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-Jean-Jacques Rousseau



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From all of us at  
*The Observer*,  
Happy Earth Day.  
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## Up Close and Personal with Third Eye Blind's Brad Hargreaves

Caitlin Murphy  
&  
Nick Tasso

The drummer of any band often gets shut out by the lead singer or guitarist; however, they are a key element to any performance. The Observer was fortunate enough to get an interview with the drummer of Third Eye Blind, Brad Hargreaves. The man behind the beats of 3eb since 1995 was very friendly, laid back, and down to Earth. While eating a bowl of apple crisp, Brad answered any and all questions The Observer had for him.

**Q: Who were your musical influences growing up? What made you want to play the drums?** A: My dad played the drums, so originally he influenced me, but later on, Mitch Mitchell from The Jimi Hendrix Experience, Led Zepel, and Tommy Lee.

**Q: You also have another band called Year Long Disaster, how is it managing two bands at once?** A: It is emotionally difficult; you can only be in one place at one time, so it is tough trying to balance



Brad Hargreaves  
Photo provided by Suzanne Lentel

the two.

**Q: What is your favorite song to play? Is there one with any personal meaning to you?** A: All of the songs carry a different level of meaning. My favorite would probably be one of our newer songs actually, Break Like A Fever. It is a slower song so I get to just relax on stage for a bit and take a break.

**Q: If you could collaborate with one artist, dead or alive, who would it be?** A: Jimmy Page, the guitarist from Led Zeppelin, he is actually still alive. He had

another band too called The Yardbirds.

**Q: What are your future aspirations, plans, and goals?** A: I just want to play a lot of music; it makes me happy. All music, all the time.

**Q: When you're not on tour or playing music what do you like to do?** A: I like to surf and watch sports; I am a huge Lakers fan. I like to play with my dog, she is a mini doxin named Shelby.

**Q: Does she come on tour with you?** A: No, she stays at home; I've found dogs don't really like it on tour.

**Q: Do you guys have any rituals you do on days you have shows?** A: I like to just relax and maybe

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## The Dial Tone; Calling our Past to Provide for our Future

Stephanie Bouley  
Contributing Writer

Did you know that tuition and fees only covers approximately 81% of what it costs to operate a quality university? How do colleges and universities make up the differ-

ence? The answer to that question is rather simple; we depend on annual gifts from the University's alumni, friends, parents, and other generous constituents to make up this difference in expenses, and to provide YOU with the scholarships and financial aid you deserve.

Some of your fellow classmates and friends are playing a crucial role in the fundraising process of the University, and

you can get involved too. Seniors Tina Cicciu and Stefanie Deprey, Juniors Kristin Cicciu, Whitney Pratt, and Sarah Trask, and Freshmen Noelle Bourgeois, Brittney Castello, Danny Dwyer, Kate Eastman, Mayra Gomez, Aimee Plouffe, Jenn Scarborough, Maura Schulman, and Haley Webb are all student callers for the SNHU Telefund.

Through their efforts in calling alumni and friends of the University, they have raised \$70,860 in pledges so far this year, which is already \$7,000 more than what was pledged at the end of April last year. That's \$7,000 more that can go to areas of the greatest need for the University...including scholarships. These individuals deserve

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Letter from the Editor

**Katlyn Morin**  
*Editor in Chief*

As the year comes to an end, and my ventures into the real world begin – I'd like to thank everyone who has made my journey here at SNHU a successful one. It's a bittersweet time for me right now, leaving the Observer. Last year at this time, I was worried I wouldn't have the time to execute a college newspaper. Here we are, seven issues later, and I did it.

I don't know where I'd be without my adviser, Judy Timney. As adviser for the Observer, we truly couldn't ask for anyone better. She puts just as much time, effort and love into this paper as the rest of the staff. My sincere gratitude goes out to her and her husband Mark who has been there for me for the past year.

I'm not quite sure anyone realizes how much work it is to put out a paper. We're lucky – this is a monthly publication. The Observer staff is dedicated, and happens to be a great team. The bigger this staff allows itself to grow, the bigger the paper will get – and hopefully the community here at SNHU will recognize that effort.

I am proud to have been Editor in Chief this year. It has taught me an array of things I will focus on even beyond graduation. What have I learned the most from? Determination. Without it, this year would have been a flop for the Observer. My staff has been on top of things this year more so than ever before. We haven't seen a measly 12-page paper in how long? How about that March issue – SNHU's largest Observer to date! The Observer has only just begun to see its destiny – and that is a beautiful thing. Once I leave, I have no doubt this paper will only grow and change beyond where it's currently at. The possibilities are endless!

Lastly, I am truly thankful for the support my family has given me throughout the year. My staff, Judy – my extended family; thank you. As many meltdowns witnessed, there was an accomplishment. Thank you for making this happen. I love you all.

**Hargreaves \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 1**

get a workout in. Get ready for the three hours a night where we give it our all. Sleep is important; we need to get our rest in order to do what we do, even though it is difficult on a bus traveling 70 miles per hour.

**Q: How have you seen the differences over the years with the change of members? (Arion Salazar mainly).** **A:** Bands are all about chemistry. It is definitely a different band from when we started. The musicianship has improved. Arion Salazar was an amazing bassist. I send him e-mails and call him every few months, but he never gets back to me.

**Q: When did you guys decide to put out a new CD?** **A:** It just kind of happened. You don't go and say lets make a new CD, it just happens.

**Q: Third Eye Blind hasn't put out a new studio album since 2003, have you guys been finding any difficulties in putting your fourth studio album together?** **A:** Focus gets misdirected. It's hard finding time where all of us can do it and not just want to hang out or go snowboarding or something.

**Q: What are the future plans for Third Eye Blind?** **A:** Within the year we will finish up the new CD and then I'm sure there will probably be a tour that goes along with that. Then we will see where that takes us. We are in a relaxed stride right now.

Letter from the Editor

**Libby Parent**  
*Editor in Chief*

Hey All! Yes, it is true: that annoying, opinionated, rant-artist featured monthly in the opinion section has now been elected the Editor-in-Chief. Lucky for you, my rants will now be featured on the second page of the paper, so you won't have to flip back so far. Ha-ha...no, but seriously.

This year has been great at the Observer. We have made some serious face-lifts: the new logo design, layout, and on top of all that, CONTENT. Two huge thank-you's to Katlyn who has spent an immense amount of time on the paper this year and Frank, our managing editor, who kept us in line. You will be greatly missed, but you have taught us what we need to go on publishing a great paper!

So here's to next year after a great summer break. Look for some of the changes we will be making next year as well...a bi-weekly paper? We are always looking for your ideas so feel free to e-mail the observer over the summer as well! Be safe, have fun, and rock on.

Letter from the Editor

**Frank Rubino**  
*Managing Editor*

I will be graduating in May after being the Managing Editor of the Observer for the last three years. A lot has been accomplished in the last few years. There are new sections for clubs and organizations, business and creative. Advertising is up significantly year over year, we have a greater distribution range, and a much larger staff. New features such as comic strips and puzzles have been added to the wide-range of content. We have moved from being a 12 or 16 page paper, to being a 16 or 20 plus page paper. We are also completely free of spelling errors!

I also have to honestly say that in the last four years that I have been with the Observer, our current staff of editors, writers, and advisor, are some of the brightest, most dedicated, hard-working, ambitious, and entrepreneurial, individuals that I have seen with the Observer. With them at the helm, I'm certain the Observer will continue to elevate to new levels of success in the coming years. Best of luck, and always go the extra mile.

Do you have a comment or response to an article in the paper?

We wouldn't be suprised!

Write a letter to the editor.

Email us at observer@snhu.edu

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## Public Safety Logs

Compiled by:

*Nick Tasso*

Thursday 4-10-08 11:46 PM

At the above date and time, Public Safety was called to assist the RD with a large party. When they arrived, about 27 students had left through the back door and five students were hanging around the front door. One student who was identified was stumbling around the room looking for her belongings and when asked how much she had to drink, she stated she had 2 glasses of wine.

Thursday 4-10-08 3:35 PM

At the above date and time, a student called to report another student who had violated a no contact order. The alleged violator was outside playing ball with 3 other students. The student said that the no contact meant that the alleged violator couldn't be in front of her building. She was told that usually no contact orders are for inside buildings. When asked if the alleged violator had contacted her or was harassing her, she stated no.

Tuesday 4-8-08 3:15 PM

At the above date and time, a student came into the Public Safety office to report that someone had poured milk or melted ice cream on the windshield of his car.

Tuesday 4-8-08 12:10 AM

At the above date and time, the RA on duty went to a room following a noise complaint. The RA knocked and the door was promptly opened. The RA saw a beer can on top of the television, which a kid in the room began to drink and was told not to. The RA asked for their ID's and called Public Safety. A female student came into the room from the bathroom. The RA told everyone to put all the beer in the center of the room and if there was any other contraband that they had. A boy removed a trashcan of empties from the closet draws. When PS arrived, they talked to the unregistered guests to see if they were sober to drive. Through this whole incident, there was one student who repeated the use of profanity and was very rude.

Saturday 4-5-08 1:05 AM

A student entered his dorm with a backpack. When he was asked by the RA's on duty to look inside his backpack he tried to get away, but was unsuccessful. When asked if they could look into his bag, the student complied and four beer cans were discovered inside the backpack.

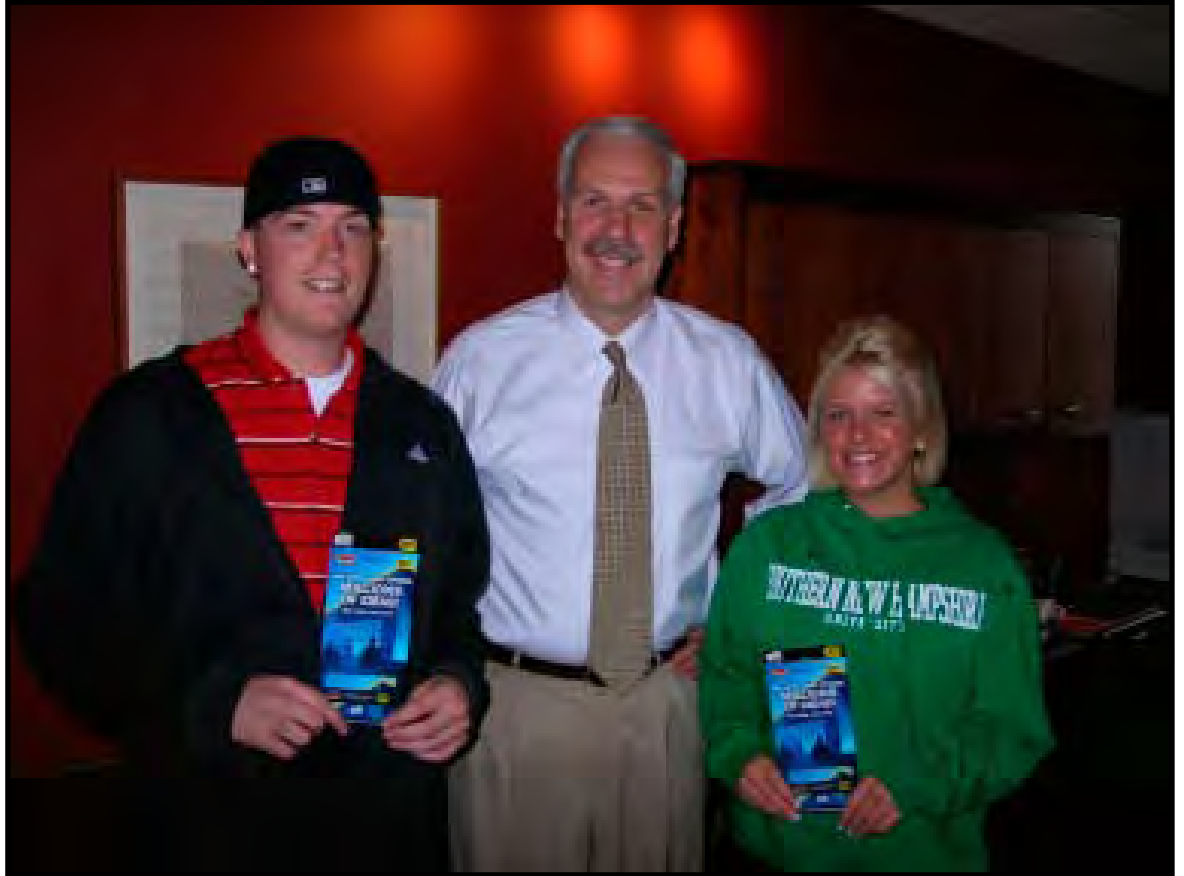
Saturday 4-5-08 12:30 AM

At the above date and time, Public Safety was called to assist the RD. A female student had walked from the restroom naked from the waist down and urinated in the hallway and also in a neighbor's bed and dorm room floor.

