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The meaning of Ramadan, Chanukah and Christmas

By Bindu Rai
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The holidays are around the corner, bringing festivities and a time for families to bond and share in the love and laughter. This month there are three religious festivals back to back.

Ramadan is the holy month of fasting for the Muslims; this forgives them for sins they have committed. Chanukah is the Festival of Lights, which is celebrated by the Jews. The Christians celebrate Christmas in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Ramadan starts every year, ten days earlier than the year before. It commences on the night of the full moon and ends on the next full moon one month later. Ramadan, one of the five pillars of Islam, has to be celebrated by every Muslim. Earlier, Ramadan was celebrated for more than thirty days, but according to the Holy Quran, the Prophet Mohammed rose to heaven and pleaded with Allah to shorten it to one month. The Muslims are allowed to eat only after sunset and must stop their eating after sunrise. Daytime brings their time to fast, when even water is not allowed. It is a test of their will power to control their hunger. The Muslims observe Eid following Ramadan, sacrificing goats and donating food and money to the poor.

Chanukah is celebrated on the 25th day of the month of Kislev on the Jewish/Hebrew calendar. The celebrations continue for eight days and eight nights and end on the second day of the Hebrew month of Tevet. The Jewish day starts at sunset and that is the first night of Chanukah. The holiday celebrates the



Photo by Nick Coates

Children smiling aboard a float at a holiday parade in Exeter, New Hampshire.

victory of Judah Maccabee over the Greek-Syrian dictator Antiochus, who was trying to "Hellenize" the region by dictating people's language and customs. Many Jews resisted and fighting commenced, lasting for seven years. Finally, a group of young fighters led by the priestly Hasmonean family came forward. The Maccabees overcame the Syrian army and won the battle. The Jews finally returned to Jerusalem only to find the Holy Temple in ruins. The Temple was restored to its proper order. The Jews then proceeded to light the Holy Light, but they could find only one jar of pure and

sacred olive oil. This could light the lamp for only one day. Miraculously, the one cruse of oil burned for eight days and eight nights, hence the Festival of Lights.

Christmas is celebrated in full swing every year with Christmas trees, candy and mistletoe. But how did these traditions originate? Legend has it that evergreen trees maintain their green color because when Mary, Joseph and Jesus were on their way to Egypt, they had to conceal themselves from Herod's soldiers in a clump of cedar trees. To hide them, the trees brought forth green needles and the cedar's white berries

turned blue so that Mary's blue robe would blend in. Since then, evergreen trees have maintained their color all year round. Christmas candy is the shape of a "j" for Jesus and a shepherd's cane. The white is there for purity and the red stripe symbolizes the blood Jesus shed. The mistletoe has long been considered the soul of the oak and regarded as a sexual symbol. In the Middle Ages, it was hung on doors to ward off evil spirits and witches. The kissing tradition, though, originated from the Greek festival of Saturnalia. The mistletoe was said to give fertility and have life-giving power.

A new face

By Tania Arroyo
News Editor

With back erect and head held high, she walks confidently into her office in the School of Liberal Arts. She exudes grace. It's not easy being the new Dean of Liberal Arts, but Dr. Roberta Salper is proving to be an asset to SNHU.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts Salper first dreamed, at 14, of being a ballet dancer. Then at 17 she decided to become a bilingual journalist. Greatly influenced by her cousin, the first woman in her family to have a PhD, Salper realized women had the ability to attain a higher education and she chose the same fate for herself. She went to Boston University where she majored in Spanish with a minor in art history, and later received her master's and PhD in Romance Languages and Literature at Harvard.

Salper's first job was at the University of Pittsburgh as assistant professor of Hispanic literature. Later, she became assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences there. It was during this time she created one of the first women's studies courses in the country. In 1971, as visiting professor at San Diego State College in California, Salper set up the first full program of women's studies in the United States.

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Dr. Roberta Salper takes a break from judging portfolios.

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Compiled by Kara Dufour
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Date: 11/30/01
Time: 10:30

At the above date and time, the registrar's office received a phone call from a graduate student. The student used vulgar language in an attempt to get his transcript— "(expletive deleted), this school (expletive deleted), I want my (expletive deleted)grades." SAS also received a phone call and similar language was used.

Date: 12/1/01
Time: 00:10

At the above date and time, while standing in the Quad two PSO's observed a male student carrying an open 18-pack of Miller Light Beer. One of the PSO's caught up to the individual and ID'd him. The individual said he was a commuter and he was signed in but the pass was in his car. The PSO escorted him to his car and the student then stated that he thought the PSO had wanted to see his parking decal and that he wasn't signed in. The student showed the PSO his ID. The student then placed his ID back in his wallet. At this time the PSO in-

formed the student he was being documented and he needed to leave campus. The student then stated he had to see his friend before he left to get his wallet and money. The PSO again told the student to leave campus. He then said he had his friend's keys. The PSO told the student to leave the keys at the gate. At this time the student answered his cell phone and said to the caller he had to leave and he couldn't give him his keys. The PSO told the student to have the caller meet them at the gate house and he could return the keys there. The student responded that he was going to call President Gustafson about this and got in his car and left. No further action was taken.

Date: 12/1/01
Time: 17:00

At the above date and time, a vehicle stopped at the front gate and a female driver asked to sign in her boyfriend. PS explained the new guest policy. PS then told the student to move her vehicle. The driver became irate and said "(expletive deleted)" and drove off at a high rate of speed. At 20:35, the student returned to PS and apologized for her vulgarity stating, "I

was upset and regret what I did." It was reported that the driver was sincere.

Date: 12/2/01
Time: 21:15

At the above date and time, PS received a call from a resident of Kearsage. The caller reported that his neighbors owned a cat and that the owners of the cat flung its droppings out of their window. Public Safety advised the resident the complaint would be passed on. In checking the caller's information it was discovered the student did not live in Kearsage.

Date: 12/2/01
Time: 22:00

At the above date and time, Public Safety responded to Chocorua Hall at the request of an RA. The RA stated a strong odor of marijuana was coming from a room and wanted PS to perform a health and safety. A health and safety inspection was done. A lounge table was found, and a trash bag full of beer cans. When asked about the cans, the residents said they collect cans for redemption. The cans were removed as well as the lounge table.

Inter-Greek Council faculty forum

By Marcos Carvalho
Contributing Writer

The Inter-Greek Council held a faculty forum in the Last Chapter Pub on Nov. 20. The purpose of the forum was to increase awareness about the Greek community, strengthen the relationship between the faculty and the Greeks, and to address concerns raised by the SNHU faculty. The IGC executive board began the forum by addressing the following topics:

The purpose of the IGC—To foster fraternal cooperation, promote the interests of the University, supervise fraternal conduct and resolve any conflicts that may arise.

Leadership throughout the Greek community—Each year, Greek presidents and the IGC executive board attend a Leadership Conference held by the Office of Student Organizations and Leadership. This conference is used to teach leadership skills to be used in both on-campus leadership roles and throughout life. The Greek community also encourages its members to get involved with other organizations/clubs on campus. The presenter listed the names of groups in which many Greeks are involved, such as CAPE, SGA, Resident Assistants, orientation leaders, Pub Committee, Student Ambassadors, tutors and writers for the Observer.

Academic Standards—The average sorority GPA is 2.7, and the average fraternity GPA is 2.5. Each of the organizations strives to attain the High House Award, an award given yearly to the fraternity and sorority with the highest GPA. The IGC also enforces academic standards to keep their members in good academic standing.

·Anyone interested in joining a Greek organization must have a minimum GPA of 2.0, and those wishing to hold office must maintain a 2.5.

·If a new-members' class cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0, that organization is put on probation. If the situation does not improve, that organization will not be allowed to have a pledge class the following semester.

Fundraising—The IGC holds fundraisers to obtain the money needed to host its events.

Rush — Rush is a recruitment period held each semester by every organization; rush lasts for the first month of each semester. During the rush period, IGC conducts a rush event for the purpose of meeting potential new members. The rush events are open to the whole student population.

