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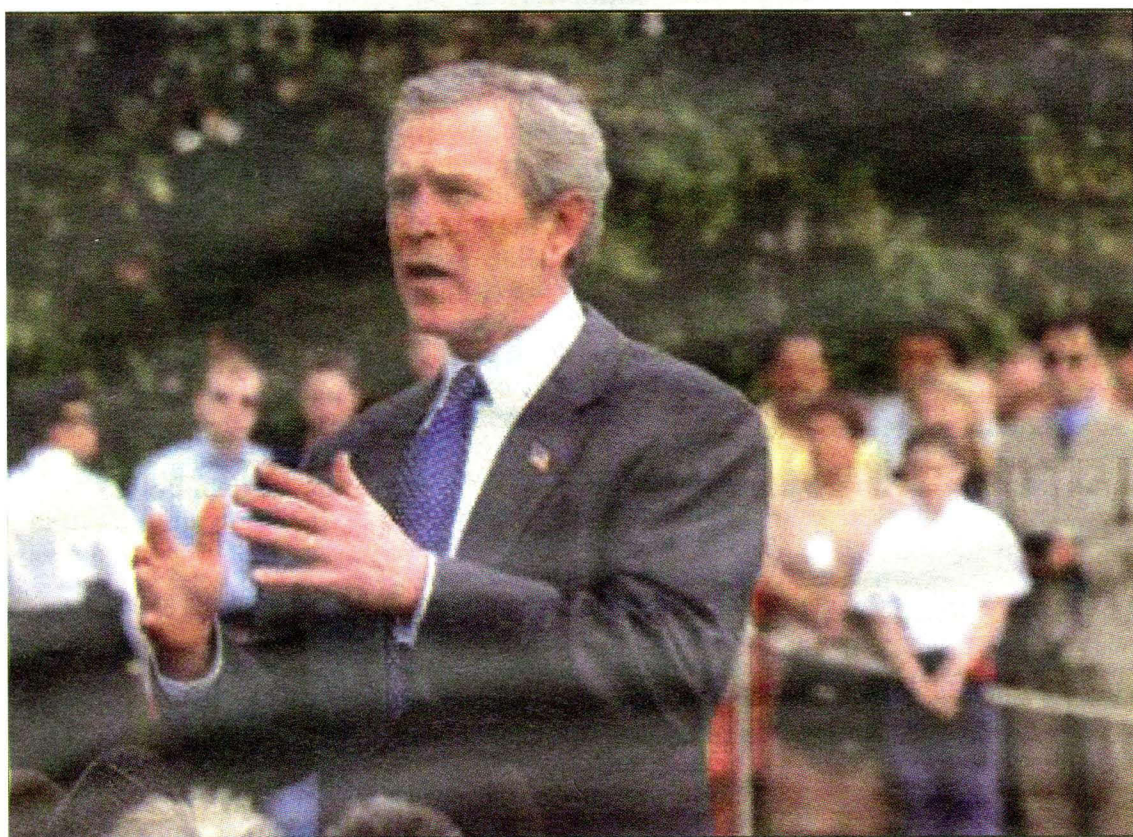


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President George W. Bush speaks to the media about the war in Iraq as he arrives at the White House Sunday, March 23.

## New majors at SNHU

By Cari Welch  
Photography Editor

Excitement seems to be the appropriate word when speaking of the School of Liberal Arts. Change is occurring at every turn, with the latest installments around the field of technology.

Next fall four professors will be involved in a new major. Professors Harry Umen and Ann Desmarais, as well as Dr. Vincent Rocchio and Dr. Robert Craven, will inaugurate the first semester of the major in Digital Media. The new program will include School of Liberal Arts Communication classes, but will also introduce students to several new classes in modern technology.

Students will take the university core of 15 courses, with a Liberal Arts core of six courses. Classes include familiar titles such as Advanced Video Production and some new ones such as Digital Documentaries.

Although the major has yet to become active, it is already a success. Fifteen incoming freshmen have already declared Digital Media their major of choice, with more expected to jump on board. Craven describes the major as a program that is suited for students who intend on working in an office with broad responsibilities. The major will prepare students who will need knowledge of public relations and communications, as well as skills in desktop publishing and design. It is a program designed to fit the workplace of the future. Craven said, "The major is one step ahead of today's industry."

Also in the works is a proposal to add a Graphic Design major. The proposal is set to be presented to the Liberal Arts faculty on March 27. If passed, it will then be pre-

sented to the entire university faculty where it will be voted on again. A passing vote by the university faculty would put the new major into effect, with an introduction date of Fall 2004. Dr. Roberta Salper, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, is heading the proposal to add the new program.

If accepted into the curriculum, the Graphic Design major would combine classes in the new Digital Media major with core elements of the Digital Graphics minor that is also new to the school. The new major would also be enhanced with classes in drawing and the humanities. Craven described this potential major as having a focus on art. It would be a major that was "hands on for people who have an interest in visual expression and artistic media." He explained that the major would be an education for artists who wish to make a living creating art. He described artistic talent as being a valuable commodity.

Salper noted that to make all of the programs successful, there will have to be an increase in faculty. She pointed out the hard work and excitement created by Craven and Umen, who have been active in new classes being offered this spring and in classes being proposed for upcoming years. To continue the trend of success, the search will continue for a full-time Public Relations specialist to join the Communications Department. If the proposed major in Graphic Design is passed, it would necessitate the hiring of another full-time faculty member. An art historian to oversee the new FAS requirements would fill the post.

The Communications Department is buzzing with new activity, all with the intent of creating competitive technology programs to enhance the already successful department.

## The U.S. at war

By Garrett Boucher  
News Editor

Since last year, news and radio reports have been flooded with the U.S. and Britain's request of Iraq to voluntarily disarm itself. All the tension and waiting came to an end on March 20 when President Bush ordered the first strikes on Baghdad. During what was called a "target of opportunity," the president ordered forty SCUD missiles launched toward the Iraqi capital. At 10:15 p.m. EST the president gave a brief speech about the attack. He restated his purpose for war and assured the nation that victory was a sure outcome. Later Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein gave a televised speech and stated, "Iraq will be victorious and with Iraq

our nation and humanity will also triumph."

On March 20 the U.S. launched a second round of air strikes against Baghdad. Ground troops crossed the southern border from Kuwait for the first time. On the third night of the war cruise missiles and precision bombs were fired at the cities of Baghdad, Kirkuk and Mosul. This "shock and awe" tactic aimed to destroy centers of command and destabilize the Iraqi military. Later on, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld commented on the state of Iraqi leaders. He announced that they "are starting to lose control of their country." Some highlights of the past few days of war include: 1,500 Turkish troops crossed into northern Iraq in an attempt to prevent an influx of refugees; Iraqi TV

claimed two Fatah missiles were fired at Kuwait; presidential palace in Baghdad destroyed; two killed, including a child, at an anti-war protest in Sanaa, Yemen; U.S. troops wounded and one killed when a grenade exploded at a base camp in northern Kuwait (main suspect a U.S. soldier); seven die in collision between two helicopters; Australian journalist killed when a car bomb went off in Kurdish-held northern Iraq.

As of Sunday, March 23, a British RAF Tornado and its crew went missing after apparently being shot down by a US Patriot missile. Only one body was recovered. In addition, U.S. ground forces met

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## Campus Security Log

Compiled by Kara Dufour  
Editor in Chief

Date: 3/1/03  
Time: 11:20

At the above date and time while in the center of campus a PSO witnessed two individuals push over the garbage can located at the far end of Stark. Garbage can contents were dispersed all over lot #3. Individuals were seen running into the townhouse area and were not found.

Date: 3/6/03  
Time: 11:55

At the above date and time Eastern Towing was called to pull out a vehicle that was stuck approximately 10 feet down the pathway leading from lot #11 to lot #5. The owner had been parked in a questionable parking space near the aforementioned area and while maneuvering to get out, slid down the path.

Date: 3/8/03  
Time: 18:01

At the above date and time a PSO noticed that the window of a red Volkswagen had been broken. When the PSO checked the vehicle, he noticed wires that may have been hooked up to speakers in the rear of the vehicle. PS contacted the owner.

Date: 3/12/03  
Time: 17:30

At the above date and time PS received a call from a professor stating that a room in Robert Frost had water leaking from the ceiling. A PSO confirmed the situation and a roofing company was contacted. The man from the roofing company did everything he could do. The leak was slowed but it is still there.

Date: 3/15/03  
Time: 08:35

At the above date and time PS received a call from a student saying someone had vomited on his door stoop. A PSO told the student he would have housekeeping clean it when they arrived.

Date: 3/15/03  
Time: 09:30

At the above date and time a PSO responded to a call by central alarm pertaining to a fire alarm that had been set off at the north end of campus. Upon arrival all parties were unable to gain access to the fire panel room due to an accumulation of ice against both doors, prohibiting operation of same. A PSO knocked in an adjacent window to gain access to the room. Hooksett Fire entered the premises and reset the panel. Findings revealed a fire extinguisher had been set off at the far end of the building or the "old Exeter Hall" entrance way. The door was found wide open and the fire extinguisher and its contents were in this area. There were numerous small sneaker prints in the snow in this area that could have been made by kids.

Date: 3/16/03  
Time: 12:00

At the above date and time PS received many calls regarding a smoke odor in Frost. People down the street were burning brush.

Date: 3/18/03  
Time: 03:00

At the above date and time a PSO saw a male student with an open beer. The PSO asked the student to stop and he responded by running behind Chocorua, where he was stopped by another PSO. The student had two Guinness and one Irish Red beers with him. The beers were placed in PS.

