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SNHU discussion of the war

By Garrett Boucher
Co-Editor in Chief

On April 9 Educational Continuum, Human Rights Association, the Wellness Center and the Observer hosted an informative panel discussion about the current involvement of the United States in Iraq. U.S. and Iraq The Issues began as an idea brought up at an Observer editorial board meeting. It stemmed from some students on campus wanting more information about what was then a possibility of the United States going to war. The event was held the same day that coalition forces reached the center of Baghdad.

Dr. Paul Barresi, assistant professor of political science at SNHU, moderated the discussion. A panel of four was assembled to speak about the topic and present their views: Arnie Arnesen, former Democratic gubernatorial candidate and current radio talk host; Charles Arlinghaus, president of the Josiah Bartlett Center and former worker for the Republican National Committee; William

Maddocks, director of the SNHU Microenterprise Development Institute and long-time activist for the environment, the struggle for peace and anti-imperialism; And Dr. Sameer Sakallah, a self-described Arab-Muslim-American, who sits on the board of trustees of the Islamic Society of Greater Manchester.

The Walker Auditorium in Robert Frost Hall was filled with students, faculty and members of the press including the Union Leader, WMUR television and WNDS television. Those who came early to the event socialized and were offered refreshments. By the time the discussion started, nearly all of the seats in the auditorium, over 200, were taken. The speakers were given a few minutes to present their thoughts and some time to rebut those of the other panelists.

The opinions varied from criticisms of the U.S. role in the war to support of the Administration's decision to oust Saddam Hussein. There was also concern from some panelists about stability in a

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Introducing Dr. Paul LeBlanc, SNHU's next president

By Cari Welch
Co-Editor in Chief

President Richard Gustafson is leaving the SNHU Presidency. That fact is sad, but more than that, it's almost scary. Saying good-bye to our long-time leader is the end of an era; it's farewell to a man who is responsible for many great accomplishments at SNHU. So who will we turn to when our leader has moved on?

The search committee has recently answered that question. Dr. Paul LeBlanc will be SNHU's new president. He was introduced to the campus on April 10, and since then there has been a buzz. Certainly there was a lot of talk, from faculty and staff, to the local media, who took notice of the event.

We know things like LeBlanc is finishing up his term as president of Marlboro College in Vermont and

that, he obtained his Ph.D. from UMass- Amherst. But who is he really? Apparently, he is a president for the students. When contacted via mail with a request to give some information about himself, he responded within hours with an enthusiastic yes. His response to questions regarding his decision to come to SNHU were more than reassuring, they were exciting.

Asked to answer the question "Why SNHU?", he said:

"It is an institution that dreams big. It has decided to become a university and that implies growth, meaningful scholarship and research combined with its legacy of fine teaching, breadth of disciplines with the required depth of expertise, and a rich cultural, athletic, and spiritual life layered in with the intellectual core that comes with any good university. I love the challenge of helping SNHU realize its dreams. Some presidents like mature, orderly, and satisfied institu-

tions. I like building things, moving things along, solving problems, and helping people reach their goals. That's why I like where SNHU is as an institution and where it has set out to be in its future."

Already, president-elect LeBlanc has his sights set on the students. In his closing to his e-mail he wrote, "I look forward to reading the past copies of the paper and please know that I'll always be available to you."

Suddenly, next year doesn't seem so scary. At least the person moving into the presidential suite has an agenda that keeps the students at the center of progress.

**The Observer
would like to
welcome the
new president
Dr. Paul LeBlanc
to the SNHU
Campus!**



Photo by Michelle Emery
Four panelists spoke at the U.S. and Iraq: The Issues panel discussion.



Class of 2003

**Congratulations Seniors
& Graduate Students on
a job well done.
Good Luck in the future.**

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Seniors bid adieu

By Katelyn Duggan
Opinion Editor

During the spring semester, seniors are beginning to realize the deadline that is graduation. Some may panic, some may slack off, and others act like it's no big deal. However, by mid-semester "senioritis" has definitely set in. Sometimes seniors are seen on the soccer field playing wiffle ball and not in class. They are running around trying to get everything done in time, as well as trying to find a job. As graduation gets closer, many seniors look back at their four years here and wonder what has college really prepared them for, what will and what won't they miss, and did college really live up to being the "best four years of your life."

The social scene on a college campus is what most students have great memories of. "The atmosphere on a college campus is the best. I love the freedom that we will never have again after we graduate," says Dave Walton.

"Never again will all your friends be neighbors," says Eddie Fisher.

Other things that students will miss are "being independent, and meeting tons of new people," says Tyson Chartier.

"Playing baseball, and the Florida spring break trips with the team," says Ryan West.

The stuff on campus that makes college, well, college, is the stuff that students will commonly miss the most. The lifelong friendships, the parties, and the random late-night stuff. Partying in the apartments or townhouses, walking around campus on a beautiful spring day and seeing all your friends playing Frisbee or wiffle ball, hanging out with your roomies, or sitting around on a Sunday afternoon with a bunch of friends watching a football game. It's scary to think everything will be different after graduation.

Of course, there will always be the things that students will not miss about SNHU. "Eighteen feet of snow," says Mike Stapleton. DRAMA, deadlines, stress, 8 a.m. classes, homework, café food, walking to the grad school, practice in the freezing cold, and public safety are some of the things that are not often looked back upon fondly by graduates, and many students can clearly see why.

Besides a diploma and a college-educated "preparedness" for the real world, what else will graduates take away

from their college experience?

"College has taught me to think with an open mind," says West. "It has prepared me with a good knowledge base for the real world, and I have learned how to manage my time effectively."

"Responsibility, integrity, knowledge and self esteem," says Stapleton.

Besides teaching you to do a strategic case study or to design an advertising campaign, what else has college taught you to do?

"College has allowed me to realize my qualities and characteristics and has allowed me to see what I have to offer the work force," says Stephanie Serewicz.

"College has taught me to deal with the real world through my internship and my major, working for a business in Manchester," says Chuck Spirou.

"College has prepared me for the real world by living on my own and making my own decisions. It has also taught me not to depend on my parents for everything," says Alissa Santos.

Whether college has lived up to be "the best four years of your life" is a personal feeling; however, most seniors say it has been a great time and allowed them to grow as people as well as academically.

Looking back at their senior year, many students had a bit of advice to offer to the upcoming senior class, "Enjoy it while you can because it goes by way too fast."

"Enjoy your year! Make the best out of it and don't worry about graduation. Take the time to enjoy your last year at school, your last year as a kid," says Chartier.

"Have fun, make the most of your senior year. Don't let opportunity pass you by. Make sure you can say you have no regrets about college at graduation," says West.

As seniors cross the podium and receive their diplomas, tears, laughs and memories will be shared. Hopefully all students can look back at their four years without the "I should have's" and the "I wish I did's." Whether your plans are to go to grad school at SNHU, move across the country for a job or become an officer in the Marines, graduation is approaching quickly, so make the best of the rest of the time you have here. Congratulations and good luck to the class of 2003.

Poetry night at SNHU

By Dr. Allison Cummings
Contributing Writer

On the balmy evening of April 15, a small tribe of poetry devotees gathered to listen and read poetry for Open-Mike Poetry Night in the Walker Auditorium. Instigated by students in Lit 337: Contemporary Poetry, the event was open to poets on campus, including students, faculty and staff, as well as poets in the surrounding area. Several of the performers

were, in fact, local legends, including "Unseenthepoet," a mechanic by day and poetry slammer by night, made famous by a recent profile in the Hippo Press. Whether the readers were shy or extroverted, word-drunk or verbally Spartan, all captivated the audience for their four minutes of fame. Toward the end of the evening, the young photographer from Hippo, who had skirted the stage all night snapping flash portraits of each poet in mid-phrase, put down her camera and took the stage. She read sev-

eral poems of her own, including one about meeting an ex-boyfriend's mom in Panera Bread, wanting to bolt and wanting to stay. We listened and clapped, and we meant it. The English Department at SNHU plans to sponsor another Open-Mike Poetry Night next year and each year after that, and hopes that more and more students and people in the community will come out to hear "the news that stays news."