Community Service — Community service projects are an example of the principles of brotherhood and sisterhood on which the organizations were founded. They are also a means for the organizations to give back to the community in which they live. This calendar year alone the entire Greek community has completed over 1000 hours of community service.

New-member education — New-member education programs serve to teach the incoming members about the goals, history and principles upon which each organization was formed. New-member education programs last for a maximum of six weeks in both fall and spring semesters. The educational activities do not take place before 6 p.m. and end no later than midnight. Also, each new member signs a contract of expectations designed by the individual member prior to beginning the new-member education.

The presidents of each of the organizations were given a chance to describe their organization's goals, history and accomplishments so far this year. The floor was then turned over to the faculty and advisors for questions.

In all, the forum went well, with all those who attended saying that the information they received was an insightful look into the make-up of the various Greek organizations. Due to the success of the forum, the IGC has decided to repeat the forum on a yearly basis in order to keep the faculty well informed on the activities of the Greeks. Next semester's forum will be Jan. 17, 12:30 p.m., in the Pub.

Message from Public Safety: snow removal policy

Like it or not, here comes winter and the time to re-acquaint ourselves with SNHU's snow removal policy.

During the winter, watch for special snow removal notices posted around campus instructing resident motorists where and when to move their vehicles. This is your responsibility. Public Safety cannot possibly contact every student each time we plow.

In the event of a snowstorm, parking lots 1, 2, 3, 12, 15 & 16 will be plowed first, starting at 11:30 p.m. By the next evening, once lots 1, 2, 3, 12, 15 & 16 have been

cleared all vehicles must be moved there so the rest of the campus can be plowed. No vehicle is to be returned to its original lot until the entire lot has been cleared and the snow removal machinery is gone.

Following snow removal operations, all vehicles must be returned to the properly designated lots by 5 p.m. Any vehicles hampering snow removal will be towed at the owners' expense. This may include vehicles left on campus while their owners are away, so please leave your keys with a trusted friend. Watch for special postings and voice mail.

During breaks (holidays) all vehicles belonging to students and staff/faculty who are leaving campus must be removed from campus. Rare exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

In the morning following snow removal in the resident student lots, commuting students, staff and faculty will find their usual parking spaces filled with resident students. When this occurs, ample parking may be found by driving deeper into the interior of the campus.

Things should return to normal on the following day.

Thank you from your Public Safety Department

Renewal of faith that connects

By Tania Arroyo
News Editor

The table settings were as elegant as those who sat around the tables. The ages were varied. From sophomores in high school to second year PhDs to members of the SNHU Continuum, all grappled with the question "What connects us?" at a dinner on Nov. 27 in the Function Room. Most important was the ways the community needs to connect in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 events.

The evening began with a welcome by Professor Eleanor Dunfey Freiburger. "We have come to think tonight of what connects us," she said, "and of all that connects us, music comes to the foreground." After those words of introduction, the Manchester Memorial Chorus sang "Prayer of the Children," a song concerning the thoughts of children during war. Many were visibly affected by the lyrics.

Professor Dunfey Freiburger, next called on Dr. Joyce Malombe, a professor in the SNHU Community Economic Developmental program. Malombe's reflections were relevant to the topic of the night particularly because she was in Nairobi, Kenya, during the bombing of the American embassy in 1998. "For me, this was reliv-



Photo by Debra Briggs
Many topics were discussed at the Human Race dinner, including Sept. 11

ing horrors," said Malombe referring to the recent terrorist attacks. She spoke of change in the sense of security here as well as in Nairobi. Unlike the United States, Nairobi didn't have support groups and life literally ended for many of the inhabitants. Because there were few if any government or volunteer services, families of victims never recovered their lives after the tragedy. She said, "I didn't know anyone [victims] from Sept. 11, but the pain was real." She called on those in attendance to "build a bridge and not sever a relationship."

With Malombe's words reverberating, the hosts at each table asked two questions, each in reference to coping after the terrorist attacks: "Give an example of a feeling you had in the aftermath and, secondly, how you shared, explained that feeling to

someone." Most described feeling fear and anxiety over what was to come, fear seeming to be the general consensus.

As the evening continued, what initially may have begun as strangers sitting in an awkward silence became an animated, sometimes raucous group of friends. Even after the meals were eaten and 7 p.m. came, many remained, not wanting discussions to end.

Sharing dread but also hope for renewal of faith in humanity came to be what connected the participants. While the world's conflicts were not resolved, many felt conversation was the first step in rebuilding trust.

The event was sponsored by Jane Glennan, Director of The SNHU Educational Continuum, and by the SNHU Human Rights Association.

The day the smoke died

By Jessica DeAngelo and
Mariel J. Mabardy
Staff Writers

It was a typical day in the United States on Thursday, Nov. 15. That is, if millions of Americans trying to quit smoking for one day is typical. Why were millions of people trying to quit smoking? The answer is simple: Nov. 15 was the Great American Smoke-Out. SNHU was no exception to this so-called "holiday." Just outside the snack bar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Wellness Center staff was armed with an assortment of gum, lollipops and informational pamphlets to help students and staff quit smoking.

According to Sara Wilson, Director of the Wellness Center, "The goals of today are to reinforce the 'Social Norm' majority that three out of five students don't smoke, and to gain student and staff support for a non-smoking dorm." A recent survey given by the Wellness Center stated that six out of 10 students believe there should be a smoke-free dorm. The survey also indicated that a higher percentage of students coming into college don't smoke. When Wilson

was asked why it appears that everyone is smoking these days, she responded with "Smoking laws have changed so people are pushed outside or into designated areas to smoke, which creates an image that more people smoke." However, over the past eight years, regular daily college smokers have significantly dropped in number.

Although the main goal of the great American smoke-out in the US is to help people quit smoking; the main goal here at SNHU was not only helping students quit, but also to get support for a smoke-free dorm. At the Wellness Center table there were petitions for students and staff to sign if they supported the establishment of a smoke-free dorm and whether or not the students would live there.

Smokers as well as non-smokers felt passionately about the issue. Kevin Keller, a sophomore marketing major, doesn't feel so kindly about the university instituting a smoke-free dorm. "No way should there be a smoke-free dorm. Each room should be decided by the roommates that live there whether the room should be smoke-free or not. By implementing a smoke-free dorm violates our rights as students. By law, it

says that if a citizen is of age (18) then he or she can smoke legally. You can't just take that away," he said. Nicholas King, a junior English literature major, said, "People who advocate non-smoking are harassers and they are infringing on our constitutional rights."

Non-smokers can get just as fired up about having a smoke-free dorm on campus. Nicole Corvini, a junior communication major, said, "I would definitely live in a smoke-free dorm. I wouldn't want to live with someone who smokes. People that smoke smell like butts, and I feel that I would be better off living with people that shared the same beliefs as I do." April Gancarz, a senior business education major, said, "I support having a smoke-free dorm on campus, but I don't think I would live there. I feel that it is important to give students the option."

The Great American Smoke-Out was a success overall. Many students and faculty signed the petitions and learned about the benefits of quitting smoking. It is an ongoing struggle but with the Wellness Center's support, many more SNHU students and staff just might kick their habit.

SNHU partners with non-profit agencies for its work-study students

Encouraging students to give back to the community, SNHU is targeting non-profit service organizations for its off-campus work-study program.

Through the federally funded work-study program, students with a work-study award may be compensated for their time and effort spent off campus assisting community service organizations.

Area-agencies—in cooperation with SNHU—provide work-study students with real-world job experience, while the university provides compensation. The community service organizations include

American Red Cross, Boys and Girls Club of Manchester, Community Services Council of N.H., Manchester Historic Association, New Horizons for New Hampshire, Salvation Army and YMCA of Greater Manchester. Examples of positions available include Learning Center Supervisor, Computer Lab Supervisor, Data Resource Specialist, Public Relations Assistant, Research Assistant, Kitchen Prep Assistant, Mentor/Tutor, Lifeguard and Youth and Adult Sports Coordinator.