Date: 3/18/03  
Time: 11:00

At the above date and time housekeeping reported a student flipping out. Three members from housekeeping said that they heard yelling and saw some students outside Chocorua. They all reported seeing a male student yelling and then pick up a cement block, walk across the ice and snow and throw it into the fire road. The student then walked inside and the housekeepers heard something smash and a male voice yelling for the male student to calm down. They then said that the student went back outside and they heard glass smashing but they didn't see what was broken. They didn't see much else because they got nervous and went into another suite until PS got there.

## Heart vs. mind

By Jessica DeAngelo  
Staff Writer

Here it is, the home stretch. Everybody is scrambling to find a job, desperately trying to find an alternative to moving back into your dreaded parents' house. Everything in your mind is telling you it's time to put your childhood behind and take the leap into adulthood, but what your mind is saying is completely different from what your heart is saying. Your heart says hold on to this, hold on to the next four weeks so tight that your knuckles turn white.

You wake up in the morning feeling motivated. You think today is going to be the day you're going to get a job. So you go over your resume, go by the CDC, make some phone calls, check on the Internet and send some resumes out. As you're walking back to your place, you get that feeling, you know the feeling, it's the one where you take that deep breath, stand up tall, and feel that you've accomplished something. Even if nothing came out of your job searching today, it might tomorrow, and if not tomorrow maybe the next day. You're confident and ready to graduate college.

But then when you open the door to your place you see it. You see the reason why you don't want to leave this place. For me the usual sight is two of my friends sitting on bar stools in a heated competition of some Nintendo game that nobody besides us has played since 1989. Someone else is standing in the doorway, drilling a cigarette, letting all the smoke and cold air come into our place. Another one is in a bedroom bumping music and in a deep trance staring at the computer checking messages. And there is always somebody that when you walk in flies to her feet and yells guess what, and then proceeds to tell a story that will either

make you fall to the floor in laughter or shock you so much that your jaw hits the floor and all the Nintendo playing, away message checking and butt smoking stops and everyone turns to see your reaction and then you proceed to discuss everyone and everything.

This might not be the same scene as you see, but you know what I'm getting at. You get that feeling. For some of you it's when you walk into a party on the weekend, for others it is when you walk out of the last class on a Friday. Whatever your situation is, you get it. You had forgotten all about what you had done earlier that day. Forgotten all about being ready to move on, forgotten about a job. Your heart has taken over your mind, and all you want to do is take that moment and make it last a lifetime.

How do you balance the two worlds? You need to get going and come to the realization that in a few weeks these moments are going to be memories and your future plans are going to be present actions. I guess you can't balance the two, or at least I can't. There are going to be times when I am dying to get out of SNHU and move on to bigger and better things. But just when I'm riding high on those emotions and feeling more confident than ever, it's gonna happen again. I'm gonna be sitting at my place and something is going to happen, something so random and hysterical that it could have only happened on this campus and once again my heart is going to beat my mind and I'm never going to want to leave.

I don't know if there can ever be a complete balance of heart and mind, and if there is, if I really want to find it. The next month is going to be a battle and I'm sure my mind will win but my heart isn't going down without a fight.

## Pub hosts Mardi Gras at SNHU

By Kelly Muller  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 28, the Kappa Lambda sorority hosted their annual Mardi Gras event in the Pub. CAPE co-sponsored the event, and with music, games, and dancing it proved to once again be a huge success. Mardi

Gras masks and beads galore gave the event a true Mardi Gras feel, and contest and raffle winners won exciting prizes such as mall gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates, and ski and movie passes. Who could ask for more? It was a chance to unwind and hang out with friends in a laid back, fun atmosphere,

and everyone who attended had an enjoyable time. So, for a chance to go to a Mardi Gras celebration without traveling to New Orleans, come again next year to the Pub for the Kappa Lambda Mardi Gras!

**Interested in joining the Observer?**

**Attend a weekly meeting!**

**Meetings are held every Thursday in Robert Frost Hall, Room 301, at 1:15 p.m.**



## Legends of St. Patrick's Day

By Katelyn Duggan  
Opinion Editor

Ahhh, March 17—St. Patrick's Day. On this festive day green decorations are hung up all over, beer is turned green, and corned beef, cabbage and potatoes can be found on every Irish dinner table. Stories of little green men, lucky plants and friendly phrases are all part of the holiday spirit. But has anyone ever wondered who St. Patrick really was? And why do people celebrate this holiday?

St. Patrick was born in Scotland, and at the age of 16 he was kidnapped by a group of Irish raiders and was made a slave in Ireland. During the six years that he was enslaved, he turned to religion to help him through his slavery, becoming a dedicated Christian. After six years, he escaped and returned to Britain. However, after a few years he realized he wanted and needed to return to Ireland to spread Christianity. His dedication to the faith elevated him to a very high standing in the eyes of the Irish, and today some 60 churches and cathedrals in Ireland are named after him.

One of the many influential things that St. Patrick is known for is creating the Celtic cross. He superimposed the sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross, thus creating a new religious

symbol for the Irish.

St. Patrick was also considered a hero for driving all the snakes out of Ireland. As much as the story doesn't seem to make any sense, the myth says he stabbed his staff into the earth after which all the snakes rose from the ground and slithered into the ocean. The snakes leaving Ireland was symbolic for the pagan religions leaving the Emerald Isle.

St. Patrick's efforts to convert the Irish to Christianity took 30 years. He died on March 17, 461 C.E., and that day has been celebrated in his honor ever since.

And celebrated it is. Thousands of people, whether Irish or not, break out their green on St. Patrick's Day. "Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick's Day," they say. The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the U.S. was held in Boston, beginning a tradition that has lasted more than a hundred years. South Boston, or "Southie" as it is more commonly known, has one of the largest Irish populations in the Northeast. It is here that what is perhaps the country's most famous St. Patrick's Day parade takes place every year. People gather from all over decked out in green to watch Clydesdales, Irish step dancing, Irish bands and extravagant floats covered in shamrocks and Leprechauns.

Ever wonder where some of today's common St. Patrick's

Day traditions come from? Every year people chow down on corned beef and cabbage, but why? Cabbage has been a long-time favorite Irish food. However, the custom of serving it with corned beef began only at the turn of the century. Irish immigrants substituted corned beef for the traditional Irish bacon to save money, beginning a new tradition for St. Patrick's Day.

The shamrock, a three-leafed clover, is the national emblem of Ireland. The sacred plant of ancient times symbolized the rebirth of spring. By the 1800's the shamrock was a symbol of emerging Irish nationalism and grew to be an image of pride.

As for leprechauns, those little green men with pots of gold, some say they're simply a figment from the imagination of someone who consumed a little too much green beer. But belief in leprechauns may stem from Celtic belief in fairies—tiny men and women who could use their magical powers to serve good or evil. Leprechauns are known for their trickery, which they use to collect "treasure" (or pots of gold). However, surprisingly, they have no real relevance to St. Patrick's Day whatsoever.

*A variety of sources were consulted for information for this article.*

## Sport Management trip

By Kristina Kintzer  
Contributing Writer

On Feb. 13, a group of SNHU Sport Management students traveled to Georgia Southern University, in Savannah, Georgia, for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Sport Management Conference. It was a two-day event that consisted of an array of talented speakers from across the United States. They shared their knowledge and experiences with Sport Management students interested in pursuing a career in the industry. Speakers included Bill Sutton, Vice President of Team Marketing Services for the NBA, Bill Carter, President of Fuse Marketing "Action Sports Marketing," and Ken Shepard, Chief Operating Officer and General Manager of the Savannah Sea Gnats, a class A minor league affiliate of the Montreal Expos. The students learned how these successful individuals found their place in the industry and gained valuable knowledge on how to get a jump start on finding a career.

The SNHU students included both undergraduates and graduates in the Sport Management and Administration programs. The undergraduates who attended were Sport Management Club President Kim Wright, Samantha Doyle, Darcy Tippie, Amanda Emerson, Brent Weigler, Dan Otis, Eric Snyder and Ray Summers. Keith Detjen, Kristina Kintzer, Ryan Eberman, and Mike Olek represented the graduate program. The students were joined by Sport Management Department Chair and Professor, Dr. Doug Blais.

The trip to the conference not only allowed for a great learning experience, but also a chance for the students to gain insight into the historical city of Savannah. One night the group embarked on a haunted tour of the city. The group was very impressed by the knowledge and expertise of the tour guide. The tour included a variety of ghost tales and legends that surround Savannah's history. Much of the tour focused on the numerous "haunted

houses" throughout the city, each with its own dramatic haunting tales. The group was most fascinated by the tales of Indian Chief Tomochichi, who was said to be buried under a monument in the center of the city and still haunts that part of Savannah.

Downtown Savannah also offered a lively nightlife. A long stretch called River Street was host to numerous restaurants, shops and street performers. The students and their professor learned a great deal about southern hospitality and culture. The group met diverse people along the strip, even running into a Michael Jackson impersonator.

The weather could have been the highlight of the trip. The entire weekend, the SNHU students were blessed with incredible weather. It was a very nice break from the frigid temperatures of New Hampshire. Even though the group ran into delays returning to SNHU, the trip was a learning experience that created memories to last a lifetime.

## Wow! Free courses!

By Amanda L'Heureux  
A&E Editor

Do you wish you could take extra classes not offered by SNHU and free of charge? Are free classes even possible? Nackey S. Loeb, founder of the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications, established a school in 1999 in Manchester. She wanted to give back to the people in her community. The school provides education for students of all ages who wish to pursue an in-depth communications career.