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The course will be taught by MaryEllen McGorry. She earned a B.A. in Communication from SNHU (formerly NHC) in 1986 and obtained her doctorate in law from Franklin Pierce Law Center in 1989. Ms. McGorry was employed by the Hillsborough County Attorney's Office in Manchester from 1987 to 1997, prosecuting felony and juvenile cases. She was a private practitioner from 1998 until 2001. She is currently teaching American and British literature at Manchester High School West.

Class of 2003 Alumni Leader Corps selected

On behalf of the Alumni Association, the Director of alumni and community relations. Mike DeBlasi is pleased to announce that Samantha Doyle has been selected to become the 2003 class president for the Alumni Leader Corps program. Doyle is a Sport Management major who has taken on several leadership roles at SNHU. She has been president of CAPE, Head Orientation Leader, co-editor of the yearbook, and a member of the Kappa Lambda sorority.

Doyle's first official duty as president-elect has been to appoint the following executive officers: Michael Keister as vice president, Matt Doggett and Nichole Corvini as news chair, Alex Bickford and Katie McKenney as co-fund raising chairs and Nicole Corvini as news chair.

In addition to the executive officers, the following individuals will serve as members of the Alumni Leader Corps: Laura Bachman, Danielle Broyer, Tyson Chartier, Matthew Colantuoni, Katie Darling, Edward Fisher, Jason Gallant, Kate Hickey, Annie Howard, Stephanie Jones, Melissa Keeter, Jessica Labrecque, Ginger Lamontagne, Mariel Mabardy, Joseph Mackie, Dianna Saunders, Lisa Sessions, Chuck Spirou, Darcy Tippie, Amanda Watson and Kim Wright.

The Leader Corps program, now in its eighth year, has proven to be a great success for the Alumni Association. Students are nominated for this program because of their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to Southern New Hampshire University, with the hope of maintaining their level of commitment to SNHU after graduation. The mission statement for the corps is foster positive fundraising in order to strengthen the future of the university. Members of the corps will plan class reunions, gather class news and raise money for their class gift.

Congratulations to all!

The freshman orientation experience

By Katelyn Duggan
Opinion Editor

The first week of freshman year was a scary experience for everyone, as much as many might not want to admit it. New people, new territory, no best friend to lean on, fewer rules, more experience, FREEDOM!

However, at SNHU the incoming class of freshmen each year has a little less to worry about. The Office of Student Organizations and Leadership has an orientation program. The Orientation Leader program that is up and running now was designed by Scott Tierno, director of OSOL, seven years ago, and this OL program has been becoming more and more popular.

"This increasing popularity and growth is a big benefit to the new students. There are so many students who want to help. We know we are getting the cream of the crop to welcome the new students," says Tierno. "It's exciting to see the want to be an orientation leader, and the want to help the new students."

The OL program is organized so that when the new freshman students show up at SNHU late in August, they have outgoing, friendly students to help them move in, show them around, answer any questions, as well as provide them with three days of fun-filled orientation activities-getting to know the campus, the fellow freshmen, as well as a group of upperclassmen.

"I wanted to be an OL because I want to be a familiar

"We know we are getting the cream of the crop to welcome the new students."

~ Scott Tierno

face for the freshmen, knowing that I helped them make those first few days easier. It is important because the first people make a huge impression on the school, so if I can help that out then it's fun. One of my favorite parts is getting to hang with all the other OL's

and having a blast with them," says junior Mike Flynn.

Students who apply and are chosen to be an OL show up at campus late in August to begin training and getting ready for the new students to move in. Different team building activities, group work, and many other preparation techniques are used to help the OL's realize what a big impact they will have on these new students, and realize that their personalities and their help are all a part of making the new student's transition as best as it can be.

"Orientation leaders have a wide variety of qualities. We look for someone who has a good academic average, someone who is involved on campus, someone who is enthusiastic, but will also be a good listener for the students and the parents, someone who can converse intelligently with the new students, and someone who is fun," says Tierno.

"I am an OL because I really wanted to make sure the freshmen enjoyed orientation and had a good time. I think it is important because we are the first people that the new freshmen meet from SNHU, and we really need to make a good impression so they want to stay here and continue their education here," says junior Richie Selig.

Orientation Leaders are determined to make the new students feel comfortable in their new environment. They work to help develop the new student's quality living environment, learning environment and explore meeting friends. OL's are here to help them adjust to the new lifestyle, to help them feel comfortable and to help them lug all their heavy boxes and bags into the dorms.

"I had fun meeting the new freshmen and helping them move into school. Also, all the events during orientation are fun, and I am involved with other clubs on campus as well, so I can encourage the freshmen to get involved," says junior Jen Howe.

Though this years OL's have already been chosen and begun training, apply to be an OL next year. It will be one of the greatest, most fun weeks you have on campus- guaranteed!

International Night: Peace and harmony

By Leslie Ransome
Staff Writer

International Night held in the Small Gym on April 12 was an excellent social event. Many groups contributed to making this event happen, such as ACE (Association for Cultural Exchange), the Office of Student Organizations and Leadership, the Audio Visual Department, and others. Over 34 countries were represented; that night I got to see the real talent.

Students who represented their country were able to share their culture through their illuminating performance. I was able to see the unique styles and dress of students. Not only students attended, but also family members, friends and staff showed their support. In addition, foods from different countries made an impact on a wonder-

ful night. "This year's international night was an excellent evening of exquisite food, song, dance and display of a diverse but united international student body," said Matt Miville, a junior majoring in psychology. Nasir Arush, a graduate student in business administration who represented Somalia, said, "I find this social event to be very interesting; people from all over the world have a chance to represent themselves."

As students held their flags high, I saw in their eyes peace and harmony. Each student represented a piece of that puzzle that we call unity. What a tremendous value and great contribution international students bring to this institution. International Night was a wonderful night, and I look forward to attend in the years to come.

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post-war Iraq. Other issues were discussed, such as U.S. relations with Israel, media and censorship during the war and the perceived view of U.S. relations with other countries after the commencement of "Operation: Iraqi Freedom." Over all, the speakers focused on motivations for the war and their opinions of it. As a motif, moderator Barresi, quoted an ancient Chinese curse, "May you live in interesting times."

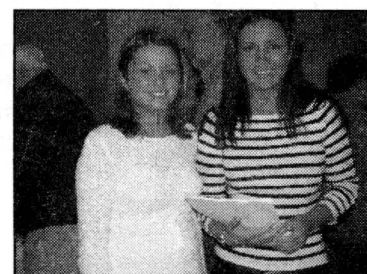


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Stephanie Herget (left) and Heather Anderson pose for a picture at the discussion.

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Letter to the Editor

"Selected Senior Week"

By Jess DeAngelo
Staff Writer

Senior week is quickly approaching. Seniors will be attending a Red Sox game, a dinner at the medieval mansion, an overnight at Steel Hill and a senior lunch, amongst other activities. I am a senior and all year I had been looking forward to it. I received my letter that talked about when and what the activities were and when to sign up for them. I thought it was going to be great. This was going to be my last week of college, and I couldn't wait to have a great time with my friends and the rest of my class.