For additional information, contact Corey Hall at 645-9645.

Students can now enjoy the Currier Gallery of Arts

The SNHU community can now enjoy the many resources The Currier Gallery of Arts has to offer by simply showing their school IDs, thanks to the university's recent institutional membership. Institutional membership provides unlimited access to the galleries, but does not provide admission to the Zimmerman House, admission to special ticketed exhibits, or admission to member receptions.

SNHU's staff and students

may use the institutional membership at any time by presenting a valid school ID at the Visitor Services desk when entering the museum. If visiting as a class, please schedule the visit through the School of Tours, even if you aren't having a formal guided tour. There's no charge to institutional members for bringing a class on a self-tour.

For additional information, contact Jane Dixon at the Currier Gallery of Arts at 603-669-6144 x. 120

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Soon after, she became associate professor of humanities at State University of N.Y., Old Westbury campus. In 1975 she traveled to Washington D.C. to the Institute of Policy Studies where she directed the Latin American Unit. Also in D.C., during the mid 80's she taught at John Hopkins in its School of Advanced International Studies. Before coming to SNHU, Salper was the director of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Pennsylvania State, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Besides these accomplishments, Salper has published many articles on women's studies, early 20-century

Spanish literature and culture and Caribbean literature and culture. She has also published two books on the Spanish writer Ramon Valle-Inclan and two anthologies one on cultural studies and the other on women's studies.

According to Salper, students can expect "new faculty this year in communication, English, philosophy and psychology." Currently, in the School of Liberal Arts undergraduate program, there are 12 majors and 15 minors, the environmental science minor being the newest addition to the curriculum effective 2002.

The future of the School of Liberal Arts is bright and Roberta Salper's presence adds much luster.

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Little change in security

By Jennifer Hughes
Copy Editor

The night before I was to fly an American Airlines jetliner to Denver, CO, I was a little nervous, regardless of the fact that everyone was explaining "There's no safer time to fly." But as a passenger arriving at Logan Airport you might not know it.

At 4 a.m. on Dec. 1, I walked into a mess in terminal B. Because there's no longer any skycap check-in, lines stretched for what seemed like miles. People everywhere were confused and irritated, many wondering out loud whether they were even in the right line. National Guard soldiers wandered around, randomly checking ID's. Airport workers were stressed as well, yelling for people to move, trying to create some semblance of organization.

We approached the ticketing counter. I waited to see what would be different, what security measures had changed. Nothing. The attendant checked our ID's, tagged our bags, and we were through. We then passed through a security checkpoint where armed soldiers checked our ID's a second time, comparing them to the names on our tickets. At the metal detectors, everything had to come out of our pockets and onto the x-ray belt. I was randomly chosen for a search. The female security guard asked me to take off my shoes, jacket and sweater, which were then placed on the belt as well. After the search, our ID's were checked again. By this time, there were fewer people, and the airport seemed less like a mob scene. At the gate, our ID's were checked yet again, and we boarded the plane to our first destination at Chicago O' Hare Airport.



Photo by Jennifer Hughes
New signs are posted in various airports explaining new security procedures.

At O' Hare, the scene was much less chaotic. Signs posted everywhere warned passengers of items not allowed on board. Once again, uniformed soldiers walked about. As we waited in line to board at the gate, we watched as an olive-skinned man's bag was thoroughly searched before he was allowed to board. He stood to the side calmly and smiled and thanked the security guard when he was through. I asked my friend if he thought the man was searched because of his appearance. "Of course," he said. I wondered if the man felt singled out. My friend, who is Colombian and dark-

skinned as well, replied that he also would have gladly complied with a search.

Once in Denver I spoke to a woman working at the American Airlines baggage service counter. I asked her what changes she has seen and felt as a result of recent upsurges in airport security.

"I know they check ID's at every point now, and I've seen [airport security] checking people's bags here and there," she said.

When asked if she felt the new security measures were an improvement, she said, "The army presence makes me feel safer, actually...but even though I work here, I think security could be better."

Procrastination: Paying for it in the end

By Monika Gullatt
Staff Writer

The semester is almost over. For most of us, it means going home, away from the daily stress many of us face here.

Looking back on the beginning of the year, I personally thought the workload was overrated. I was looking forward to college, but I also

worried about falling behind. I was expecting many assignments, requiring my reading five books in one week, and so on. Since I didn't become overwhelmed by the work, I acquired bad habits and soon began to procrastinate. I don't know how many times I used the line "I'll start that in five minutes" or "I'll do it tomorrow since I have all week." And let's not forget how hard it was to make it to

our morning classes sometimes. I don't even know how I survived high school with waking up at 6:30 a.m.

Next semester, I will do things differently by not slacking off, because we all know we pay for it at the end. But I also think it's good to go through that stage and learn from it. So for those of you who are procrastinators just like me, old habits are hard to fix, but it's worth trying.

Letter to the Editor

In response to "Remembering the golden rule" by Tania Arroyo in Issue 3

Thank you for your article reminding everyone about being polite and courteous to your elders. I agree totally with you. I think sometimes students forget that the people at the cash register are only doing their jobs. They have no control over the pricing or the portions allowed to students. If there is a problem, it should be taken to the supervisor of the department.

As an employee of the college, I have found that most students follow this golden rule. However, there are always those who feel the need to appear macho. If only they realized how really ignorant they looked and how their behavior can hurt the feelings of an innocent person.

I especially liked the part of the article where you stated that the worker involved could have been your mother. I love my mother very much. I respect her for being the wonderful, kind and thoughtful person that she is. She can make you laugh even on the worst of days. She loves her job because she gets to meet all the students. She says that's what keeps her young.

So, thanks for being polite. Next time you go to the cafeteria, keep that golden rule in mind, and be very nice to that cashier. The little one everybody loves so much is my mother.

Sue Grenier
Switchboard Operator

CORRECTIONS FROM ISSUE 3

The Observer would like to apologize for the following mistakes:

The extremely small size of the women's basketball picture. It was not realized it was going to be printed so small.

The pink sports box on the front page, the pink voices and faces question box, and the miscoloring of the sports masthead on the last page.

The caption for the hockey team. Only Nick Ianniello, Steve Acropolis, Nick Nugent are captains.

The misspelling of the following names:

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Monika Gullatt
Brian Holland
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A common misconception

Ahhh....the eighties. A time when a teenager's drawers were filled with fluorescent colored tube socks, stretch pants and sweaters with oversized necks. As a young girl walked to school, jeans pinched and bangs teased, although she was dressed ridiculously, her head was held high and she was filled with confidence. Why? Because as that adolescent got on the bus, or arrived at school, she knew that she looked "cool." Fitting in is perhaps one of the most important ideologies to many people and is especially one of the most important ideologies to students entering college their freshman year. As many college students know, drinking and partying seem to be associated with the term "cool." However, I believe it is a common misconception of many students at SNHU that everybody drinks, and that because of this misconception, many freshmen enter college feeling the need to party or they will not be "cool."

According to RD Chris Clifford, "When freshmen arrive at school, they come with this perception that they are supposed to drink. Because they feel like they have to live up to this perception, students tend to do things they wouldn't normally do."

Clifford's statement is based on the social norms theory. For those of you unaware of what this might be, let me explain. The social norms theory consists of three elements. First, many of the things we do as students are influenced by misperceptions of how others in our social

groups think and act. For example, many of the students who drink are influenced by the misperception that everyone drinks. Next, people tend to overestimate the problem behavior and underestimate healthy behavior. Many students tend to focus on how much a student drank at some party the other night, instead of how well they might have done on a test. Therefore they start thinking it is cool to drink a lot rather than study for a test. Finally, people have a desire to be "normal" and "like everybody else." Because students overestimate problem behavior, and because they have this conception that everybody drinks, they tend to act in a way they wouldn't normally act in an attempt to be "cool."

