shovel a path through the snow, if they don't shovel the snow on the ground, they can't drive their car away. However, when the temperature is getting low, the snow will become ice and frost, so it is really adventurous driving for

people who drive their car. My friend had a car accident last month; he said it was a terrible blow for him because he couldn't control his steering wheel.

Some of people think snow is beautiful because many movies and drama usually perform lovely story with snow in the attractive condition. According to a psycho logic expert: human sometimes like to fancy enjoying in the illusional situation, not only in the snow but also they can create make believe situation in their life.

For me, I didn't have snow in my country, so I really feel excited and I was impatient to welcome snow. Even though it is so freezing and chilly but I want to treasure this memory in my life.



*Beautiful winter scenery on campus at SNHU Manchester.  
Photo by Madeline Wu*

## Southern New Hampshire University

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## Can we just discuss...the fire alarm?

**Libby Parent**  
*Advertising Editor*

At 1 a.m. Saturday morning, ten hours before the start of my first game this season, I woke up to an obnoxious ringing that completely ruined my much needed beauty sleep.

This is by far the most painful wake up call, EVER. There is nothing worse than waking up from a dead sleep to a fire alarm that is so loud that my mom in Vermont could hear it. And, the fact that there was no fire, made it that much more brutal.

At first, I thought my roommate had left the stove on or lit a candle. In the process of waking up, I managed to both yell at her and establish that the smoke was not coming from our apartment, thankfully. So where was it coming from?

I remember when pulling the fire alarm was cool in fifth grade...oh wait it wasn't cool then either. This past Friday night some genius thought it would be great to pull the fire alarm in Attitash. Tell me, why is that so funny? Am I missing something? That is the stupidest thing I have ever heard.

So not only did everyone have to wake up, but we had to stand outside in the rain while Public Safety meandered over to the scene. Furthermore, we had to wait 20 minutes until three fire trucks came and the firemen shut it off.

And could they shut it off right away? No, of course not, it randomly beeped for the next ten minutes. Awesome. Oh how I love you hundred year old townhouses with superb wiring.

So, whoever you are, fire-alarm-pulling-too-much-of-a-weenie-you-had-to-flee-the-scene kid, karma is a punk, someone saw you, and watch your back.



# How Meeting People Can Get You a Career

## Career Development Staff

Are you shy? Do you feel awkward meeting new people? Then the latest tool offered by the Career Development Center is a perfect way for you to begin making connections with professional people without feeling the pressure of standing around at a business function trying to get up the nerve to introduce yourself! It's the MENTORS link inside SNHU Recruit.

With this tool, you will be able to network with SNHU Alumni who have volunteered their time to speak with students regarding their career choices. Statistically, over 70% of all jobs are obtained through people in one's network, so having connections to alumni who are working in the same industry (or even the same company!) you are interested in can be a tre-

mendous asset as you prepare to begin your career. Also, using SNHU Alumni for research and information gathering can be a great way to find the answers to all those important questions like: "What kinds of jobs can I get with this major? What skills do I need to have for a job in this industry? Is this career/major the right choice for me?"

And using the Mentor module is so easy; you can do it from your dorm or apartment! After logging-on to SNHU Recruit and selecting the Mentor section, you just select the search criteria that are most important to you. You can investigate Alumni by their major, their industry, their location, or any other specifics that will give you the names of people that will be the most helpful to you. Once you establish a connection with an Alum, then you can begin communicating and learning

from their expertise. For more information regarding how to connect with alumni, using SNHU Recruit, or job searching in general; please contact the Career Development Center in Exeter 101 to make an appointment.

Is there something you're just dying to write about? Have an opinion that must be heard? Use your voice.

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# How to Answer the Door When the Real World Knocks

## Ashley Spranzo

*Fashion Columnist  
Entertainment & Opinion Editor*

As if senior year wasn't stressful enough, it's about that time to start looking for a job post graduation, and Jim Kuras, Bill Jenkins, and Chance Clutter from Career Development Center are here to help.

One of the first steps in beginning the job search is to gather information about yourself. Ask five to six friends and have them find words that best describe you. This will help you learn more about yourself, and figure out which job descriptions

and companies will be a good match. "A plan works better than no plan," Jim Kuras the Director of CDC, stressed and addressed to develop an action plan and start looking.

Next is to start exploring the opportunities and different companies. Research is key into finding a job that is a good match. By not doing position or company research, you might end up with a job you absolutely hate, or is not a good fit overall. Some good places to start researching are SNHU Recruit online, and the CDC website. Vault is also