So you can imagine my excitement as I went to sign up

for these activities. All my excitement was immediately drained out of my system when I was told that all the tickets for senior week were gone, and I was not going to be able to go. I was infuriated. I demanded to know what the deal was and why I, a senior, couldn't participate in senior week.

In previous years they had never sold out of tickets and there were not enough people interested in senior week so there was never a problem, I was told. Why that makes it so I can't go is beyond me. I don't think the people that planned senior week planned it well at all. There were 110 tickets allotted for senior week but there are well over 300 se-

niors graduating. That leaves 2/3 of the graduating class that can't participate in it. I thought it was called "senior week" not "whoever has an extra \$125 lying around or whose parents can put \$125 in their bank account the fastest week." Senior week was only payable in cash or money order. Most of the seniors that I know don't have \$125 lying around to pay for this. People have to save up a bit or wait until their next paycheck in order to pay for it. There was a letter home to people's parents about se-

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LAST CALL

By Jess DeAngelo
Staff Writer

Grab your drinks, boys and girls, it's last call. As you finish your drink you have two options, dwell on everything that you're going to miss about SNHU and be depressed, or you can do what I'm choosing to do, which is not be sad because it's over but be thankful that you had the opportunity to do it.

I remember when my parents left me on moving-in day freshman year. As I was walking away, my mother started to cry. I later found out she cried the entire two hours home. I tried to feel sad that they were leaving and that I had left my home, but I just couldn't. As I opened the door to my dorm room, my roommate's parents had left also. Within seconds we were giving each other a grin and then proceeded to jump on our beds in excitement. I knew from that moment on that I was going to be fine and that these next four years of my life were going to be the best that I was ever going to have.

To sum up freshman year in one word: chaos. It was the first time I was away from home. I was meeting what seemed like hundreds of new people on a daily basis. There was always something to do and always someone to hang out with. Weekdays were blurred together by large amounts of sleep and semi-consciousness. Everything was new and exciting freshman year. I just couldn't get enough of New Hampshire College.

Then came sophomore year. You thought you were the coolest thing on campus. You knew everyone. You knew where the parties were on the weekends; you didn't depend on someone writing where to go on your dry-erase board on your room door. You made fun of the freshmen with their keys around their neck. You found out who your true friends were and who were the people that were faking it. And once you found out the difference, you spent every waking moment with the good ones. Nights with nothing to do became the nights you would never forget.

Junior year was totally dif-

ferent than the previous two. You really didn't know how to feel junior year. You didn't have the freshman-year excitement anymore and the novelty of knowing everyone and everything as a sophomore had worn off. You weren't a senior or close to the end. You were just in the middle. As the semesters moved on, you realized the middle wasn't so bad after all. You knew how to do things, what was going on, you didn't care about going out every night to a huge party; mostly you just wanted to have a good time with your friends. The friends that year and the experiences we had are the memories that I will be telling my children about when they are heading off to college.

Then it came, senior year. Four years prior my mother cried as she left me; this time she didn't have time to cry because she and my father were in and out of New Hampshire in no time. As the van sped away from my townhouse, my father yelled, "See you in May." The next several months were the best time of your life. Classes didn't matter. You were taking all electives and 100-level courses. You thought nothing of staying out until the sunrise on a Monday then trudging to your Tuesday afternoon class with bed head and in sweatpants. It didn't matter; you were a senior and nobody was better than you. As second semester and my college career winds down, the next few weeks, I'm not going to say I wish I was a freshman again or wish I still had one more year. I'm going to miss all my friends but I'm glad that's it over. I'm glad I met everyone that I have the last four years. I might not have liked everyone and enjoyed every experience, but I've learned from everything and each and every one of you. So thank you NHC/SNHU and all that you have made me and every other senior out there. Without you, we would not be the people that we are today.

Finish your drink, boys and girls, it's closing time.

People and their hair

By Prof. David Cox
Contributing Writer

Q: Nicholas, it won't be any surprise to my substantial reading audience when they see you've been picked for a profile. Will this be the highlight of your first year at SNHU?

A: This was one of my main aspirations of the academic year.

Q: It's always nice when people can achieve their goals, I'm just sorry we didn't do this earlier, so you could have used it in your performance evaluation with the dean. Now, just so I won't be shocked later, do you have a perm?

A: No, and if you ever saw my son's hair, you would notice he has the same hair as I do.

Q: Do you ever comb your hair?

A: No, just wash it.

Q: When your hair is long it takes on a life of its own. I can see a day coming when you could be at a governance

meeting and your hair could be teaching in another room. Can you see that day?

A: I can envision that, but my hair doesn't speak very clearly so it would have to teach telepathically.

Q: You're from Canada, do you have a green card?

A: No, I don't need one because I have a free trade visa through the NAFTA agreement.

Q: So I guess we send our factories to Mexico, and Canada sends us their professors and Celine Dion.

A: Yes, you've summarized the free trade agreement very well!

Q: What do you teach here?

A: Business Ethics, Logic and Introduction to Philosophy. I have also introduced Environmental Ethics and will teach Introduction to Gender Studies with Allison Cummings in the fall.

Q: What kinds of jobs have you had prior to coming here?

A: Teaching philosophy at

UNC-Greensboro, processing tax forms for the Canadian Government and guarding toxic waste.

Q: Where did you guard toxic waste?

A: In Ottawa. They were digging a new transit system and hit the site of an old plant that made heating gas. I guarded the entrance while overpaid engineers and underpaid laborers cleaned the mess up.

Q: Was it a hard job and did you get to carry a gun?

A: No and no.

Q: How did you get from guarding toxic waste to teaching at SNHU?

A: I'm not entirely sure. I think four years at the University of Western Ontario and eight years at UNC-Chapel Hill teaching as a TA for less than \$10,000 per year had something to do with it.

Q: Do you think guarding toxic waste had any impact on your hair?

A: Oh my goodness! Now that you mention it ...

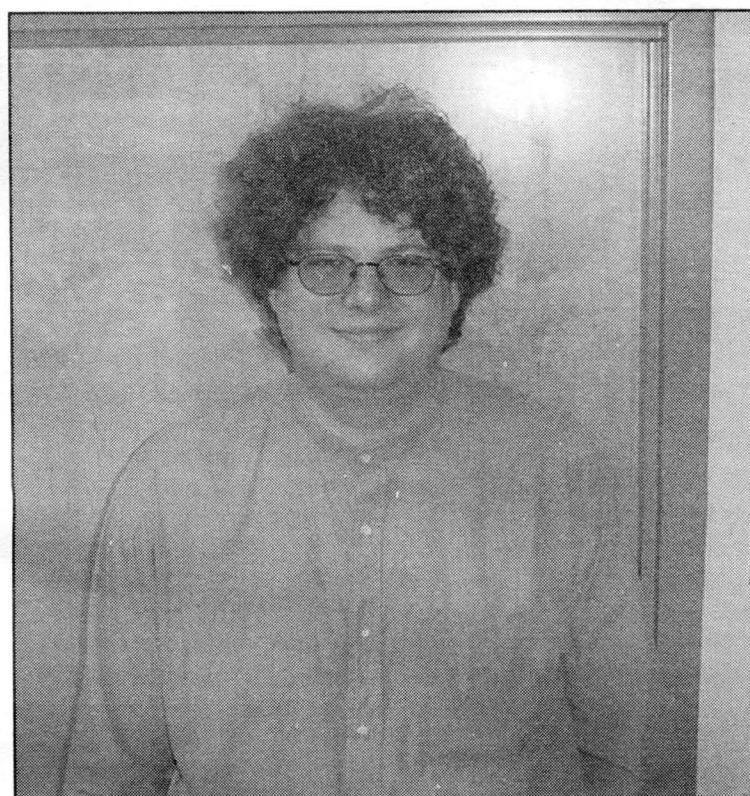


Photo by David Cox

Dr. Nicholas Hunt-Bull poses for his picture of his hair.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: This will be the last installment of "People and their hair" UNLESS we are inundated with pathetic letters from readers

pleading for more profiles. Send your letters to The Observer. The more pathetic the letter, the better.