Because of the misconception that everybody at SNHU drinks, it appears as though drinking is a problem. However, according to Sara Wilson, director of the Wellness Center, drinking is not an increasing problem at SNHU. In fact, the percentage of students who drink has stayed consistent throughout the past eight years. According to a survey completed last spring at SNHU, three out of five students reported to have "partied" without alcohol. What's even more interesting is statistics comparing how many nights a week students have said THEY have partied, compared to how many nights a week students think OTHER students party. According to this information, 50 percent of students think that OTHER students party three nights a week, when, in actuality, only

16 percent of students party three nights a week. In fact, most students party two nights a week, and only 34 percent of students take part in as many as two nights. Now, of course, you may be asking, how valid is this survey. Most people will lie on surveys or just fill in all the same circles. However, Wellness has a couple of ways to check the validity of the survey. They eliminate surveys where students filled in the same oval every time. Also, the survey provides cross questions, ones where the same thing is asked in different wording. If the answers weren't consistent, they eliminated these surveys as well. Also, as I stated before, the surveys have stayed consistent throughout the past eight years.

Most students have developed this thinking that everybody drinks, when in reality statistics show this is not true. So I am asking students to stop thinking that everybody drinks and that to be "cool" you have to binge every night of the week. It is simply a misconception. The truth is that if binge drinking three nights of the week is "cool" then the majority of us are losers. To the students who don't drink, you are not "losers" or "dorks" for doing so, and to the students who do drink, with finals coming up, start thinking about what is important in your life and start focusing on the reason why you are here.

~Kara Dufour
Co-Editor in Chief

Editors' Note:

As indicated in the last issue, Geoff Morgan has left the Observer. Senior Nick Coates and freshman Kara Dufour have stepped forward and will be Co-Editors in Chief the rest of the school year. In addition, due to the shorter length of this issue, certain features usually published will not be run. The Observer wishes everyone Happy Holidays and a safe semester break!

A holiday break request

Four months have passed since the beginning of the semester, and what do we have to show for it?

For some of us this has been a semester full of anxiety surrounding the events of Sept. 11, for others it has been an academic year of constantly playing catch-up with school work, and still others have managed to discover several creative ways to partake in enough libations en route to earning a splendid 1.2 GPA.

Nevertheless, whatever twists the academic careers of SNHU students have taken, we can all take solace in the fact that winter break is almost here and our sleeping patterns can finally return to their usual 3 a.m. to 1 p.m. form.

As most of us head back to wherever it is that we call home, we will see people we have missed this semester: mothers and fathers, girlfriends and boyfriends and old friends alike. For a good majority of us, we are lucky enough to have these people to come home to; all with stories to tell, to share laughs with, and to just lend an ear and listen.

These are all people we care very much about and will probably be taking a few trips to the local shopping mall to purchase a gift or two for them with our near-empty wallets. And whatever establishments we head to, we'll be sure to encounter any number of non-profit groups looking for a small donation to help whatever worthy cause it is they work for.

In both of these cases, I call to you, the students of SNHU, to take care of all these people.

Whether you are best of friends or are complete strangers, give what you can whenever you can. This is not to say that these people should be the benefactors of every last dollar in your wallet. As a college senior, I fully understand that even one dollar can sometimes be a stretch.

But I ask that you don't fall into the trap that in thinking that money is the only object you can give. Thinking so is plain naive.

Rather, I challenge you to think beyond just chucking a quarter in the Salvation Army bucket just to appease the person behind it. This winter

break, try to give back to your community in other ways.

There are plenty of programs out there that are looking for any number of things: donate a gift to Toys for Tots, volunteer at a local soup kitchen, work at an after-school program, take a visit to a retirement home. The list is endless. For those that are less comfortable with such activities there are plenty of other worthy things to do: spend some time getting to know your family, call an old friend and take them out for coffee, go out Christmas caroling, anything in the community really.

As people blessed with good health and lucky enough to have some financial stability, we should give back to society in some way. Giving back affords us an opportunity to learn valuable lessons we cannot learn in the classroom.

There are no courses called Life 101 or Modesty 425 - these are things that we can learn through experience. It is only these lessons that stay with us to the grave - not memorizing who won this or that war or what a demand curve is or even what a motor neuron is.

Realize that there is more to life than what we learn in a book. It's not about how much you can make at a job out of college, or memorizing how to fill out a 10-40 EZ form; it's about taking care of each other in the short time we are in this world.

We don't need a tragedy like Sept. 11 to wake us up to this fact.

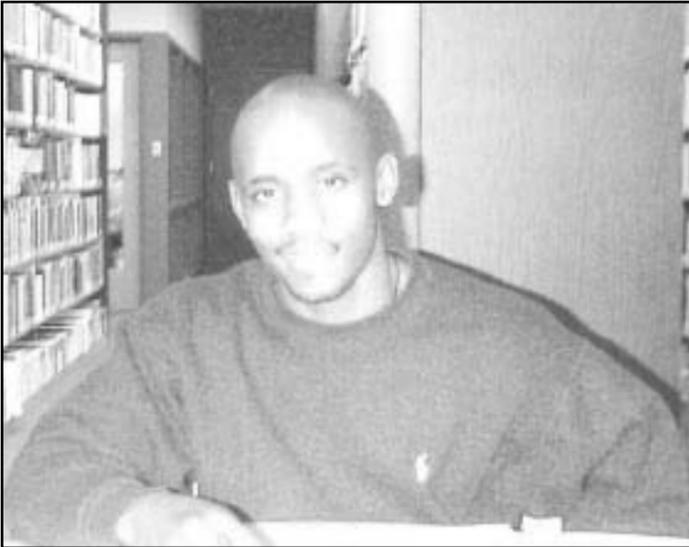
As college students, we sit at the gateway of our lives. The next few years will challenge us with decisions that will affect the rest of our lives.

While we may not make the right decisions every time, whatever we choose, whether it's the pair of socks we put on in the morning or the job that we take, we must always choose to help those not as lucky as us.

To paraphrase a friend of mine in a speech to his college class: We can't change the world overnight, but if we all do our small part this will be a better place for us all to live in.

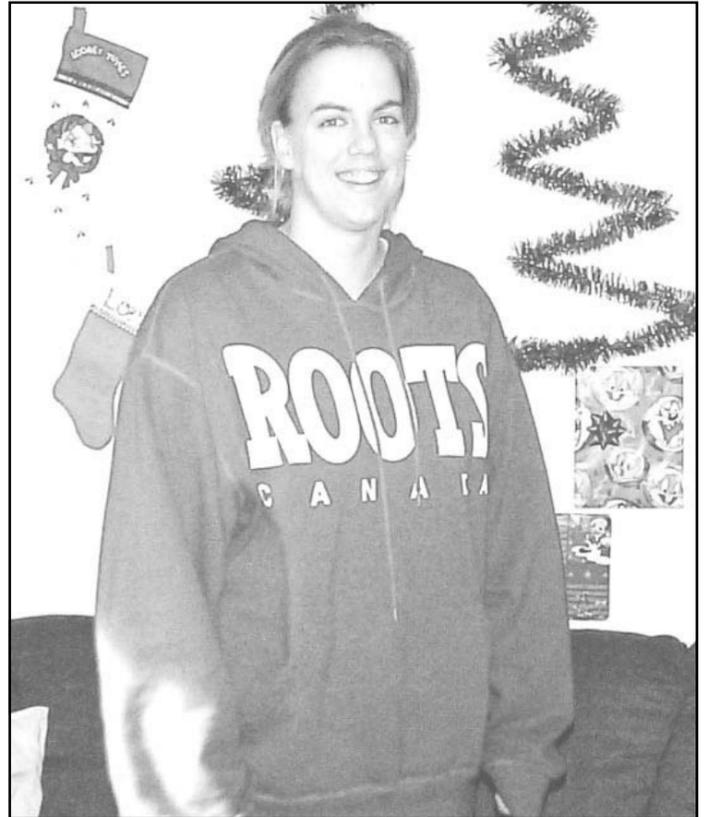
~Nick Coates
Co-Editor in Chief

Voices



Xolani Moshuge
Senior, Business Administration

"I hate to wear ties, so if someone bought me a tie, it would be a strange gift."