All classes run once a week for six to eight weeks and are taught by many professionals in the field. Some past professors include Andy Hershberger, crime reporter for WMUR News-9, and Joe

Sullivan, former teacher at Manchester West and sports columnist for the Union Leader. This spring, the school is offering a grammar refresher for those who can't seem to remember the difference between colons and commas, First Amendment law taught by Attorney Gregory V. Sullivan, and writing and reporting the news taught by award-winning Associated Press reporter David Tirell-Wysocki.

For more information on the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications, visit the website at [http://newhampshire.com/education/nlsc\\_form.cfm](http://newhampshire.com/education/nlsc_form.cfm) or contact Holly Babin at 603-627-0005. The school is now accepting applications for the spring semester beginning April 1.

## BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!



- 3/28 – BAND ZOX IN THE PUB @ 9 P.M.
- 3/29-3-30 – TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY TO SEE RENT – CO-SPONSORED BY DRAMA CLUB
- 4/1 – TV NIGHT IN THE PUB @ 7 P.M.
- 4/2 – BINGO IN THE PUB @ 7 P.M.
- 4/3 – COMEDIAN SCOTT KENNEDY IN THE PUB @ 9 P.M. – CO-SPONSORED BY IGC
- 4/4 – DJ NIGHT IN THE PUB FROM 10 P.M.-1 A.M.
- 4/6 – COFFEEHOUSE – DARRYL MORRIS IN THE PUB @ 5:30 P.M.
- 4/8 – TV NIGHT IN THE PUB @ 7 P.M.
- 4/9 – BINGO IN THE PUB @ 7 P.M.
- 4/11 – DJ NIGHT IN THE PUB FROM 10 P.M.-1 A.M.
- 4/15 – TV NIGHT IN THE PUB @ 7 P.M.
- 4/16 – BINGO IN THE PUB @ 7 P.M.
- 4/17 – GO BANANAS IT'S THURSDAY IN THE PUB FROM 11 A.M. – 2 P.M.

### INTERESTING SPEAKER COMING— AUDIENCE WANTED

The School of Liberal Arts and its Communications Department invite the SNHU community to the following event:

WHO?

Dr. Frank Durham— teaches communication and journalism at the University of Iowa

WHAT?

Speech: "How Corporations Can Reinvent Public Relations That Work"

WHEN?

Thursday, April 3, 12:30 p.m. (free period)

WHERE?

Walker Auditorium

WHY?

Provocative thinker—concerned with "the role of media as a part of social change"



## World News



By Garrett Boucher  
News Editor

**Algeria-** A Boeing 737 crashed upon take-off in Tamanrasset killing 103. Witnesses say one of the plane's engines caught on fire before it veered off the runway. The plane was en route to the capital Algiers, which is approximately 1,300 kilometers (800 miles) from the crash site. Seven aboard were French citizens. Only one survived. This is the first disaster in the history of the nation's airline.  
(source:bbcnews.com)

**Taiwan-** Commercial aircraft are now permitted to fly over China. Planes have been forbidden to fly over the mainland since Taiwan's separation from the country in 1949. The objective of this temporary measure is to avoid dangerous areas in the Middle East. The new flight paths have cut travel time to European destinations by nearly thirty to sixty minutes. These privileges are set to end as soon as the war in Iraq is over.  
(source: www.taipeipost.com)

**Turkey-** Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been elected prime minister. Parliament had made revisions in the Constitution to allow Mr. Erdogan's candidacy. He was convicted of inciting religious hatred and barred from election. The major issue weighing on the prime minister's shoulders was whether to allow U.S. troops to use the country's airspace in a war with Iraq. Turkey's final decision came too late and it was denied a multi-million dollar U.S. aid package.  
(source:observer.co.uk)

**China-** Nearly ten people have died in a flu-like epidemic. 350 people worldwide are said to have what is called severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). The majority of cases were in Hong Kong and are linked with a doctor who died from the illness in Guangdong province. A team from the World Health Organization was sent to investigate the illness and its links.  
(source:CNN.com)

**Colombia-** Heavy rains in Caldas state caused devastating mudslides. A total of nineteen people were reported dead throughout the cities of Manizales and Villamaria. In addition, the rainstorms caused severe flooding. Four people drowned in raging canal waters in the eastern city of Cucuta. Rescue workers were deployed to remove mud and search for the many reported missing.  
(source: www.elespectador.com)

**South Africa-** Archbishop Desmond Tutu presented the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report to president Thabo Mbeki.

The commission gathered testimonies from twenty-one thousand people. The final report contains accusations against major groups operating during the apartheid era. The report accuses groups of "gross violations of human rights in the course of their political activities and armed struggles." Former white president De Klerk rejected the findings and claimed that neither he nor his officials authorized torture and assassinations.  
(source:allafrica.com)

**UK-** African flamingos, black rhinos and Peruvian guanacos are to benefit from new UK funding. The money is directed toward nations with high rates of biodiversity. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is focusing on projects that will provide long-term benefits. In Fiji and the Solomon Islands a coral farming endeavor has started that aims to repair damaged reefs.  
(source:bbcnews.com)

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strong resistance in the port town of Umm Qasr. The battle lasted nearly thirty-six hours before U.S. troops secured the port. They encountered large amounts of Iraqi artillery as well. It is still unreported how many Iraqi soldiers died during the fight. The U.S. still has not found any caches of weapons of mass destruction. The Pentagon also claims that Iraq did not fire any SCUD missiles. U.S. forces were en route to Baghdad, and various fires were set around the city to confuse coalition troops.

Around the world people have taken to the streets in protest. From New Zealand to Paris, protesters marched in opposition. In Belgium riot police clashed with groups throwing rocks and sticks at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels. In New York City, approximately one hundred thousand people marched from Times Square to Washington Square Park in Greenwich Village. The protest spanned nearly twenty city blocks.

(Sources: CNN, FOX News, BBC World News, www.cnn.com)

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# U.S. and Iraq: The Issues

Panel discussion presenting a range of views  
with Moderator Dr. Paul Barresi,  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, SNHU

**April 9, 2003, Walker Auditorium in Robert Frost Hall  
@ Southern New Hampshire University**

**6:30-7:00 p.m. Refreshments  
7:00-8:30 p.m. Panel Discussion**

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## Ask Alfreda

Dear Alfreda,

Last month my friends and I went out of town for the weekend. I met this really cute guy and we totally fell for each other. One night we went out to the movies and then went back to his place and things went a little further. Now my period is over a month late and I'm freaking out! Every day I tell myself that I should buy a pregnancy test at the store but the truth is that I'm too scared. What should I do?

**Scared S#&\*less**

Dear Scared,

If you are not pregnant, then you are stressing over a problem that does not exist and wasting precious time if your period is late for some other medical reason. It is time for you to find out if you are actually pregnant. If you are too embarrassed to purchase a pregnancy test from the store, then give Planned Parenthood of Manchester a call (603-669-7321) and make an appointment. Their services are completely confidential and, if your pregnancy test is positive, they can explain your options to you and help you through making a decision regarding what to do about it.

Dear Alfreda,

My roommate and I lead completely different lives; I spend my Friday nights out with friends and he reads a book and goes to bed. Almost all my friends are over 21 and unfortunately I am not. Sometimes they wanted to go out to the club but I could never go. A couple of weeks ago I took my roommate's I.D. from his wallet after he fell asleep and used it to get into a club. Last weekend when I was wasted with my friends, I lost his I.D. What should I tell him?

**2Young 2Drink**

Dear 2Young,

You should tell him that you took his I.D. from his wallet after he fell asleep, used it to get into a club, got wasted and lost his I.D., and say you are very sorry. What did you think I was going to tell you to tell him?

Dear Alfreda,

My roommate just got a new boyfriend and she says she's totally in love. I'm happy for her but every time they are together, they are all over each other! It doesn't matter where we are or who's around. It is really gross! What can I do?

**Grossed Out**

Dear Grossed Out,

You are right; that sounds gross. You have to tell her that. Start out by telling her that you are really happy about her new love interest and you hope it works out for her. That will soften the blow. And here's some advice for the smoochers and gropers: Get a room.

All letters for Ask Alfreda are kept anonymous. They can be mailed to: The Observer, Student Center Box 1084, 2500 North River Rd., Manchester, NH 03016 or e-mailed to [observer@snhu.edu](mailto:observer@snhu.edu)

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## Tanning salons: Safe tan?

By Amanda L'Heureux  
A&E Editor

How many people do you know who have nothing better to do than spend their free time at a tanning salon? Many people who do not have time to go out and tan decide to visit a local tanning salon instead. Many think it is a safer and quicker way to darken their skin. Is a tanning salon really safe? The answer is no.

Salons actually expose skin to a tanning unit, which is 10 times greater than natural

light, and the beds are able to irradiate almost your entire body. Tanning beds increase the chance of contracting cancer by almost seven times. Fifteen minutes in a tanning bed is equal to an entire day at the beach.

Many people do not know the dangers of artificial tanning. They claim that a person can tan year-round without the harmful side effects associated with natural sunlight. Does anyone out there have common sense? The effects of ultra-violet radiation are damaging to the skin, no

matter how a person tans. Tanning salons are more dangerous and they expose skin to more UV rays than natural sunlight in a shorter amount of time.

I don't see what the big deal is about having darker skin or why many people can't wait until the summer to get their tan. Skin cancer isn't something to fool around with. Ask those who have to go through the treatments for it. You won't catch me in a power bed any time soon.