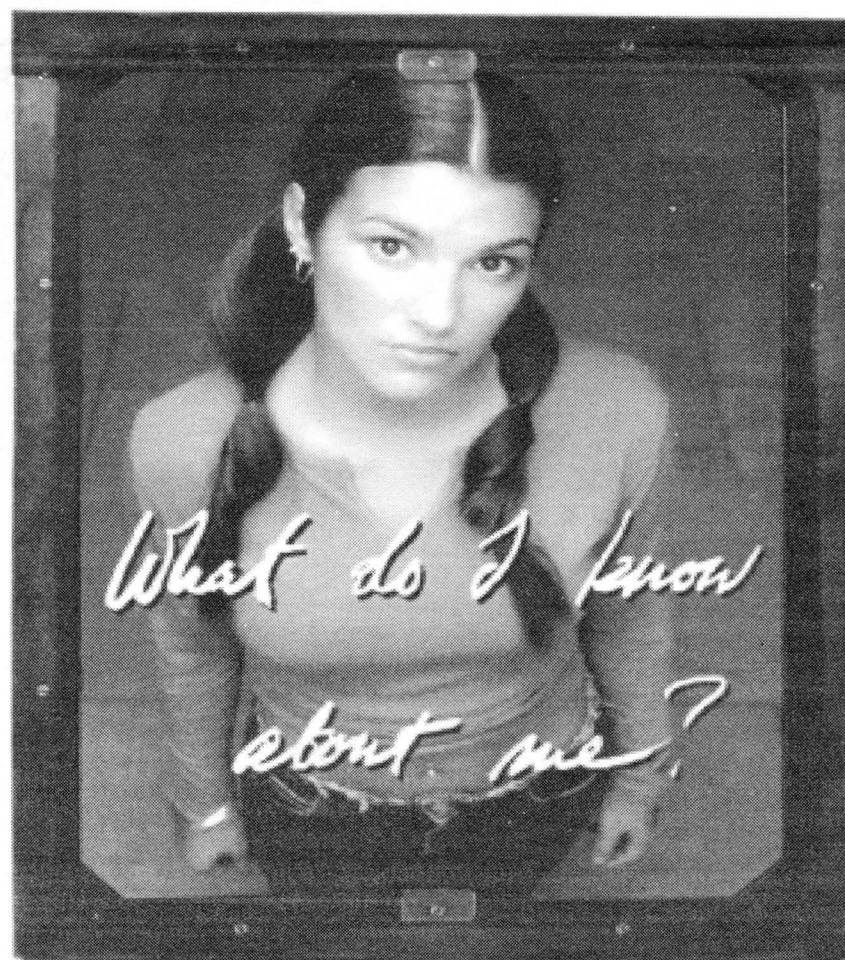
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nior week and how much it was going to cost so if students didn't have the money their parents could pay for it. I don't know about anyone else's parents, my parents' top concern of the moment isn't whether or not they can send me \$125. Also people and their parents might not be able to come up that \$125 in cash right away. A lot of people were going home the weekend of April 18-20 (it was Easter weekend), and planned on getting the money then. Nobody thought it was going to be an issue because sign ups continued until the April 25.

I understand that making activities like this costs money, but I still don't understand why only some people can go. I know that a lot of people would have paid a little more money in order for ALL of their friends to be able to enjoy the week instead of a select few. The letter that was sent to us was dated April 2 and you couldn't sign up until April 10. Why this was done so late in the semester is another big question that I have. Tickets for all of these events have already been ordered which is why there was a "limited" number of places available. What would have made sense was that so that all seniors that wanted to go could go would

be that in January when we all came back from break, the senior week committee took a head count then. Whoever was interested in going should have been able to sign up then. And after the sign ups ended then the correct number of tickets should have been purchased. The questions about this would be what if people back out and what if people don't pay. The answer to that is simple, have people pay a portion of the money then or even have people pay in full.

This week is going to be great for those selected few that are able to attend it. But for those who can't it's going to be a huge disappointment. We wait four long years to graduate and participate in our senior week, only to get shot down three weeks before it starts is heartbreaking. I hope that the people that organized this senior week realized that they did a horrendous job planning it and realize all the mistakes that they made. Mostly I hope that future senior weeks are planned much better than this because I don't want any other class to have to go through what the graduating class of 2003 has to deal with.



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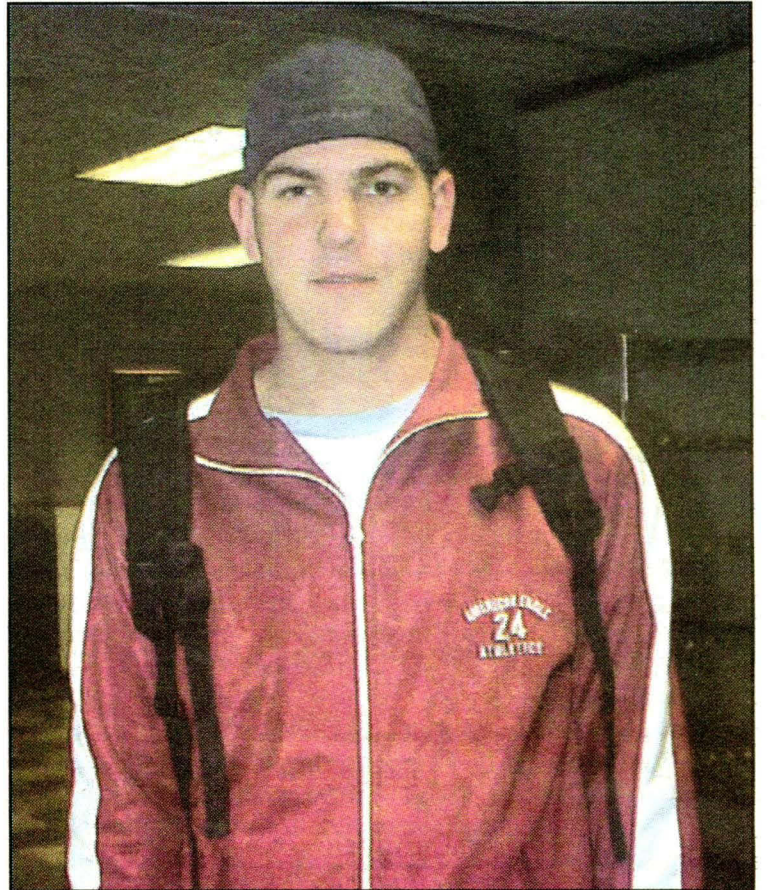
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Alison Ferland (left)
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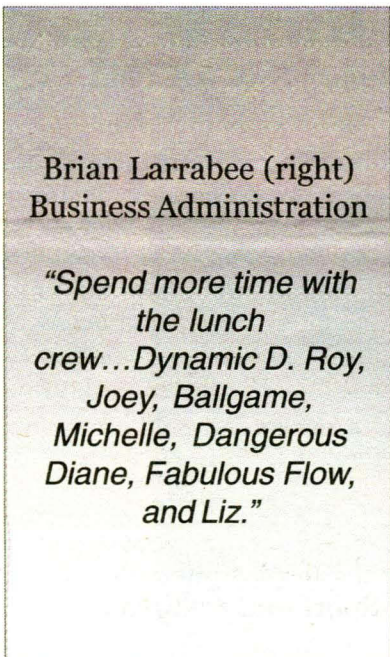
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"We would have never gone to Millie's on Wednesday night."