Kelly Sorfleet
Senior, Business Administration

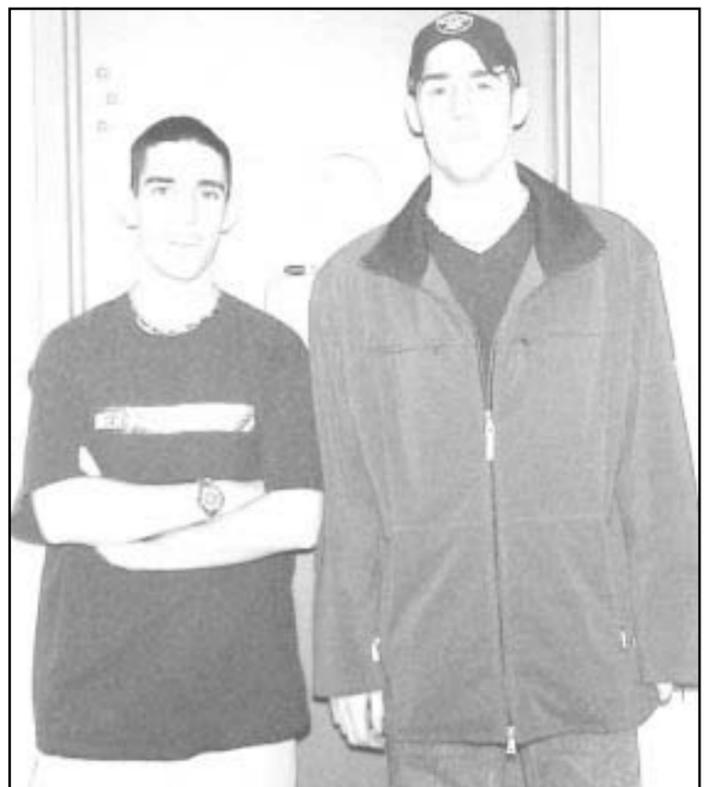
"I got a toilet seat once because I was complaining that the one in the basement was too old."

Elizabeth Morse (left)
Freshman, Undecided

"A big plastic butter knife to be used as a flamingo killing device."

Shaina Laroche (right)
Freshman, Culinary Arts

"A miniature table with a crack in it...hehehe."



Sean Griffin (left)
Freshman, Sport Management

"A wheel of cheese."

Joe Mackie (right)
Junior, Business Administration

"A box of toilet paper."



Somsak Thitinan (left)
Graduate student, Computer Science

"A snake."

Nattapont Witvorapono (right)
Graduate student, MBA

"A lizard."

& Gifts



Sarah Rocha (right)
Senior, Hotel Management

"A stuffed pig."

Kylee Woitkowski (left)
Senior, Hospitality Administration

"A short-sleeved sweatshirt with Maine on it."

*What is the
strangest gift
you have ever
received?*

By Jocelyn Gilbert,
Lori Gonneville and Amanda L'Heureux



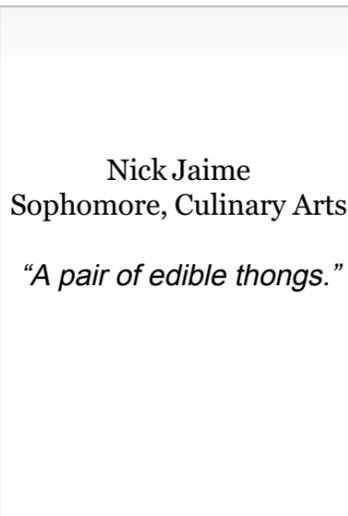
April Turcotte
Senior, Business Administration

*"I got a pack of mini notebooks and I think they had
bears on them."*



Emad Nakhnoukh
Graduate Student,
Business

*"A cockroach carrying a
fake scorpion. I smushed
it and then realized it was
fake."*



Nick Jaime
Sophomore, Culinary Arts

"A pair of edible thongs."



The inside stuff

By Amanda L'Heureux
A & E Editor

The completion of the new Manchester Civic Center is bound to bring many new things to the city and its surrounding towns, the major feature being the new AHL hockey team, the Manchester Monarchs, a franchise of the NHL's Los Angeles Kings. However, hockey will not be the only thing going on downtown. The Civic Center recently held a "Sneak Peek" at the Verizon Wireless Arena to tell more about their plans for future events and other attractions they will have to offer.

The "Sneak Peek" allowed 3,000 people a chance to look at the arena before anyone else and provided food and live entertainment. There were many attractions including: a live band from Ted Herbert's Music, one of the monster trucks, two members



Photo by Amanda L'Heureux
A live band from Ted Herbert's Music played at the Sneak Peek.



Photo by Amanda L'Heureux
Sports Editor Abby Kyriakoutsakos chilling with Harlem Globetrotters Orlando Antigua (left) and "Sweet Lou" Dunbar (right) at the Civic Center's Sneak Peek.

of the Harlem Globetrotters, and different events ranging from the Citizens Bank cash cube to shooting free throws.

Many children and adults got the chance to play basketball with "Sweet Lou" Dunbar, one of the coaches of the Harlem Globetrotters, and Orlando Antigua, a 6'7" forward from Pittsburgh. For the cash cube, members of Citizens Bank walked around with a bucket of keys, and some of which opened the lock on the outside of the cube. To have a chance at the money, the key had to open the lock. In the corridor upstairs, the Manchester Monarchs were signing autographs. The younger kids seemed to like

meeting the new members of the new hockey team.

The arena plans to hold concerts, including Aerosmith and the Barenaked Ladies, who gave concerts during the grand opening weekend. The arena also plans to feature Bob Dylan, Elton John, Ozzy Osborne, Rob Zombie and Barry Manilow. Besides concerts, the civic center plans include monster truck rallies, Sesame Street Live, Champions on Ice, World Wrestling Federation, and sporting events including basketball, hockey and arena football.

As the "Sneak Peek" showed, the Verizon Wireless Arena will definitely bring things to Manchester.

Enjoying New Hampshire's winter season

By Michelle Desmarais,
Lori Gonville, Amy Laroche, Erin Percel,
Yajaira Serrata, and
Carolyn Trembly
Contributing Writers

Nowhere else will you find the variety of indoor and outdoor winter activities for all abilities. Nowhere else will you be able to see one of nature's grandest performances. It is a time when the wonders of the universe take on an even larger dimension as tiny ice crystals dust the world with silver glitter. And there is a peace that fills the crisp, still air.

For many years, it was the season locals talked about only amongst themselves -

local festivals, world-class sporting events, snow machining, wildlife viewing, fishing, hunting, the nation's best cross-country and downhill skiing. But now the word is out. Winter in New Hampshire is not to be missed.

For skiing, snowboarding and tubing (day and/or night), explore the winter recreation site at www.newhampshire.com. Here you will find information on the different ski areas such as Loon Mountain (I-93 & Exit 32), Waterville Valley (I-93 & Exit 28), Gunstock (I-93 to Route 302), Mt. Cranmore (Route 28 to Route 16) and Bretton Woods (I-93 to Route 302) - these sites may also offer their own web pages. You may also contact Ski New Hampshire at (800) 887-5664 for more informa-

tion.

Memorable horse-drawn sleigh rides- Wrap up in lap robes and enjoy a memorable ride by horse-drawn sleigh along an alpine trail at Charmingfare Farm in Candia. Settle down to snacks and refreshment by the open campfire. Charmingfare Farm provides an adventurous one-and-a-half hour journey through their fields and forests. Along with the excitement of the sleigh ride, you will experience sights and sounds of the wilderness. Contact Charmingfare Farm at (603) 483-5623 for times and cost.

For information on hockey games and concerts at the Verizon Wireless Arena (Civic Center) in Manchester, visit www.verizonwirelessarena.com

It's that time of year

By Amanda L'Heureux
A & E Editor

Red, green, blue, white, yellow and orange lights sparkle off many houses in the area. Many people take pride in decorating their houses for the holidays, filling their yards with Santa Claus figurines, moving reindeer, snowmen, and crèches with Mary holding baby Jesus and the wise men ready to present their gifts. There are many homes around the campus of SNHU that are decorated for the holidays and provide enjoyment for anyone looking for an eye-catcher.