~ See **Real World**, Pg. 20

# SNHU Students Volunteer For Local Fitness Program

## Corri Wilson

*Contributing Writer*

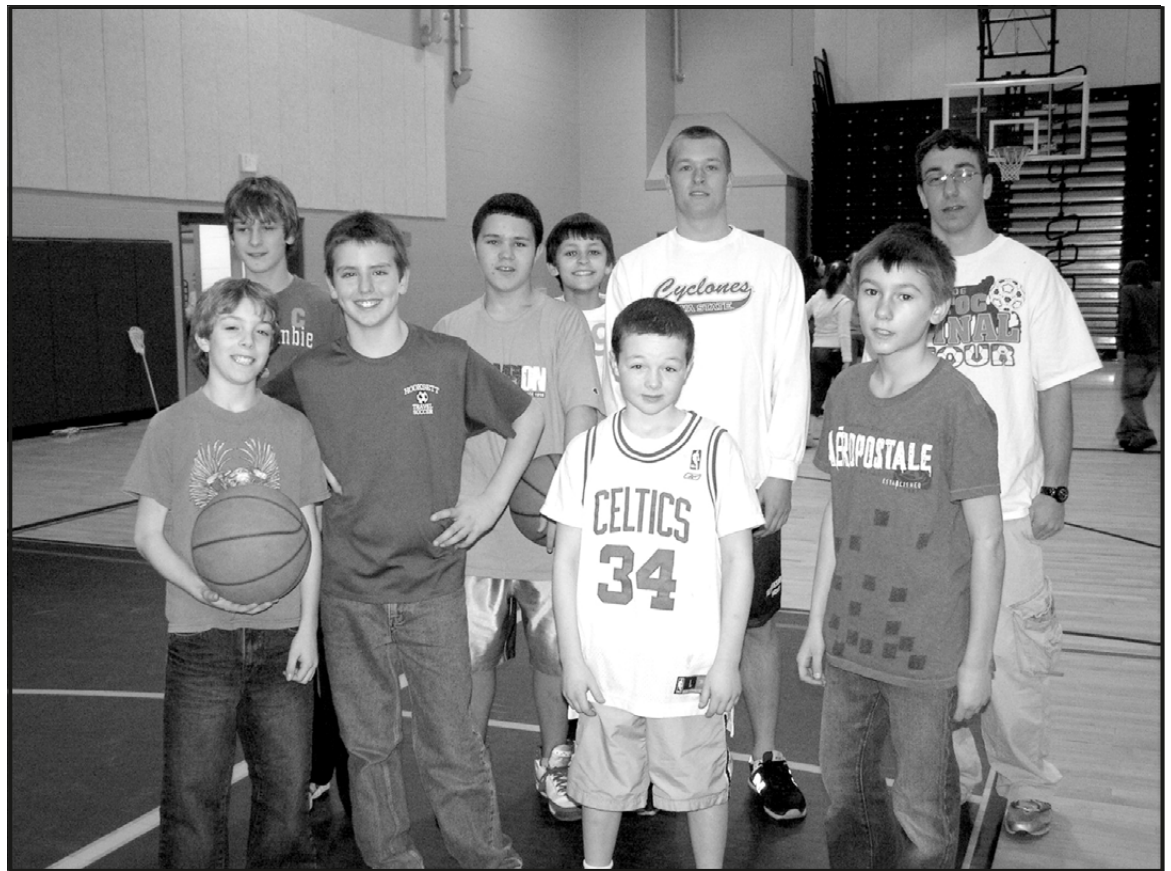
Have you heard about "Fitness Fridays" at Cawley Middle School right down the road here in Hooksett? The idea of the program is to get kids more physically active during the winter months when they can't go outside as much. Students can come to school early on Friday mornings and play in the gym. One side of the gym holds activities such as jump rope, hula-hoops and foursquare. The other side is a "theme" sport for the week.

Corri Wilson, a graduate Sport Management student at SNHU, co-created the program with another parent at the middle school as part of the school's Wellness Committee. They reached out to Sport Management students and athletes on campus to volunteer to support

the program and two responded to the call. Freshman Tom Doucette and Junior Zach Lane have been volunteering their time, getting to the gym before 7:00 a.m. on Friday mornings to supervise and hang out with the kids while they play.

Doucette and Lane have been great not only because they help supervise this large group of active kids (we have about 40-50 each week) but the kids have fun playing with them and relate well to the college students.

The program will continue Fridays through April 18 and runs from 7:00-7:45 a.m. If you'd like to get up early to volunteer your time and have some fun, we'd love to have you join us! Please contact Corri Wilson at corri.wilson@snhu.edu for directions and to let her know you'll be there.



Students Tom Doucette and Zach Lane volunteer their time at Cawley Middle School.  
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a great online resource for students get an inside scoop of actual employees evaluating the company they work for, and what it's like to work there. "Make time to job search. Your first real job is finding a job," said Kuras. Some job search websites that were recommended in the workshop include:

[www.ajb.dni.us](http://www.ajb.dni.us)

[www.opnocsne.org](http://www.opnocsne.org)

[www.bostonworks.com](http://www.bostonworks.com)

[www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com)

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"Sometimes it's who you know than what you know," said Kuras, explaining the importance of networking. By asking and following up with previous employers, attending informational interviews, asking professional associations, or anyone that you know that can help you point you in the right direction. These people can either offer advice or point you to the right people to talk to about landing a job or interview. "Getting to know and in touch with everyone you know about your job search is important. We can review your resume and pass it along to other people," Meena Roell advises from SELF Magazine.

Some tools of the trade that are needed are a resume and cover letter. At the CDC there are constantly resume and cover letter workshops where they help you write and evaluate your materials. Before sending out your resume and cover letter, the CDC approves of it, and tweaks it to its utmost potential. The CDC also offers mock interviewing. "Being able to communicate effectively is what employers look for the most," said Jody NeJaime from UBS. The CDC has employers come into the office and sets up times where students come in and perform a mock interview. The interview is recorded, and later the CDC and the student go over the videotape and evaluate on the effectiveness and areas to improve upon.

Here are Kuras's top ten ways to jump-start your job search:

- 10 Start yesterday.
- 9 Communicate Effectively.
- 8 Try on the suit before you buy it (do your research)
- 7 Go to the horse's mouth (talk to people)
- 6 Keep your gun loaded and your powder dry (be prepared)
- 5 Get your ducks in a row (plan)
- 4 Look where the jobs are
- 3 Do the work – your first 'real' job is to find a job
- 2 Keep track of and follow up on every lead
- 1 NETWORK or don't work.

## What! New Year is actually in February?

**Titan Yu**  
Staff Writer

For Chinese people, the New Year is perhaps the most important holiday to celebrate. In this vacation, you can not only sleep until becoming bed potato, without being waked up by the crazy alarm clock, but get together with your family or friends for chatting or gambling. However, when Chinese people celebrate the New Year, it is not according to the common calendar but the lunar calendar. It means, in Taiwan, we have common New

Year, for all human being, and Chinese New Year, for Chinese people, to make merry and the even more amazing thing is that we don't need to go to school "twice" a year because of the same holiday!

However, for Chinese students studying abroad, they seem to lose this right to have two vacations for one festival day even though some of them just have two classes a week. I know it is not the issue of how many holidays we have but the feeling.

