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SNHU Seniors Pass Torch



Seniors gather in SNHU Athletic Complex for 2007 Convocation.

Photo/Heather Lorenz

Frank RubinoManaging Editor

Southern New Hampshire University's annual University Convocation and New Student Induction Ceremony was held on Tuesday September 11, at 3:30 in the Athletic Complex Field House. This is a tradition in which seniors, dressed in black robes, light candles for freshmen seated in the audience to symbolize the passing of the "flame of knowledge" to the incoming freshmen class.

The ceremony included student addresses from senior Business major Stephanie Barry, senior Sports Management major Anthony Poole, senior Psychology major Kristin Culver, and senior Education major, Amanda Soares. The National Anthem was performed by the University's own Jill Teeters, Associate Director of Admissions, and the greetings and introduction were done by Dr. Scott Kalicki, VicePresident for Student Affairs.

The Convocation Speaker was author Bruce Feiler. Otherspeakers for the evening included Student Government Association President Tyler Drummond, Board of Trustees Student Representative Benjamin Barkhouse, and President Paul LeBlanc.

The ceremony was followed by a reception in the small gym where refreshments were served. •

Positive Changes on Campus

Daniel SmithPhoto/Clubs Editor

The summer of 2007 marked the beginning of many changes for Southern New Hampshire University.

SNHU under went many renovations that had most students surprised when they came back this fall.

As most of the students now know SNHU is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year and along with numerous events planned throughout the year, there have been flags attached to the light poles throughout campus to commemorate this momentous occasion.

In addition to celebrating, SNHU has taken steps in providing a better living environment on campus.

Incoming students easily noticed the addition of new dumpsters outside of the West Side Apartments this fall. Some of the dumpsters took out parking spots but are located closer to the road for easier access. The dumpsters are now easier to unload and have a larger capacity.

Also a new addition in the West Side Apartments is the keyless entry system. Whittier and Kearsarge are the first of the West Side Apartments to utilize this system. The keyless entry system has worked very well with the East Side Apartments.

The change over will take place during winter break and will be ready for students in the spring semester.

Some less noticeable changes include the new entranceway to the cafeteria, which was expanded to make room for the influx of students during peak eating times.

The café got new carpeting to continue the theme throughout the Student Center and tie in the décor. One change in the café that everyone has noticed is the current construction on the "Sizzle and Sauce." The area was closed down this summer to install new ventilation in order to handle the amount of food prep now being done in that area.

The new grassy area outside of the Student Center was conceptualized and planned by the Leadership Training Institute. With help from President Paul LeBlanc and the University, it came to life this summer. The space includes a step, a rock wall, a bench and a better drainage system. The space used to be a sloped dirt patch that collected water in the rain and turned to an icy patch in the winter. •



 $LTI\ provides\ new\ landscape\ at\ SNHU.\ Photo/Katlyn\ Morin$



Freshmen in attendance at 2007 Convocation.
Photo/Heather Lorenz

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~ Henry Ford Founder of the Ford Motor Company

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Letter from the Editor

Katlyn Morin

Editor in Chief

Welcome back, SNHU! I'd like to take the time to introduce myself as The Observer's Editor in Chief for the academic year 07-08.

I am thrilled to be a part of a publication that provides a voice not only for you, but for the entire SNHU community.

The Observer staff has been hard at work putting together this issue. We are currently training a handful of students who have taken interest in the layout editor position.

Our returning staff include editors Frank Rubino, Jordan Lake, Ashley Spranzo, Dan Smith, Libby Parent and dedicated staff writers Evan Stokowski and Ashley Manley.

I was very pleased with the outcome of this year's Club Day which brought 30+ students to the Observer table interested in how they could take part in the university's paper.

If you are interested in writing for us, or contributing in any way, we welcome you! Meetings are held every Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Robert Frost, room 301.

In this issue, you will be pleased to find a new addition to our sports section - SNHU's Terry Prouty, who has kindly contributed a "Fit Feature" which will include exercises you can do right here in our very own gym!

Also featured in sports, Nick Tasso reports on SNHU's part in a recent trip to China.

As this new school year begins, and another chapter in our lives is written, take time to yourself to enjoy the people and places around you.

This is my senior year here at SNHU. I've commuted for three years and cannot believe how far I've come as a student here.

Get involved! It's never too late to join a club or organization on campus. It's a great way to be a part of your university and meet great people.