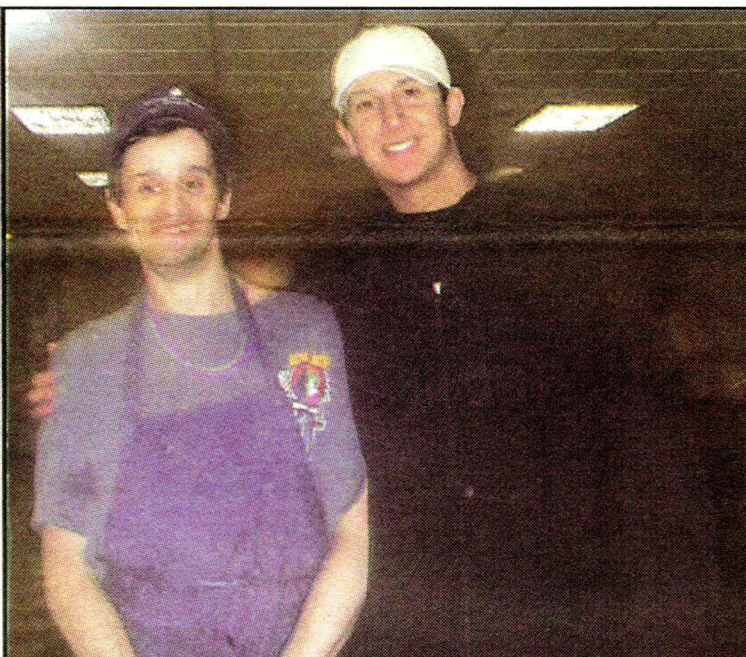
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International Business and History

"A lot more partying."



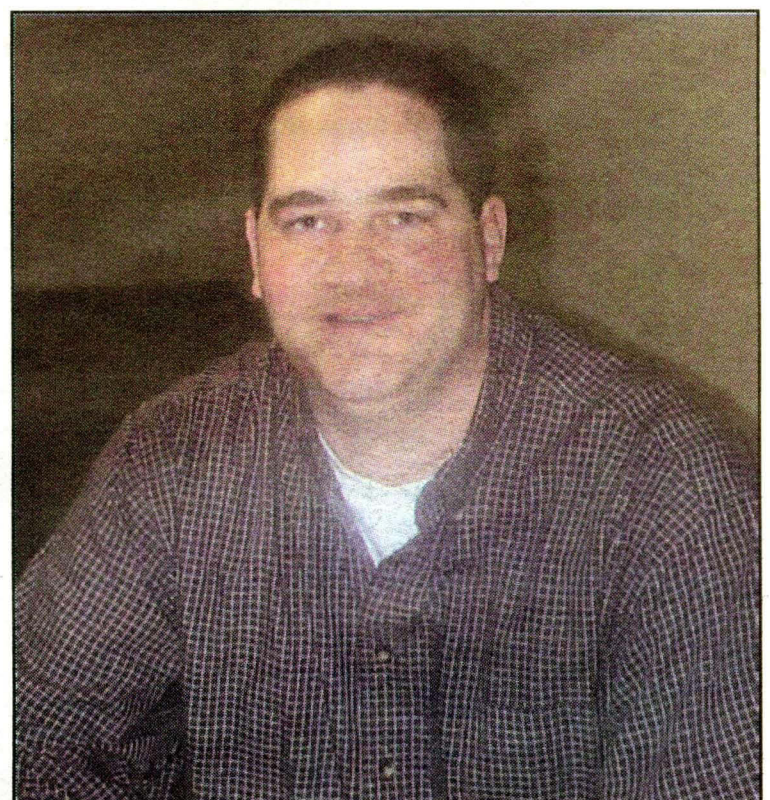
Brian Larrabee (right)
Business Administration

"Spend more time with the lunch crew...Dynamic D. Roy, Joey, Ballgame, Michelle, Dangerous Diane, Fabulous Flow, and Liz."



Matt Maher
Sport Management

"Ripped more cheeks."



Eddie Fisher
Sport Management

"Less time breaking up the parties, and more time in them."

& faces



Jess DeAngelo
Communication

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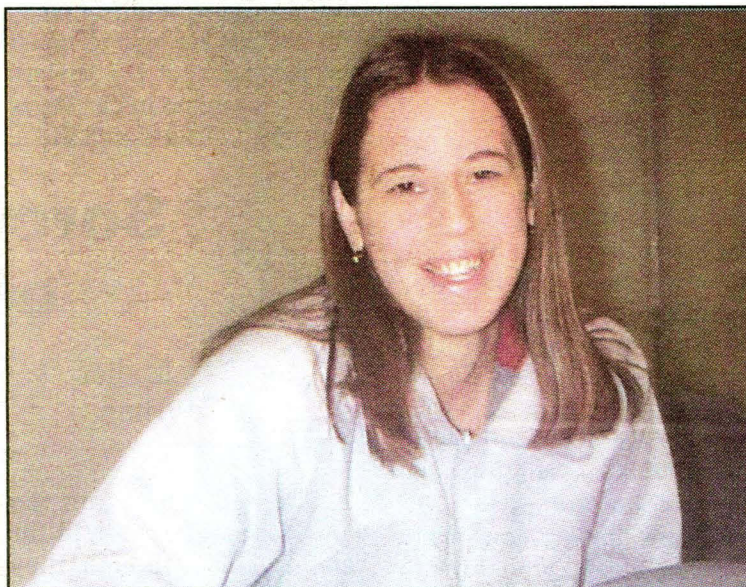
*Looking back over
the past four years
what would you
change?*

By Heather Anderson and Stephanie Herget



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"I would have taken a semester abroad."



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*"We wish we built the
bar three years ago."*



Students as artists

By Stephanie Herget
Staff Writer

On Monday, April 4, the McNinch Art Gallery in Robert Frost Hall opened its doors to present the "Student Art Show." This exhibition offers students of all majors an opportunity to display their artistic abilities.

The show awarded prizes to students who presented the most interesting and appealing piece of art. First prize went to Soo Rye-Yoo for his acrylic painting called "Going Out Spring." Jennifer Castillo shared second place with Melissa LaPenta. Castillo also did an acrylic painting, "Surreal Landscape", and LaPenta presented a drawing and collage called "Scary Dream."

While most students chose

to draw or paint, there were a few who used their photography skills to enter the contest. Megan Huard took a photograph of Russell Pond, located in the White Mountain National Forest. She captured a moose standing in the pond with the reflection of the moose in the water. Another student, Laura Cunningham, also took a photograph of an object and submitted it to the show. Cunningham's piece is called "Grace's Room" and contains a beautiful flower reflecting into a mirror.

The Observer would like to congratulate all who participated in this event. The "Student Art Show" will be open until April 24. All are welcome to come and enjoy the show.