Friday 4-4-08 11:50 PM

At the above date and time, the roommates of a student called Public Safety for assistance. They stated that their roommate was very intoxicated and broke beer bottles and other glass inside the apartment. They also stated that the very intoxicated student had threatened to kill them.

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).



*President Paul LeBlanc, Christopher Stephenson and Kristie Blomster  
Photo provided by Computing Resources*

## Congratulations! This Could Have Been You!

Congratulations to the Winners of the 2008 Computing Resources Student Satisfaction Survey. Students Christopher Stephenson and Kristie Blomster's names were picked at random from 668 names. They each won a \$200 gift card to Best Buy and were presented their prize by President Paul LeBlanc on Friday April 4th. The Survey is conducted each year around this time, so watch out next year for your chance to fill out the survey.

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your thanks for a job well done!

Now, how can you get involved? The Telefund will be looking to add to its motivated and dedicated team next fall, so keep us in mind while you're job hunting. Seniors can get involved with the Senior Class Gift initiative, and I encourage everyone to keep an eye out for other exciting fundraising activities and events starting next year. With the help of SNHU alumni, friends, parents, and students like you, we can make a difference, and leave a lasting imprint on the future of SNHU.

## Pi Is Not Just A Number

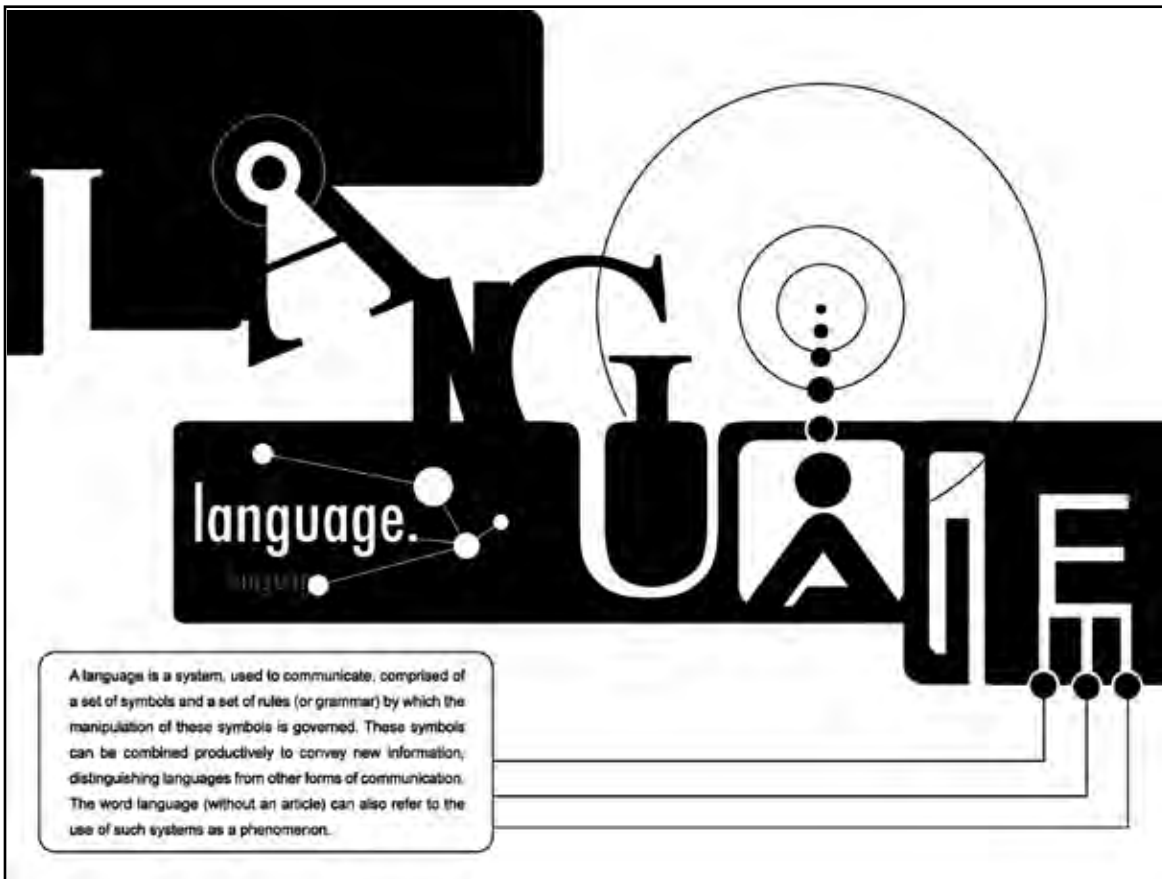
David Cox  
Contributing Writer

Every year on March 14th there is a spike in pie consumption throughout the world as International Pi Day is celebrated. People pay homage to the most famous constant in mathematics (the number pi starts with 3.14) with contests, parties, t-shirts, and general revelry.

SHNU joined the festivities this year with its first annual memorizing pi contest, sponsored by the Mathematics Department. So why would someone want to memorize a bunch of numbers? After all, haven't we always been taught to understand topics, and not just memorize them? The Mathematics Department came up with 150 reasons: first place was \$100 and second place was \$50. The two winners also received the pie of their choice.

Competition was fierce, with entrants memorizing as many digits as possible right up until their own recitation started. Noelle Bourgeois set the bar high about midway through the contest by knowing 252 decimal places. No one who entered after her could overtake that high score, but Nick Daher came the closest, and earned himself second place by knowing 202 decimal places.

Each winner was given their choice of pie, and a member of the Mathematics Department made each pie. Noelle's choice was apple while Nick picked pumpkin. Both reported that their pies were delicious. Congratulations to all who entered, and the Mathematics Department hopes to see you next year for the second annual memorizing pi contest.



One of the Featured Pieces by Justin Martin in the Gallery  
Graphic provided by Justin Martin

## Art Meets Technology

Ashley Burke  
Staff Writer

Beginning on April 18 through May 22, 2008 the McNinch Art Gallery will be hosting "Typography 2," a curated exhibit of visual works by SNHU students and faculty in the Graphic Design Program. An opening reception will be held on April 25 from 7 to 8 p.m.

"The intent of the exhibit is to let the public see what's going on in the graphic design and digital media programs and see the results of the academic work of the students," said Graphic Design coordinator and Professor, Harry Umen. "With 60 graphic design majors, 16 digital media majors, and about 30 minors in graphic design, we've had nearly 100 students working on graphic design projects throughout the year."

Works in the exhibit will include samples of magazine layouts, logos, photography, illustrations, posters, brochures, websites, and typography.

"Typography is a component of design that's arranged in the composition to complement everything in the piece, including color and imagery," explained Umen.

Short animations and videos will also be shown from students in the After Effects Animation (COM-345) class on a 30" Apple cinema screen with sensor sound.

Among the 80 diverse pieces of art shown in the gallery is that of seniors Justin Martin, Alison Sica, and Courtney Tosches.

The best thing with graphic design is that it opens up so many doors to different types of art including animation, print, and web design, and that each of them have endless possibilities," said Tosches.

"This year, the graphic design program has had the most talented group of students," said Tosches. "I'm really impressed with what some of my peers have done."

Umen is also excited about the variety of pieces and the talent of his students.

"Graphic design and digital media artists are visual communicators. They use their creativity to make compelling messages that are used to brand products and ideas," said Umen.

Some of the most unique pieces are typography works done by senior Justin Martin. Martin's typography pieces were printed on large sheets of brushed aluminum- a unique form of display and print expression.

Students and faculty interested in seeing the compelling messages and creative works of art made by this year's graphic design and digital media students can stop by the McNinch Art Gallery. The exhibition lasts from April 18-May 22, and the opening reception will be held on April 25 from 7-8pm. Gallery hours are Monday-Saturday from 10am-3pm and Thursday evenings from 5-8pm. For more information visit [www.snhu.edu/art](http://www.snhu.edu/art).



Noelle Bourgeois and David Cox  
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## SNHU Admissions Promotes Enrollment

**Libby Parent**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

The field house on the campus of Southern New Hampshire University was filled with hundreds of prospective students on Saturday, April 12 for the annual Spring Open House.

The Admissions Office at SNHU organizes two open houses every year, one in the fall and one in the spring. This gives students an opportunity to learn about academic programs and campus life.

The day began with campus tours provided by the student tour guides working in the Admissions Office. The groups contained about 30 people, containing 10 students and their families. Students were able to see important places on campus, including academic buildings, residence halls, and administrative offices.

Following the campus tours, the students and their families were welcomed to SNHU. Dr. Pat Spirou was then introduced to discuss the SNHU 101 course stressing the importance of critical thinking. A current SNHU student's e-portfolio was also displayed and explained, as that has become a cornerstone for this introductory course.

Brad Poznanski, the Vice President of Enrollment Management then made several announcements regarding the rest of the day, after which students were dispersed to various academic presentations.

Presentations included the Culinary Arts, Business, Liberal Arts, and Education, which were broken down into specific majors, in which professors discussed the curriculum and program in depth.

Once students were escorted back to the field house, repre-

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## Donors Recognize SNHU Students

**Libby Parent**  
*Editor-in-Chief*

On April 9, twenty-three SNHU scholarship recipients gathered in the Hospitality Ballroom to be honored for their achievements, as well as to meet the donors who support education for students at SNHU.

The event incorporated presentations and a dinner served by the SNHU Dining Services. All students and family were seated with the generous donors who had awarded them a scholarship.

This was an opportunity for students to meet their donors, tell them about their experience at SNHU, and the importance the scholarships play in their higher education.

The dinner began with an opening by Southern New Hampshire University's President, Paul LeBlanc. President LeBlanc welcomed students, family, and donors as well as congratulating the students on their achievements and success.

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## SNHU To Recognize Students at Banquet

**Ashley Manley**  
*News Editor*

SNHU will recognize SNHU students who have gone above and beyond with their contributions to SNHU and the entire campus community. Awards will be given at the Leadership Awards Banquet on April 29, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

There will be numerous awards presented at this Leadership Awards Ceremony, including the: Scott W. Caswell Outstanding Student Organization Award, Academic Achievement Awards, Advisor of the Year, David A. Holman Emerging Leadership Award, Campus Leadership Award, Excellence in Programming Award, Community Relations Award, Humanitarian Award, Creative Marketing Award, and a Recruitment Award.

In order to be nominated for an award, a member of the Executive Board of the club/organization or the Advisor must complete a nomination that includes various questions. The club or organization must have a current Club Registration form on file in order to be considered or have a member of their club/organization considered for an award.

All club and organization members as well as advisors are invited to attend the event and are asked to dress semi-formally. The SNHU Field House located in the Athletic Complex is where the night of acknowledgments will take place with entertainment by Get Down Tonight Entertainment and a buffet-style dinner. For questions or more information contact Steph Barry at Stephanie.Barry@snhu.edu.

## Invisible Children Visits SNHU

**Linda Mullaly**  
*Opinion and Clubs Editor*

On Tuesday, April 8th, the organization Invisible Children visited SNHU. Four volunteers dedicated to the organization were touring colleges and other schools throughout the New England area. The volunteers are originally from various places throughout the U.S. but all ended up in San Diego in order to work together for a good cause. San Diego is also the location of the organization's base office.

Invisible Children's mission statement is to "improve the quality of life for war-affected children by providing access to quality education, enhanced learning environments, and innovative economic opportunities for the community". In pursuit of this, they have many different ongoing programs.

Their "Schools for Schools Tour" is the program that recently visited SNHU. The organization spent 100 days visiting 1,000 high schools and colleges to show a documentary about Sunday, a boy who was fighting with everything he had in order to get himself a good education despite the war ending in Uganda and

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## UNDER THE BUS

By ANDREW J. MANUSE, Manchester Express, amanuse@manchexpress.com

Mayor throws transit under the bus!  
Hidden cost of Mayor Guinta's  
transit service cuts exceeds \$750K

Without the Manchester Transit Authority's bus service, Cecile LaPerre would have to stay home.

The elderly woman who walks with a cane takes the bus from her Amory Street home to downtown Manchester almost daily to visit people, she said.