# SNHU's tricks of the trade: Student mentors

By Elizabeth Dolbeare  
Staff Writer

Sometimes falling short of success does not come from lack of intelligence or the inability to persevere. Sometimes falling short of success comes from not being aware of the "tricks of the trade," the "trade" being academia and the "tricks" being time-management, goal setting and motivation.

The peer mentors at SNHU understand that these tricks are the key to success both here on campus and beyond. They are not saints, nor are they nerds. There may be one sitting right beside you. You may have just passed one in the hall. They do not wear a uniform or a superhero costume and they do not seek recognition. They only want to pass on what they have learned to help others achieve success.

Led by Lori DeConinck, Director of Tutoring Services, and Chad Detjen, Graduate Assistant, the peer mentors are students employed by SNHU to assist other students with one-on-one peer mentoring and are an integral part of the Second Start Program. As Detjen explains, "Second Start was designed to give students who have been put on academic probation another chance at success." Mentees who participate in the program are students who have appealed their academic suspension and whose appeal has been accepted on the condition that they pass an interview to gain acceptance into Second Start. The program requires Second Start mentees to attend and participate in weekly monitored study sessions, weekly mentoring sessions and bi-weekly study skills presentations led by the mentors. Failure to comply with the requirements of the program results in suspension if the mentee does not achieve a 2.00 GPA or higher.

Peer mentoring is a paid position but it is not the money that propels mentors to accept this responsibility. As Peer Mentor Chantel Bonner puts it, "I could get a

job which pays twice as much money working at a store, but if my mentees accomplish their goals that we set at the beginning of the semester, then giving up more money is worth it."

Some mentors have even been on the other side of the fence. Peer Mentor Dan Otis who "nearly got kicked out of SNHU for too many drinking violations" now uses his past transgressions as an example to others that it is possible to turn adversity into success. Peer Mentor Tyson Chartier says, "I have received a lot of help in the past so I feel that I'm giving back to others in return."

Peer mentoring is not all about giving back; there are selfish reasons as well. Mentoring can be a powerful self-motivator as Bonner states, "It helps me to stay on task because I know that I have to set an example for my mentees, which gives me a reason not to slack off." Chartier says mentoring has "forced me to look harder at my own study habits."

All of the mentors agree with Chartier, that in order to be a mentor, "patience is key." Peer Mentor Nicole Marston adds, "Mentors have to be unselfish with their time and be willing to help others accomplish their goals." However, all of the mentors also agree that the biggest downside to mentoring is the frustration that can result. Otis has often "been frustrated with the mentees because of their lack of motivation." He believes that "the mentees should be motivated enough by the fact that this is their last chance at this college" but this is not always the case. Watching someone with potential throw away an opportunity of a lifetime can break your heart, particularly when you put forth so much effort to help them take advantage of the opportunity.

The key to dealing with frustration is to focus on the successes. When the usual blank, uninterested stares of a group of mentees suddenly changes to a look of actual interest and understanding, the heart mends a bit and you persevere, ready to take on the next challenge.

# Operation Invade Iraq

By Kelly Muller  
Staff Writer

Many of us sat by our televisions Wednesday night, March 19, waiting curiously to see if President Bush was going to give the word to attack Iraq and send America into an emotional time filled with turmoil and tragedy as American troops fight to remove Saddam Hussein from the power he has unrightfully held for so long.

The yellow flags that hung with pride outside homes to support the troops of Operation Desert Storm are beginning to show themselves again, this time to send admiration and support to another set of troops who were bracing themselves for not only combat, but for the uncertainty of what was to come. And then the war started.



I never really stopped to think about war as anything more than a word before. To me it was not a verb meaning action and violence; it was a word that described a situation I never truly had to be confronted with. Operation

Desert Storm came and went, and even though I knew it affected the country I lived in, I was too young to realize how much it affected people's lives, people just like me, who are just as innocent as I am, but who had to be brought right into war's path. The troops risk their lives and cannot say for certain whether or not they will survive war, but who still put themselves on the line for the safety of Americans everywhere. That to me is the definition of war...bravery, courage, and heroism.

September 11, 2001, I think put things into perspective a little more for me...all of a sudden an attack on American soil turned everyone's lives upside down. The words "I'm Proud to Be an American" seemed to turn up everywhere, as people in NYC and Washington DC, as well as in every city and town across the country, took a stand to show the world that as hard as they tried, they could not take away our pride or our faith. We would only stand stronger and work even harder to unite ourselves as

one. Hands reached out to help those who lost friends and family, and we were bonded together by the colors that express our freedom... red, white and blue.

There is not much any of us can do but to pray and believe that our troops will come home safely, and that the goals we set will be achieved. All of a sudden the stress I had felt about going to class, working, and graduating college in May seems almost a little bit petty to me. Men and women the same age as I and *younger* are facing war. They left behind parents, siblings, boyfriends and girlfriends, fiancés, and even children to ensure our safety and security. Let's make sure we try to give back to them even a piece of what they are giving to us. Keep them in your prayers and in your hearts, for this is a whole new group of war veterans that will be returning to us soon.

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## Powerful monologues

By Heather Anderson  
Staff Writer

When I got a phone call from my mother asking if I would like to go to a play called *The Vagina Monologues*, I was a little shocked. My mother and I are very close but I thought to myself, "the what?" Out of curiosity, I agreed to go.

The weekend was approaching and my friends asked if I had any plans. At first I didn't know if people had ever heard of the play. I was surprised at how many people actually knew of it. Everyone who had heard of it had positive things to say; this made me feel better. There were people, however, who looked at me and had that same "what" look that I had when my mother asked me to go.

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***At the play I expected to see mostly women but I was surprised to see an equal number of men.***

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The performance I attended was at UNH in Durham. The cast was students who attend the university. A student actually brought the play to the university. I walked in and the stage was simple, just a single chair with pink and red shirts hung around. When attending the play, the audience is requested to wear some red, pink, black or white. The reason behind this is the play is held on V-Day, a day on or around Valentine's Day, for which events are produced to raise money and awareness. In 2002 alone 800 worldwide events raised a total of over three million dollars to help stop violence against women and girls. For more information: <http://www.vday.org>.

At the play I expected to see mostly women but I was surprised to see an equal number of men.

The play began with a quote from the woman who created *The Vagina Monologues*, Eve Ensler:

"I decided to talk to women about their vaginas, to do vagina interviews, which became vagina monologues. I talked with over two hundred women. I talked to older women, young women, married women, single women, lesbians, college professors, actors, corporate professionals, sex workers, African American women, Hispanic women, Asian American women, Native American women, Caucasian women, Jewish women. At first, women were reluctant to talk. They were a little shy. But once they got going, you couldn't stop them."

The 200 interviews were conducted with a diverse group of women from around the globe; the play explores the humor, power, pain, wisdom, outrage, mystery and excitement hidden in vaginas. Each monologue had a name. "My short skirt" a woman he says it is her right to wear a short skirt; this doesn't mean she can be harassed for it. "I was in the room" is about Eve Ensler being in the room for the birth of her grandchild. There are some monologues that make you want to cry and some that make you laugh so hard that you do cry. Although I enjoyed this play and would recommend most people see it, due to some of the racy content I would have to caution some people.

*The Vagina Monologues* has gone from an Off-Broadway hit into a cultural phenomenon. The monologues have been performed in over 40 countries, are currently booked in over 160 cities in the US and Canada, and have been translated into over 35 languages.

The professional productions of the show have raised over \$5 million to date, and have served as a base for V-Day to receive matching funds from corporations.



# voices



Noelle Bachand  
Senior, Travel &  
Tourism

*"Clean 'Blue Lightning'  
my car."*



Jill Grenier  
Freshman, Advertising

*"Run in the woods."*

Mary Behrens (left)  
Sophomore, Undecided

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Marie Tallin  
Sophomore, Psychology