I wish you the best of luck this semester! Enjoy it!

P.A.L. Return for 07/08

Ashley Manley Evan Stowkowski Staff Writers

Have you "Got Advised"? If you haven't and are looking for some help in the academic advising area then you are in luck!

Peer Advising Leaders (P.A.L.s) are back for another year, this time with an even bigger team of thirty students all of whom are prepared to help other students with academic advising needs.

Director of Academic Advising, Richard Colfer, and Assistant Director Carey Bradbury are the organizers of the P.A.L. program. They created the P.A.L. team to aid them in advising the students of S.N.H.U. The P.A.L.s are simply an extension of the professional staff, an additional resource that students can use when in need.

P.A.L.s can be found during outreach hours around campus or at their office hours held currently in Exeter 101 everyday of the week, no appointment necessary. Additionally, a P.A.L. is assigned to each S.N.H.U. 101 class in order to answer any questions or concerns freshmen may have.

For more information access the academic advising and P.A.L. website through www.SNHU.edu.







Graphic by: Katlyn Morin

Public Safety Log for the Month of September 2007

9-14-07 12:15AM
At the above date and time,
a student was walking behind
the west side apartments with
an open can of bud light. When
she saw the PS Officer, she
went to the apartment window,
opened the window from the
outside and dropped the can in
the apartment. When stopped,
she told PS that she was 22,
then 21, and then finally confessed that she was 19 and that
she had lost her keys and ID.

9-13-07 11:55PM
At the above date and time, PS received a call from an RA near Windsor. There was a trash can tipped over in the middle of the walkway and a tree was also down. A witness saw a guy throw the trash can and kick the tree down.

9-13-07 2:30AM
At the above date and time,
a car was driving recklessly
near Lincoln. When stopped by
PS and confronted the student
with driving recklessly, he ada-

mantly denied it. The student appeared to be intoxicated and smelled like alcohol. As the student was being questioned, he had problems standing.

9-9-07 At the above date and time, PS responded to a call of an irate person near the townhouses. When PS showed up, the person ran off towards the north end of Washington Hall. PS followed the person and he was found a short time later lying in the bushes near lot 8. He was unsteady on his feet and slurred his speech. He was not a student and HPD was called and arrived a short time later. He was arrested for internal possession of alcohol.

At the above date and time, PS received a call from someone in New Castle that her room mate had thrown up and vomited. When PS arrived, no one answered their knocks so they keyed in and found the

student passed out in her bed next to her own vomit. The student was awoken and said she had 3 beers and threw up about 2 hours ago. She was coherent and not highly intoxicated. She stated that she could clean up the mess herself.

1:00AM 9-9-07 At the above date and time, as a student was standing outside Kerasage, he was noticed by a PS officer. He went around the corner to try and avoid the PS officer. The cup the student was holding smelt of alcohol. He gave the officer a fake name and date of birth and then the officer told him that he didn't believe the student. The student then confessed to him his real name and apologized for not telling him the truth originally.

9-9-07 2:00AM At the above date and time, PS was called to the townhouses and they advised everyone who wasn't there to leave. There were still 3 people there. There

was a student in the kitchen drinking water who did not acknowledge anyone who tried to talk to him. The student went upstairs and started to yell using profanity. PS told a student downstairs that he needed to be quiet. Then the student came back downstairs with no clothes on and covering himself. He was told to go back up stairs but started to yell again. The student appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. HPD was on campus dealing with another situation and stopped by to deal with this situation.

9-4-07 11:30PM At the above date and time, PS was called for a strong smell of marijuana. They keyed into the townhouse when no one answered their knocks. They followed the stairs up to a room. They went into the room and found marijuana stems on the computer table. There were no residents found at the time.

Compiled by Nick Tasso/Sports Editor

Entertainment

The Thrill of a Bargain!

Ashley Spranzo Fashion Columnist Entertainment & Opinion Editor

If it's one thing that I have learned working in the fashion industry in New York City, it was how to shop! Working at Glamour and Self the past two summers not only made it hard not to shop, but how to shop without breaking the bank. The secret? Sample sales!

Every piece of clothing, accessory, beauty product, you name it that you see in the magazine, was a sample piece sent from the designer showroom or PR company. Those samples then eventually go on sale to the public. Designers include Marc Jacobs, Missoni, Prada, Blumarine, O by Oscar de la Renta, and many, many more! All of these designer treasures can be found for a striking 75% off!