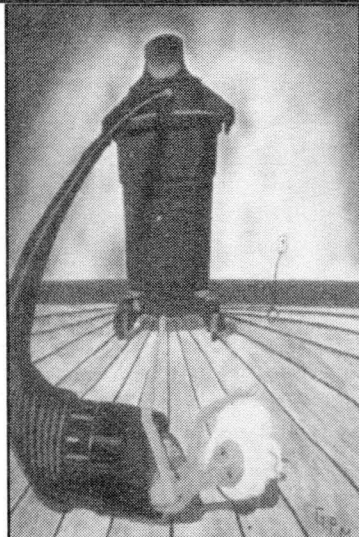


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Junior, Geoff Morgan "The trap"



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Junior, Melissa LaPenta "Scary Dream"

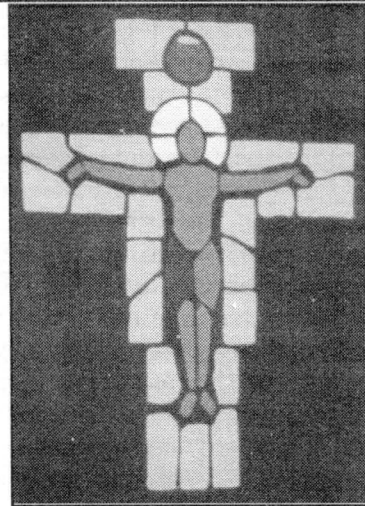


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Senior, Scott Anthony Xavier Sicard "The Light in the Darkness"

Yanni in town

By Abby Kyriakoutsakos
Sports Editor

I was introduced to the music of Yanni years ago by my aunt who, it seemed, was proud not necessarily because of the music but because someone famous had come out of Greece, her homeland.

But his Greek ethnicity is not why the Verizon Wireless Arena sold out when Yanni came to town. It was his album *Ethnicity*, and therefore the music, which had people flocking to downtown Manchester on April 6th.

The fans were decidedly in the middle-to elder-age group, which probably accounts for a lack of wildly enthusiastic cheering and applause. Then again, people may well have been stunned by the brilliant display of lights and effects that washed over the crowd in perfect time to the rhythms coming from the performers.

Despite a rather rockin' environment for the audience there were moments of calm and serenity. For example, during the song *Felitsa*, a soft melodic piano number, the audience was bathed in a glow of hazy light and the stage seemed to be draped in mosquito netting, thus helping to transport listeners to an ethereal plane.

Another piece is one simply called *Aria*. It is a familiar song to many, originally written for an award-winning British Airways commercial. Now it is sung by the likes of artists such as Charlotte Church and can be heard on recent auto-

mobile commercials.

The song takes on a new twist with an eclectic grouping of instruments, the majority of which are unfamiliar to people in the Western world and culture. A pounding drum and flashing lights came together to turn this operatic piece into a toe-tapping, head-bobbing modern tornado of brilliant sound, rhythm and harmony.

The audience did get into the performance a bit more after intermission. The front row began shouting to Yanni from their seats and he began to answer them. While trying to speak about his next song he was continuously interrupted by audience members. Finally he jokingly rested his head on the piano and asked, "When did I lose control of the concert?"

Yanni's humor shone again when he invited an old friend to the front of the stage to play with him. Charlie, Yanni's drummer, and he played in a rock band together over 20 years ago. He went on to reminisce with Charlie about how they used to have long hair and wear leather pants. There was a pause as the audience glanced at the leather-wearing long-tressed Greek man in front of them and the laughter slowly rolled in. "There's nothing that says when you get older you got to get boring," said Yanni.

Overall, the show was a mixture of humor, beautiful harmonies, invigorating rhythms and an opportunity to see some of the world's greatest talent on the same stage.

Comedian Brings Lots of Laughs

By Kelly Muller
Staff Writer

Thursday night, April 3, comedian Scott Kennedy brought hysterical laughter to the Pub. Kennedy is one of the funniest openly gay comedians working today! He is an ex-offensive lineman and is one of the founders of The Gay Comedy Jam, which has sold out shows in 150 cities across the U.S. and Canada. He has also headlined comedy clubs and theaters coast to coast and has sold out the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas

TWICE! Currently, he can be seen on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend* and upcoming episodes of *The Amanda Show* and the feature film *10Attitudes*. He is the only comedian that can do a 45-minute set without ever mentioning his sexuality, get a standing ovation and can turn around and do another 45-minute set centered around his sexuality. He has risen through the ranks and become one of the most unusual comics in the world.

Kennedy drew an enormous crowd to the Pub, so

enormous that people had to be turned away at the door! If any more people were admitted to the event, the Pub would have exceeded its maximum occupancy! This event proved to be one of the most successful events held all semester and showed its sponsors, CAPE and the Inter-Greek Council, that it should definitely bring Kennedy back for an encore performance.

Sorority hosts sexual education night

By Kelly Muller
Staff Writer

Time and time again the same events are held at school, and although they provide lots of entertainment and a fun time for all who attend, sometimes an event is needed that will spice up the usual routine we are all accustomed to. It is fun to let loose with your friends, kick back and go to an event that will ensure a good time, good laughs and good food. Why not incorporate all of this into a different event, something that has never been done before? An event that is not only entertaining and fun, but also educational at the same time? Pretty hard to do, but the Kappa Lambda sorority and the Wellness Center pulled it off with their, "Sex Education Night," held on Thursday, April 10 from 7-10 pm in the Pub.

The idea was conceived by Kappa Lambda sister Rhonda Benoit, and before she and her sisters realized it, the idea was off and running. The idea was to host an educational event that would be fun and worthwhile at the same time. A huge topic that affects all of our lives is sex. In today's day and age it seems to be a topic that not many people are willing to discuss and handle openly, especially on a university campus. So, with that idea in mind, Sexual Education Night was born.

This of course would be no ordinary sexual education experience. Nowhere in the making of this event was the typical health class or boring slide show about sex and reproduction EVER brought up. Instead, the sorority decided that they would make learning about sex topics fun and hilarious at the same time. How? By playing a newly designed version of the game

"Taboo" that was all sex-topic related. The winners of the games were given gag gifts, and everyone who attended found the games and prizes, as well as the way the event was set up, to all be in good nature.

Kappa Lambda would like to thank the Wellness Center for their help in setting up this event. Many of you may have come across advertisements for this event that were not your typical advertisements. Wellness provided Kappa Lambda with hundreds of condoms that they used in a creative way to entice people to attend the event. As a first-time event, it seemed to run really smoothly and went over as a positive way to handle tough topics. With a little revamping, Kappa Lambda plans to hold the event again next year. Stay tuned, who knows what kind of crazy fun will be in store for you next time!

Battle of the Sexes!

By Kelly Muller
Staff Writer

This semester's Greek Week kicked off on Wednesday, April 2, with excitement in the air. Every semester the Greeks of SNHU come together for a week of games and competitions: relay races, shoe races, three-legged races, as well as more sports oriented games like soccer, wiffle ball and kickball. The difference this year? Instead of the normal brother/sister fraternity and sorority teams, a new form of competition was in the air, and it had people pumped up and ready to put forth their best effort. This new idea was "Battle of the Sexes," and the idea of competing against the opposite sex had both teams ready to battle.

The women were off to an easy lead Wednesday evening as they won over the men in the trivia games Win, Lose, or Draw and Family Feud. The men almost took a win in the board game "Battle of the Sexes," but were not able to take the winning streak away from the women. The games had begun, and the women were off and running. Thursday evening the guys came back and won games such as Dodge Ball, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, since not one person can say that playing dodge ball didn't remind them of their elementary school days! After the games, everyone had a chance to re-

lax with the comedian in the Pub, which attracted a huge crowd.

Friday night was no time for relaxing; there were more games to be played! It was hilarious to watch people participate in a pie-eating contest, where the women gave it their best shot but just could not beat the guys. Nick Raponi was the pie-eating champ, and he had a well-deserved win! Next it was off to play Twister, the game that everyone remembers as tying you up in knots. The men had a great showing but could not beat Tara Francini, who proved to everyone just how limber she is, which we all know is the secret to becoming a Twister champ! The women and men seemed to be running almost neck in neck, but the guys inched ahead by winning in darts.