Fortunately, the Taiwanese Student Association had a party

for all Taiwanese students at a Chinese buffet on February 3 and there were more than sixty Taiwanese students who joined this wonderful party. "We have planned this party for improving the friendship of Taiwanese stu-

dents and it is also a good opportunity for the [new] Taiwanese students to feel [welcome]." said Mark, the current president of the Taiwanese Student Association. Besides, the Taiwanese Student Association prepared many

kinds of prizes for "everybody." "This party is awesome and the host, Mark, is so funny. Although the Chinese food is not really Chinese style (she forgot

~ See **New Year**, Pg. 21

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*Students of the Taiwanese Student Association gather in celebration of the Chinese New Year.  
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## Security on Campus: How Do We Compare?

**Carter Meyers**  
Layout Editor

Due to unfortunate recent events at college campuses around the nation, it has become increasingly vital to acknowledge safety regulations and practices to ensure that the environment in which we live, work, and trust is fully protected and is providing the best security services possible. In comparing security provided by different college campuses, we are able to evaluate those provided, and judge based upon crime statistics and security satisfaction, how protected some campuses really are.

With every college and university in the United States operating under different conditions, in different locations, and with extremely different budgets, sometimes security services on these campuses are not uniform, fitting or even sufficient for that matter. However, there are programs, services and online forums out there that help colleges externally adapt to changing times and changing feelings, about security on campuses. Southern New Hampshire University and more than 1,800 other college campuses in the United States are all a part of an online forum in which they consistently converse about issues their college may be dealing with at that time. This tool is used by SNHU to ensure that even if we aren't dealing with an issue at a given time, we would be ready

for it, if and when the problem did arise.

Colleges and universities in any given area need most of the same services, and institute most of the same precautions when it comes to things such as parking, towing and theft, not to mention anything else they would need to do to comply with individual state regulations and policies.

As mentioned, the location of a campus can also place an additional need on providing different services to fit the location properly. Services such as parking accommodations and towing are provided by Keene and SNHU, as well as a safe winter driving workshop held usually during December with dates announced on an individual basis.

Keene State College, (Keene, NH) has almost twice as many students as Southern New Hampshire University, but in terms of security, it offers most of the same services as SNHU and comparatively to those in the area, is quite similar. With SNHU's day student population hovering around 1,500, the average number of public safety officers on duty, at any given point varies depending on day, time, and other miscellaneous factors that have bearing on campus security. Officers patrol campus ground strategically, with most of the officers on duty during times in which the most calls are usually logged. With 15 full-time

Public Safety officers employed by SNHU, as well as a handful of volunteer and work study students, there is quite a bit of overlap when it comes to patrols and shifts.

The Keene campus, whose daily student traffic averages around 2,800, is patrolled by roughly the same amount of full time safety officers, as well as a group of more work study students that put their time into their campus safety program. Both Keene and SNHU's safety officers go through extensive training before they are hired. These training parameters include areas such as crime prevention, fire prevention, investigations, security patrolling and first aid. Additional training is normally unlimited and encouraged.

Keene provides a program 2-3 times a semester called the Rape Aggression Defense program (RAD), in which it teaches female students how to avoid rape using a padded dummy suit that is similar to those used to train police dogs. Although this program is very expensive with the price of the suit being so high, Director of Public Safety James Winn and the public safety office plans to send two of SNHU's public safety officers to a training session in New Hampshire in the upcoming months, so that they will be able to come back and teach female students on SNHU's campus. SNHU has

not offered a RAD program in the past but plans to start one promptly after returning from the training. RAD classes would be free of charge and available to any female student or faculty member that wishes to participate.

Both campuses provide a number of other programs and services that facilitate safe and easy living to students on campus. Police involvement on campus is not obvious, and is not always necessary at SNHU. Winn believes that most of the problems can and should be resolved internally. "They come when they are needed," Winn added, referring to the police. Being that SNHU is a private university, most of the smaller issues can be dealt with on a case-to-case basis without police involvement. However, Winn says that SNHU tries to stay "ahead of the curve" by having Hooksett and Manchester fire and police on campus to assess services provided, as well as provide suggestions to improve security on campus.

In addition to the RAD program, Keene provides programs in which the students are then able to familiarize themselves with the people protecting them, and in doing this, the students are able to know the safety officers on a personal level. Even though SNHU does not provide these same types of programs, they team up with Residence Life

and the Wellness center several times a year to offer safety workshops in several areas including safety awareness and provide an incentive to attend by bringing their Segways to the event and permit students to take a little test drive.

Weapons and self defense mechanisms have also become an extreme concern among college campuses. Although both Keene and SNHU's public safety offices would like to make it known that their officers cannot be every place at once, MACE is not allowed on these campuses as it is on others such as UMASS Dartmouth. The Public Safety officers have done and continue to do what they can to ensure that the students and employees on campus are as safe as they can be.

Both Keene and SNHU receive hundreds of public safety calls a week. In the case of SNHU, these logs are available to any students wishing to view them. They are free to view during Public Safety hours in the PS office in Belknap Hall. (No appointment needed)

For more information on anything mentioned regarding safety and services, please contact the RAD program through their website: [www.rad-systems.com](http://www.rad-systems.com) or contact SNHU's public safety office by emailing [safety@snhu.edu](mailto:safety@snhu.edu).



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she is in America, not Taiwan, now), I really have a good time," said Judy, who just came to the U.S in January. "We have already known we will have a big party for Chinese New Year before but we've never thought it's so interesting and exciting, especially when host announced what prize you get. Finally, we got some cake, textbooks, and ice cream digger and these prizes are great comparing that guy who got toilet brush (that guy is absolutely me). The atmosphere of this party is so good," said Luke, Tommy and Joe, three cool guys who just came to SNHU several months ago. "If there were some performance, this party will be greater," Grace adds.

Generally speaking, this party provided a good chance to make all Taiwanese students of SNHU closer. Thus, for the new students, that night makes them forget the loneliness of studying abroad.



## Granite Bowl 2008

**Evan Stokowski**

*Staff Writer*

The Granite Bowl is back at SNHU for its second year now! The 7 v. 7 flag football tournament is looking to expand on its successful first season by attaining more sponsorships and adding even more flag football teams. The second year event, which has a title sponsorship with local rock radio station Rock 101, is also frequently aided by the schools own Sport Management Department and other local companies that have attained partnerships with the Granite Bowl.