Some tips for the art of sample shopping are to keep an open mind. Don't leave with a mission to find a pink cashmere sweater, or a pair of tweed Jimmy Choo's. You will be later disappointed. The samples are random, and can include everything from dressy to casual to swimwear. If you go in with an open mindset, you will find yourself discovering amazing must-haves without emptying your savings!

The only drawback of sample sales is that they only happen in major cities such as New York City, L.A., and San Francisco. But, there is hope for us yet! Some fashion websites include sample sales, so designer bargains are just a click away! Here are some websites that include online sample sales, and places to go; so get shopping ladies! •

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Looking for Stuff to Do?

Ashley Dole Contributing Writer

So, it's a Saturday or Sunday morning, and you're caught up on all your laundry and homework and want to get off campus. But what's that you say? There's nothing fun around here to do? I think you're mistaken.

The SNHU campus is strategically placed to have tons of fun activities to do in the surrounding area!

Take apple picking for example, New Hampshire is a prime state for apple picking, and guess what? There's an apple orchard in Londonderry, about a half hour away, where not only can you get apples, but peaches and cherries too.

On rainy days, when apple picking would be out of the question, there's always the Mall of New Hampshire, which is only about 20 minutes away. The mall is packed with dozens of stores sure to keep you occupied for a few hours.

Maybe going to the mall or spending the day apple picking

isn't your cup of tea, so for all you art or history buffs, Manchester is home to wonderful art museums. One of which is Currier Art Museum located at 223 Heather St, home to paintings of many famous artists, such as Georgia O'Keefe.

For the days when you want to walk around and go to shops and find lots of great restaurants, there's always Elm Street downtown Manchester. One will always find something great to do there.

If you feel like hopping on 93-South, Boston is just a short drive away. You can always check out one of the many museums located in the heart of Boston. Or maybe even have a bite to eat at the made-famous-by-TV restaurant Cheers. Faneuil Hall has a lot of shops and restaurants too, and that's a great place to spend a day.

Whatever you chose to do on the weekends, make it fun and be sure to include all your friends because that will make whateveryoudosomuchbetter.•



R e v i e w

Dan Smith Clubs/Photo Editor

Grade: B

Review: Superbad was not the funniest movie I have ever seen as it was hyped up to be. I went into the movie expecting it to be and because of that I was disappointed. The movie had a couple of big issues. The main character came off as a jerk rather than feeling bad for him, like what was intended. He was portrayed as the geeky senior in high school trying to get his high school crush to like him in the last few days of school by buying her booze for her big party. While attempting to get the alcohol he alienates every one around him including his crush.

Another big problem with the movie was the portrayal of law enforcement in the movie. In most funny movies the police are seen as kind of stupid but still very close to what they would actually do. In Superbad the police were portrayed as idiots who had no respect for their job or anyone around them. In the movie the police were shown letting minors buy alcohol, shooting at random objects, and blowing up there own police cruiser.

Superbad was a funny movie. It had some parts that mad me laugh my butt off including a scene with Evan, the main character, head butting his crush and passing out drunk. In the end Evan turned out to be a genuine friend and all of the main characters got the girls they set out for. While there were some parts I did not like, I did laugh a lot throughout the movie and did end with a life lesson learned. Superbad earned the grade "B" for its funny story and portrayal of geeky high school students, but fell short of an "A" for the issues discussed. If I had to make a recommendation, I would say to go see the movie and judge for yourself. •

Upcoming Concerts in the Manchester/Boston Area

Tweeter Center, Mansfield MA Toby Keith 9/20

The Avalon, Boston MA Dropkick Murphys 9/30

Bank of America Pavilion, Boston MA

Live & Collective Soul 9/21 Michael McDonald 9/22 Heart 9/28 ZZ Top 9/29

Verizon Wireless Arena, Manchester NH Bob Dylan & Elvis Costello 10/5

Orpheum Theater, Boston MA

Ben Harper 9/23 Brandi Carlile 10/5 Queens of the Stone Age 10/12 Smashing Pumpkins 10/13,15 & 16 Maroon 5 10/15

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Clubs

Student Government Association Elects New Leadership

Dan Smith

Clubs/Photo Editor

The 2007-2008 SGA executive board has several new faces among a few familiar faces that have served us well last year. The SGA is well established on this campus and consists of three main parts: the House or Representatives, The Senate, and the Executive Board. In addition to these three parts there are committees such as the Budget Committee. Finance

Tyler Drummond has been elected as this years SGA president. His main goals for this year include establishing legitimacy of the House of Representatives by opening it up to

the student body to voice their opinions. Also, he looks to limit the power of the committees and allow the senate to have approval power on all matters. He feels that the SGA is not as accessible to the students as it should be and he wants to bring it back to the students.