North River Road is home to various decorated houses. One particular house, off of Bicentennial Drive, lights up the entire street. Many cars stop for passengers to get a glimpse of the beautiful house. Their yard has reindeer, an animated snowman that



Photo by Amanda L'Heureux
Santa's sleigh lighting up a Hooksett resident's front lawn.

moves his hat, and Santa Claus. Even the roof is decorated!

Driving around town, even for a half hour, enjoying what others have taken the time to put up can be fun. The different displays are beautiful, especially in Hooksett and Auburn. Take some time, grab a few friends and drive around for a while. Share the joy this holiday season.



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One of the many homes in Hooksett decorated for the holidays.

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Todd's Tunes

With the holidays on the horizon I have selected a few albums that are must haves. These CDs will be selected from all eras and a variety of genres, as is tradition. Hopefully, these will be good suggestions for those that have no idea what to buy for the holidays. Always keep the gift of music in mind!

The Beatles - 1

Even though we presently are in the unfortunate situation where there are only two surviving Beatles (George Harrison R.I.P.), they are a band that can never die. This greatest hits type album has sold millions to the young and old, new fans and fans from the 60s, because it's simply awesome music. The tunes that are so catchy and recognizable include "Let it Be," "Come Together," "She Loves You," "Can't Buy Me Love" and "Eleanor Rigby." But of course, with 27 tracks, there are plenty more great songs such as "Help," "Yellow Submarine," "Penny Lane," "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "All You Need Is Love" and my personal favorite, "Hey, Jude." The songs are immortal, and so is the band. Let's face it, who else has had 27 #1s? "Love Me Do," "A Hard Day's Night," "Get Back," and "We Can Work It Out" also appear, but this is only a sample of the popular titles on this record. This is a CD I promise should be on a lot of wish lists. Grade: 96 A

Ozzy Osbourne - The Ozzman Cometh

Switching gears entirely, the Godfather of Metal released his greatest hits album in 1997, which is missing some great tracks such as "Perry Mason," "I Don't Know" and "Flying High Again," but overall does include what a greatest hits CD needs: plenty of popular and awesome songs. Any Ozzy fan immediately recognizes the song "Crazy Train," which is of course present, as well as some of his famous Black Sabbath songs, such as "War Pigs" and "Para-

noid." There are many other famous tracks, such as "Mr. Crowley," "Bark at the Moon," "No More Tears" and the newly recorded for this album "Back on Earth." But he's not all as hard and loud as everyone thinks; Ozzy included two ballads on *The Ozzman Cometh*, "Mama, I'm Coming Home" and the lesser-known "I Just Want You." If someone likes Ozzy, or heavy metal, they have this CD, or they should. Grade: 97 A+

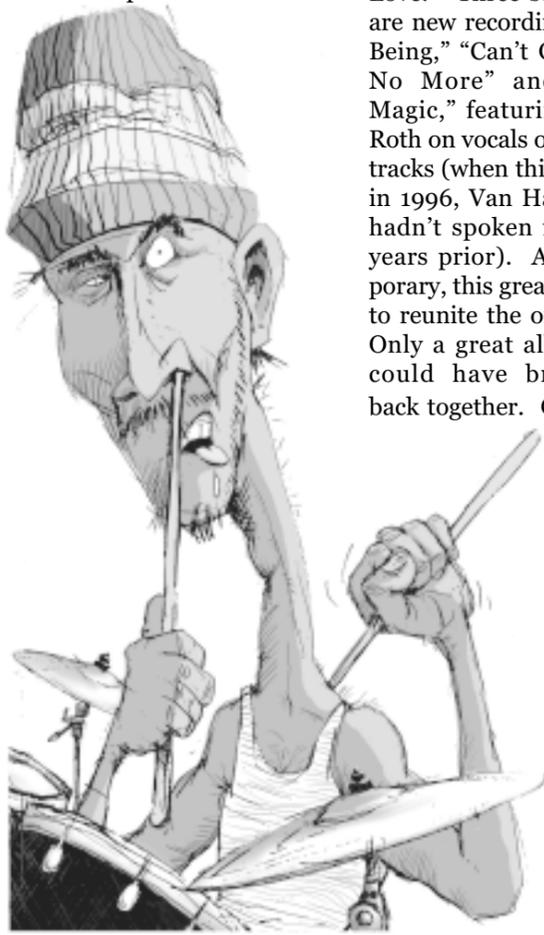
Phil Collins - Hits

I have always respected Phil Collins, but I never imagined purchasing any music of his. Then, I came across this best-of CD with "Another Day in Paradise," "Two Hearts," "Something Happened on the Way to Heaven" and "Easy Lover." Phil proves he's a balladeer with the inclusion of "Against All Odds," "One More Night" and "A Groovy Kind of Love." He is also known for covers, such as "You Can't Hurry Love" and "True Colors." The one and only (to my knowledge) singing drummer is also responsible for "Take

Me Home," "In the Air Tonight," "Sussudio" and "Dance into the Light." 16 hits, every one of them worth checking out. This is a CD I never expected to own, but now I can't stop myself from listening to it constantly. Grade: 95 A

Van Halen - Best of Vol. 1

It's a good thing this CD is called Volume 1 because songs like "Top of the World," "I'll Wait" and "Hot for Teacher" have not been included, but the songs that were selected are definitely classics. "Runnin' With the Devil," "Unchained," "Jump" and "Panama" are some examples of hits from the first-era Van Halen. Some tracks taken from the so-called Van Hagar period are "Poundcake," "Right Now," "Dreams" and "When It's Love." This album manages to contain two important times in the long career of a great American band. *Best of Vol. 1* also features "Dance the Night Away," "Why Can't This be Love" and "Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love." Three songs of the 17 are new recordings: "Humans Being," "Can't Get This Stuff No More" and "Me Wise Magic," featuring David Lee Roth on vocals on two of those tracks (when this was released in 1996, Van Halen and DLR hadn't spoken for the dozen years prior). Although temporary, this great CD managed to reunite the original lineup. Only a great album like this could have brought them back together. Grade: 98 A+



A Review of Limoncello restaurant

By Matt Melvin
Staff Writer

On the TV show "To Tell The Truth" the celebrities said the food at Limoncello was out of this world. On Oct. 30, I had the opportunity to visit this fine-dining restaurant.

Upon arriving, my friend and I were immediately

greeted by the owner of this establishment. When looking at the menu, I decided to try the lasagna. My friend chose a special of the evening, risotto and shrimp.

The service was good and the waiter and waitresses were attentive. It was nice to have a chance to talk to the owner of the restaurant. I would recommend this restaurant to

anyone who is in Boston. The food was unbelievable. The restaurant is not too expensive; the prices for entrees range from \$15-\$22.

Limoncello is located at 190 North St. in Boston, Mass. on the Freedom Trail next to Paul Revere's house in the historic North End. For reservations call (617) 523-4480.

A powerful presentation

By Tania Arroyo
News Editor

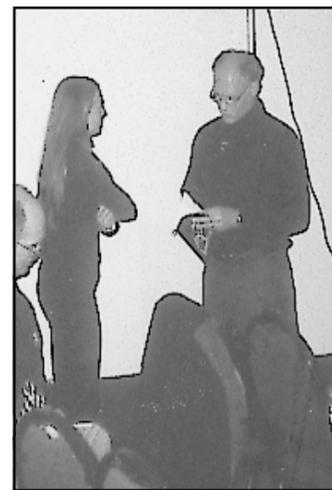


Photo by Tania Arroyo

Poet and novelist William Ryan signs autographs at a presentation.

Conversations turned into whispers until poet and novelist William Ryan's presence was felt at SNHU's AV studio on Nov. 9. Those in attendance watched as Michelle Walker, adjunct professor of English and close friend of Ryan's, approached the podium. She opened with a "poem doesn't necessarily mean anything but an experience." She asked that the audience "not dwell so much on the meaning but the experience."