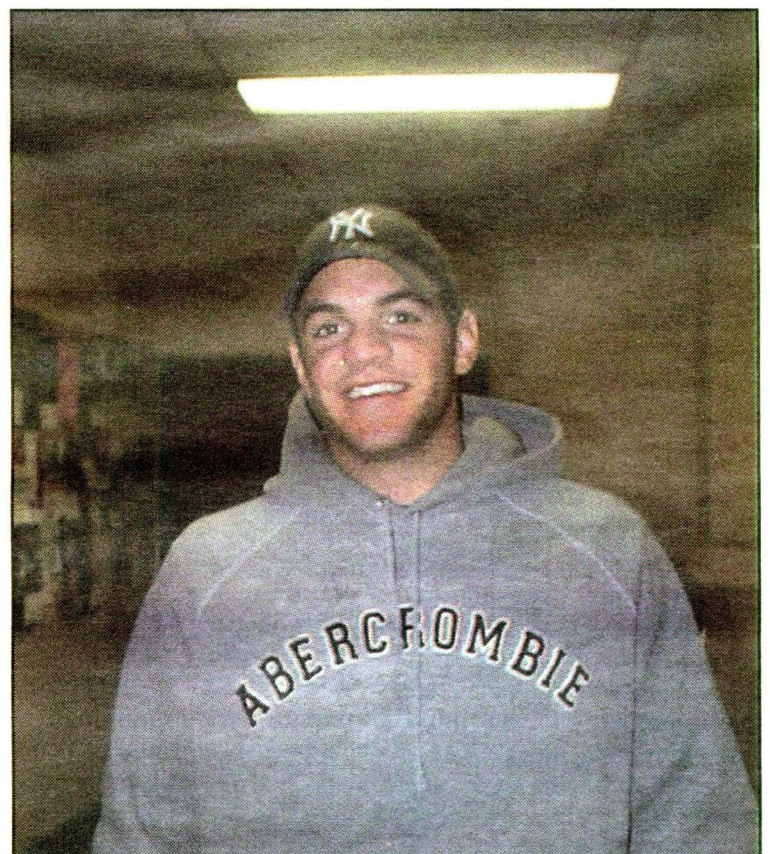
*"Go to the beach."*

*"Go to the beach with  
Mary."*



Carl Levine  
Junior, IT

*"Put the summer tires  
back on my SAAB!"*



Steve Kramer  
Senior, Sport Management

*"Play some home games."*



# & faces



Serpil Dinler  
Junior, International Business

*"Go tan on the field."*

***What is the first thing  
you will do once the  
snow melts?***

By Heather Anderson & Stephanie Herget



Gary Giard (right)  
Junior, Marketing

Bryan Walch  
Junior, Business

*"Get on the practice field."*

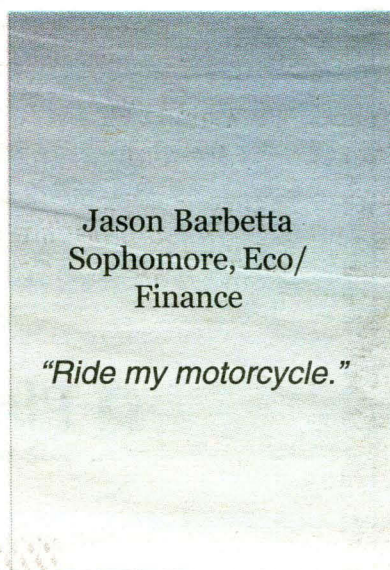


Laura Navotski (left)  
Sophomore, Business  
Administration

Danielle Tracy (middle)  
Sophomore, Child  
Psychology

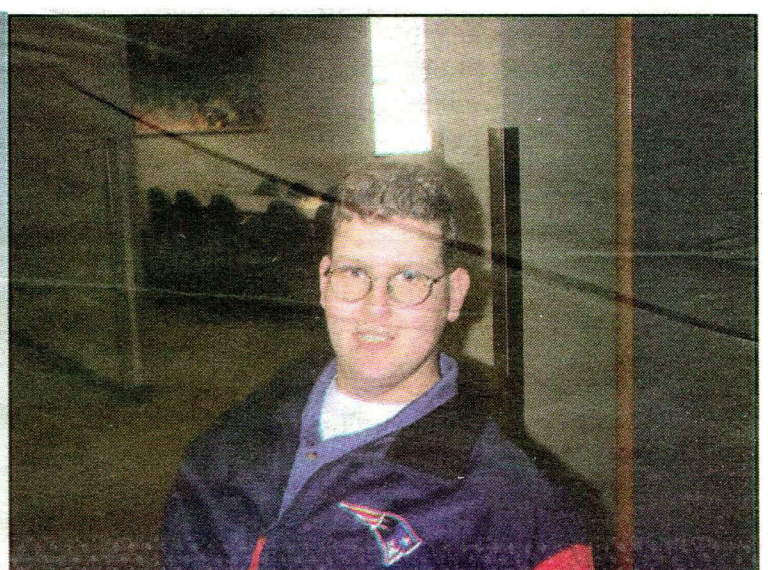
Cheryl Power  
Sophomore, Travel &  
Tourism

*"Start up our walks."*



Jason Barbeta  
Sophomore, Eco/  
Finance

*"Ride my motorcycle."*





# Sunbowl glory

By Amanda L'Heureux  
A&E Editor

The twenty-first annual Phillips U.S. Open Snowboarding Championships came and went with a bang. People of all ages swarmed Stratton Mountain's Sunbowl March 14-16 to participate in the festivities, which included fireworks, Burton snowboard demonstrations and a concert featuring The Misfits. Broadcast live on the Outdoor Life Network for the first time, the event showcased talent from the sickest boarders in the world and served as a memorial to the boarders who lost their lives doing what they loved.

The Open began under the lights with the first-ever Rail Jam, replacing the quarterpipe event. Riders performed their best tricks off of long rails and staircases in frigid weather as spectators watched. The upper set of staircases featured a 34-foot kinked rail, and the lower set featured a 30-foot flat rail. Top riders Travis Rice, Shaun White, Jeremy Jones, Ryan Lougee, Nik Batko and Zach Leach competed for the \$10,000 first-place cash prize. The competition was rough. White ripped a Cab 270 to boardslide and a backside tailslide on the bottom part of the course and landed second place after wiping out a few times. Rice grabbed first-place glory with a switch 50/50 to frontside boardslide on the top rail and a Cab 270 to nosepress on the 30-foot flat rail. Batko took home the \$5,000 prize for best trick after his best run, pulling off a backside 270 off the upper rail and a Cab 270 down below.

The popular halfpipe event changed format this year as riders competed head to head against each other. Riders took two runs and the rider with the best score advanced. With the new format, many top riders were knocked out of competition early, including Abe Teter, Danny Kass and J.J. Thomas. In the men's pipe, Ross Powers, Daniel Franck, and Japan's fifteen-year-old snowboarding prodigy Kazuhiro Kokubo bumped heads in the finals. Kokubo connected with over fifteen feet of pipe with his McTwists, but it wouldn't be enough to catch Powers' smooth combinations and methods. Franck

landed third on the podium, followed by Kokubo and Powers.

While getting the pipe ready for the women's finals, Jake Burton, founder of Burton Snowboards and a snowboard legend himself, called for a moment of silence for Jeff Anderson and Craig Kelly. Anderson, who built the jib features at the Open this year, died sliding sideways down a rail in Japan and was a snowboarding icon for Burton Snowboards. Kelly, along with Burton considered one of snowboarding's first professionals, died in an avalanche in British Columbia, Canada, along with seven other people. The two men contributed highly to the sport of snowboarding. The crowd went silent, then exploded with cheers for the men.

The women's event was close until the end. Gretchen Bleiler knocked out Kelly Clark to advance to the finals in a match-up similar to the X-Games. Hannah Teter and Natasza Zurek joined Bleiler as the three went head to head for first-place glory. After the first run, it was all Bleiler after she capped a Crippler 720 at the end of the pipe. Teter and Zurek fought fiercely for second place, but Zurek sneaked ahead, beating out Teter's frontside 540 and 720 rotations. Bleiler also grabbed best trick with her Crippler 720 signature move.

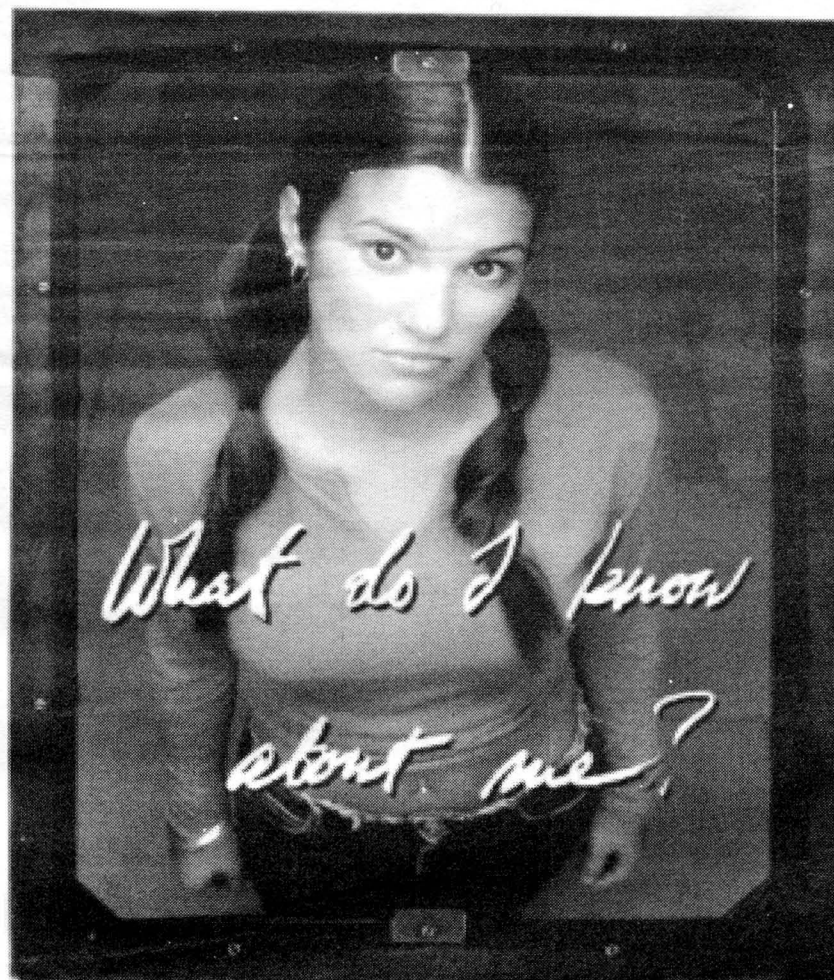
With the sunny skies making the Slopestyle course soft, spectators gathered for the final event featuring White, Clark, Rice and Hana Beaman. White was untouchable. He nailed frontside 7's, backside 9's and a Cab 9, winning the men's slopestyle. White has won every major slopestyle event this season: X-Games, Vail Sessions and Vans Triple Crown. Beaman, who placed fourth in the event last year, dominated the women's field, winning \$15,000 and a Phillips DVD recorder. On the podium, Teter was named overall winner of the U.S. Open and took home a new Jeep Wrangler X.