Next on the docket is Samantha Palmer who has been on SGA at other universities and served as our secretary last year. Her major goals as this year's vice president are to bridge the gap between the SGA and clubs and organizations.

She feels that it is important to keep clubs informed at all times of policy changes and other pertinent information. Also she would like to make

resources available online for clubs such as an online budget sheet. Her primary focus as vice president is to be available to all clubs and organizations.

One of the new faces of the SGA this year is Lindsey Zinka. As this years secretary she plans to increase community involvement at SNHU. One big way to do this would be to get students more involved in voicing there opinions and attaining higher club participation. She would like to work with the student body to help get their concerns heard and make SNHU better.

Another new face this year is executive officer for SGA, Benjamin Barkhouse. His main goals for this year are to make sure that proper procedures are being followed in the Senate resulting in an open and efficient meeting. He also wants to make sure that the students are able to express there opinions about the SGA effectively and as the representative to the board of trustees relay the students concerns to them effectively.

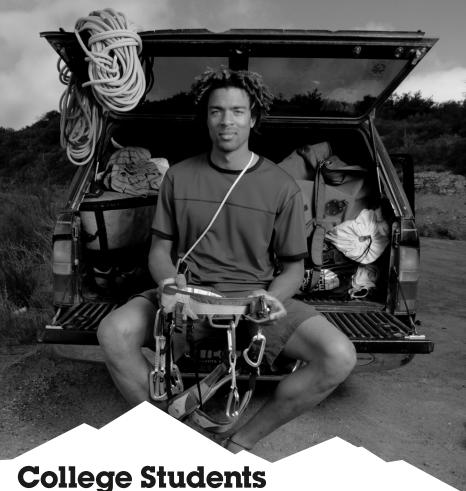
The last member of the SGA executive board for this year is a face already seen around the office, Guy Tambikoi. He has been diligent in his duties as treasurer in the

past year and will continue to be the most effective treasurer as possible this year.

The SGA is eager for a new year and hope that it will bring new and exciting things for the student body. In addition to the executive board and House of Reps. the Senate is a great part of the SGA to be involved in and the SGA is always looking for senators so even though the elections are over feel free to fill out an application any time! •



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GAPE Events: September 2007

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.

Starting Wednesday, September 12: BINGO @ 7 p.m. in the Pub Come test your luck! Up to \$100 in cash prizes
*BINGO is held every Wednesday @ 7 p.m.

Monday, September 17: CAPE Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the Last Chapter Pub

Come see what CAPE is all about at its first meeting of the year. CAPE is always looking for new members! *CAPE Meetings are held every Monday

Thursday, September 20:

Comedian: Bob Marley @ 8:30 p.m. in the

Small Gym Show Starts @ 9 p.m.

Bring your friends & laugh the night away from the humor of New England's own Bob Marley. *This event is also sponsored with I.G.C. & S.G.A.

Monday, September 24: CAPE Meeting @ 6 p.m. in the

Last Chapter Pub Missed last week's meeting? It's never too late to join CAPE!

Sunday, September 30 Day @ Fisher Cats Stadium 12pm Celebrate SNHU's 75th Anniversary while watching SNHU baseball team take on St. Anselm College in a double header. The first 500 people will be walking away with a free commemorative baseball.

Saturday, October 13:

Fall Carnival @ 12p.m. in Belknap Parking Lot

SNHU Carnival will be the largest carnival in school history! Attractions include: carnival rides (Tilt A Whirl, Zipper, Sizzler, Tornado, Kiddie Car Combo Ride, Bumble Bee Ride & Mini Enterprise), cookout, carnival food (cotton candy, fried dough, candy apples), games, inflatable obstacle course, bungee run and a rock wall. This is a free, kid-friendly event.