"Without the bus I would have to stay home; nobody else comes to give us a ride," LaPerre said outside City Hall this week. "We need the bus. Every day."

"I hope the bus fare doesn't go up," she added.

If Mayor Frank Guinta's proposal to cut the transit authority's current budget by \$276,000 goes through, not only could standard bus fares go up from \$1 to \$1.50, but Saturday bus service and five of 13 bus routes could be severely cut or canceled, according to a plan put together by David Smith, executive director of the authority.

"Mayor Guinta has proposed a significant reduction of local support for transit," Smith said in a memo to transit authority commissioners. "It will require we consider all options for budget reduction, including line item expense reductions, increase in rate of fare, personnel layoffs and service cuts."

Because of increased fuel and health care expenses, the authority asked city hall for \$1.28 million to keep service levels the same next year, he said. The mayor's proposal of \$900,000 for the authority is \$378,000 less than requested.

What isn't apparent from those numbers, however, is the matching dollars that Manchester receives from the Federal Transit Administration because of the Surface Transportation Act of 1982. In cities like Manchester, with populations less than 200,000, there is a 50:50 federal-city match for most transit authority expenses, but a 80:20 federal-city match for vehicle maintenance and services required as part of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Because of the mayor's proposal, the authority will actually come up \$756,000 short of its \$4.36 million budget next year.

"I understand the concern that some have about this issue," Guinta said in a statement prepared by his spokesman, Mark Laliberte. "This was a difficult decision to make and I am hoping the transit authority will find efficiencies that do not adversely affect ridership."

The transit authority's final budget allocation from the city will be determined by the full Board of Mayor and Aldermen, which is weighing the mayor's \$276.2 million city budget proposal and all

the cuts that it requires against a property tax hike for residents. The school department, for instance, is facing a \$140 million allocation under the mayor's proposal, \$13.1 million less than requested.

"We'll hear from the people first," said Mike Lopez, chairman of the board, about the transit authority budget. "I don't have an opinion right now. I have to wait for the [authority] to come and present the true facts. I don't have those facts yet."

In a meeting on Tuesday, April 15, transit authority commissioners supported transit authority director Smith's plan to make the mayor's budget allocation work, but said they would lobby the public to build support against budget cuts.

"Public transportation in Manchester has never been valued, and it should be, it has to be," Commissioner Maureen Nagle said at the meeting. "We talk about Manchester becoming a world-class city. What about the public transportation?" Nagle asserted that the mayor's transit budget cuts would make the city's problems worse.

In Smith's plan, the transit chief saves about \$14,000 in expense reductions, such as a \$4,675 insurance cost to cover liability for garage keepers. What the cut means is the transit authority would no longer maintain and inspect 34 city vehicles.

Other expenses include a \$75 subscription to a weekly trade magazine published by the American Public Transit Association and \$750

for employee flu shots.

Secondly, the authority would raise its \$1 base fare to \$1.50, its reduced fare for elderly and disabled riders from 50 cents to 75 cents and its other fares as well. The changes could increase fare revenue by \$89,449, but reduce ridership by about 61,573 trips, Smith estimates. But the revenue increase is based on current service levels, Smith said.

The ridership reduction would be a trend reversal, according to a transit ridership report from Mike Whitten, operations planning manager for the authority. From July 1, 2006 to March 30, 2007, there were 313,510 trips on Manchester Transit Authority buses. The number increased 9.35 percent to 342,835 trips for the period between July 1, 2007 and March 30, 2008, the report shows.

Finally, the authority would need to eliminate 15,294 of its 52,830 service hours, about 29 percent of a service that Smith called "basic or below basic" for a city the size of Manchester.

Saturday service would account for 5,096 of the hours, he said. The rest could be achieved by eliminating the Bridge/Dartmouth, River Road/SNHU, Prospect Street/VA Hospital, DW Highway/Northside and Front Street/Hackett Hill routes, which have fewer passengers than the other eight, he said.

A closer study of the routes could give the authority's commissioners reason to cut some service times on all the routes rather than cut whole routes, he said.

"For instance, while only 7 percent of total ridership, the Route 3 Airport has two very heavy trips in the morning and two heavy trips in the afternoon consistent with shift schedules at businesses along Perimeter and Harvey Roads and the airport," Smith said in his memo. "The Route 11 Front Street/Hackett Hill [route] has few employment or shopping generators, but serves several dense neighborhoods of high density housing providing the passengers for those work trips." He said cuts could be made to bus trips on routes during times that fewer people ride.

Consistent with the service-hour cuts, Smith said about eight bus drivers would be laid off under the plan. The authority's commissioners decided to engage the bus-riding public by informing them on buses about the pending cuts.

"The working man, woman, student and handicapped person is going to suffer," said Peter Escalera, vice chairman of the commission. "None of the aldermen are going to do anything until they hear from the people."

D.J. Murphy of Manchester said he rides the bus to work every day and to shopping centers around the city. "One of the reasons I use the bus is because of the cost of fuel," Murphy said. "Any time I can stay out of a car, I ride the bus."

"This is the largest city in the three northern New England states and it should have a mass transit system for the public use," he added. "It has to have a mass transit system to show that it's a vibrant living city."

Jay Minkarah, the city's economic development director, said a mass transit system is imperative for people who are dependent on public transport, but also for the city to build its local economy.

"It's important for individual citizens who rely on transit and the employers that rely on the employees and the businesses that rely on patrons," Minkarah said. "It's important for people who do have cars as a backup, because cars break down."

## Donors \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 5

Don Brezinski, the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at SNHU, then announced the serving of dinner that would be followed by two student speakers.

Following dinner, Elizabeth Parent, the Lambert Family Scholar, spoke about her experience at SNHU. She discussed her involvement in various clubs and organizations on campus. She stressed the importance of the SNHU women's lacrosse team in her college experience, and their success.

Jessica Santamaria, the Henry W. Bloch scholar, spoke about her experience in the three-year honors program at SNHU. She also outlined her involvement on campus in clubs and organizations, as well as her experience studying abroad. Santamaria stressed the importance of this scholarship making her college education affordable.

Following the student speakers, the dinner concluded. For more information on scholarships available, visit the Financial Aid website at [www.snhu.edu/277.asp](http://www.snhu.edu/277.asp).

## Admissions \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 5

representative from all academic departments as well as student services met them. Students and families were able to ask many questions and discover different organizations to become involved in on campus.

The day ended with a lunch provided by the Dining Services at SNHU.

## Invisible Children \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 5

the country being in economic turmoil.

Other ongoing programs of Invisible Children include concerts by bands that support the organization. They constantly have many other large events going on throughout the United States to raise money to provide educations for the children in Uganda.

Invisible Children challenges a person to fight for something that has long been sought by many: peace. "If the greatest generation sacrificed for war, what will our generation be known for if we sacrifice for peace?" a question said by an anonymous

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## Interruption in Travel

Michael T. Tasto, Ph.D.

*Contributing Writer*

In recent weeks, there has been a substantial amount of turmoil in the airline industry. When a few whistleblowers came forward and announced that the FAA ignored safety violations for Southwest Airlines, the federal government flexed its strong arm and forced airlines to ground many of their airplanes.

American Airlines was one of the airlines hit the hardest, by canceling over 1,000 scheduled flights and affecting almost 300,000 traveling passengers. The FAA insisted that the wiring in the wheel wells of certain planes was "unsafe". A couple of years ago, the FAA required airlines to tie these wires together in 1" intervals. The airlines did complete the orders, but in some cases, they were tied at ¾" or 1 ¼" intervals, not the specified 1" intervals that the FAA specified.

Did this infraction warrant the severe repercussions that the airlines faced? Many industry specialists do not think so. Rather, this was an effort by the FAA to illustrate their commitment to safety after the Southwest Airlines embarrassment, indicating that the FAA could have carried out these inspections and fixed the wiring infractions in a timely matter – and not interrupt the travel plans of so many travelers. However,

it's unlikely that a convenient solution by the FAA would have made front-page news.

If the inspections by the FAA didn't interrupt your travel, perhaps many of the airlines that are filing for bankruptcy did. Within three weeks, Frontier Airlines, Skybus, ATA, and Aloha have filed for bankruptcy, stranding many passengers in the middle of their trip or having to buy new tickets on another airline (that hopefully won't go out-of-business). In fact, this story hits home to several SNHU culinary students who were stranded in Ohio with tickets to fly back to Portsmouth on an airline that went out-of-business overnight.

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## Bear Stearns Downfall from the Subprime Mortgage Crisis

Michael T. Tasto, Ph.D.

*Contributing Writer*

Bear Stearns shares slumped over Friday, March 14, to lose 47% of their value ending at \$30. Wall Street reeled as the stock plummeted 88% on the following Monday to \$3.72 per share on news that the liquidity of

the company was failing. The two days of drops are the largest the company has seen in two decades. The closing prices were a huge drop from the stock value a year ago of about \$150 per share.

The Fed intervened along with J.P. Morgan to assist the company before it went bankrupt. J.P. Morgan, a clearing agent for Bear Stearns, was

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# Visa's \$18 Billion Dollar IPO Gains 28% in First Day

Holly Bundy  
*Business & Copy Editor*

The Initial Public Offering (IPO) of Visa, listed under stock symbol "V" on the New York Stock Exchange, was a success as the stock closed the first day of trading with a gain of 28% over the opening price. The gain topped off a triumphant IPO for Visa one of the biggest brand in credit cards, which priced the night March 18th for a record-breaking \$18 billion.

Joseph W. Saunders, the CEO of Visa, said during the IPO, "This is an exciting and historic day for Visa. It marks the culmination of a more than two-year process that led to our global reorganization and our becoming a public company."

Visa's 406 million shares sold about \$2 above the anticipated price of \$39 - \$41 per share. The shares within the first day closed at \$56.50, which is a gain of 28% above the original public offering price of \$44 per share. During the intraday trading, the shares spiked as high as \$69.

Saunders reaction to the day was, "This milestone could not have been achieved without the support of our employees and our client financial institutions. They see the potential in Visa Inc. as a public company. We believe Visa's new structure positions us to meet the changing needs of our merchant and financial institution clients around the world as we seek to enhance and grow the products and services we provide to our customers," stated Saunders in a press release.

Visa's IPO is the largest since the AT&T IPO in 2000 and is the second largest IPO in the world according to the International Herald Tribune. The IPO could become larger since Visa can exercise an option that could make the total be about \$19.7 Billion by selling another 40.6 million shares within 30 days.

The \$3.17 Billion for US banks raised from the Visa IPO will help its under writers, like J.P. Morgan, Chase & Co, and Citigroup, will help to replenish find lost by many of the banks already suffering from the subprime mortgage crisis.

"That is a good infusion of capital," said the founder of IPOscoop.com John E. Fitzgibbon Jr. according to The New York Times. "And it's no secret that Wall Street is capital starved right now."

# Foreclosures in the U.S.

Dr. Gregory Randolph  
*Contributing Writer*

Amidst concern of a possible U.S. recession and financial troubles, U.S. home foreclosure rates have received a great deal of attention. While U.S. home foreclosures fell 4% from January to February of 2008, home foreclosures stood at 60% above the rates from the previous February.

A home foreclosure occurs when a borrower loses their rights to a mortgaged home because they cannot afford the payments on their mortgage. After notifying the borrower and allowing for some time to catch up on mortgage payments (these details vary by state), the lender may then sell the home at a public auction.

Speculation, historically low interest rates, and lax lending among other issues have fueled the recent housing bubble. While foreclosures have always been a part of the mortgage industry, two recent developments have driven the spike in current foreclosure rates.

First, many borrowers with variable rate mortgages are facing higher interest rates. These loans typically include a low initial interest rate for a period of time, followed by a rate that adjusts according to an index.

Second, real estate prices have been declining. In the past few years, borrowers have typically been able to unload any property in the hot real estate market. However, homeowners are now finding

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# Opinion: Portfolio Diversification

Adam Mead  
*Staff Writer*

Diversification is an investment strategy or idea among many in the investment and finance arena which insists that holding a little of everything in a portfolio is a less risky practice than concentrating your investments in a select few securities (sound familiar from FIN or ECO?). Many think this is the only course of action; I happen to disagree. While some diversification certainly is necessary and useful, diversification simply for diversifications sake is foolish.

The thought behind diversification is this; by spreading out a portfolio into many, non-related securities there will be some that move up while others go down, but on average the winners will more than compensate for the losers. In effect the portfolio will balance out and the investor will be rewarded with an average return. In the mind of someone behind this type of portfolio risk is diminished because of the sheer number of holdings.