The Open proved once again to be a successful weekend, honoring Craig Kelly and Jeff Anderson. With the gorgeous weather conditions, every rider left Stratton Mountain's Sunbowl with a smile.



Photo by Amanda L'Heureux

Gold medalist Ross Powers goes up for a mute grab during the semi-finals of the men's halfpipe competition.



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## Linkin Park gives back

By Todd Strauss  
Staff Writer

Over SNHU's spring break, I got the chance to go to New York City for the first time in almost seven years to see my favorite band of all time, all for the low cost of zero dollars. Linkin Park decided to have a short free tour to give their biggest fans a little insight to the new album due to be released March 25, *Meteora*. Up-and-coming band Blindside opened for the headliners, providing an awesome show in itself. Everyone was waiting for LP, however, and when they emerged onto the stage at the Roseland Ballroom an enormous mosh pit awakened. Practically all 4000 patrons released an intense amount of energy, but we all got pretty worn out after about four songs! Even

still, the crowd couldn't help but get excited when Linkin Park brought out old favorites such as "Crawling," "In the End," "Papercut" and "Points of Authority." Everyone at the ballroom knew every lyric to the selected songs from *Hybrid Theory* and wished they knew the words to the tracks from *Meteora*, which definitely sounds like a promising album. The newest single, "Somewhere I Belong," was included on the set list, and I am looking forward to songs such as "Faint" and "Lying From You." Just when you thought it was over, L.P. came back with an encore featuring "One Step Closer" with a *Reanimation* twist! I definitely recommend seeing these guys if you get an opportunity; their live show just puts a bigger foothold on them being my favorite band.

By Todd Strauss  
Staff Writer

### Avril Lavigne – Let Go

Avril's popular, but is this album really pop music? In reality, a rock beat presides over the entire CD. Right from the start, "Losing Grip" hits you hard, and her three huge singles "Complicated," "Sk8er Boi" and "I'm With You" provide the listener with several good reasons why this 18-year-old isn't going away for a while. Most of the album is lighter rock, but it's soothing and great to listen to. "Things I'll Never Say," "Unwanted" and "My World" are some of the better songs, but there isn't a bad track on this album. Give Avril a try; this is one of the better CDs to come out in the last year. Grade: 86 B

## Todd's Tunes

Goo Goo Dolls – A Boy  
Named Goo

This is definitely an oldie but goodie, although it came out in 1995. The boys from Buffalo blast your ears immediately with rock anthem "Long Way Down" and follow with the hit "Naked" shortly after. Robby Takac rather than Johnny Reznik provides lyrics for the great songs "Burnin' Up" and "Impersonality." But Johnny, ever the versatile vocalist, sings on "Flat Top" and one of the biggest singles of 1995 "Name." One of the most important rock bands of the last decade proves it on songs such as "Only One" and "Eyes Wide Open." I used to not be able to stand these guys, now I can't put their albums down. I feel this is a must-have CD. Grade: 96 A

### Trivia

Led Zeppelin got their name when a critic declared the band would fall like a lead balloon and never succeed.

In 1980, Black Sabbath kicked Ozzy Osbourne out of the band to make way for Ronnie James Dio.

Def Leppard drummer Rick Allen continues playing despite losing his arm while on a tour in the 1980s.

March birthdays: Jon Bon Jovi 3/2/62, James Taylor 3/12/48, Elton John 3/25/47, Mariah Carey 3/27/70, Eric Clapton 3/30/45.

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It will eventually unite with the others and infect  
them with its fury.  
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-Donna Lacroix

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# People and their hair: "B+"

By Prof. Dave Cox  
Contributing Writer

Q: Meg, you're the first person to be featured in "People and their hair" that asked to be in this column. Why did you want to be in?

A: I think your column is a good idea. It's something different and fun. I wanted to be part of the fun!

Q: I totally agree, naturally. Now what qualifies you for an appearance are those great pigtails you sometimes have. What's behind their appearance?

A: They calm my hair down; otherwise my hair would be out of control and a mess. I've heard, from several sources, that your hair changes every seven years. Since I'm twenty-one now I've moved into a new phase, a more controllable phase.

About 14 years old I entered the afro phase.

Q: I think there should be more pigtails in this world. They're extremely underrated. Now I know this is your last semester, Meg. What is your major?

A: Marketing.

Q: Do you think pigtails go well with marketing?

A: Probably not.

Q: You had Finite Mathematics with me your first semester here. Do you have any memories of the class?

A: No.

Q: Do you remember your grade?

A: No, what was it?

Q: You made a B+. Nice



Photo by Dave Cox

## Meg Shibley

job! Shall we put that in the interview?

A: Sure, why not.

Q: What brought you here to the "new U"?

A: I don't know. I ended up here sort of by accident after I filled out a free application at my high school. Sometimes things just work out by accident.

Q: That was very philosophical, Meg! Tell me where you went to high school?

A: In Massachusetts, outside of Springfield. We moved there from Houston, Texas, when I was young.

Q: Besides my class, what have been other highlights of your four years here?

A: Well, the Pub last night was pretty fun. Also trips with the outing club, sophomore year in Spaulding (a.k.a. Studio 24), getting to meet Danny and studying in London for one semester.

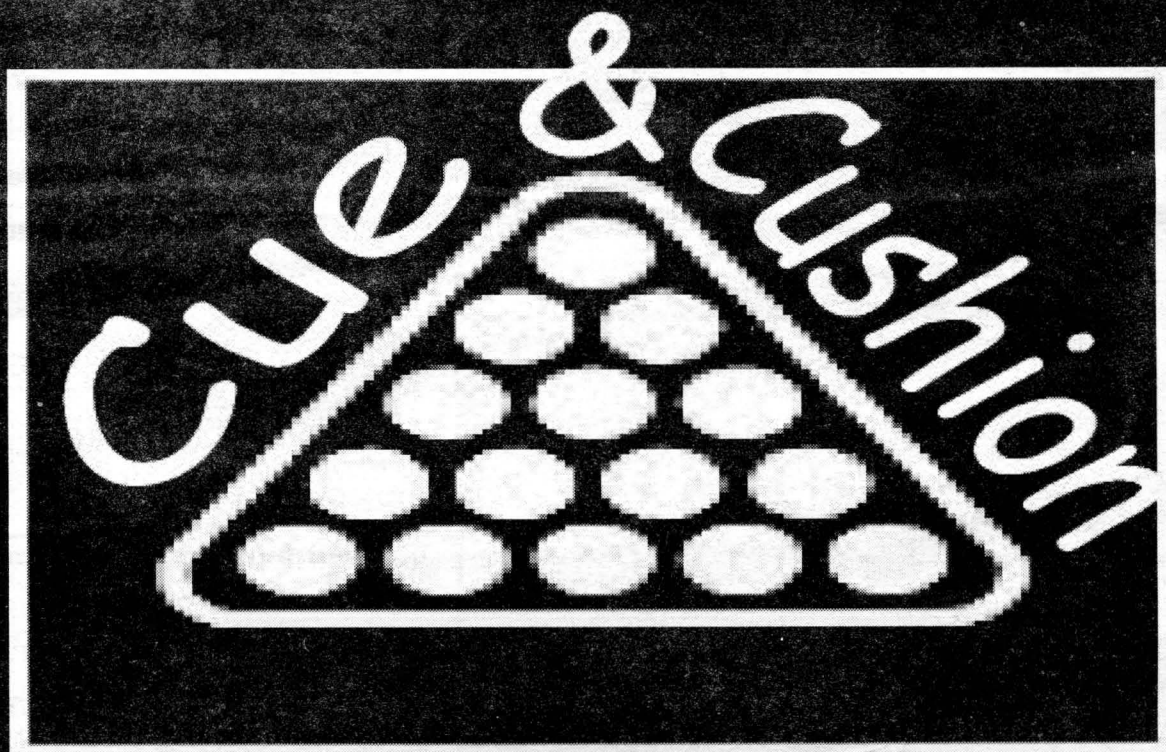
Q: What was the semester in London like?

A: It was a blast. Six of us went over. I took four classes and each met once a week. There were always nutty things going on like when the teachers went on strike for more pay or the tube employees went on strike and you couldn't get around. My Art History class was pretty fun too.

Q: So what are your plans after graduation?

A: I think I'm going to move to California or Texas and figure things out from there. I just want to wear a cowboy hat and a t-shirt all the time.

Q: Good luck with those plans, Meg, but don't cover up your pigtails with a cowboy hat for too long.



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# Men's basketball season finishes on a sad note

By Brittany Porter  
Staff Writer

The SNHU men's basketball season came to a close with the NCAA Division II opener against University of New Haven in Lowell, Massachusetts, on March 14. Previous to the NCAA showing, the Penmen fell to UMass-Lowell in the NE-10 Championship game. The 77-66 loss to Lowell held no bearing on the Penmen's 14<sup>th</sup> appearance at the NCAA tournament; they had received an at-large bid that brought them in as the 3<sup>rd</sup>-seeded team for the regional.

In the first round of the NCAA tournament, the Penmen faced 6<sup>th</sup>-seeded University of New Haven. The first half was a shot for shot battle, and the Penmen went in with

a two-point lead at the half. The second half started right up, and then New Haven ran off nine unanswered points and took a 56-48 lead. The Penmen answered with eight straight points and cut the lead to a point, 56-55, following a basket by freshman P.J. Young, with 8:22 to play. The Chargers took a 65-60 lead with just over three minutes to play and the five-point deficit would be cut to just three points, four times in the final minutes, but New Haven secured the win by hitting 7 of their 8 final free-throws finishing with a 76-71 win over the Penmen. The Penmen finished the season with a 22-8 overall record, with the most wins in a season since the 1996-97 season and an array of individual and team statistic league leaders.