Sunday, October 14: Themed brunch in the café

Monday, October 15: **Lip Sync Contest**

Tuesday, October 16:

"So you think you know..." Game show

Wednesday, October 17: Real World

October 13 - 19: Fall Week - SNHU TV theme

Watch out for the upcoming events!



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Sports

Fit Feature With Terry

Terry Prouty Sr Women's Administrator

• Cable Bicep Curl
Grasp the barbell with the elbows fully
extended, but not locked.
Gradually flex the

elbow until the hand is lifted almost to the shoulder maintaining an open grip.

Abdominals must remain tight throughout the exercise to stabilize the trunk during upper body movement.

The wrist needs to be kept neutral with the forearm

Do not bounce the weight-It should be slow and controlled movements.

• Front Lat Pull Down

Grasp the straight bar in line with the slightly flexed elbow.

Pull the bar back, elbows in toward the side of the body, and downward at an angle until the bar is almost to the upper chest.

Keep abdominals contracted and scapulae retracted and depressed. Neutral spine with

Neutral spine with slight lean backwards.

•Squats

Begin in standing position
With the legs loaded using
a barbell across the back of the
shoulders or using a machine
for the squats (Smith Squat)
slowly bring the knees into
a flexed 90 degree angle.

From the flexed knee position press through the heels to move the resistance by fully extending the knees and hips(without locking).

Abdominals need to remain tight throughout the exercise to support the trunk and keep the spine in neutral alignment

Keep body weight pressing through the heels.

Do not allow the knees to move forward past the toes while in the flexed position.

See pictures below for a demonstration of how exercises should be properly executed. •

Compiled by Nick Tasso/Sports Editor



Cable Bicep Curl Photo /Dan Smith

Front Lat Pull Down Photo /Dan Smith

Squats Photo /Dan Smith

Upcoming Home Sports Action

Tuesday, September 18, 2007 Volleyball vs. Rivier College: 7pm in the Fieldhouse

Wednesday, September 19, 2007 Volleyball vs. Franklin Pierce University: 7pm in the Fieldhouse

Saturday, September 22, 2007 Women's Soccer vs. The College of St. Rose: 2pm on Larkin Field

Sunday, September 23, 2007 Women's Tennis vs. Franklin Pierce University: TBA at Tennis Courts Men's Tennis vs. Franklin Pierce University: 1pm at Tennis Courts

Wednesday, September 26, 2007 Men's Soccer vs. Franklin Pierce University: 7pm on Larkin Field

Thursday, September 27, 2007 Volleyball vs. Bentley College: 7pm in the Fieldhouse

Saturday, September 29, 2007
Men's Tennis vs. Merrimack College:
10am at Tennis Courts
Women's Soccer vs. Franklin Pierce University:
1pm on Larkin Field
Women's Tennis vs. Assumption College:
1pm at Tennis Courts
Men's Soccer vs. American International College:
4pm on Larkin Field

SNHU Teams Up With China

Nick Tasso Sports Editor

On August 26th, both SNHU's Men's and Women's basketball teams returned from their11daytripoverseasinChina.

"NCAA rules allow teams to take a trip once every four years and the opportunity arouse," said Chad Mason, assistant athletic director at Southern New Hampshire University.

The Men's team went 5-1 while the Women's team went 3-3. The Women's team played 2 professional basketball teams. "All the players were tall and fundamentally sound," added Woman's Captain Sara Tucker.

On one of the days that the teams did not have games, they ran a basketball clinic for students. "The clinic was done at a school with kids from K-12," said second year grad student with the athletic department, James Gassman, who went on the trip as an administrator/player.

Along with playing six games, the teams also put on a basketball clinic and went site seeing all over China. Sara Tucker said "the experience opened my eyes greatly to other traditions and values," as well as learning about a whole different culture. One of the sites that they saw was the Great Wall of China.

"The idea that these people built this huge wall so many years ago is amazing," said Sara Tucker. Along with the Great Wall of China, the trip brought them to Tenement Square and also the Forbidden City.

Board of Trustee member Martha Shen-Urquidez was an essential part of the process of getting SNHU over to China. "Martha set up a lot of the trip and I felt I could go to her with any questions that I had," said Sara Tucker. "Martha is based in China and did a lot of work over there to put this together," added Chad Mason.

In addition to this trip, Southern New Hampshire University will also be sending several students to work at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China.