There is another, and I believe better strategy which was pioneered by the late Phillip Fisher. Fisher who

Industry	Company	Symbol	Price	Percent Change: Last Six Months	
Retail	Best Buy	BBY	\$ 42.79	-15.10%	
	J Crew	JCG	\$ 43.02	-1.77%	
	Lowes	LOW	\$ 24.48	-15.03%	
	Target	TGT	\$ 53.63	-18.68%	
	Wal Mart	WMT	\$ 57.07	18.61%	
Financials	Capital One	COF	\$ 46.25	-48.15%	Crude Oil: \$114.93 per barrel
	E Trade Financial	ETFC	\$ 3.33	-292.19%	Gold: \$945.50 oz.
	Lehman Brothers	LEH	\$ 41.72	-49.40%	Natural Gas: \$10.45 per 1,000 cubic feet
	MasterCard	MA	\$ 230.47	31.48%	
	Morgan Stanley	MS	\$ 45.42	-45.53%	
Internet	Amazon	AMZN	\$ 74.59	-21.37%	National Average for a Gallon of Unleaded Gas: \$3.42 Year Ago \$2.87
	Ebay Inc.	EBAY	\$ 32.12	-21.42%	
	Google	GOOG	\$ 455.63	-36.10%	
	Rediff	REDF	\$ 9.24	-91.02%	
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Oil and Gas	Conoco Phillips	COP	\$ 82.81	-4.29%	Dow Jones Industrials: 12,619.27 Year Ago 12,720.46
	Diamond Offshore Drilling	DO	\$ 134.48	12.09%	NASDAQ Composite: 2,350.11 Year Ago 2,518.33
	ExxonMobil	XOM	\$ 92.89	-2.08%	S&P 500: 1,364.71 Year Ago 1,468.33
	Halliburton	HAL	\$ 45.00	7.82%	
	Sunoco Inc.	SUN	\$ 54.94	-42.70%	
Healthcare	Aetna Inc.	AET	\$ 41.22	-28.80%	
	Boston Scientific	BSX	\$ 12.58	-19.48%	
	Eli Lilly	LLY	\$ 52.55	-10.26%	
	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	\$ 65.70	0.08%	
	Pfizer	PFE	\$ 21.10	-18.48%	

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authored "Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits" in 1958, believed in buying good companies, but more importantly ones he understood well. He limited his portfolio to a few well run companies; often three to four companies represented 75 percent of his portfolio. Some would

argue that this is like putting too many eggs in one basket. Fisher countered that argument by noting that buying a company without a thorough understanding of the business simply to diversify a portfolio may be more risky than having limited diversification.

Warren Buffett in his 1993 letter to shareholders echoed Fisher's beliefs wonderfully, "The strategy we've adopted precludes our fol-

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## Stock Diversification \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 9

lowing standard diversification dogma. Many pundits would therefore say the strategy must be riskier than that employed by more conventional investors. We disagree. We believe that a policy of portfolio concentration may well decrease risk if it raises, as it should, both the intensity with which an investor thinks about a business and the comfort-level he must feel with its economic characteristics before buying into it." Buffett once invested 40 percent of his partnership's portfolio in American Express stock and saw his investment triple two years later.

I have no doubt that my beliefs on portfolio diversification will be regarded as controversial and against the grain. I have solace in the fact that Buffett and Fisher have used a strategy of portfolio concentration to outperform their peers in the investment community for many decades. Their guiding principles have been largely forgotten and only their monstrous achievements remembered. And principles Buffett points out "do not change, that's why they call them principles". Happy compounding!

## Foreclosures \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 9

that they owe more than their house is worth, if in fact they are able to sell at all.

While the national statistics certainly warrant concern, many of the high foreclosure rates are concentrated in specific areas. Nevada, California, and Florida lead U.S. states in foreclosure rates. Additionally, foreclosures are often clustered in specific metropolitan areas within states.

Currently, the federal government is debating the possibility of some type of mortgage bailout for struggling homeowners. Critics of any mortgage bailout plan argue that assistance would lead to moral hazard and that market-based solutions will be necessary to end the situation.

## Travel \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 8

As inconvenient as travel may have been with American Airlines over the weekend, the airline announced on its website that it will be reimbursing travelers for expenses related to their overnight stays. Unfortunately, this is not the case for the SNHU students, when an airline goes out-of-business, they won't have to pay back creditors or travelers until their assets have been liquidated through a bankruptcy court. And it's likely that prepaid flights will be at the bottom of a long list of debts.

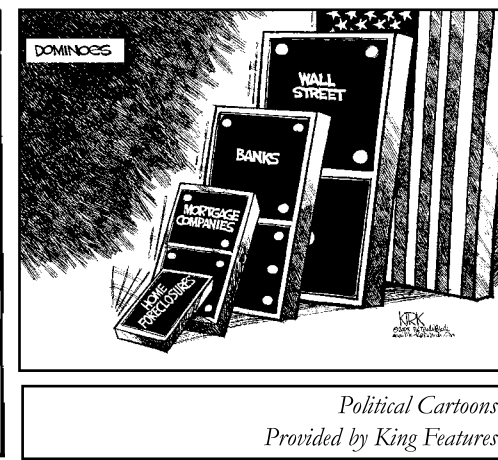
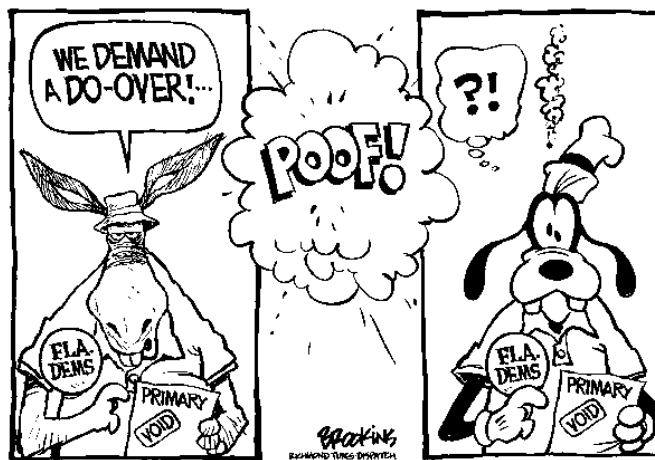
## Bear Stearns \_\_\_\_\_ Cont. From Pg. 8

aware of the type of assets held by the company to back its loans. Knowing what was backing the loans made it easier for J.P. Morgan to react and help Bear Stearns get emergency funding from the Fed.

Three days after the drop in stock price, J.P. Morgan made a takeover bid at \$2 per share for the ailing Bear Stearns investment firm. The stock price slumped to about \$3 as many investors complained the offer

was too low, because the company was worth more. According to Dallas News JP Morgan increased its offer to \$10 a share, following criticism that its initial bid was too low.

"Our liquidity position in the last 24 hours had significantly deteriorated," said Alan Schwartz, chief executive at Bear according to Market Watch. "We took this important step to restore confidence in us in the marketplace, strengthen our



# Delta and Northwest Airlines Agree to Merge

**Frank Rubino**  
*Managing Editor*

On Monday April 14, the world's third largest airline, Atlanta Georgia based Delta Airlines, announced it will acquire the world's fifth largest airline, Northwest Airlines, for \$3.1 billion.

The merger will create the world's largest airline, surpassing the current largest airline in the world, American Airlines. The new airline will operate under the Delta name and be based out of Atlanta Georgia. Once the merger is complete, the new Delta Airlines will have over 75,000 employees, 800 airplanes, and expected annual revenue of \$35 billion. The company will be headed by the current Delta CEO Richard Anderson,

and current Delta president and CFO Edward Bastian. Anderson was formally the CEO of Northwest.

Not all parties were initially satisfied with the merger. According to Reuters, the current pilots of Northwest Airlines opposed the deal which will give current Delta pilots a 3.5 percent equity stake in the new airline. Also, according to Forbes.com, even though the merger has been agreed upon by both parties, the merger still needs to be reviewed and approved by anti-trust regulators from the US Department of Justice.

Many believe that this deal could pave the way for other mergers among airline carriers. According to CNNMoney.com senior writer Chris Isidore, there have been rumors that Continental Airlines, the fourth largest

airline, and US airways, the seventh largest airline, are hoping for a merger of their own.

The airline industry as a whole has become known in recent years for its huge financial losses, and several bankruptcy filings. In the years between 2001 and 2005, the airline industry collectively lost over \$20 billion. Major US airlines, US Airways, United Airlines, Delta Airlines and Northwest Airlines, all filed for bankruptcy protection during those years. The poor financials are mostly due to the slow air traffic that occurred in the months following September 11 2001, and the soaring price of jet fuel in most recent years.

On Friday April 18, Delta Airlines stock closed 2.34 percent higher at \$8.75. Northwest Airlines stock closed 2.11 percent higher at \$9.69

liquidity and allow us to continue normal operations."

BBC news stated that Bear Stearns had been at the centre of the US bad mortgage debt crisis and that there had been growing speculation that it was struggling to fund its daily business.

According to Dallas News, it was stated by Mr. Bernanke and Treasury Department Undersecretary Robert Steel that the consequences to the U.S. economy and financial system would have been far more serious had the government allowed the investment house to fail.

Dallas News reported that Mr. Bernanke told the Senate Banking Committee, "Given

the exceptional pressures on the global economy and financial system, the damage caused by a default by Bear Stearns could have been severe and extremely difficult to contain."

Bear built a business focused on originating mortgages and repackaging them into mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations, reaping profits from the full spectrum of the real-estate financing process according to Market Watch.

"Bear did not get out of the way fast enough," as the subprime crisis became worse was stated Dick Bove, an analyst at Punk Ziegel & Co according to Market Watch.



*Bear Stearns Building, State Street  
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# "Smart People" Tests Well

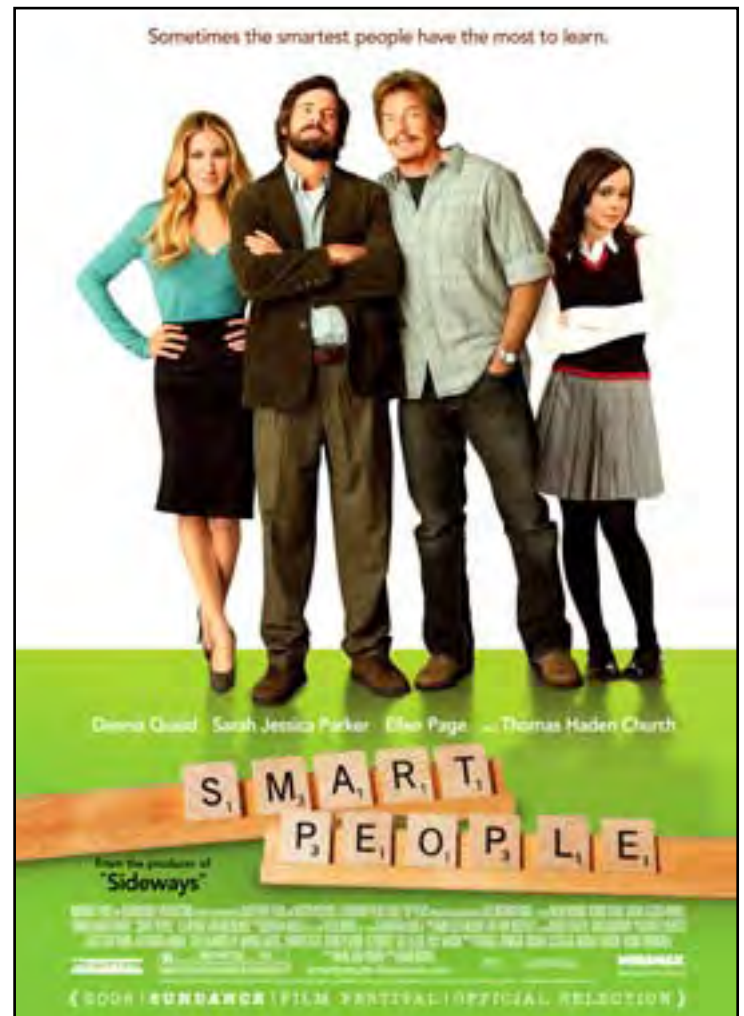
**Daniel Smith**  
Managing Editor

Grade: A

This month I chose to review the movie *Smart People*. I had no idea what the movie was about before I entered the movie theatre and what I saw surprised me. The cast was well composed with some all stars like Dennis Quaid and Sarah Jessica Parker. The movie also starred Ellen Page who made her first big debut in the movie *Juno* a few months ago.