The men's team, with a second-place conference finish, also ranked second in the conference for free-throw percentage, third for steals, fourth in the conference for scoring offense, and seventh for assists in the conference. Leading the Penmen this season was senior Sotirios Karapostolou. The NE-10 *Player of the Year* ranks second among the NE-10 scoring leaders (20.0 ppg), and has broken Matt Ripaldi's school-record for three-pointers in a season (107) with 112 three-pointers during the year, ranking fourth nationally in three-point field goals made per game. He also ranked second for individual points in a game during the season with 36 in the win over St. Michael's College in December. Karapostolou was re-

cently named as one of 11 conference players to the 2002-03 National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division II All-Northeast District team by vote of the region's head coaches. As a four-year starter and three-time all-conference selection, Karapostolou totaled 1,609 points, 590 assists, 241 steals and 240 three-pointers in 107 career games. He ranks 10th in career points, sixth in career assists, third in career steals and fifth in career three-pointers among SNHU's all-time leaders. He is one of only two players in program history to total 1,500 points, 500 assists and 200 steals.

Brian Larrabee, a second-team all-league selection, ranks ninth among the league scoring leaders (16.0 ppg), and 14th in career points

(1,566) at SNHU. He made 5-of-6 free throws in the game against New Haven and narrowly missed breaking the school record for career free throws made (550) set by Cleveland Woods. Larrabee finished with a high 80-percent (547-683) of free throws made over his career. Also ranking among league leaders was freshman stand-out John Baiano, finishing seventh in the conference for assists and holding a starting position in every SNHU game this season.

The Penmen finished the season with record-setting highs and many individual and team statistic league leaders, marking an accomplished season and team in the program history.



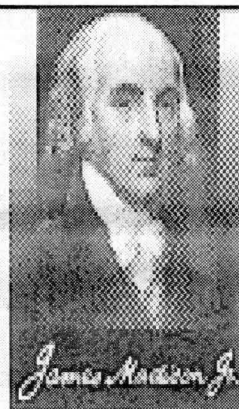
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## Sunny days ahead: SNHU spring sports preview

By Roy Wilkinson  
Staff Writer

Winter is breaking its cold grasp on the campus at last and the spring sporting season is just starting to heat up. The basketball seasons are over and give way to other sports action at SNHU. Baseball, softball, men's lacrosse and men's tennis are all on the docket this spring for the university. Even though Northeast-10 preseason coach polls predict that SNHU will finish in the bottom half of the standings in all four sports, the teams are prepared to try and prove them wrong.

The SNHU men's baseball team, piloted by manager Bruce Joyce, is looking to improve on an 8-33 overall record last year. They also finished last in the Northeast-10 with a conference record of 5-27. They have 16 veteran players on this year's squad, and the team will have its top two returning hitters from last year in sophomores Mike Bernard and Chris Hart. Bernard, last year's top power hitter, led the team with 26 runs batted in, a .544 slugging percentage, and 81 total bases last season while posting a .336 batting average in 149 at-

bats. He also finished tied for second in the Northeast-10 in triples with six. Hart led SNHU in batting average by hitting at a .346 clip in 136 at-bats. He also had a team leading .388 on-base percentage and stole seven bases to rank second on the team in that category. The top-returning pitcher, senior and team co-captain Eric Harvey, finished last year with a 3-6 record with a 5.05 earned run average. He fanned 49 batters in 67.2 innings and pitched five complete games for the Penmen a year ago.

The SNHU women's softball team, coached by Terry Prouty in her fourth season, finished 13-26 overall, 8-20 in the conference last year. They have 10 players, six of them seniors this year, returning from last year. Included in returning players is top hurler Mel Keeler. Senior and team co-captain, Keeler was 6-13 in 20 mound appearances, 18 of them starting, and led the team with a 1.50 earned run average which ranked 6<sup>th</sup> best in the Northeast-10 conference. She struck out 63 batters in 130.2 innings and held hitters to a .229 batting average against her. Keeler not only helped to anchor the team with her arm but also

with the bat, as she led the team with three home runs, 13 runs batted in, and she finished second on the team in batting average at .277. Senior and co-captain Trisha Robinson also helped pace the SNHU offense with a .278 batting average to lead the team and had 11 runs batted in.

The stick-wielding members of the SNHU men's lacrosse team, led by head coach Paul Calkins, finished 5-7 overall, 3-7 in the conference last year. This season, they lose their top scorer in Mike Cesere, who left SNHU holding university records in goals, assists and career points. Senior and co-captain Kyle Hintlian, who was second on the team with 31 goals last year, will be the top returning scorer on the team. The roster includes only three seniors and one junior and there is a huge influx of sophomores and freshmen. The key will be between the pipes with senior Nick Beltz, sophomore Davis Shields and freshman Bryan Romonow acting as goalies to help out the offense, which ranked in the top ten among Division II lacrosse schools, albeit with former player Cesere on the field.

The SNHU men's tennis team, coached by Brian

Horan, will be looking to crack the win column this season as they finished 0-12 last year. Juniors Antonio Carter, Bryan Fontaine and Chris Thomas will be looked on to help anchor the team after losing three top players from last year's team. The men's tennis program at SNHU was reinstated prior to the 2000-2001 school year. Previously, the program was offered as an intercollegiate sport from the early 1970's till 1991 and it was consistently ranked as one of the top men's programs in the region, including unde-

feated seasons in 1980 and 1989.

The snow is melting at rapid rates as the temperature rises seemingly every day. As the temperatures rise, cheer on our spring sports programs at SNHU and, hopefully, their records will rise as well. Show your school spirit and support for the last couple of months of this interesting sports year at SNHU. After successful men's soccer and basketball seasons, which SNHU spring sporting team will step up? Stay tuned to the back pages of The Observer.

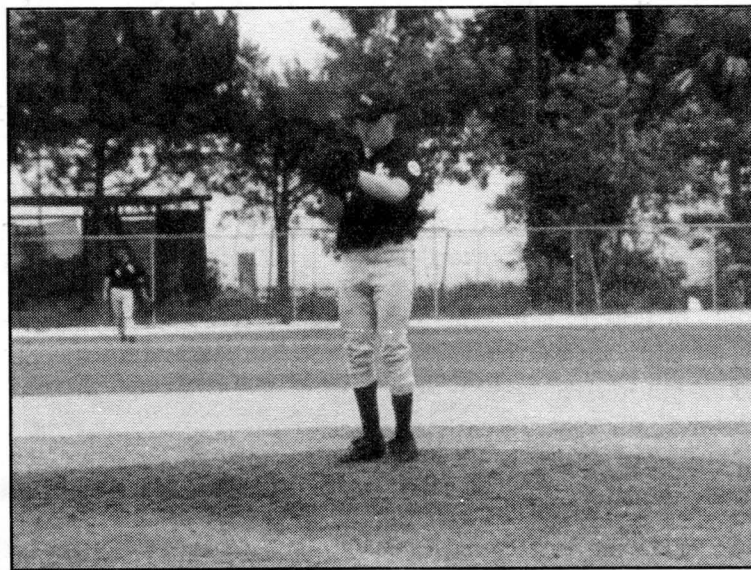


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Senior Ryan West checks the sign and prepares to deliver the pitch.

## Penmen hockey

By Katelyn Duggan  
Opinion Editor

The Penmen had a face off against Assumption College mid February. SNHU had prevailed in the previous two meetings with the team; however, they were unable to beat Assumption this time around, losing 4-1. SNHU opened the scoring just into the first period when freshman Howell Smith netted his fourth goal of the year, and the only goal for the Penmen, assisted by sophomore Kurt Lytle and freshman Justin Hurley.

SNHU made a strong statement in their match against Franklin Pierce, with a dominant victory of 13-2. Eleven different players scored in the game for SNHU, while 18 players recorded at least one point. Sophomore John Lavery totaled two goals and two assists, freshman Mike Cardarelli registered a goal and three assists and sophomore Chris Russo contributed four assists to lead the Penmen. Sophomore Pat Doherty also scored twice for SNHU, while junior Michael Flynn and Hurley both recorded three assists. The Penmen outshot FPC 57-16 for the game.

The Penmen then played against Suffolk University and pulled out a big win, 6-2, over the Rams. The team opened the scoring early in the first period with a power-play goal by senior Vin Forgione. They then doubled their lead when freshman Brent Bousquet found the back of the net with a rebound off a shot by junior Dan Brown. Suffolk banged in a goal, soon followed by Flynn's 11<sup>th</sup> goal of the season, giving SNHU a 3-1 lead. SNHU finalized the win after goals by Cardarelli and Brown in the first five minutes of the third period and by Hurley with a power-play goal with 23 seconds left to play. Freshman Tim Fewster went the distance in net for the Penmen and stopped 28 shots.

The Penmen then definitely had a self-esteem booster with a huge win over Worcester State College. SNHU posted a 9-1 victory and secured the third seed in the upcoming ECAC Division II Tournament. Sophomore Will Bertoni netted a three-goal hat trick and Crank totaled two goals and two assists. Forgione and White both totaled a goal and two assists, Doherty and Lytle both added goals for the Penmen, while Flynn added three assists. Freshman Martin Stehl worked in net for the

Penmen and stopped 18 shots that night.