Students going on next year's trip will be meeting on a regular basis with our Chinese students to learn more about the culture and langage in preparation for their trip. •



Shanghai group - China 2007 - Photo courtesy of James Gassman



Touring China Photo courtesy of James Gassman

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Opinion

Can We Just Discuss... Summer Concerts?

Libby Parent Advertising Editor

Absolutely a necessity, and if you pick the right ones, it can be the highlight of your summer. I personally love music and love to go to concerts and festivals. My very first concert was Christina Aguilera, but I would really prefer not to talk about that in any detail whatsoever.

My second concert, which is much less embarrassing. was Rusted Root opening for Santana at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. This was my first concert experience with music I still like to listen

to, and that is actually good. And that is just the beginning.

To date, I have seen Dave Matthews Band live five times. Absolutely the best concerts ever, as they are extremely talented performers and their music is sweet. I am absolutely bias to the jam bands, clearly.

Last summer I went to Bonnaroo in Manchester, Tennessee. Insane. Three full days of music in 100 degree weather with 100,000 people: can it get any better? This summer I attended moe. down in Turin, New York, also three days of music in a much cooler climate with a tenth

of the people as Bonnaroo.

Anyone who has ever been to a festival knows that the people that go are of a completely different breed: it's like a different world. The festivals and concerts I have gone to usually involve jam bands and therefore are supposed to have a laid back, "chill" environment, and for the most part have, until this summer.

I went to DMB in August in Connecticut with a group of my friends. After tailgating and making our way to the gate, we were nearly 200 yards away. At this point everyone is getting out their tickets to be scanned.

As one friend of mine was holding her ticket in her hand, talking to another friend, a man, rather a child, sprinted up behind her and stole her ticket. I was in shock. I ran after him but lost him in the crowd of people.

My question is: WHO does that? Here is this low key, chill out gathering and some jerk has to ruin the entire thing. WHY? Why do people feel the need to be such scum bags?

My friend had her receipt and was able to get a duplicate ticket. Will-call told her that if she was able to get in before her other ticket got scanned she would be admitted. But, if the

stolen ticket was scanned first, she would have to sit in the car: sweet. Luckily, she got in.

Don't let this discourage you: concerts are a must and Dave is a must-see. I know if I was able to tell him this story, he would be very disappointed in this "fan."

So this is the moral: no matter what types of people you think listen to a kind of music, you can't trust anyone. Ok no, you can trust people, just don't take your ticket out before you get to the scanner. And don't let the jerk get away. •

Q.C.C.

Jordan Lake **News Editor**

The SNHU Quality of Campus Catalogue is a brand new life index presented and determined by yours truly. This snazzy ratings system is my sexy interpretation of how your living has changed over the preceding month. The way it works is I have developed a fictitious points system of my own merit which I will apply to any topic that I so choose. I'll outline the event, give it a numerical value and then explain why. And that's it!

SNHU 1, Obama o SNHU President Paul Lablanc successfully rallied in a basketball game against IL Sen. Barak Obama. "The senator and his staff played me and a few staff/alums in a pick up game and we beat them!" says LaBlanc. I wonder who asked whom for their autograph.

Catalogue: +7points for nothing but net o s t o n

trip: **Re-routed**

Fine Arts 201 and 202 Introduction to Humanities' trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, MA has been canceled indefinitely for unconfirmed financial reasons. In previous semesters, each section took a chartered bus to visit the museum, in conjunction with the material covered in class. Humanities Prof. Martin Fox explains "[the trip] is an important part of class

and gives [students] the ability to see-first hand-the themes and skills discussed in class and to tie them together." For further information, contact the acting Chair of the department, Dr. Deborah Varat.

Catalogue: -III points because this makes Roman numerals feel really, really sad

Cafeteria: wicked **Upgrade!**

SNHU's new cafeteria is experiencing a full-blown face-lift in the Student Center. Chef Roland Raiche outlines "our Sizzle 'N Sauce Cook to Order is receiving new Vent-ahoods ... [as well as] a new fire extinguishing system." Raiche explains that the new addition will "catch and suck up the steam from the food orders" preventing the odors from mingling with the other two major food stations within the Student Center. "This also helps prevent moisture from getting up into the ceiling tiles and causing damage," explains Raiche. The SNHU Cafeteria also now features two innovated entrances, new carpeting, and heat lamps over the food in the 'café line.' "Now your food stays hot both on the bottom and top." For more information on the Sizzle 'N Sauce re-opening and menu options, contact Dining Services Director Linda Hix.