The experience was as dramatic as it was memorable. Despite the large crowd, there was a deafening silence during the presentation. Except for Ryan's soft voice, gentle as a child's knock on a door, the silence was interrupted only with the occasional cough and snuffle commonly associated with the season.

His voice played with consonance and alliteration, his admiration for jazz resonating through his lyrical poetry. He provided vivid imagery, making his points clearly. "White carpets are for the dead and the living walk on pain," read Ryan. One poem outlined a list of habits he gave up. Some lines of one of his poems began with "I give up drugs in

spite of Nancy Reagan. I just say no," and it continues, "I give up women. Women are like drugs," and ends with "I give up death, just say (expletive) it."

UMass and Colorado State-educated Ryan has published three books: "To Die In Latin," "Turnrow," "Eating the Heart of the Enemy," and his fiction prose piece, "Doctor Excitements Elixir of Longevity." He's also received several awards.

Ryan's poignant pieces were as brilliant as his quotes relating to life. "Disease has a way of waking us...we become better people when we're sick," he said.

~Poetry~

By Tia Downing
Contributing Writer

Farafel

The pieces are finally starting to fit
The picture that I saw before, has been re-worked,
The edges smoothed of their jagged placing.

The late nights,
The worry,
The excuses,
And the explanations.
The past may still not make sense, but the picture at least
has survived.

They served they purpose,
They gave us the color and the character
To see the beauty of what is to come.

It is the picture I saw so many months ago
The one you helped me to imagine,
To believe in.
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Monarchs opening season kicks off

By Nick Coates
Editor in Chief

If the key to the success of a sports franchise entails the three P's of marketing – product, price and promotion – then consider the Manchester Monarchs to be at the head of their class.

Indeed, the Monarchs offer the city of Manchester and surrounding communities something this area has sorely lacked for many years: a professional sports event that fans can attend at a reasonable price. And by building a strong relationship with the community through a grassroots plan, the Monarchs hope to continue their partnership with Manchester and the Verizon Wireless Arena for years to come.

As the American Hockey League affiliate to the Los Angeles Kings, the Monarchs have a collection of recent draft picks looking to crack an NHL roster, players that have had a cup of coffee in the big time and veteran journeymen. Bruce Boudreau heads the team up after leading the AHL's Lowell Lock Monsters to two straight playoff appearances.

To date the team stands in third place in the Eastern Conference's North Division. Leading the team in scoring with 21 points is assistant captain Scott Thomas. Another interesting note to local hockey fans is the team's recent addition of former Boston Bruin Ted Donato.



Photo by Kara Dufour

Assistant captain Scott Thomas is the Monarch's leading scorer.

A native of Boston and former standout at Harvard University, Donato spent eight seasons with the Bruins. "I've been waiting for an NHL contract for some time, so I thought it would be best to come play some games here," said Donato after his first game with Manchester. "New cities and new situations are difficult to get accustomed to but... this is a nice opportunity to play here."

Off the ice, Manchester is led by the trio of Joe Domingos, vice president of Sales & Marketing, Jon Crabbe, director of Ticket Sales Marketing, and Rhonda Martin, director of Merchandise & Promotions. Along with president Jeff Eisenberg, the group has established a strong presence in the area.

The group has led efforts that have given fans an opportunity to catch a professional

hockey game at a price that is reasonable. Individual game ticket prices range from \$9 to 15.50.

Once in the spacious Verizon Wireless Arena, fans are given the chance to win with a number of promotions. Some of the more-popular ones are the McDonald's fries giveaway, \$100,000 shot and Chuck-a-Puck.

The Monarchs have also aligned themselves with a number of organizations – including the United Way of NH, NH Boys & Girls Club and Special Olympics of NH – in what is called the Monarchs Care Foundation. The program serves as an umbrella for all charitable contributions and activities.

With the three main elements to success in place, the Monarchs should provide the area with a good experience both on and off the ice.

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they left the court at half-time with a 17-point shortage. They came back a new team, though, and traded baskets with Pace until they pulled off a 14-1 run and drew within a point of the opponent. Following 7 ties and 12 lead changes in the last 10 minutes of action, senior guard Tim Lee drained a three-pointer with 0:36 to go, pulling the Penmen up to a 4 point lead. Junior guard Soto Karapostolou followed by hitting three-of-four from the free-throw line, effectively shutting down the Setters with a final score of 86-79.

A disappointing conference loss (71-54) to UMass Lowell can well be attributed to poor shooting. The Penmen connected on only 18-percent of

their shots in the first half. Though they opened the second half with a three-pointer by Lee, SNHU scoring was held to 8-of-27 shots in the period. "We were getting the shots, we just weren't hitting them," commented Yeaton, a leading scorer for the Penmen.

Two road wins against Franklin Pierce and New Haven College, followed, however, and with each game the men appeared to be progressively getting tighter and stronger as a team. A big win for the Penmen came on Saturday, Dec. 8th not too far from home at St. Anselm College's Stoutenburgh Gym. A long-time intracity rival, the Hawks had claimed victory over the last four consecutive games against the Penmen. The SNHU men left the first half just a bucket away from the

Hawks. The Penmen tied the game 38-38 early on in the second half. An impressive 18-5 SNHU run that ended with an authoritative dunk by Yeaton, following an errant layup by Karapostolou. Though the Hawks pulled within four points of SNHU, the Penmen held on to their lead and finished off St. Anselm with a score of 82-72. Furthermore, a three-pointer by Lee pushed him over the 1,000 points mark, thus making him the 35th member of the SNHU 1,000 point club.

Karapostolou, Larrabee and Yeaton received NE-10 honors for their outstanding play. In addition, Yeaton was named NE-10 *Player of the Week* following the first two games of the season. The Penmen return to action on Jan. 3 when they host St. Rose in a league game.

Observer All Stars

By Abby Kyriakoutsakos
Sports Editor



Photo by Tom McDermott

Shayla Littleton

A transfer student from Pratt Community College in Kansas, where she earned an associate degree in liberal arts, junior Shayla Littleton was named to the NE-10 weekly honor roll with good reason. The 5'11" forward's 15 points and 13 rebounds dur-

ing the first game of the Ramada Inn Shootout helped to secure the win that first night, as well as a second victory over Felician College the following afternoon.

At the end of the two-game tournament, Littleton averaged 14.5 points; a team high, as well as 10.5 rebounds. Littleton continued to aid the SNHU cause with a contribution of 10 points at a home loss to Pace University.

In subsequent games, Littleton's consistent scoring ability has made for some close games against highly ranked teams in the NE-10 and throughout the region. She is currently ranked 9th in rebounding in the NE-10 and 5th in field goal percentage. Littleton also ranks in the NE-10 top ten for steals.

Her skills for scoring and rebounding will be an asset to the team throughout the SNHU women's basketball season.



Photo by Tom McDermott

Mark Yeaton

Mark Yeaton's first game as a SNHU Penman was on Nov. 17, 2001. Two days later he had already collected league honors when he was named to the NE-10 weekly honor roll. The 6'2" sophomore guard from Concord, New Hampshire was a teammate of junior Dan Rasanen both at

Bishop Brady High School, where he averaged 25 points as a senior, and at the University of New Hampshire, where he played his freshman year. Yeaton returns to the game after a year's hiatus, during which time he attended, and received an associate degree from, New Hampshire Technical Institute.

Yeaton's knack for collecting NE-10 league honors did not stop with the honor roll. The following week he acquired the title of NE-10 Player of the Week, secured after two games in which he averaged 26.5 points.

Ranked among the NE-10's leading scorers, Yeaton is shooting 45% from the field and is second on the Penmen team in assists (4.4) and three-point field goals (15). Yeaton will be looked to as a strong scoring force for the SNHU men's basketball team throughout the season.

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and senior Bryan Favreau. Frew gave the Penmen a 4-2 lead in the second period, only to be answered by a Salve goal, making it 4-3 at the end of the period. The Penmen then took over in the third with goals scored by Doherty, Ianniello and Nugent, making the final score 7-4.