Granite Bowl rosters have a minimum of 7 players, and a maximum of 15 players. All players must be at least 16 years of age to play in the tournament. The fee for teams with 7 – 10 players is \$120, with an additional fee of \$10 per additional player. However, if a team registers before April 14th, 2008, the fee is only \$100 per team, with the \$10 additional player fee remaining the same. The Granite Bowl also offers a Free Agency program. If you don't have a team, a player can register as a Free Agent and will be placed on a team based on the number of players particular

teams have. The registration fee for Free Agents is \$15.

The Granite Bowl is also looking for volunteers to help make this year's event a success. Granite Bowl 2008 is looking to recruit between 60-80 volunteers for the event day. Volunteers are expected to work shifts during the day of the event, April 27 and also attend the volunteer training, which will take place on April 15. Not only will volunteers receive first hand experience in the areas of tournament operations, marketing, and registration, but also all volunteers will receive a t-shirt. Food will also be provided during training and on the day of the event.

There are many aspects of the Granite Bowl that are created with the intent to appeal to the SNHU community, as well as the surrounding areas community. For more information on this years Granite Bowl or for a registration form, please visit [www.granitebowlfootball.com](http://www.granitebowlfootball.com), or telephone 603.668.2211 x 3339.

### Upcoming Home Sports Action

*Compiled by Stephanie Belida*

Wednesday, March 19, 2008

Women's Lacrosse vs. Saint Anselm College: 4:00 PM on Larkin Field

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Baseball vs. Assumption College: 3:30 PM on the Baseball Field

Saturday, March 22, 2008

Baseball vs. College of Saint Rose: 12:00 PM on the Baseball Field (Double Header)

Tuesday, March 25, 2008

Women's Lacrosse vs. Franklin Pierce University: 4:00 PM on Larkin Field

Saturday, March 29, 2008

Men's Lacrosse vs. American Int'l College: 1:00 PM on Larkin Field  
Softball vs. LeMoyne College: 12:00 PM on the Softball Field

Sunday, March 30, 2008

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## Farewell to Favre

**Nick Tasso**

*Sports Editor*

Brett Favre retired from the National Football League on March 4th, 2008 after 17 seasons in the league. The only player to win three MVP's is regarded as one of the top three quarterbacks of all time.

After coming into the league with the Atlanta Falcons in 1991 via the draft, he was traded to the Green Bay Packers the following year. In Green Bay, he started 253 (275 if you include the playoffs) games which is an NFL record. He also holds the record for most touchdown passes, most career NFL passing yards, most career pass completions, most career attempts, most career NFL interceptions thrown, and most career victories as a quarterback.

Favre and the Packers reached Superbowl XXXI in 1996 beating the New England Patriots 35-21. Favre threw two touchdowns in the win. The Packers reached the Superbowl the following year losing to the Denver Broncos 31-24. Favre threw one pick while connecting with three touchdowns in his last Superbowl.

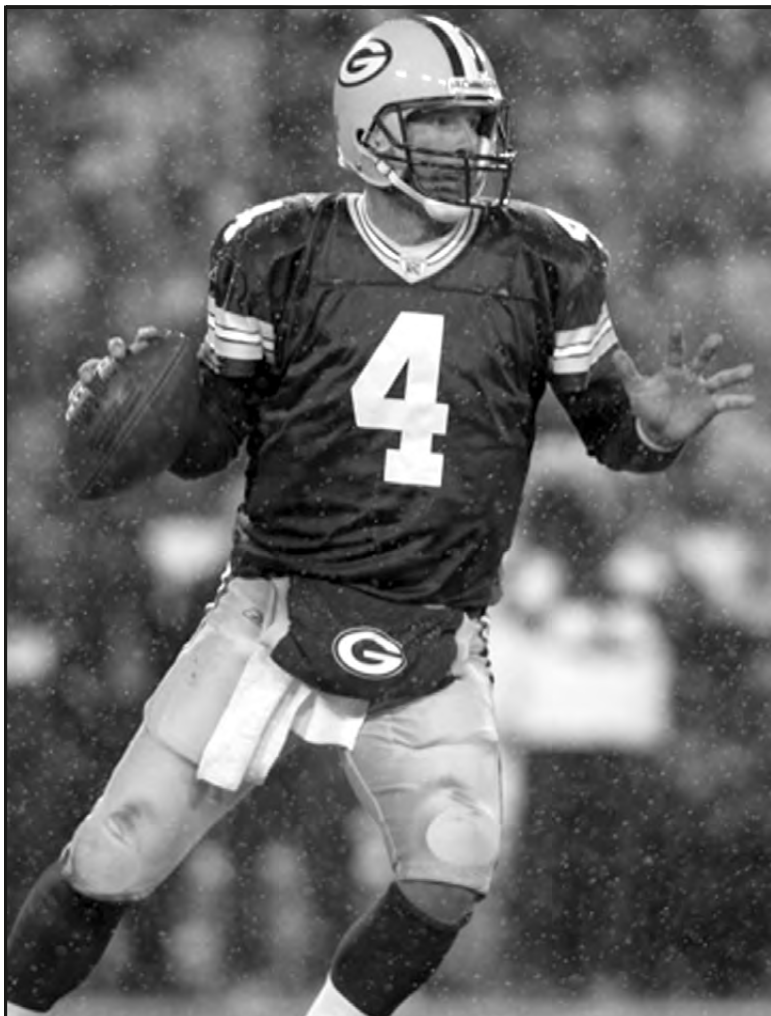
On Sunday December 21, 2003, Brett Favre's father, Irvin, had died when he had a heart attack while driving. The following day, the Packers had a game and Favre performed one of his best games ever. He collected nearly 400 passing yards and four touchdowns against the Oakland Raiders. For his performance on Monday Night Football, he was named the NFC Offensive Player of the week.