Dennis Quaid assumed the character of Lawrence Wetherhold who is a professor of literature and a widower. He is extremely withdrawn from the world and everyone around him to the point where his daughter (Ellen Page) tries to emulate her father and ends up just as unhappy as he is. In the movie Lawrence ends up meeting a former student of his and falling in love with her. The movie shows Lawrence in his incredibly awkward relationships with everyone in his life and ends up with him turning his life around and learning how to be happy again.

I found the movie to be a refreshing romance comedy that will surprise you. I never thought any of the actors could assume the roles they took in this movie. The witty commentary by Ellen Page was enough to make me want to see the movie again. I would defiantly suggest you see this movie in theatres and buy it when it comes out on DVD. DVD ALERT: *Juno* was released on DVD last week- Get it while its still in-stock.



"Smart People"  
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SNHU Drama Club  
Photo provided by the Drama Club

## Arsenic and Old Lace at SNHU

**Dillon St. Jean**  
Creative Writer

The Southern New Hampshire University Drama Club recently put on their performance of the play *Arsenic and Old Lace*, running April 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th. The Drama Club is full of talented

members of the SNHU community, and it is made clear in their performance of this wonderful comedy.

Christian Carman plays Mortimer Brewster, a well-known theatre critic who learns that his two dear aunts, played by Erin Gallagher and Alyssa Amon, have been poisoning the gentlemen who have been

coming to their home to rent a room. Matters are made worse when Jonathan Brewster, played by Scott Zabloudil, and Dr. Einstein, played by Gloria Mukendi, barge into the house and attempt to use it for their own devious plans. Bill Sinclair plays Teddy Brewster, Mortimer's brother, who believes himself to be Teddy Roosevelt, and Dianna

Schwamb plays Mortimer's fiancée, Elaine Harper.

Christian plays Mortimer with a great deal of finesse and skill throughout the play. Bill's portrayal of Teddy had the audience laughing every time. Overall, the entirety of the play had everyone cracking up at the numerous independent jokes that were added.

Officer O'Hara, as played by Kiley Murphy, gives an amazing and animated performance as she goes through the scenes. The add-libbing and tones of character brought in specifically by the cast members, from Cheryl Maddocks' donut-weaponry, to Phil Laks' outstanding portrayal of Mr. Witherspoon, all worked out amazingly.

The use of accents, especially including the work of Jamie Frechette as Lieutenant Rooney, went perfectly with the show. Steven Rogers plays the role of Dr. Harper smoothly and with a great inflection. Bridget Clark plays Officer Klein gracefully and in an enthusiastic style. Tawny Bowen, who played Mr. Gibbs, does a great job with her strong role, and manages to keep a straight face doing it.

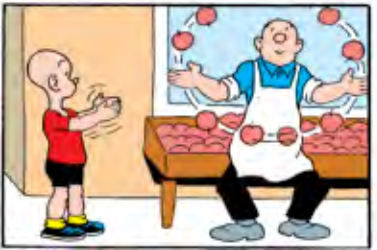
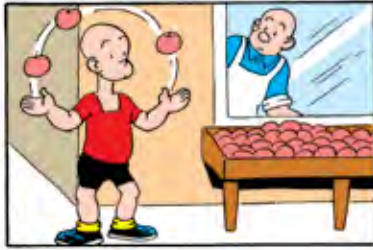
It is clear from their performance that everyone has put a great amount of hard work into rehearsing for their roles. While there are a few spots that show the play being a little rough around the edges, the cast worked hard to support each other and to keep it going at its strongest. Every member shows that they have a talent and confidence that reflects off of each other in an extraordinarily funny way. Despite any minor faults, the cleverness and hilarity shown by each individual lets you see just how great the show is. Director Victoria Day has put together an amazing show that should definitely be seen.

SNHU Drama is a great student run organization that is always open to new members and new help. If you want to be involved with the theatre and the arts, then SNHU Drama is a great place to start. As made evident with *Arsenic and Old Lace*, the Drama Club can be a whole lot of fun for everyone.



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## 15th Annual Earth Fest Concert

**Caitlin Murphy**  
Entertainment Editor

Who doesn't love a free concert? On Saturday May 24th, WBOS 92.9 will be holding its 15th annual Earth Fest concert.

The concert will be held at the Hatch Shell in Boston along the Charles River from 12:00P.M. to 6:30P.M. The event showcases environmentally friendly products, groups, and activities. Some past artists have included

Guster, The Fray, and Sheryl Crow. The line up for this year has not yet been announced, however, for more information on this event visit [www.earth-fest.com](http://www.earth-fest.com).

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Summer Help Wanted in Student Affairs Office

The Office of Student Affairs is looking for a couple student workers for administrative work during the summer. These positions will begin May 19 and run through September 6, 2008. Duties include but are not limited to reception work, typing, filing, photocopying, and other various office tasks as assigned. Good organizational, computer, and telephone skills along with a neat appearance are required. Dependability and accuracy are a must.

Please contact Jackie Dunn at ext. 9608 or stop by the Office of Student Affairs in Exeter Hall, office just before Postal Services, for an application and/or for more information.

Thank you.

## SNHUstock Returns

**Caitlin Murphy**  
Entertainment Editor

Spring is here and SNHUstock has returned! Save the date, Saturday April 26th, and head to East Side for free food, music, and fun, rain or shine. There is a great line up of bands this year, including Delta 9 and the Flo, Jon Hope, and

Barefoot Truth. SNHU's own Brian Boshar will also be playing in between sets; "I think it's gonna be a good time, I hope a lot of people show up, it should be fun". The day will not only feature some great tunes, but also henna tattoos, a mechanical bull, and bouncy boxing. This is an eco friendly event with products such as biodegradable trash

bags, compostable utensils and plates, and corn cups. Delta 9 and the Flo will kick things off at 12:30 P.M. and Barefoot Truth will wrap up the show around 5:30 P.M. So if you are looking for a good time, head over to SNHUstock Saturday afternoon, the more the merrier.



SNHUstock  
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## Third Eye Blind hits the SNHU Campus

**Caitlin Murphy**  
Entertainment Editor

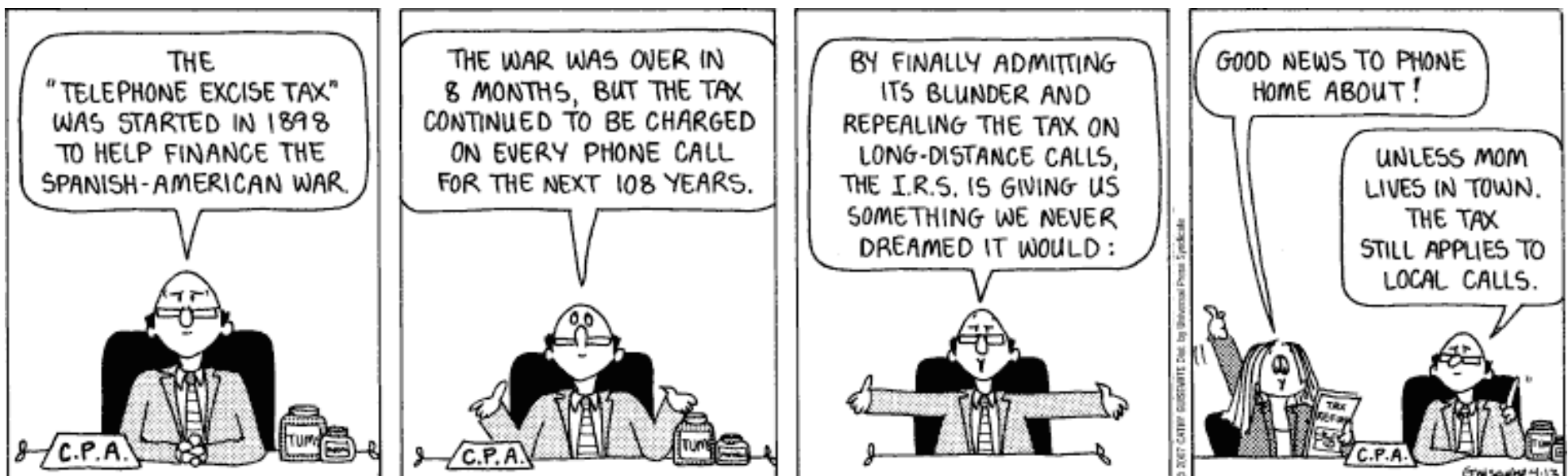
Southern New Hampshire University, in conjunction with CAPE, brought to you one of the most well known bands this campus has ever seen. Third Eye Blind, along with State Radio and Absent Star, sold out the field house Sunday April 13th, bringing hundreds of fans together. Absent Star, who is currently touring with Third Eye Blind, was the first opener, followed by State Radio, who was additionally added by CAPE. State Radio, which includes ex-Dispatch member and New England native Chad Urmston, got the crowd more than ready for Third Eye Blind to take the stage.

Once welcomed to the stage, Third Eye Blind's Stephan Jenkins came out barefoot, top hat in hand. The quartet opened with "Graduate" and followed with "Crystal Baller." Over the course of an hour and a half, the band played all of their hits, including "Jumper," "Semi Charmed Kind Of Life," and "How's It Going To Be." Towards the end of the show, most of the crowd seemed to shuffle out and unfortunately missed out on the three-song encore that showcased fan favorite "Slow Motion."

Overall, the show went well. I only saw a few people hit the floor crowd surfing and a hand full receive attention because they were injured or too drunk. The sound quality could have been better; it was difficult to hear the voices of the lead singers over the sound of the drums and guitars. All of the bands and especially Third Eye

Blind had great interaction with the crowd. However, I do give Stephan Jenkins the cheese ball award for getting a little carried away with what his fans mean to him.

But cheesiness and sound quality aside, this show tops the list of SNHU performances. Hopefully in the future we will be able to bring in bands with as big of a reputation as this one.





# Speak My Mind

Dillon St. Jean  
Creative Editor

Maggie Brubaker, a mousy, quiet young high school girl, was forced to spend a day in which everyone could hear every thought that came to her. Every idea, every concept, every pondering, was set free by an uncontrollable force. It wasn't Maggie's doing. She woke up on a Monday morning due to her loud dreams of being trapped in a well. Her mouth didn't move at all; the words spilled out of the air from above her head. Panic set in immediately as she stormed down the stairs as fast as possible. She reached her mother and tried to explain. Her mother shook her head in confusion, and Maggie's mind immediately reacted.

"Oh, she is such an idiot." The words were made audible around her as she quickly and foolishly covered her mouth. Her mother was left with a dumbstruck look upon her face. Maggie was grounded for two weeks.

An hour later, Maggie went to school. Early in the morning her best friend heard her thoughts about her new glasses and she marched off. Try as she might to apologize, her voice could not be heard over the thoughts of how childish her best friend was. She moved over to her locker, near some of the more popular kids of the school. They tried their best to ignore her, but were forced to shoot her a gaze as her thoughts went on and on about how horrible they were and how much she wishes they would each be hit by a bus. The group's leader, Jane, spun around quickly and punched Maggie in the eye without hesitation.

Maggie continued on throughout the day and encountered her calculus teacher, who noticed her black eye. He asked her what had happened, but she refused to tell him the truth, knowing what the consequences were going to be. Unfortunately, he heard her think out loud about how Jane had done it, and he was already off to find her. Maggie knew that there was nothing good that could come from it. Off she went to her English class, and there still wasn't much she could do to keep her thoughts under control. At that point her primary thoughts were simply that she wished she could stop thinking out loud. The more she thought of that, the more her teacher would become aggravated with her.

# Inspirations For Life

Gabriel Mercier  
Contributing Writer

## Native Wisdom:

A Grandfather from the Cherokee Nation was talking with his grandson.

"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.

"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves."

"One wolf is evil and ugly: He is anger, envy, war, greed, self-pity, sorrow, regret, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, selfishness and arrogance."

"The other wolf is beautiful and good: He is friendly, joyful, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, justice,

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"Maggie, quiet down," she said, "I'm not going to tell you again."

The first thought to pop out of her head was how much of a pain she felt her teacher was. Maggie was sent down to the principle's office immediately. As she marched down the hallway, dozens of expletives spilled from the air, getting louder and louder as she stomped her feet loudly. Several teachers looked out of their doors and shot her dirty looks. Her face turned red as she got severely flustered and flew towards the seats outside of the office as quickly as possible.