Saturday and Sunday are always fun at Greek Games. Everyone was in the gym ready to play. Unfortunately, the men proved to be a bit more experienced in games such as soccer and Ultimate Frisbee. By the end of the games on Saturday and Sunday morning, the men were just a bit ahead of the women...okay, more like a lot ahead! But whether you won or lost, the entire Greek Week went extremely well. It was a chance for all to hang out and have fun, and it was a great experience for all of the new Greek members. Lucas Methot set up the entire event, and we thank him for a job well done. It was an enjoyable and memorable last Greek Week for us seniors, who now only have a month to go till graduation!



Photo courtesy of Inter Greek Council

The guys pose for a picture at Greek games.

Todd's Tunes

By Todd Strauss
Staff Writer

The Donnas – Spend the Night

Every now and then a woman appears in a rock band. But sometimes an entire rock band consists of just women. In the case of The Donnas, four young women brought up on rock and roll have put out an effort to burst onto the scene. "Take It Off" provided the four women (all stage named Donna) with their first-ever big hit, something they've been waiting for the last few years. "Who Invited You," "All Messed Up," "Dirty Denim" or "5 o'clock in the Morning" would all be quality follow-ups. *Spend the Night* has the raunchy, politically incorrect attitude seen on many 80s hair band albums, but this time it's the women who want to have some fun with their hard rock. This CD packs more of a punch than most all-male bands can produce. And who says girls can't rock?

Grade: 90 A-

David Bowie- Best of Bowie

I've eyed this CD since the day it came out, namely for songs like "Under Pressure," "Let's Dance" and "Rebel Rebel." Other huge hits include "Heroes," "I'm Afraid

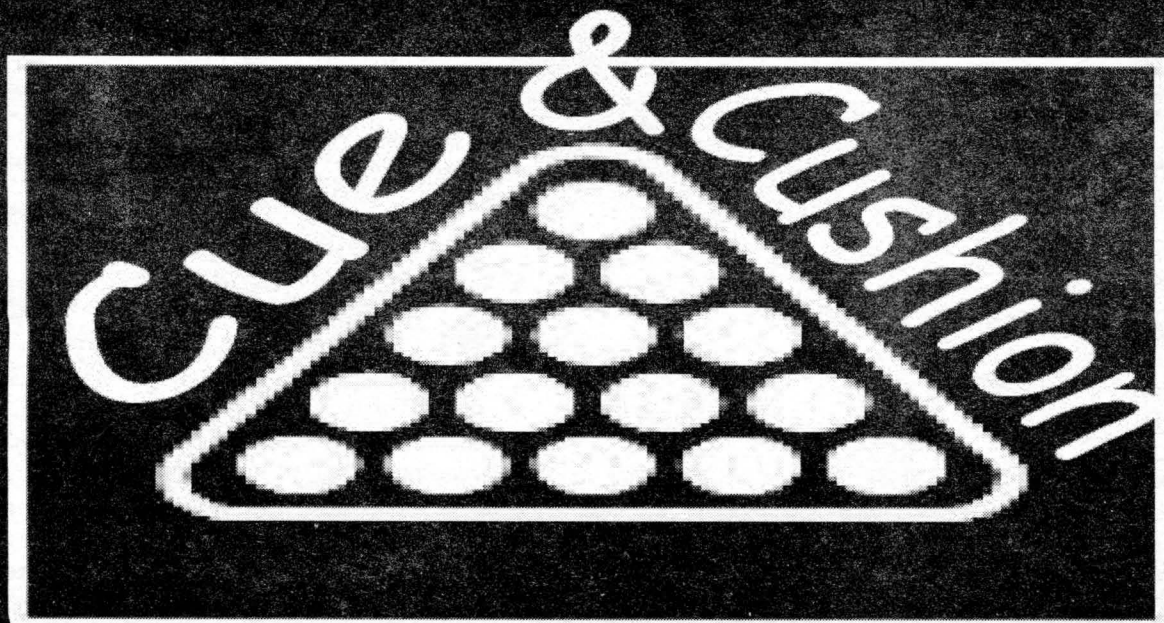
of Americans" and "China Girl." The good of glam rock provides a true best of collection, with not a single track out of place. Every song is a memorable one. Some songs I didn't even remember as Bowie classics until I picked up the album, including "Space Oddity," "Modern Love" and "Changes." David Bowie is one of those artists that have at least one song everyone knows. With more than 25 albums to his name, David Bowie knows his way around putting out hits, and probably has enough musical talent left to put out another 25 albums and 10 more hit singles.

Grade: 96 A

Trivia

Rockers Godsmack wouldn't be anywhere if it weren't for interest sparked by their first album through high sales at their local record shops in nearby Salem, NH, and Methuen, MA. Dave Grohl started his career as a last-minute addition to Nirvana, then moved from the drums to guitar and vocals for the Foo Fighters, and finally returned to the drums for Queens of the Stone Age. Presently, Grohl is back as front man of the Foo Fighters.

April birthdays: Sebastian Bach (formerly of Skid Row) 4/3/68, John Oates 4/7/49, Izzy Stradlin (formerly of Guns 'N' Roses) 4/8/62, Mandy Moore 4/10/84, Ace Frehley 4/27/51.



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Goal accomplished: SNHU cheer squad rocks the house in Daytona

By Roy Wilkinson
Staff Writer

The SNHU cheerleading team invaded Florida for the first time to compete in the National Cheerleading Association (NCA) championships held in Daytona. For those who might not understand the concept of a cheerleading championship, it is a competition that is an evaluation of talent and skills. The judges grade each squad by many different factors such as synchronization, aerials, dance maneuvers, overall look and charisma, to name a few, and the winner is determined by which squad has the best overall score. Our SNHU cheerleading team finished 17th out of 30 teams in the Division II portion of the championships.

The cheerleading team earned a bid to compete at the

National Cheerleading Association championship through their strong showing at summer camp in August at Boston University. To receive a bid through the camp process is honorable, as one of the SNHU cheer crew pointed out. "Bids are rarely given out during camps so it was very special to receive one," said sophomore Lisa McDonough.

After their success in the summer camp at Boston University, the squad attended a smaller competition in Gloucester, Massachusetts, to help build more confidence as a team. They struggled in Gloucester but it could be seen as a turning point because everything looked up from there. The team began its practice for the upcoming men's basketball season and also to prepare for the NCA championship. At Christmas break, the cheerleading squad hired a coordinator to help prepare the team with their stunts, dance routines and choreographing. Just like other sports teams, the squad worked feverishly to fine tune their routine for not only the basketball crowds but for the eventual crowds and judges in Daytona. Some of their routine that they performed in Daytona was also unleashed at some of the men's home basketball games for the fans to view. All during this time, some of the student body might have seen the team selling candy to help support the financial terms of their trip. The trip was completely financed by the members of the cheerleading team.

On April 2, the SNHU cheerleading team departed for Daytona to compete in their first national championship. The trip was not only for the beautiful beaches and the warm sunny weather. That was only a bonus for the crew. The squad had their focus aimed at the competition. The team didn't know what to expect from the trip though. "Not knowing what to expect because it was our first time in nationals was tough," said sophomore Jennifer Lloyd.

The weather was perfect in Daytona as it usually is this time of year. The whole town was "just cheerleaders" from many different colleges around the United States, all of them competing in different levels. There were Division I schools, Division II schools, co-ed squads, and all-female squads. If you can think of a squad, it was probably there. For the finals of the championships, the stage was set on the beach underneath the sun. SNHU competed well for their first-time entrance into the national championship in unfamiliar territory.

"As a team, it was surprising for us to hang together," noted Lloyd on describing the team's ability to remain a cohesive unit. The SNHU cheerleading team became the third team to represent the school on a national level this year, the others being the men's soccer and basketball teams.