As each off season began, it was speculated that Favre would retire but ended up that he never did. In the 2007 campaign, the Packers went 13-3 winning the NFC North. The Packers defeated

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the Seattle Seahawks 42-20 in the Divisional Playoffs, but lost to the New York Giants in the NFC Championship game 23-20 in overtime. In Favre's last game, he threw an interception to R.W. McQuarters on first down. The Giants proceeded to charge down the field and Lawrence Tynes, kicking the longest field goal in playoff history, kicked the Giants into the Superbowl.

Brett Favre will be eligible for the Hall of Fame in 2013.



*The legendary Brett Favre.  
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# The Best Soccer in America is Back!!!

Gabriel Mercier  
Staff Writer

Major League Soccer's 13th season starts March 29, 2008 with an exciting double header that promises to deliver some electrifying soccer. The first game is a rematch of last year's final, in which the Houston Dynamo made it back-to-back MLS Cup titles, handing the New England Revolution their fourth MLS Cup final loss. The bitter taste of defeat will still be fresh in the Revs mouth, making this a must see match between two of the finest teams in the league.

David Beckham is all you need to know for the second match of the double header. Beckham is healthy and ready to go for the LA Galaxy's season opener against the Colorado Rapids. The stars will be out again at the Home Depot Center

in Los Angeles to see if the Beckham hype is worth the price of admission. Beckham is currently in China playing in friendly matches with his LA Galaxy team. March is a very important month for Beckham, he hopes to pick up his 100th cap with England in a match verses France on March 26th, and then the MLS season opener on March 29th at 9:30pm.

The MLS continues to have great success. They recently named Philadelphia the 16th MLS team. They will make their debut in the 2009 season. Major League Soccer's other brand new team that will also be debuting in 2009 is Seattle, are having incredible success, similar to that of Toronto FC in their first year, who sold 14,000 season tickets. Seattle has already sold 11,000 season tickets for the 2009 season. For more information on the latest updates and highlights of this season's matches go to [www.mlsnet.com](http://www.mlsnet.com).

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# American League Preview

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## East

**Red Sox:** With almost the entire 2007 championship club returning for '08, it is hard to give the title of "favorite" to anyone else in the division, or league for that matter. With a combination of a marquee rotation led by Josh Beckett and the developing "Dice-K," and a lineup that can produce runs to keep up with the elite lineups, the Red Sox are the favorite to win the East and return to the playoffs barring a major injury. Sluggers Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz look to rebound after down years (20 and 35 HR), which is bad news for the AL.

-Division Finish: 1st  
-Offensive Force: David Ortiz  
-Staff Ace: Josh Beckett

**Yankees:** Despite reaching the playoffs for a remarkable 13 straight seasons, the Yankees went through a major make-over this offseason losing longtime skipper Joe Torre and starting a youth development trend that may enable them to shake the recent playoff stumbling. Under new manager Joe Girardi, the club hopes to do something difficult, but high-reward - to rebuild and contend at the same time. The infusion of high-talented young arms to the rotation along with the lockup of phenom Alex Rodriguez, the Yankees may have enough to top the other loaded runner-ups and find themselves in the postseason for the 14th straight year.

-Division Finish: 2nd (Wildcard)  
-Offensive Force: Alex Rodriguez  
-Staff Ace: Chien-Ming Wang

**Blue Jays:** As one of the most up-and-coming young teams in baseball, the Jays look to continue to build on their success in recent years. They

reached 80+ wins for the third straight season, and with more young arms developing to compliment their dangerous young lineup, the club has a lot to be excited about for the near future. They may not make the leap this year but the club that beat out the Red Sox for 2nd place just two seasons ago will soon develop into a perennial wildcard contender, but in the mean time will give the Yankees and Red Sox a headache.

-Division Finish: 3rd  
-Offensive Force: Alex Rios  
-Staff Ace: Roy Halladay

**Rays:** With a new name and a fresh look, 2008 looks to be the year the Rays put an end to their basement-dwelling days. Helped by offseason moves that brought solid arms, and the dismantling of the Orioles, the young Rays should finally be competitive in the East, led by a pair of the most electric young stars in the game in Carl Crawford and B.J. Upton. A young rotation of talented hurlers led by 2007 AL strikeout leader Scott Kazmir (239) and James Shields will be the difference maker for the Rays and their quest for fourth place.

-Division Finish: 4th  
-Offensive Force: Carl Crawford/B.J. Upton  
-Staff Ace: Scott Kazmir

**Orioles:** The O's have officially entered their rebuilding years, and the definition of rebuilding for them will be much less glamorous than for the Yankees and Red Sox. With the departures of their biggest stars, Erik Bedard and Miguel Tejada, and a cloud of Mitchell Report controversy surrounding a few Orioles, 2008 cannot be too exciting for Baltimore fans. A weak lineup and an even weaker rotation and bullpen may send the O's to their first last place finish since 1991.

-Division Finish: 5th  
-Offensive Force: Nick Markakis  
-Staff Ace: Jeremy Guthrie

## Central

**Tigers:** The clear winners of the off-season have loaded up after missing the playoffs a year after losing in the World Series. The arrival of Miguel Cabrera and Edgar Renteria to an already stacked lineup makes

them the most formidable in baseball. The deadly lineup will be complimented by a solid young rotation that will feature a new toy, Dontrelle Willis, as well as a solid bullpen. The offseason face-lift should be enough to surpass the Indians and cause a lot of damage to American League pitchers.

-Division Finish: 1st  
-Offensive Force: Magglio Ordonez/Miguel Cabrera  
-Staff Ace: Justin Verlander

**Indians:** The tribe may find themselves out of luck in the playoff hunt just one year after coming within one game of the World Series. Their three-game collapse against Boston last year may not fade anytime soon thanks to the rejuvenation of the division rival Tigers and what could be the tightest wildcard race in years. Nonetheless, the Indians still feature an elite club, with an offense that can score with the best of them and a superb rotation that features one of the most formidable 1-2 punches in the game in Sabathia and Carmona.