Already sitting in one of the chairs was Jane, who clenched her teeth and squinted her eyes immediately at the sight of her. As the words "Oh God, oh no," popped out of her head, Maggie rushed past her and sat down next to a young man who was sitting on the opposite side. She tried to catch her breathe and for the first time that day tried purposely to think about what she would do. Before anything concrete came to mind, she looked over at the guy next to her, who was smiling at her kindly. He was a boy that Maggie had been interested for months, but was afraid to talk too. Before she could even try to stop it, she thought aloud about how great she felt the boy, Scott, was. Maggie quickly went as pale as a ghost as she sweated heavily. In her frozen gaze, Scott began

~ See **Mind**, Pg. 17

fairness, empathy, generosity, true, compassion, gratitude, and deep VISION."

"This same fight is going on inside you and inside every other human as well."

The grandson paused in deep reflection because of what his grandfather had just said. Then he finally cried out; "Oyee! Grandfather, which wolf will win?"

The elder Cherokee replied, "The wolf that you feed."

## Quotes:

"Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records."  
- William Arthur Ward

"Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishments."  
-Jim Rohn

"Whether you think you can or think you can't – you are right."  
- Henry Ford

"I have missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot... and missed. And I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why...I succeed."  
-Michael Jordan

"To accomplish great things, we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe."  
- Anatole France



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to talk to her, trying to calm her down. The longer the two sat there and the more they talked, the less Maggie noticed her thoughts coming out loud. Maggie was spoken to about her insulting the teacher, and Scott was spoken to about breaking a window in the third

floor bathroom (which he was pushed into, mind you). They both went on with their day of classes cheerfully despite each having a detention. After school, Jane was waiting for Maggie, but didn't do anything because Scott had asked to walk her home. They talked all the way, and Maggie didn't notice a single thought come from her head. The idea soon came to her to ask Scott if he wanted to make it a normal thing between them, which he did. She tends to speak up a bit more, now.

# Upcoming Events

Compiled by Daniel Smith

<b>Thursday April 24th</b> Comedian: Rob O'Reilly 8 pm in the PUB	<b>Sunday April 27th</b> Granite Bowl 7 am in Belknap Parking Lot
Graffiti Night 8 pm in thee PUB	Spring Week Movie Night 7:30 pm in the PUB
<b>Friday April 25th</b> Personalized License Plate Key Chains 11 am in the Student Center	<b>Tuesday April 29th</b> Ice Cream Social 11:30 am in the PUB
SHU Chorus Concert 6 pm in Walker Auditorium	<b>Wednesday April 30th</b> Bingo 7 pm in the PUB
Typographica II 7 pm in the Art Gallery	<b>Thursday May 1st</b> Comedian Jay Black 7:30 pm in the PUB
<b>Saturday April 26th</b> SNHU Stock 10 am - 11 pm in the East Side Quad	<b>Saturday May 3rd</b> Reading Day
	<b>Monday May 5th</b> Final Exams Start

## Hi's, Bye's & Phi Psi

Katie Perry  
Contributing Writer

Welcoming three new sisters into the sorority for spring 2008, Phi Omega Psi has only made its family larger. With the three new girls being quickly drawn into community service and projects of the sorority, they will soon learn everyone's dedication. April is all about the sisters this semester. The Troop Drive took place from April 1st- April 11th where boxes were placed around campus in order to collect non-perishables, games, books, and other items that can be sent over to the U.S. troops. To help promote the cause, sisters set up a table in the Student Center each day to increase the awareness of the Troop Drive. The Phi Psi sisters still want the people of SNHU to have some fun as well; with the Red Sox raffle, anyone could be the winner of three prizes: tickets to a Red Sox game or winning either of the two shirt-and-hat combos. For \$1 a raffle ticket or \$5 for 8, three lucky winners will help support the sorority, and of course, the 2007 World Series Champions! Swinging into action the second week of April, this two week raffle will hopefully catch the interest of SNHU. As the semester ends, April will also be the month that houses the Farewell Basket. From beach supplies to games to items helping one survive finals, the Farewell Basket will certainly make the winner leave the semester with a smile. The April showers have certainly helped the gals of Phi Psi blossom as a family and SNHU organization. Sending out a "thank you" to everyone who has supported the sorority's endeavors through participation in raffles, events, or simply motivating a member, the sisters are extremely grateful for having the members of SNHU become their extended family.



## Clubs & Organizations

### Major Organization, Major Changes Farewell to CAPE. President, Stephanie Barry

Amanda Mayberry  
*Staff Writer*

Senior, Stephanie Barry has been involved in CAPE for her entire four years here at SNHU. During her sophomore year she was secretary and has served as president for the past two years.

Steph is an extremely involved person. Along with her duties as CAPE President, including planning the Leadership Awards Banquet with Tyler Drummond for this April, she is also the secretary for Delta Mu Delta (Business Honor Society), a Student Ambassador for the President, and a photo staff member with the Enterprise Yearbook. On top of all her campus activities, she also manages an internship with CCA Global Partners as a meeting/training event coordinator intern.

Steph has emphasized the importance of knowing that you can ask for help as well as taking criticism as a positive. "There are plenty of people on campus who are not fond of CAPE and that is totally alright. I will not lie, that sometimes it hurts. However, you need to hear the negative, acknowledge it, and grow from it."

CAPE has been described as a second family. When asked to verify this, Steph answered with "I firmly believe that it is and I think that the eleven of us are more than fellow e-board members, but are friends. We spend not just Monday nights together, but office hours, as well as attend retreats and conferences together. We call each other to hang out or even just to tell funny stories too. After all that togetherness, you start to know each other on a deeper level. I have seen people's best and worst days, as they have seen mine. I know that if I ever need anything, whether it is CAPE related or not, I could rely on all of them to be there for me and I would not hesitate to do the same for them. Don't get me wrong, there are times when we disagree, but that's what a family does. We're all different, but, we love each other no matter what."

Regarding Steph's greatest attribute she has gained from CAPE, she noted confidence. "I've always had it, but CAPE has enforced it and has made it stronger. I know that anything is possible and I can do it. If the person I was four years ago could see myself today, she would not recognize herself and she would be unbelievably proud of the many accomplishments."

Besides the filling the role of president, CAPE will be experiencing other changes in the upcoming year. Advisors, Heather Lorenz and Casey Bandarra will be leaving as Casey is graduating and Heather has been promoted to a new position as Assistant Dean of Students. Tiffany Lyons

will be coming on board as the advisor along with new president, Danielle Kireczyk. However, Steph believes that everything will be just fine, "I think everything is going to run smoothly. I do not have any doubts. I am actually excited for them and wish I could see how everything goes."

"Danielle has a good head on her shoulders and has grown tremendously this year on the executive board. She knows what needs to get done and has wonderful ideas to let CAPE continue to grow as an organization. Finally, having Tiff Lyon with her new role with the University and with CAPE will be beneficial. Her experience and her outlook to the future with the organization will help give CAPE a new perspective."

Although CAPE is always on her mind, Steph enjoys shopping, traveling, and being with her friends. She is also an avid fan of Dancing with the Stars and One Tree Hill, which are "both weekly musts."

As Steph prepares to graduate in a few short weeks she stated, "I am not looking forward to the last CAPE meeting and saying goodbye to everyone. It is going to be hard and I already warned everyone that I'll probably cry. CAPE has been my home away from home for four years, so it'll be difficult to leave a place where I have had so many laughs and happy memories. I have been at CAPE meetings every Monday night for four years- I have no idea what I am going to do on Monday nights next year-I'll have to find a new interest! I'll miss everything and everyone tremendously."

As she moves on to her new journeys, she will have left footsteps in CAPE and her involvements. With a major in International Business and minor in Organizational Leadership Steph is currently looking for a job. She would like to do event planning for an international organization that would allow her to travel abroad. She would also like to attend graduate school in the future.

Steph will be greatly missed by CAPE along with all other graduating members including, Stacey Blair, Hallie Kay, John Shyer, Christine Spindler, and Katrina Tabares. Best of Luck!!

### SLA Presents: A Show and Tell of the Liberal Arts

Catherine Mahoney  
*Contributing Writer*

The School of Liberal Arts hosted "SLA Presents" on Monday, April 14, in Walker Auditorium. The program ran through short presentations by liberal arts students and faculty showcasing what the SLA has to offer. Among the many presentations were "Media in Motion: Political Chowder and Experimental Typography" by Harry Umen, Arnie Arnesen, and Wendi Dowst; "SNHU Goes to Town" by Frank Catano; "Corporate Communications" by Andrea Bard; "CSI at SNHU: Eye Witness Memory" by Peter Frost; and "Sex and Survival" by Sarah Strout.

The event was organized under the direction of SLA Dean Karen Erickson. "The idea for this event came about because very few people understand what liberal arts are," she said. "The best way to explain what liberal arts are is to show people exactly what we do, and how it's done. It [was] a 'show and tell' about the School of Liberal Arts to remind those already pursuing a liberal arts degree and those who may be interested, what really is involved in the different areas and courses offered."

"This presentation was a great idea," said junior Alexa Morrison. "I had no idea there were so many different fields covered in liberal arts."

"This event was really interesting. No other school on campus has put something like this together," said junior Baylee Myers. "If they do this in the future, I would just make the presentations a little shorter to give students and staff a little more time to interact after."

Following the presentations, the SLA held a barbecue in the Last Chapter Pub.

"The barbecue was an opportunity for students to socialize, schmooze, and network with professors and staff in an informal setting," said communication professor Andrea Bard, who also presented at the event. "It was a great chance for open dialogue between students, faculty, and staff."

## CAPE Upcoming Events

The Coordinators of Activities & Programming Events (CAPE) is a student run organization committed to enriching the campus life at Southern New Hampshire University. By working with other clubs, organizations, and departments, CAPE provides social, recreational, educational, and cultural programming on and off campus.

**Tuesday, April 22:**  
**Arcade Day in the Pub**

**Monday, April 28:**  
**Last CAPE Meeting of the Semester @ 6pm on Larkin Field**

**Tuesday, April 29:**  
**Leadership Banquet @ 6pm in the Field House**  
Semi-formal dinner, dance and awards ceremony.

**Thursday, May 1:**  
**Comedian: Jay Black @ 8:30p.m. in the Pub**

**Spring Week: April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**

- **Comedian: Rob O'Reilly**
- **Revised Outdoor Ice Rink**
- **Good 'Frip Movie Night**
- **GPS Battle**
- **License Plate Key chain**
- **State Themed Omelette**
- **Good 'Frip Movie Night in The Pub**

**Saturday, April 26:**  
**SNHUSock 2008**





# Disneyland: A Fantasy?

**Madeline Wu**  
*Staff Writer*

During the spring break, what can we do? Of course we need to go somewhere to celebrate our vacation or we can say welcome spring coming. I went to Los Angeles to meet my friends. Los Angeles is so hot that I really wanted to come back to New Hampshire. The mountains were so verdant and flourishes compared with New Hampshire, you can enjoy the sunshine in Los Angeles.

I was in Disneyland; it was not a dream or daydream. Mickey, Goofy, Pluto, Minnie, Donald Duck and Winnie the Pooh around me, I was so excited and cheerful, because I couldn't imagine most of the Disney characters around with me and said Hello to me. Oh My God!!! I love them so much and wanted to be their friend, I always thinking about that. Am I crazy? Yes, I am so crazy about Disney characters. When I was young, I believed the Disney Characters exist in our life, even though I knew they are not real person, they pretended that they are Disney characters. However, I still believe they are real and exist. I think Disney is a dream world for every child and girl. I have got plenty views to take picture here; I didn't want to miss any scenery.

Disney has two areas; every area is huge and big. If people want to go around two areas, people cannot see everything, because it is waste time. The firework is most popular and regular in Disneyland. Everyday nine o'clock, firework will perform with music and firework. It was not only romantic but also warm and fragrant. The Disney Firework charmed me again and again.

# Give me a Parking Spot!!

**Titan Yu**  
*Staff Writer*

There is something that you really don't care about and you may even forget about, but it is absolutely necessary in your life. A parking spot is a perfect example.

Last week, I drove to school for class and I had never thought it was my most exciting time in my whole life. When I arrived to school just like my normal time and I didn't find any parking lot available, I started to feel a little bit nervous. However, I kept telling myself to calm down. Unfortunately, the fact shows me that the thirst of knowledge of the student in SNHU is much stronger than I thought after the third round I drove on the campus. I looked at my watch and it showed me that I just have five more minutes to arrive class. I felt helpless at that moment and I realized there is an only person who can help me and it is God. In the fourth round of the campus, I glanced at a parking place in the next corner. I just felt that the paradise is coming and God is still in my side.