Catalogue: +8pointsbecauseIlikeithot Fire alarm midnight before Classes

A midnight fire alarm rose over 200 snoozing students in Windsor Hall on the night of Tuesday, September 4-before the first day of classes this fall semester. "According to Hooksett Fire Department, water leaked into the dry sprinkler system in the attic. Since the sprinklers in the attic have to remain dry so they don't freeze and burst, the alarm went off until the lines could be

drained" says Anthony Polito, the Resident Director of the East Side Residence Halls. Catalogue:

water setting off a fire alarm A bowl of cerealminus the **Bowl**

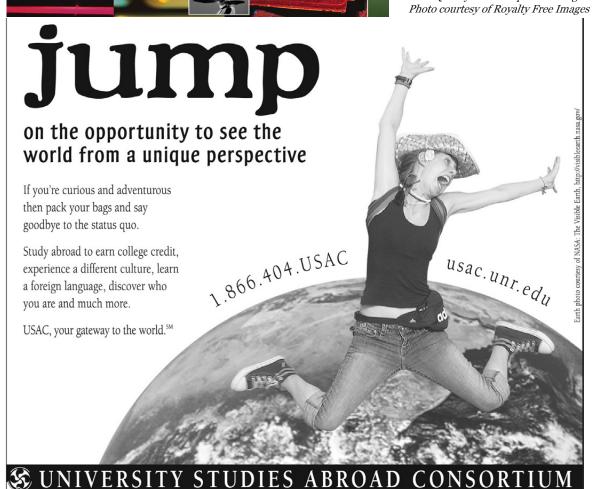
-4 points for the irony of

New this fall semester, the

SNHUsnackbarfeaturesawider

variety of cereal options—right at your finger tips! These new choices rest in a pre-packaged bowl-type configuration perfect for pouring milk into. Just grab your breakfast (or hang-over brunch) off of the lazy-susan, and you're fewer steps away from that bran-filled confection than you were last year.

Catalogue: +2 points for cutting back on waste produced when adding a bowl. -3 points for realizing you'll have to throw away the bowl they give you anyway. • Left: Quality of Campus Catalogue



Opinion

Do Tobacco Companies Deserve Respect?

Frank Rubino **Managing Editor**

 $It's \, not hard \, to \, find \, some one \,$ that dislikes to bacco companies.

The main argument for hating the tobacco companies is that the industry makes billions of dollars from selling a product that is responsible for a significant number of deaths each year. But do tobacco companies deserve respect?

Ibelieve that the tobaccocompanies deserve respect regardless of the harm their product causes. The purpose of any business is to make a profit.

Corporations provide jobs people can make a living for themselves and feed their children, Tobacco giant, Altria Group, formally known as Phillip Morris, has 175,000 employees and had income of 8.9 billion for the last twelve months, according to MSN Money.

With all the knowledge today about the dangers of cigarettes, how is this company doing so well? Cigarette sales hit a 55 year low in 2005, so why aren't their profits declining?

One of the reasons is the pricing power that Altria Group has. A five cent bump in the price of a pack of cigarettes can result in an extra \$80 million profit according Smart Money magazine.

Another interesting fact is that with each ten percent increase in the price of cigarettes, the rate of smoking declines four percent. The increase and consistency of profits allows the companies to pay their workers, maxishareholder wealth. mize and stimulate the economy.

However, most people seem to view the tobacco companies as money grubbing entities that profit from causing people's death, and ignore the fact that higher cigarette prices cause less smoking, and that the increase in profits is good for the economy.

Although the tobacco industry is not completely regulated, several restrictions on its advertising have been placed. Additionally, the industry is currently being required to pay 25 million dollars a year for the next ten years for antismoking ads, according to Business, Government, and Society - a

textbook written by George A. Steiner, and John F. Steiner.

I think it's impressive that tobacco companies can still make huge profits while being forced to tell people not to buy their product. Altria Group belongs in the same camp as The Coca-Cola Company, McDonald's, Walt Disney, and Microsoft, as the great American companies that serve as a foundation for our nation's economy.

So, if you are against smoking, it is appropriate to disrespect cigarettes and tobacco products, but not the companies that are just doing their job. •



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