-Division Finish: 2nd  
-Offensive Force: Grady Sizemore  
-Staff Ace: C.C. Sabathia

**White Sox:** After a dismal 90 loss season from the 4th highest payroll in baseball (about \$110 million), the under-achieving White Sox should return to form in '08 under skipper Ozzie Guillen. Although somewhat overlooked after such a disappointing '07 season, the White Sox lineup features numerous stars and sluggers, and will get a significant upgrade from new acquisition Nick Swisher. With five players that can potentially hit 30 HR and a pitching staff anchored by a few proven veteran starters and an elite closer in Bobby Jenks, the White Sox should make up for 2007 with a jump to third place.

-Division Finish: 3rd  
-Offensive Force: Jim Thome  
-Staff Ace: Javier Vazquez

**Royals:** Much like the Rays, the Royals may finally reap the rewards of high draft choices year after year and take advantage of the disassembly of teams in their division. Thanks to the departure of the Twin's two biggest

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stars and a cast of highly talented young players that can develop into big stars (Alex Gordon, Billy Butler), the Royals too may be moving out of the basement of their division. They may finally have the right mix of solid veterans and hot young talents to move up in the ranks of the central.

-Division Finish: 4th  
-Offensive Force: Jose Guillen  
-Staff Ace: Gil Meche

Twins: It is hard to look forward to opening day when your two biggest stars (Santana, Hunter) are shipped out of town for prospects in the off-season. It looks like the Twin's days of competing with the big boys with a minuscule payroll are over, as the best pitcher in baseball's departure leaves their rotation with nothing but questions. However, the Twin's look primed for success down the road with an offense of highly-talented youngsters (Morneau, Mauer, D. Young) and a rotation of highly touted prospects. Unfortunately, that success won't be taking place this season.

-Division Finish: 5th  
-Offensive Force: Justin Morneau  
-Staff Ace: Joe Nathan

## West

Angels: The perennial western division champs have only gotten stronger this offseason, adding marquee centerfielder Torii Hunter to an already dangerous offense. Their rotation led by John Lackey and Kelvim Escobar continues to be one of the best in baseball and their bullpen follows suit with lights-out stopper "K-Rod"

and a cast of proven setup men like Scot Shields. Despite the improvement of the Mariners, the west is still the Angel's to lose.

-Division Finish: 1st  
-Offensive Force: Vladimir Guerrero  
-Staff Ace: John Lackey

Mariners: Landing 2007 strikeout runner-up Erik Bedard greatly improves an already solid club, but in a league as deep as it looks to be this year, the question still remains of will that be enough. Their "1 through 5" rotation has vaulted to one of the best in baseball, led by a scary duo of Bedard and "King" Felix Hernandez, and followed by proven hurlers Washburn, Batista, and the new Carlos Silva. Their lineup will be enough to compliment their dominant rotation, with a decent mix of speed and power, and while they may not top the Yankees or Indians for the wildcard they will give the Angels plenty of trouble for the West crown.

-Division Finish: 2nd  
-Offensive Force: Raul Ibanez  
-Staff Ace: Erik Bedard

Rangers: The days of a powerhouse offense in Arlington are over, but the new generation looks plenty promising for the future. While their pitching staff leaves much to be desired (what seems to be a tradition), the dismantling of the A's should allow them to get back to 3rd place in the West. While they may not bear heavy sluggers, their lineup should be plenty troubling with Young, Kinsler, and the new Josh Hamilton leading the charge. After all, this is the club that scored 30 runs in a game last season.

-Division Finish: 3rd  
-Offensive Force: Ian Kinsler

-Staff Ace: Kevin Millwood

Athletics: Like the Orioles and Twins, the A's cannot be very excited for the 2008 season to kick off. GM Billy Beane has clearly initiated rebuilding in Oakland as headline stars Dan Haren and Nick Swisher were shipped out, and many others remain on the block. Beane is a mastermind when it comes to building a competitive club, but contention appears to be two or three seasons away. They added significant young talent, but few of the players will be ready to contribute this year. It should be a long year in Oakland.

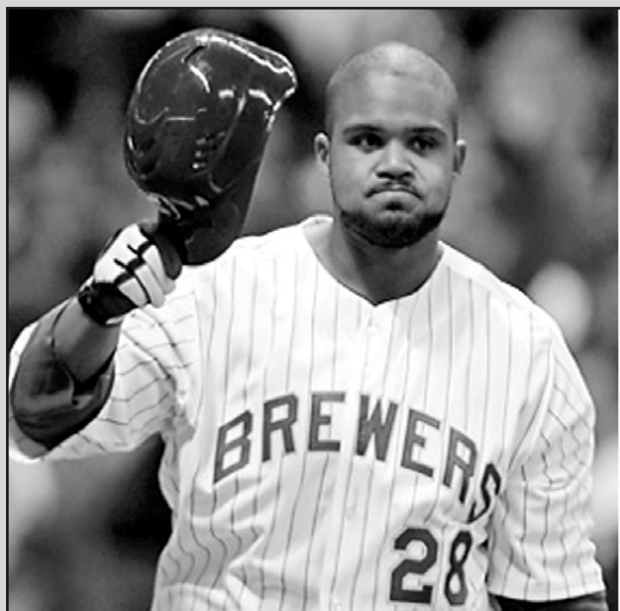
-Division Finish: 4th  
-Offensive Force: Jack Cust  
-Staff Ace: Rich Harden (if healthy\*)

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## East

**Mets:** Landing one of if not the best starters in the game, Johan Santana, has put the Mets in a very good position to go deep in the playoffs. Looking to rebound from a dismal finish to the season, they hope that Pedro Martinez will be rejuvenated as well as their young guns to stabilize the end of the rotation. Offense should be another positive aspect of their team as Jose Reyes and Luis Castillo will look to start things off again.

Division Finish: 1st  
Offensive Force: Jose Reyes  
Staff Ace: Johan Santana

**Phillies:** After their surge at the end of the 2007 season, they were swept in a five game series against the Colorado Rockies. They acquired Brad Lidge to take over the closer's role of Brett Myers who will return to his accustomed role in the rotation along with 24-year-old Cole Hamels. The offense will look the basically the same, but with a few additions including Geoff Jenkins and Pedro Feliz. Ryan Howard, Chase Utley, and Jimmy Rollins will once again be the offensive catalysts for the team.