Before, I didn't think that a second will be quite important for me but it is, now because one guy just stole "my" parking spot by using only one second. At that condition, four-letter word just appeared in my brain and I did all I can do to keep this word in my mind. However, I forgot turn off my radio and when I heard "~ If I had no more time ~", from Alicia Keys, this lyric from the radio, I can't control myself and just "use" this verb. It seems like I just arrive the paradise and full to the hell immediately.

Finally, I didn't find any parking place on campus but outside. When I took a long distance to my classroom, I remind one thing that my friend told to me, he is still studying in SNHU, is "Finding a parking place in SNHU is hard, just like finding a girlfriend for me."

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# Can we just discuss...

**Libby Parent**  
*Editor in Chief*

The most frustrating experience, semester after semester. I HATE this time of year. It would be way too easy for me to get the classes I really wanted, wouldn't it?

Now I did the whole "preferred sections list" and I seem to think every semester it will get better. Like having this magical list will bring me satisfaction in a class schedule. Heck no.

Not to mention you have this specific time you have to register. So every semester it switches, so this time I had to go at 7:30am instead of 7am.

# The Manatee Launches

**Ian Nicholas**  
*Contributing Writer*

Throughout the fall and winter, I and a few other students (Vincent Casciato, Josh Dick, Tara Junkins, and Myriam Labbe) collected a ludicrous number of submissions of writing and photos for a student literary magazine called The Manatee. After seven months, we're finally ready to present our selections in book form. The inaugural issue of The Manatee, collecting the best short stories, poetry, essays, and photos of SNHU students, has gone to print.

Between its fetching covers (drawn by Melissa Ngai), you'll find demons,

I had my schedule perfect, just how I wanted it. But OL 421 was FULL. Every single section.

You've got to be kidding me? PenPal, you are messing up my entire class strategy for next year. And I am pressing "submit" repeatedly and you do nothing for me but say you are busy. NO, you are not allowed to be busy!

Needless to say, I didn't get into OL 421. The other two sections with openings were for three year students only. Brutal. Thankfully I have one more experience with class registration at SNHU and then I am done with it. DONE.

muggers, bullying schoolgirls, high and mighty graphic novel fans, a teetotaling cowboy looking to score, the ghost of a crack addict, a big-game hunter in an ambulance, and the beast called Tabooshba—just to name a few. You'll find Nate Boesch's "The Good Child," the winning story from the fiction contest run by Amoskeag: The Journal of Southern New Hampshire University. You'll find the phrase "earthy passion" at least once, and possibly more.

By the time you read this, the release party will have come and gone, but you can still visit our website at [www.the-manatee.net](http://www.the-manatee.net) to read the entire book for free or to order a copy for yourself. With the Penmen riding a manatee on the outside and awesome writing and art on the inside, it's a steal at \$7.07. We'll also be posting the latest news at our website. Issue two of The Manatee awaits us next

And I don't want to bash on scheduling, it could be much worse as other school's strategies create even more unhappiness for more students. But doesn't it always it feel like it's you? You are the only one with any problems? Ugh.

So, now that I don't have Mondays off and am forced to take my liberal arts courses I have been dreading, I am going into this semester with every intention of switching my schedule. And begging to get into a section of OL 421. Have a good summer, stay safe, rock on.



*The Manatee*  
Photo provided by Ian Nicholas

year, and we'll soon be soliciting another batch of submissions, so if you're a writer or photographer looking to see your work published, keep us in mind! Also, we're always looking for new students to join our team, so if you're interested, send an e-mail to [editors@the-manatee.net](mailto:editors@the-manatee.net).

The writers and photographers featured in The Manatee are Nate Boesch, Vincent Casciato, Ashley Fandrich, Mckendy Fils-Aime, Joanna Gelinas, Megan Grodotzke, J.D. James, Tara Junkins, Celena Knowlton, Myriam Labbe, Rudine Manning, Kimberly A. McLaughlin, Kelly Nash, Melissa Ngai, Shelly Petry, Bill Sinclair, Dillon St. Jean, Courtney Tosches, and Donald Walton.



*Robert Frost Parking Lot*  
Photo provided by Titan Yu



# SNHU Sports Shorts

**Michelle Barrows**

*Staff Writer*

Softball- The lady Penmen dropped both games of the doubleheader at Southern Connecticut State University on Sunday, April 13th. Mary Bradford took the loss in the first game, giving up six hits and striking out three batters. Both runs were scored in the top of the sixth, the first scored as a double by Melissa Pessotti sent Megan Renning across the plate. Next Ashley Guertin drove in Pessotti for the second and final Penmen run of the game. The final score was 5-2 with Southern Connecticut taking the victory.

In the second game, Michelle Maranto lead off the second with a home run. Nicole Arpin hit a sacrifice fly later that inning to score Valerie Martins. Andrea Clausi hit a three-run homerun, giving the Penmen a temporary lead. The Owls scored the winning run in the sixth, making the final score 6-5 Southern Connecticut. Penmen are now 4-8 in league play.

Baseball- Saint Anselm College won 6-4 over the Penmen on Sunday, April 13th. This loss came after two one-run Penmen victories on Saturday, April 12th. In Saturday's second game, Ryan Thompson drew a lead off walk in the ninth, advancing to third when Bill Murray was able to snag a one-out single. Skyler Byrd then singled,

scoring Thompson. Murray then scored the tying run when Chris O'Neil hit a sacrifice fly. In the eleventh inning, O'Neil again hit a sacrifice fly to score Murray, giving the Penmen a 7-6 victory. Overall, the Penmen are now 4-14 in conference play.

Men's Lacrosse- Merrimack College beat the Penmen 9-8, ending a five-game winning streak on Saturday, April 12th. Mike Ball was able to score four goals for the Penmen. Sean Ball, brother of Mike, scored two goals. Spencer Rennick had a goal and an assist and Marc Novaco also scored a goal for the Penmen. At halftime, the Penmen led 5-4, but a third quarter shut out led to Merrimack's 6-5 lead. The Warriors scored three more goals to make the score 9-6, then Mike Ball of the Penmen retaliated and scored two back-to-back goals. Final score was 9-8 with Merrimack taking the win. Penmen are now 4-2 in league play.

## Buckner Ends His Curse, While the Nation Strikes Back

**Zach Keating**

*Staff Writer*

April 8, 2008 is a day that forever put to bed one of the worst errors in Red Sox history; Bill Buckner threw out the first pitch at Fenway Park.

Buckner will always be remembered for his error in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series against the New York Mets, when he let a soft ground ball through his legs, allowing the Mets to score and eventually come back to win the series. Buckner's error was always viewed as another chapter in what was known as "The Curse of the Bambino". On a cold opening day in April, that error was forgiven.

Buckner walked from left field, crying and smiling the whole way. He continued to the mound and threw a perfect strike, as the capacity crowd shook the Green Monster with applause.

"I had to forgive," said Buckner as his tears started again during a post-pitch press conference according to Redsox.com. "Not the fans, they've always been great to me," he said after pulling himself together. "I had to forgive the media — for what they put me, and especially my family, through ... I didn't feel I deserved it."

During the same week that one curse may have been put to rest for good; a rare member of Red Sox nation may have started a new curse. Gino Castignoli, a 46-year-old Bronx resident and Red Sox fan buried a David Ortiz jersey under the visitor's dugout at the new Yankee Stadium last summer. The jersey has since been dug up and removed by the Yankees.

When Ortiz was asked about this excavation project, he couldn't help but be disappointed that he was not going to be a part of the new stadium. "I'd better talk to my witches in there," Ortiz said according to MLB.com. "You know what, I'm going to have to call my people in New York and take care of it when everybody is sleeping. You've got to give me a more specific location."

## Baseball is Back Again: Opening Week Recap

**Mike Capalbo**

*Staff Writer*

We've been treated with warm days, birds and plants are arriving; America's Pastime is back! There's nothing better in life than spring, and for many good reasons (including the prospect of summer), but for many the best part of this special time of year is the kickoff of the six-month marathon season we call baseball. Opening Day delivered the usual excitement, along with the expected (or unexpected) surprises.

The biggest surprise of opening week has to be the \$135 million Detroit Tigers getting off to a horrid 0-6 start (2-10 through Sunday 4/13). With one of the most prolific offenses in the history of the game, the Tigers were preseason favorites by many to win the AL pennant, but looked terrible out of the gate, mostly due to injuries (Granderson), ineffective starting pitching (find D. Willis below) and cold starts from their two biggest bats, Magglio Ordonez and Miguel

### Upcoming Home Sports Action

*Compiled by Stephanie Belida*

Thursday, April 17, 2008

Women's Tennis vs. Bentley College: 4:00 PM on the Tennis Courts

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Baseball vs. Franklin Pierce University: 12:00 PM at the Baseball Field  
(Double Header)

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

Softball vs. UMass Lowell: 3:00 PM at the Softball Field  
Baseball vs. Merrimack College: 3:30 PM at the Baseball Field

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

Men's Lacrosse vs. Bentley College: 7:00 PM on Larkin Field

Friday, April 25, 2008

Softball vs. The College of Saint Rose: 3:00 PM at the Softball Field

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Baseball vs. Stonehill College: 12:00 PM at the Baseball Field

Sunday, April 27, 2008

Softball vs. Stonehill College: 1:00 PM at the Softball Field

Friday, May 2, 2008

Baseball vs. Bentley College: 3:30 PM at the Baseball Field



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Cabrera (1 HR each). However, we have learned season after season that patience is crucial in baseball and there is a long season ahead. “Everyone needs to do a little soul-searching,” said ace Justin Verlander according to Sports Illustrated.

The Yankees and Red Sox both started the season 5-5 heading into the first Yankees-Red Sox series at Fenway. The Red Sox took the series 2-1, but it was typical Yankees-Red Sox action as the excitement lasted through every game. The Yankees have started the season a little sluggish as usual, losing multiple games to Kansas City and Tampa Bay. However, Joe Girardi and the Bombers have nothing to worry about as the powerful offense is starting to come alive and Chien-Ming Wang has been the ace he needs to be while the rest of the rotation develops. He pitched a 2 hit, complete game shutout versus the Red Sox at Fenway.

On another front, a Red Sox fan construction worker at the new Yankee Stadium snuck an Ortiz jersey into the concrete foundation of the visitor’s dugout to jinx the field. The Yankees denied it at first, but then learned of the location of the jersey and dug it up, at a large expense. The club is taking legal action against the worker.

Clay Buchholz has had a promising start for the Red Sox, but the offense started slow, and the main reason for that is the struggles of David Ortiz (see below). In their home opener, the Red Sox finally honored the infamous Bill Buckner in what was an emotional day for Buckner. Buckner was viciously harassed and ridiculed by the Boston media and fans after losing the 1986 World Series to the Mets, forcing him to move his family to Idaho.

The Toronto Blue Jays have started the season strong, sweeping the Red Sox and showcasing that starting rotation of theirs that has people giving them a shot at the division (R. Halladay, A.J. Burnett, S. Marcum, D. McGowan). The Orioles have also started hot, leading the division through Sunday, but unlike the Jays they will have a hard time sustaining that success. Elsewhere in baseball, a few teams have had hot starts, including Oakland, Kansas City, and Florida. The Diamondbacks are the hottest team in the National League thanks to solid starting pitching and a surprisingly potent offense. The theme so far this season is injuries, especially to closers (K-Rod, J.J. Putz). Pitchers have been hit the hardest, including Pedro Martinez, and a few superstars have just been banged up (Derek Jeter, Jose Reyes).

### Early Season Leaders – Who’s Hot

Mark Reynolds, 3B, ARI- Reynolds has surprised many by starting the season as the #1 hitter in baseball (5 HR, 15 RBI, 1 SB, .302 AVG), but with his poor plate discipline and strikeout rate, this streak hitter will have a hard time batting .270 (2007 AVG). 20-25 HR is realistic though.

Lance Berkman, 1B, HOU- Berkman is off to his usual campaign (4 HR, 9 RBI, 3 SB, .310 AVG) and barring injury should knock 35+ HR for the third straight season.