The team then took on Nichols College and made a huge comeback in the third period. Down 1-0 going into the third, Acropolis blasted a lamplighter from the point putting the Penmen on the board. The goal was followed

by SNHU freshman John Lavery's first career goal. Freshman goalie Adam Barlow made some great saves and stopped 19 shots. Two more goals were scored late in the third, one by Bertoni and an open-netter by freshman Keith Milward, helping the Penmen to a 4-1 victory over the Bison.

The Penmen suffered a 5-3 loss to Johnson and Wales, but look to make a comeback when they play UMass Boston and Fitchburg State College. The team's first game after break will be played on Jan. 15 against Plymouth State College.



SPORTS



Women's basketball season kicks off

By Abby Kyriakoutsakos
Sports Editor

The SNHU women's basketball team's season started strong, with two home wins during the Ramada Inn Shootout. In the first of the two-game tournament, SNHU took a 27-23 lead over C.W. Post exiting the first half. A run of 10-2 by the Penmen in the second half gave the Penmen a 37-25 lead that C.W. Post, could not recover from, even after scoring 6 unanswered points. Senior Anna Bell aided the SNHU effort with 13 points and 6 rebounds. Freshman guard Vanessa Cedrone contributed a team-high of 9 assists in the game, her first collegiate contest.

Sophomore forward Lisa Brown scored 16 points against Felician College in the second round game of the tournament, closely followed by junior Shayla Littleton with 14 points. Though the teams traded baskets early in the second half, SNHU went on a 21-7 run, giving them a 64-41 advantage. A final score of 77-57 gave the women their second win of the season.

Despite back and forth runs early in the first half of their NE-10 opener against Southern Conn. State University, SNHU was down at the end of the first half. SCSU maintained a double figure lead throughout the second half,

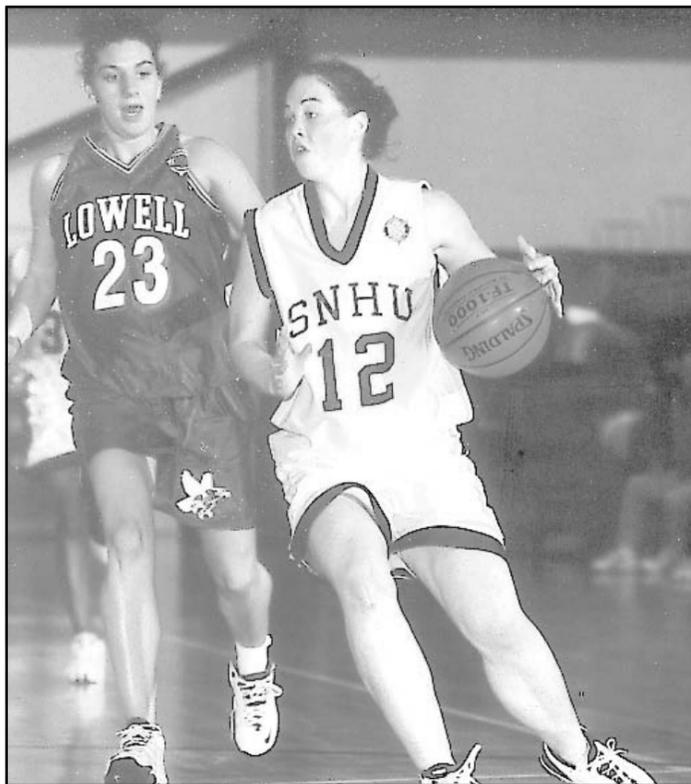


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Sophomore Colleen Quinn dribbles down the court

hitting 9-of-19 three-pointers to win 77-59. High scorer for SNHU was Colleen Quinn with 14 points.

Again, in spite of the efforts of Bell (11 points, 11 rebounds), Littleton (10 points) and Amy Stilphen, who got the women started on a 7-2 run with just over two minutes before the break, the women were shut down by Pace University with a final score of 75-55.

In another conference game against UMass Lowell, the women took a 14 point

deficit into the break, but rallied to come within 4 points of the River Hawks with an early second half unanswered 9 point run. After trading baskets for about 10 minutes, however, UMass finished victoriously at 63-49.

Two more league losses, to Franklin Pierce College (77-69) and St. Anselm College (76-46), followed. However, Littleton collected NE-10 honors preceding the St. Anselm game. The women return to action on Jan. 3rd, when they host St. Rose.

Penmen hockey lights it up

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The Penmen hockey team opened their season this year with a 6-2 victory over Westfield State in an exhibition game. SNHU led 3-2 late in the third period during which senior Ryan Frew banged in two goals. Captain Steve Acropolis also put one to give them the "W" over in Westfield.

The Penmen then took on Framingham State College and pulled out another victory. Sophomore Mike Flynn helped the Penmen to their 7-1 lead by putting in two goals and assisting on another. Sophomore Brian Holland was the shining star in goal, stopping 28 of 29 shots. Freshmen Chris Russo and Pat Doherty also put themselves on the board, both scoring their first SNHU career goals.

SNHU suffered its first loss against St. Anselm (3-1) in the PAL Cup Tournament. Senior Kevin Crean put in the Penmen's only goal, assisted by captain Nick Nugent and junior Ryan Hart.

The team pulled out a big 7-1 victory over Plymouth State College in the consolation game of the PAL Cup. Freshman Kurt Lytle opened the game by putting in his first goal only 3:17 into the first period. SNHU continued to lead with Nugent and Frew scoring late in the first period. The second period continued



Photo by Katelyn Duggan
Captain Steve Acropolis lays a hit on a St. Anselm's player in the game during the PAL cup.

the Penmen's streak as captain Nick Ianniello and freshman Doherty scored, bringing their lead to 5-0. Nugent went on to score his second goal along with Flynn, who put one in after FSC scored their lone goal in the third period.

The trip to Curry proved to be an upset for the Penmen as they took their second loss of the season. Acropolis put a goal in during the first period and again in the third, along with goals from freshman Will Bertoni, but the Penmen were unable to pull out a win, losing 4-3.

The team then posted a strong victory over Salve Regina. Seven Penmen were credited with goals against the Seahawks, beginning with sophomore Darren Catalano, who put the first goal in for the Penmen. This was followed by goals from Crean

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SNHU Men's basketball making a solid run

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The SNHU men's basketball team kicked off their season with a bang. Having crushed both opponents in their season opening two-game tournament, the Penmen had one of their own, junior forward Brian Larrabee, named the tournament MVP.

Two days following the tournament, the Penmen took on Southern Conn. State University in their first league game. Down by 10 with four minutes in the contest, the

Penmen made an impressive 9 point run, leaving them down 71-70 with 1:38 remaining. With 0:04 left to play, newcomer Mark Yeaton drained a three-pointer, bringing the team just a bucket short of SCSU. A technical foul on SNHU, however, brought SCSU to the charity stripe and secured their win.

Proving they are fighters, the Penmen came back home and faced Pace University in the Fieldhouse. Things looked bleak for the men as

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Sport management news

Sport management graduate students KRISTINA KINTZER and KEITH DETJEN, along with DR. DOUG BLAIS, recently visited Nashua and Manchester West high schools to speak to the schools' sport marketing and entertainment classes. All three presenters discussed the field of sport, the job market and various college opportunities to study sport. For the second straight year, SEAN SMITH, general manager of the Lowell Spinners, traveled to SNHU to speak to sport management majors at the Mara Lecture Hall. Smith has been the GM of the Spinners, single A minor league affiliate of the Red Sox, for the past nine years.

Men's basketball

Senior TIM LEE dropped 16 points on St. Anselm on Dec. 8 and in the process became the 35th member of SNHU's 1,000 point club. Lee, who has drained 238 three-pointers in his career to this point, recorded his 1,000th career point following a three-pointer early in the second half. COACH SPIROU recorded his 350th career win following SNHU's win over New Haven. He has posted a career record of 351-141 over his 17-year career.