Division Finish: 2nd  
Offensive Force: Ryan Howard  
Staff Ace: Cole Hamels

**Braves:** With long time Brave returning to Atlanta, Tom Glavine, the Braves will have a solid 1-2-3 punch albeit much older. Tim Hudson and John Smoltz lead the rotation who both delivered ERA's in the low 3's. Mike Hampton may make his first appearance in a game since 2005. Mark Teixeira will also have a full season in Atlanta to provide power with Brian McCann and Chipper Jones. The Braves did not resign Andruw Jones and replaced him with Mark Kotsay.

Division Finish: 3rd  
Offensive Force: Mark Teixeira  
Staff Ace: Tim Hudson

**Marlins:** Losing Dontrelle Willis and Miguel Cabrera will be a big loss; however, they got some very good prospects in return. One prospect, Mike Rabelo will compete for the starting catcher's spot and Andrew Miller will likely be in the rotation. There are a lot of position battles including third base that includes Dallas McPherson, Jose Castillo, and Jorge Cantu. Hanley Ramirez and Dan Uggla will be looked upon to fill in for Cabrera who hit .320 and 34 RBI's.

Division Finish: 4th  
Offensive Force: Hanley Ramirez  
Staff Ace: Scott Olsen (If he can stay out of trouble on and off the field)

**Nationals:** While adding Lastings Milledre and Elijah Dukes along with their current corner outfielders, Wily Mo Pena and Austin Kearns, the Nationals have solid outfield depth with young players. The downside of

the Nationals is their inexperience and lack of depth anywhere else. Their rotation is very young and filled in with a lot of AAAA pitchers. There isn't much hope for them this year, but their young players will be gaining some experience for the future.

Division Finish: 5th  
Offensive Force: Ryan Zimmerman  
Staff Ace: Shawn Hill?

## Central

**Brewers:** There's great promise in this team if Prince Fielder and Ryan Braun can duplicate their production from 2007 who were a better tandem than Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz statistically racking in a total of 84 home runs. Adding Mike Cameron is a great way to help the outfield defense while attempting to integrate Braun into left field rather than third base, which he played at last year. The biggest question is Ben Sheets durability in the rotation. He only started 24 games last season due to health. They did try to fix the bullpen by acquiring Eric Gagne and David Riske.

Division Finish: 1st  
Offensive Force: Prince Fielder  
Staff Ace: Ben Sheets

**Cubs:** Adding Kosuke Fukudome will boost a line up that includes Alfonso Soriano, Aramis Ramirez, and Derrek Lee. The Cubs are still looking to acquire another bat, either Coco Crisp or Brian Roberts, to help the offense even more. The pitching should be solid barring any injuries. Carlos Zambrano was an 18-game winner in 2007 and Ted Lilly collected 15 in his first year in the Windy City. The back of the rotation and the bullpen is in question. Ryan Dempster has moved out of the closer role and back into the mix for a starting job while a closer has yet to be named.

Division Finish: 2nd  
Offensive Force: Alfonso Soriano  
Staff Ace: Carlos Zambrano

**Astros:** After trading away their on and off again closer Brad Lidge, they jumped on the idea of getting Jose Valverde who closed out 47 games with the Arizona Diamondbacks last season. Valverde will look to stabilize the ninth inning for the Astros. In another trade, the Astros received Miguel Tejada who will replace Adam Everett. Michael Bourn will get the nod in center field while Hunter Pence will try to improve from his impressive first year last year.

Division Finish: 3rd  
Offensive Force: Carlos Lee  
Staff Ace: Roy Oswalt

**Cardinals:** Albert Pujols will once again lead the Cardinals with a much different offensive force behind him. Gone is the likes of Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen and in place of them are Rick Ankiel (getting a starting spot in centerfield) and Troy Glaus respectively. The Cards will be taking a big risk in the signing

of Matt Clement who hasn't been the same since he was struck in the head by a ball off the bat of Carl Crawford in 2005. He hasn't pitched since 2006 and is currently slated down as their fourth starter.

Division Finish: 4th  
Offensive Force: Albert Pujols  
Staff Ace: Adam Wainwright

**Reds:** With six teams in the NL Central, it is very hard for the Reds to compete. They have attempted to fix their bullpen situation by signing Francisco Cordero. Their rotation is still inexperienced and not reliable after Aaron Harang and Bronson Arroyo. They are looking to integrate another youth movement with players like Joey Votto and Jay Bruce attempting to find at bats.

Division Finish: 5th  
Offensive Force: Adam Dunn  
Staff Ace: Aaron Harang

**Pirates:** After a very struggling and disappointing 2007, Jason Bay will look to recover from a .247 and 21 home run season. The offense is the problem here for the Pirates especially when Jason Bay isn't hitting like Jason Bay. After knocking out 32 home runs in Atlanta in 2006, Adam LaRoche was traded to Pittsburgh in hopes of helping Bay but both only hit 21 home runs last season. Their starting rotation and bullpen are pretty much in tact from last season.

Division Finish: 6th  
Offensive Force: Jason Bay  
Staff Ace: Ian Snell

## West

**Diamondbacks:** Since they already had Cy Young winner Brandon Webb, they decided to pair him up with Cy Young candidate Dan Haren from the Oakland A's. This could turn into a Randy Johnson/Curt Schilling situation from the early 2000's. Both starters could both end up in the top 5 of Cy Young voting. As seen in the 2001 World Series, if you have two top of the line rotation starters, you can do some damage in the post season. Along with the stellar top two starters, a refreshed Randy Johnson could do some damage. Their offense isn't too shabby either. The Diamondbacks have a good mix of youth and veterans to balance their offense out.