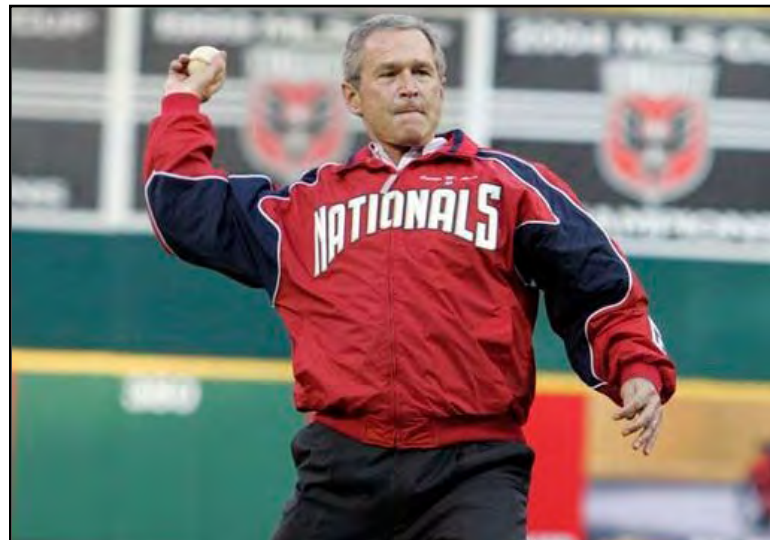
Hanley Ramirez, SS, FLA- His rare combination of speed and power has helped him hit 3 HR, with 8 RBI, 2 SB and a .409 AVG. The super talented Ramirez is already one of the greatest players in baseball and can only improve at age 25.

Chien-Ming Wang, SP, NYY- In 22 innings pitched, Wang has 3 wins, 11 K and a 1.23 ERA. In 3 starts he hasn’t allowed more than 2 ER, and approached a no hitter at Fenway, ending with a complete game, 2 hit shutout. He’s giving the Yankees exactly what they need.

Cole Hamels, SP, PHI- “Hollywood” Hamels has had a mighty impressive start (22 IP, 2 W, 15 K, 0.82 ERA). This highly prized prospect arrived in the Majors just two seasons ago, and is already considered one of the top 5 pitchers in baseball, and barring injuries should keep improving.



Pittsburg, PA  
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President Bush throws opening pitch at RFK Stadium  
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Brandon Webb & Jake Peavy, SP, ARI & SD- Choosing one of these guys is like deciding what color Ferrari to get. Along with Johan Santana, they are perennially two of the top three pitchers in baseball, and that won’t change anytime soon. They have started with a bang, being the first two pitchers to reach 3 wins. Webb: 21 IP, 3 W, 17 K, 2.14 ERA, Peavy: 22 IP, 3 W, 16 K, 1.64 ERA

### Early Season Lames – Time to Panic?

C.C. Sabathia, SP, CLE- 14 IP, 0 W, 13 K, 11.57 ERA. Although quite the rocky start, Sabathia is the reigning AL Cy Young winner for a reason and his April numbers will be a distant memory by season’s end. He deserves patience.

Jose Reyes, SS, NYM- Same goes for this guy. Reyes stole 78 bases last year and is among the top players in baseball, so ignore the current 0 HR, 6 RBI, 1 SB, .205 AVG numbers.

Roy Oswalt, SP, HOU- 16 IP, 0 W, 12 K, 9.00 ERA. He may be a little beyond his prime, so it’s fair to expect a decline in the years to come, specifically in strikeouts, but he still is among the top pitchers in baseball so his numbers will be stellar again soon.

Miguel Cabrera, 3B, DET- 1 HR, 2 RBI, 0 SB, .167 AVG. The headline player of the offseason is expected to do serious damage in Detroit, but him and his fellow All-Star teammates, especially Magglio Ordonez, have just not gotten it done. Don’t worry though, the AL will soon fear him.

David Ortiz, DH, BOS- 1 HR, 3 RBI, .070 AVG. Ortiz has gotten off to perhaps the worst start of anyone, with just 3 hits in 43 at bats. His surgically-repaired knee is clearly a hindrance to him and until he is able to get comfortable on it his struggles could continue. If he fails to be the threat he is known to be, it will certainly hurt the Red Sox chances in such a competitive year.

Pedro Martinez & Dontrelle Willis, SP, NYM & DET- After one start, both of these big name pitchers find themselves on the DL. No surprise for Martinez, even though Mets fan hoped for a Santana/Martinez domination. Willis has shown no reason to be faithful after a rocky patch in his career recently. If you are relying on either of them, it may be an unfortunate year.

### Prospects to Watch (and guys you’ll know by ’09)

Justin Upton, RF, ARI- The “Natural” has gotten off to an explosive start despite being just 20 years old. The former first overall pick has 5 HR, 11 RBI, and is batting .415.

Johnny Cueto, SP, CIN- This electric power-pitching phenomenon has gotten his shot in the Red’s rotation and has performed better than anyone could expect. He struck out 10 in his ML debut and followed it up with 8 K and 2 ER in 6.1 IP. If he stays healthy,

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## Success Down South

Cary Rivett  
Staff Writer

The Penmen opened its 2008 softball season with an impressive 2-0 victory over Northern State University on March 20.

SNHU's, Ashley Bernstein threw a complete game, three-hit shutout as she struck out five and conceded three walks. Ashley Guertin led the Penmen bats as she went 2-3 at the plate.

The game was deadlocked until the fifth inning when the Penmen got on the board. After Valerie Martins leadoff walk with two outs, Laurie Boland and Karissa Bettencourt had back-to-back singles, scoring Martins. Then the Penmen had an insurance run late in the seventh when Guertin smashed a double scoring Michelle Maranto. The Wolves made the game interesting in the bottom of the first with the bases loaded, and two-outs, but Bernstein struck out NSU's next batter, keeping the team scoreless.

SNHU wrapped up its Florida stint with an overall record of 3-4. The team split its last two games with Eckerd College. The Penmen opened Northeast 10 Conference play on Saturday, March 29 against Le Moyne.

## Around the World: Presented by the SNHU Dance Team

Gabriel Mercier  
Staff Writer

The Southern New Hampshire University Dance Team attracted over three hundred people to their show last week, and they did not disappoint. The show displayed tremendous talent and pure energy, with dances of all genres, from hip-hop to ballet. There were also special guest performances from Manchester Central High School, UTEC Step Team, SNHU Cheerleaders, and a special international dance. It was a total team effort to put on such a great show, but special praise has to be given to the Dance Team leaders: Ashley McEachern (President), Rachel Bond (Vice President), Katrina Tabares (Treasurer), and Toni Runci (Secretary).

The SNHU Dance Club is coming to the end of a year in which they experienced remarkable growth. The Club has over 40 members and expects that number to increase next year. However, the club is losing two vital members of

their team, and will have the challenge of filling that void next year. Katrina Tabares and Ashley McEachern are both seniors and have made amazing contributions to the growth of the club. Katrina and Ashley are both two-year members, and both have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help make the Dance Club what it is.

The Dance Club still has a strong core and will be looking to top this year's success. The club will be led by Rachel Bond (President), Toni Runci (Vice President), Samantha Cummings (Treasurer), and Darcy O'Rourke (Secretary). Besides the Around the World show, the team also performed throughout the year at basketball games and several different events.

## Beckham and MLS Off to a Great Start!

Gabriel Mercier  
Staff Writer

Beckham is the real deal and is the perfect role model for American soccer. He has led the LA Galaxy to a 1-1 record so far this year and already has a game winning goal and an assist. He was also named the MLS Player of the Week. Beckham is not going to impress fans by scoring a ton of goals or with flashy skills, instead he does the simple things great, and this is what makes him a perfect player for American kids to watch. He also works extremely hard, and has one of the best free kicks in the world. Beckham isn't the only one off to a great start, the New England Revolution sit atop the Eastern Conference (2-1-0), despite having injuries to their two best players (Taylor Twellman and Steve Ralston). Although the Revolution's good start is great news, the biggest news in New England are the two rising stars the Revs picked up in the off-season. Kenny Mansally and Sainey Nyassi, both are 19-year-old Gambian internationals who have played a pivotal roll in the Revs early success. Nyassi has totaled two goals and Mansally has a goal and an assist.

There is also big news happening off the field in the MLS. The new expansion team, Seattle announced their official team name. Their official name is the Seattle Sounders FC, and they will start playing in the league at the beginning of the 2009 season. Former Southern New Hampshire University Alum, John Guppy, was let go from his position of President and General Manager on April 11th. Guppy was a two time All-American and apart



MLS pro Player  
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of the 1989 Division II National Championship Men's Soccer Team. Even though he was let go, with his past experience in the league it is just a matter of time before he lands his next marquee job in the MLS.

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he could be unstoppable.

Billy Butler, DH/1B, KC- Butler has always been regarded as one of the premier prospects and many say he is a future batting champion. He has impressed since the day he got called up last year and is already batting .386 this season.

Carlos Gomez, CF, MIN- Coming over in

## Delani Speaks to Sport Management Majors

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Staff Writer

On April 8th, 2007, Peter Delani, author of his new book *A Walk With Daimon: Where Fate and Free Will Collide*, spoke to the Sport Management Majors in Walker Auditorium.

Delani gave an insight of his career in which he has done many things like playing collegiate baseball, coaching baseball teams, and even a professional scout for the Colorado Rockies and the Cincinnati Reds during the summers of 1995-2003.

He went on to speak about some of his experiences involving his friends and his players.

The theme of his speech was about what you do (free will) when fate brings you to a point in your life. One example he gave was fate bringing you to the plate with two outs and the winning run at second and it is your free will that depends on what you will do in that situation. He also talked a lot about philosophy and decision making.

*A Walk With Daimon: Where Fate and Free Will Collide* goes in detail about his life experiences and elaborates more on what he talked about.

the Santana deal, Gomez is considered the CF of the future in Minnesota. He has showcased his remarkable speed by swiping 5 bags already.

Evan Longoria, 3B, TB- Longoria was finally called up, and will most likely be there for good. In his first two games he went 2/6 with a run and an RBI, and possesses 30 HR power.

Jay Bruce, OF, CIN- The 2007 Minor League Player of the year will start out in AAA, but it is only a matter of time before he gets his shot. He is a name you will know in 2009.



## Granite Bowl: Round 2

Nick Tasso

Staff Writer

On April 27th, 2008, the second annual Granite Bowl Flag Football tournament will be held at Southern New Hampshire. This year, Rock 101 is the title sponsor of the event which will be held at SNHU's Fieldhouse and if need be, additional games will be held at the Derryfield School. The event will begin at 9 AM and finish around 5 PM.

Besides flag football games, there will also be other events occurring during the games. Most of the other events will be held at the fan zone. There will be a pitching tunnel donated by the Nashua Pride where you can see how fast you can throw a baseball. There will also be an Endzone Celebration Contest where you will need to sign up for during the day on the 27th. There will also be a chance to win New Hampshire Fisher Cats tickets.

The Granite Bowl is run by the Event Marketing and Management class taught by Professor Elizabeth Jowdy who also oversees the running of this event. All proceeds of this event will go towards Tuffy Phelps Scholarship fund. For more information, please visit their website at [www.granitebowlfootball.com](http://www.granitebowlfootball.com) or stop by on Sunday April 27th.



Granite Bowl Flag Football  
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# The Observer Says Farewell to the 2007-2008 School Year & Katlyn Morin: Senior Editor in Chief

**Amanda Mayberry**  
*Staff Writer*

As we all begin to leave for the summer some of us will be returning in the fall, while some will be graduating and moving on to the next chapters of their lives. We at the Observer will be saying farewell to our current Editor-In-Chief, Katlyn Morin.

Katlyn, a senior Communications major with a minor in Graphic Design, has held the position of Editor-In-Chief for the past year. When Katlyn transferred to SNHU she immediately began her involvement with the Observer. Katlyn was a staff writer her sophomore year and News Editor junior year before serving as the

Editor-in-Chief

Katlyn states, "I love the dedication everyone has for the paper. It's driven by students, and made possible by students. My favorite thing about the

Observer has to be its ability to grow and change every year." It is this attitude that has lead to her to success as the Editor-In-Chief. The Observer has taken priority over previous club involvement

in CAPE.

Katlyn also has a passion for photography. After graduation she hopes to work in the journalism field and apply her design skills toward editing for a local publication. She also hopes to focus on her photography business.

"I'll miss the close community SNHU has. Getting involved here has completely changed my relationship with this campus." Katlyn's leadership as Editor-In-Chief will leave a footprint in the SNHU community, particularly the Observer.

Katlyn will be greatly missed and we wish her the best of luck in her future. Best wishes from the entire Observer Staff!



Katlyn Morin  
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