Along with their wonderful placing in the national championship, they had a great opportunity working with a professional baseball team. During their stay in Daytona, they were one of the teams that were at the Daytona Cubs game, an "A" level baseball team affiliated with the Chicago Cubs of major league baseball. They were able to show the crowd in attendance what SNHU was all about.

The SNHU cheerleading team didn't return home with awards and accolades, but they came away with something just as important: experience. "It didn't matter how we placed. The experience was great and it was an honor to go," said sophomore Lisa Farley smiling brightly. The team is hoping that this experience will propel them to a new level in the future. "It was a very big step for our team. Our goal was to do the best for our level. We weren't looking to win but to just do our best," McDonough exclaimed jubilantly.

Some say cheerleading has no relevance in today's society, but the same can be said about any other sport. Cheerleading is not what is seen in the fall on Sunday during the NFL season. Those are dancers paid well to entertain (sorry to break it to the male population). Cheerleading provides support for others while achieving athletic goals. Each sport provides ways for people to excel in areas not only physically but mentally. Why argue the fact of its existence as a sport when thousands of inspired young women believe it is? As far as athletic content, the cheerleaders at SNHU have shed just as many tears and provided just as many beads of sweat as the other sport players in an effort to find the same thing: success. Success can mean different things to different people. To the SNHU cheerleaders, success came in the form of experience and recognition. Next year is sure to bring bigger and better things. When asked about the overall ending of the trip, McDonough replied "goal accomplished."

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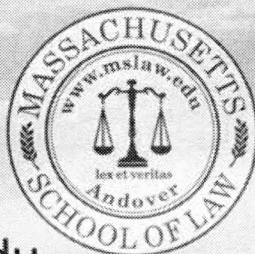
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Jen Dupuis

By: Britney Porter
Staff writer

Senior softball standout Jen Dupuis of Salem, New Hampshire, is leading the Lady Penmen in hopes of achieving a Northeast-10 tournament showing this spring. With a current record of 6-5 and 1-3

in the NE-10, Dupuis said, "We are shooting to make the tournament; it's going to be hard, but we have the talent." Besides making the NE-10 tournament this spring season, Dupuis has some goals of her own. She has now totaled 18 strikeouts on the year and is six strikeouts away from capturing the knockout record for the school, held by none other than head coach Terry Prouty. Prouty, a 1988 SNHU graduate, is still the program's leader in career strikeouts with 131.

The SNHU softball team opened its 2003 season by sweeping a doubleheader from NE-10 Conference rival Bryant College during the Spring Break showing in Orlando, Florida, on March 10. The Penmen took the opener 2-0 and completed the sweep with a 1-0 victory in nine innings. Dupuis gave an outstanding pitching perfor-

mance in all nine innings, scattering just six hits and striking out five. On April 3, the Penmen faced the Bentley College Falcons in a double header in Waltham, Massachusetts. Taking the split in the second game, Dupuis left the mound with six strikeouts in her quest for the leading career strikeouts. With under a third of the season over, her goal remains attainable.

Although listed a senior, Dupuis will be back next year for the season. She was a red-shirt freshman and has another year of eligibility left. As a psychology major she eventually would like a career working with children. She has been on the mound since the age of five, and though after next season she doesn't see softball in her immediate future, Dupuis stated, "I would like to coach someday."



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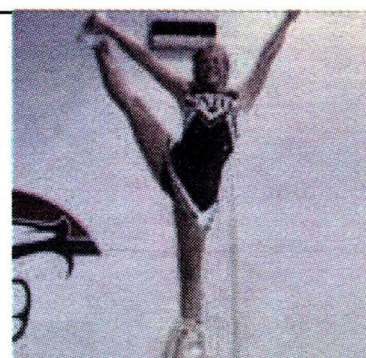
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SNHU spring sports stumble out of the gate

By Roy Wilkinson
Staff Writer

The SNHU spring sporting season is underway and all of the teams are in action. As of April 14, the baseball team has posted a 4-17 record, the softball team a 7-8 record, lacrosse is 1-3 overall, and the tennis team is still winless at 0-8. Most of the teams have had some setbacks in the schedule due to freak weather conditions but hopefully the seasons can continue without a hitch for the remainder of the school calendar.

The baseball team has struggled since their return from Fort Myers in Florida, where they posted three convincing wins including a 24-8 whitewash of Robert Morris College. They have won only one game since their return north, a Northeast-10 confer-

ence game at Assumption College, by a score of 11-4. The driving forces of this year's team thus far have been sophomores Mike Bernard and Ray Powers at the plate and senior Eric Harvey on the mound. Bernard is batting .333 and is leading the team with 13 runs to go along with three steals. Powers is hitting .312 and has driven in a team-best 12 runs. Harvey is 1-4 in his five starts for the Penmen with a 3.94 ERA. He has completed three of his games and has fanned 29 batters in 32 innings.

The softball team is one game under .500 so far in their schedule this spring due to strong pitching and surprising contributions from a freshman. The softball team left Orlando with an impressive 5-2 record to kick off this season. Since their return, they

have won two Northeast-10 conference road games, one coming in a 2-0 win over Bentley College and the other in a 6-0 affair with The College of Saint Rose. Senior Mel Keeler is once again displaying a great year both on the mound and at the dish. Keeler has started in eight of her nine appearances and holds a 5-3 record with an outstanding 0.80 ERA. She has struck out 35 batters in 52.1 innings. Fellow senior Jen Dupris has filled the #2 hurler role effectively and holds a 2-5 record with a 1.83 ERA in her seven starts. Keeler has a .286 average at the plate and leads the team in RBI with nine. The play of freshman Nicole Cote has been a pleasant surprise for SNHU. Cote is currently hitting .425, which ranks 5th in the Northeast-10 conference. She is leading the team

in home runs with two, runs with eight, and tied for the team lead in stolen bases with three. She has six RBIs on the season and, more importantly, holds an outstanding .477 on-base percentage and a superb .600 slugging percentage to lead the team.

The lacrosse team is slowly starting their season off and holds a 1-3 record overall with a 0-2 conference record. Their lone win of the season so far came on the road against the University of New Haven, which they won by a 23-4 margin. The team is led by senior attackman Kyle Hintlian, who has tallied 11 goals in this short beginning of the season. The net duties have been handled for the most part by freshman Bryan Romonow and sophomore Davis Shields. Romonow has had 23 saves in 131 total min-

utes, including going the distance with a determined effort of 16 saves in a 10-9 loss against St. Michael's College. Shields has been in the goal for 99 minutes and has made 16 saves for the Penmen.

The SNHU men's tennis team is still searching for their first victory of the season. The team has found a #1 player for the future in freshman Brian Hashem, who has played well against the top players in the Northeast-10 conference. The team is young with sophomores Dan Hickman and Chris Dauphin and freshmen Hashem, Patrick Dias and Brian Horne, so the foundation is strong for the Penmen down the road. As classes wind down, take relief from the stress and catch some of the sporting action at SNHU. Get your last views of the teams until the next time we meet again in September.



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Top: Sophomore infielder Chris Hart picks up a routine groundball and is setting himself for the throw to first.

Left: Sophomore mid-fielder Josh Law pushes the ball up the field with his speed.

Right: Senior pitcher Mel Keller finishes with her windup and pitches the ball.

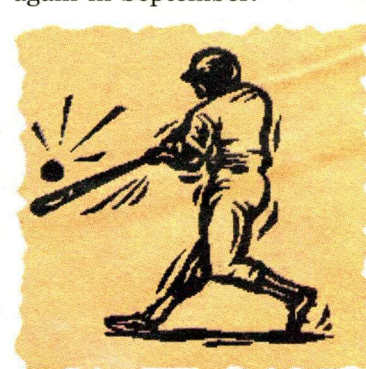


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