Division Finish: 1st  
Offensive Force: Eric Byrnes  
Staff Ace: Brandon Webb/Dan Haren

**Padres:** Pitching wins championships and the Padres should make the NL West race one of the best in years. After losing out in a "play-in" game against the Colorado Rockies for the Wild Card spot in the National League, they come back into this season with another "big three" of their own. Jake Peavy may be the best pitcher in baseball and Chris Young is no joke



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(despite his record), while Greg Maddux keeps doing what he's done to achieve 347 wins over his career. One of the most overlooked signings this off-season was Mark Prior who is on schedule to be the fifth starter. Although he hasn't pitched effectively since his 2005 campaign, he is definitely going to have an impact. The only question is if their offense will be enough with Adrian Gonzalez and newly acquire Jim Edmonds.

Division Finish: 2nd  
Offensive Force: Adrian Gonzalez  
Staff Ace: Jake Peavy

**Dodgers:** This seems to be the year when the Dodgers will finally let their young players start the season on the field rather than sharing time or sitting on the bench. Both Matt Kemp and James Loney look to fill big roles to an offense that already has Russell Martin, Jeff Kent, and Rafael Furcal; not to mention the signing of Andruw Jones. Brad Penny leads the rotation again with Derek Lowe and young hurler Chad Billingsley. Who knows, maybe even Jason Schmidt and Clayton Kershaw could make an impact this upcoming season.

Division Finish: 3rd  
Offensive Force: James Loney  
Staff Ace: Brad Penny

**Rockies:** I know what you're thinking, how can the reigning National League Champions rank fourth in

their own division. The answer is simple; the Colorado Rockies got hot right when they needed to. They started clicking on all cylinders and before you knew it, they were playing in the World Series. There was a time when it seemed like they couldn't loose, but their inexperience and will catch up to them this season. They will be able to hit with the best of them with help from Matt Holliday, Garrett Atkins, and Todd Helton, but the pitching will not be the same. They threw out a lot of rookies, which no one had seen. After an off-season of watching film, their young guns will be figured out. Sorry, Rockies fans.

Division Finish: 4th  
Offensive Force: Matt Holliday  
Staff Ace: Jeff Francis

**Giants:** With no Barry Bonds, the Giants will take a big step backwards in offensive production and wins. But on the positive side, a big step forwards in team chemistry. The pitching will continue to improve with Matt Cain and Tim Lincecum to anchor the rotation. Barry Zito will also add to the mix. A problem area is definitely the bullpen. Brian Wilson who is believed to take over the closer role has seven career saves.

Division Finish: 5th  
Offensive Force: Aaron Rowand  
Staff Ace: Matt Cain

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## Hubbard in as New Men's Soccer Head Coach

**Nick Tasso**  
*Sports Editor*

Marc Hubbard was named the new head coach of the Men's Soccer on Wednesday, January 9, 2008. He succeeds Dave Anderson who was with the program for the past ten years.

After graduating from Colgate University in 2003, Hubbard became an assistant coach at the University of New Hampshire which he held for five years.

Hubbard joined Southern New Hampshire University stating that he, "thought highly of the school," and that, "the program has a tradition of winning." Right away Hubbard has been thrown into the mix. One job he has been looked at to do is recruiting. So far, there are three commitments for the upcoming fall 2008 season.

The team has started new work out regiments under Hubbard and the team is in the second phase of spring training. The team also does a yoga work out once a week as part of their training.

Second-year player Justin Peterman stated that, "Coach Hubbard knows how to motivate us." They will be playing seven games in the spring against a mix of Division 1 and semi-pro competition. This will test the team right away and help prepare them physically and mentally for their upcoming fall season.

Hubbard envisions the team "to be in a position where they have a chance to win every game" and "looks for them to improve throughout the season."

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## Spotlight @ SNHU

**Daniel Smith**  
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### :::Heather Lorenz:::

As most students know, Heather Lorenz is the Director of Programming and Leadership. She has many responsibilities from overseeing the development of all clubs and organizations to directly advising clubs. She has worked in this role for many years and is about to embark on a new adventure within the SNHU community.

Lorenz has accepted the position of Assistant Dean of Students (For Student Rights and Responsibilities). This position is a brand new position at SNHU and will take Lorenz in a whole new direction. In this new position she will be responsible for "developing a fair and equitable judicial process for the University." This means that Lorenz will be working closely with Residence Life, Public Safety and the SNHU student body. On campus, Lorenz participates in many committees including the Strategic Planning Committee, the 75th Anniversary Committee, and is the newly appointed SNHU PEA (SNHU Union) representative to the Board Of Trustees. Lorenz is also the advisor to C.A.P.E., I.G.C., the Enterprise Yearbook and the Senior Week Committee.

Outside of SNHU, Lorenz focuses on her family, and with a 15-month-old baby and a baby on the way she keeps very busy. She enjoys spending time with her family and taking vacations at Myrtle Beach whenever possible. Lorenz is also an avid photographer. Then asked what her favorite aspect of SNHU was, Lorenz responded that she enjoys the students, faculty and staff she works with and the dedication they all have. She is also a big fan of the freshly baked cookies that the PUB makes. Her least favorite aspect of SNHU is the fact that there are so many students that want help and she is not available enough to help them all.

Lorenz will continue to be a big part of SNHU and hopes that she will be able to keep her close ties with the students. At this time, Lorenz' old position of Director of Campus Programming and Leadership is up for grabs as well as the two Graduate Assistant jobs that she advises. You can access the job postings on-line at [www.snhu.edu](http://www.snhu.edu).

## How Will You Spend Your Tax Return?

**David Le Lievre, Freshman**  
Major: History

"Take my girlfriend out to dinner...not that I have a choice in the matter."



**Jenn Famolle, Sophomore**

Major: Culinary Arts

"Get a tattoo."



**Collin R. Gillenwater, Junior**

Major: History

"...Drop out of school, shred on guitar, and explode the feeble minds of the world's population with my monster jams."



**Kelsey Wentworth, Sophomore**

Major: Fashion Merchandising

"Use it to take a well deserved trip to NYC and see a Broadway show."



**Dan Wright, Junior**

Major: Accounting/Finance

"Invest my money in hopes the economy goes out of a recession"



**Patrick Scerra, Freshman**

Major: Sport Management

"Use that money to buy a 'netgun'..."



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