SNHU then faced off against Franklin Pierce College again, in their first round of the 2003 ECAC Division II hockey championship, and posted a 7-2 victory over the Ravens. The Ravens got the first goal of the game, but the Penmen took over from there. Lytle scored on a breakaway, and the Penmen took the lead for good 1:32 later following a power-play goal by Brown. Crank, with two goals has now totaled a team-high 19 goals and 38 points this season. Lavery and freshman Howell Smith also scored for the Penmen, while Forgione and freshmen Chris White and Bousquet each recorded two assists.

SNHU then advanced to face second-seeded Saint Anselm College in the tournament semifinals, and were unable to beat the Hawks, ending the Penmen season for 2003. It was 2-0 in the third period as Doherty cut that lead in half when he shot a goal past the St. A's goaltender; Flynn assisted on the goal. It was the lone Penmen goal with the final score 3-1.



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Sophomore Pat Doherty fights for the loose puck against the boards.





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# Observer All Stars



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## Amy Stilphen

By Roy Wilkinson  
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## Steve Lavolpicelo

By Abby Kyriakoutsakos  
Sports Editor

Senior Amy Stilphen, who hails from Gardiner, Maine, was co-captain of the women's basketball team this year in her third year at SNHU. Stilphen played all 26 games, starting 14 of them, and averaged 5.3 points over 22.3 minutes per game. She also finished the season ranking third on the team in steals with 33.

In a home game earlier this season, Stilphen netted a career-high 13 points and collected four rebounds to lead SNHU women's basketball to a convincing 89-41 victory. Her previous career-high was 11 points. One came this year in a home victory against Pace and the other came during her junior campaign against St. Michael's. During her collegiate career at SNHU, Stilphen hasn't missed a game. She started 40 of her 78 games played during the three years.

Stilphen, a graduate of Gardiner Area High School, came to SNHU after spending her freshman year at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She was a member of the track team there. During her senior year in high school, she averaged 17.8 points, 7.6 rebounds and 3.7 assists to lead her Tigers to a 16-3 record. She recorded over 1,000 points in high school and was named second-team All-State. She served as team captain her senior year. She was also named to the 2001-2002 Northeast-10 Conference Academic Honor Roll while at SNHU.

Stilphen majors in social science and is up to graduate this year. Her veteran presence and the intangibles she brought to the team were crucial this year on the young SNHU women's hoops squad.

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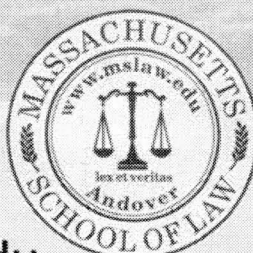
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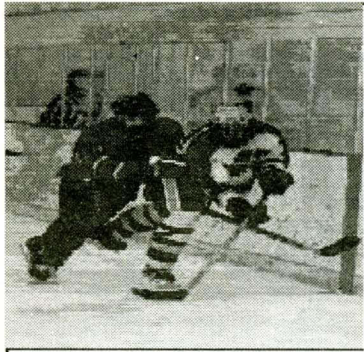


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# SPORTS



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## Freshmen trio supports Penmen

By Colleen Murphy  
Contributing Writer

Although seniors Brian Larrabee and Soto Karapostolou have been putting up MVP type numbers to lead the Penmen basketball team to a 22-8 record and second seed in the conference, they have been complemented by freshmen Miguel Gonzalez, John Baiano and P.J. Young.

Entering the season all three freshmen were expected to have an impact, but they weren't expected to develop this quickly. This may be SNHU's best freshman class in years.

Baiano, a 5'8" guard nicknamed "John John" by his friends and teammates, has been a spark plug in this finely oiled machine. His lightning-quick moves earned him both the starting point guard spot as well as respect from teammates, fans and opponents. A native of Staten Island, New York, he played ball at St. Peter's High School. During his senior year he averaged 15 points, 7 assists and 4 steals per game to earn him All-League honors.

Alongside Baiano, at guard is defensive specialist Gonzalez of Jamaica Queens, New York. At 6 feet, Gonzalez is a threat at both ends of the

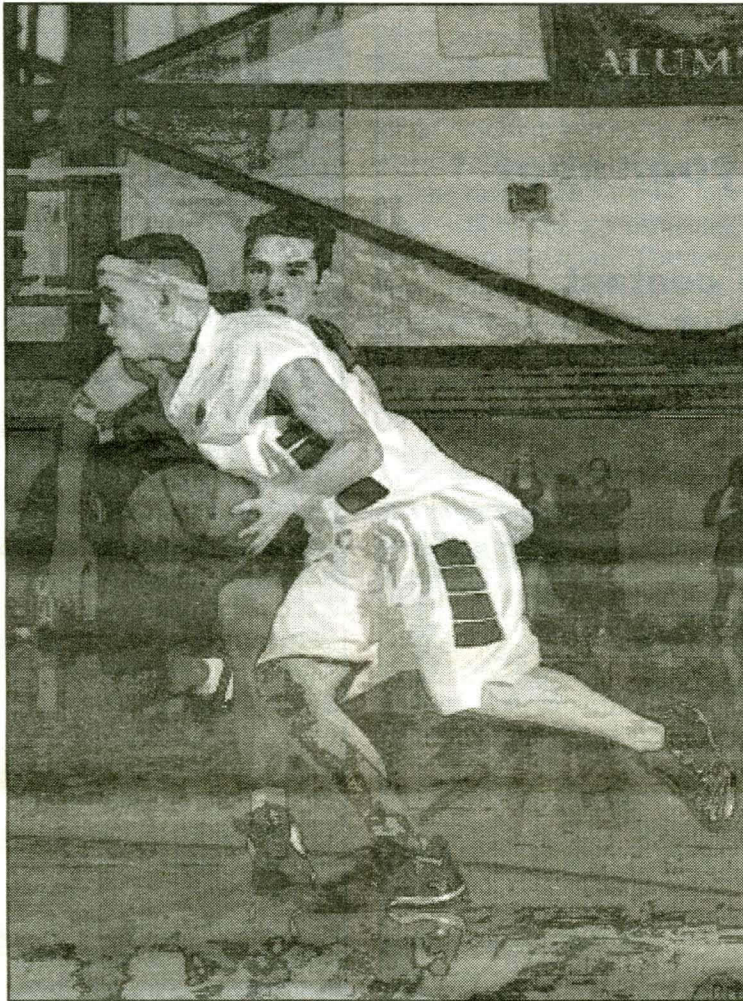


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Freshman guard Johnm Baiano dribbles past the defender.

court. After putting up big numbers in his senior year of high school, he had to adjust to a more defensive role early in his college career. In his senior season at Holy Cross

High School, he averaged 24 points, 5 rebounds and 4 assists. He led the league in scoring and was a first-team all-star.

The most experienced of

the three, after red shirting for a year, is Young, a 6'5" forward. He brings depth to the team and is a constant force on the boards. Young is an emotional player who can spark the crowd with a dunk or a clutch rebound. A local product of Central High School in Manchester, Young lead the Little Green to two state titles. He averaged 22 points, 12 rebounds and 3 assists over that time.

This year these three players have built on their previous success to turn the Pen-

men into a championship-caliber team. Coach Stan Spirou said, "Without this year's freshman class, we wouldn't be in the position we are in now." Veteran Namdi Williams added, "This is one of the best teams I've been on since my time here at the university."

This trio provides the foundation for Penmen basketball to be a force for years to come. After such a strong start one can imagine how their careers at SNHU will progress. It's fun to think about it.

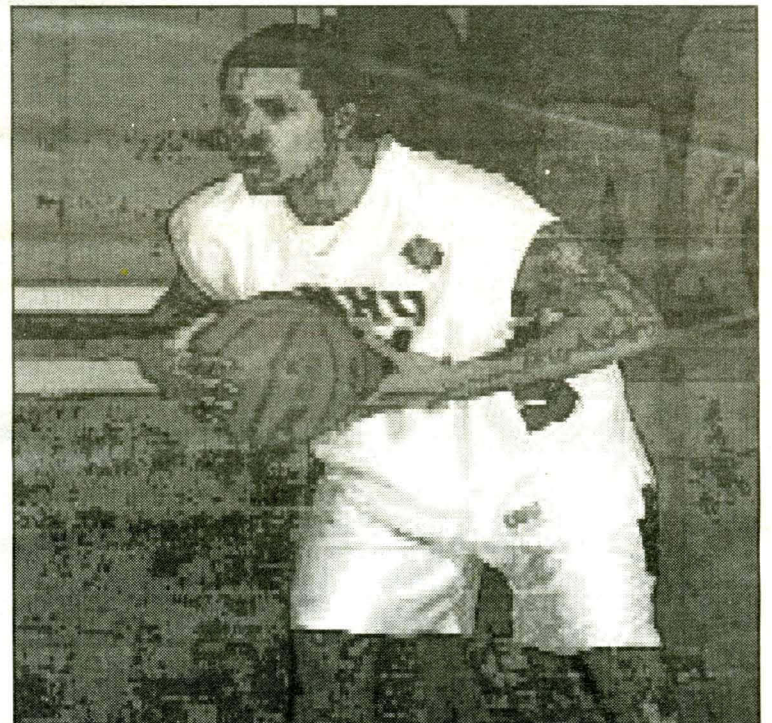


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Freshman guraad Miguel Gonzalez is surveying the defense.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

**March 30**

SNHU Men's Lacrosse vs. Pace University  
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**April 2**

SNHU Women's Softball vs. Merrimack College  
at 2:00 p.m.

**April 6**

SNHU Men's Lacrosse vs. LeMoyne College at 1:00 p.m.  
SNHU Men's Baseball vs Southern Conn. State University  
at 1:00 p.m. (doubleheader)