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SNHU Idol Finds Hidden Talent



SNHU Idol Winner Cassie Pires sings "Fell in Love with a Boy" Photo/Katlyn Morin

Katlyn Morin News Editor

SNHU Idol took place on November 30 in the Pub where contestants belted out lyrics to some of their favorite songs.Contestants included Jimmy Settle, junior, Lindsay Smith, senior and the winner of the evening, Cassi Pires.

The evening was hosted by junior Rich McHugh who led contestants through the

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competition to the final round.

Each contestant judged after each performance.

Smith, although under the weather, gave a crowd appeasing performance of "Some Days You Gotta Dance" by the Dixie Chicks and covers by singer Jessica Andrews.

Settle swooned the audience with renditions of Stevie Wonder, Allfor One and R. Kelly.

But it was Cassi Pires who won the judges votes with her soulful performance of "Right to Be Wrong" and "Fell in Love with a Boy" by British artist, Joss Stone.

SNHU Idol showcased some of SNHU's hidden talent to an audience of approximately 100 students, an unexpected but great turnout.

A special thanks to DJ Kibar Moussoba, Radio SNHU for broadcasting LIVE, the judges and Jon Shyer, chair of C.A.P.E.'s music committee for making SNHU Idol possible.

Peret Resigns, Weiss Elected as Successor

Stephanie Belida Sports Editor

A new vice president for SGA was voted in on Monday December 4, 2006. This was after previous vice president, Sam Peret, resigned the position. Mike from Weiss will now take over all duties as vice president.

Weiss ran last year for the position and came in a close second. He stuck with SGA because he loves the organization and wantd to show students what the SGA can do for them.

When the opportunity arose, Weiss decided to rerun for the position. He was urged on by different clubs and organizations but was weary about giving up his positions of President for the Model UN and Winter Chair of PASS. In the end Mike decided that being the Vice President would be the best decision.

The most difficult obstacle for Mike was the fact that he is coming in almost a full semes-

ter after everyone else, and that he has not had the same training opportunities as the rest of the SGA. Weiss is hoping to fix the issues of communication between House of Representatives (HOR) and SGA. He hopes clubs leaders will come to him whenever they have questions or concerns that relate to SGA.

Weiss wants to show students that SGA is not against any students or clubs as has been the view by some students thus far this year.

Wiess hopes to be a positive resource for students, and he wants to make HOR fun again. He dubs himself as "the people's vice president."

Mike took over as vice president officially on Tuesday December 5, 2006 at the HOR meeting. He said it was hectic due to the fact that he had only 24 hours to prepare. Weiss hopes to bring a different perspective to HOR and to make a difference for the clubs and organizations.



Former SGA Vice President Sam Peret



New SGA Vice President Mike Weiss Photo/Lindsey Asselin



All this will not be finished in the first hundred days. Nor will it be finished in the first thousand days, nor in the life of this administration, nor even perhaps in our lifetime on this planet. But let us begin.

~ John F. Kennedy 35th President of the United States





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The Observer | Letter from the Editor

Amanda Russell

Editor in Chief

Do you recall the expression "the third times the charm?" I'm not sure where the saying originated, but I think everyone on The Observer staff agrees that the third issue of this year's student newspaper was an issue that we were all really proud of. It's true that hard work pays off, and we're all looking forward to producing a newspaper that continues to grow in both content and quality as the year continues.

When we return to SNHU in January, I'd like to extend an invitation to members of clubs and organizations to submit articles to The Observer. It was wonderful to see all of the sororities, fraternities and clubs hosting countless events in The Pub this semester. It'd be great to give these organizations addi-

tional exposure on the "clubs" page of The Observer. The section currently does not reflect the immense amount of events that are offered on campus each month, and I'd like to change that in the upcoming semester.

In this issue look for Katlyn Morin's feature story on SNHU Idol, Ashley Spranzo's fashion tips for winter, and Stephanie Belida and Nick Tasso's continued effort to beef up the sports section. Also, take a minute to check out the new look to our Voices & Faces section. We hope you like it!

I hope everyone has a great winter break! Make sure to take the time to enjoy some quality relaxation with family and friends before returning for another semester at SNHU in January. Enjoy this issue of The Observer! Happy Holidays!

Democrats Rumored to **Appeal Abortion Law**

Jordan Lake

Staff Writer

Unemancipated women under the age of 18 are prohibited from having an abortion without her legal guardian receiving a 48 hour warning of the procedure in the State of New Hampshire.

This is a part of the House Bill 736-fn effective December 31, 2003-back when Republicans held the legislative majority in New Hampshire. The next legislative session will entail an overwhelming Democratic to Republican ratio of 14:10 in state Senate and 237:167 in the state House, respectively.

As a result of these statistics, the Daily Democrat Democratic asserts Hampshire state Reps "could push through a repeal [of the law] by early spring." Sen. Lou

D'Allesandro (D) says "[The law] is not something I supported; I didn't think it was necessary, and it wasn't good public policy."

State Rep. Dan Eaton (D) claims that whoever is elected state House speaker will call for a repeal of the law, and even Democratic New Hampshire Governor John Lynch (who was not in office when the bill was passed) is not in support of the law.

Palmer Jones (Concord, NH), executive director of New Hampshire Medical Society (NHMS) says "The NHMS has no position on abortion. Regarding the law that is being challenged, we [NHMS] did raise some concerns in the Amnicus [Curiae] Brief that we filed regarding the legislation."

As a 501(c)3 tax-exempt nonprofit status, organizations such the New Hampshire Health Access Network, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Hospital Association are prevented from taking a position on legislation, according to Bernie Cameron RN, Foundation for Healthy Communities.

Jones stresses the importance of clinical input within the medical field, in an effort to "create a fair environment for all physicians." Jones hopes this encourages physicians to "be part of the health care decision-making process in New Hampshire."

In 2000, there were 14 abortion providers in New Hampshire, and today, no metropolitan area in the State lacks in abortion services. Physicians across the state providing abortions could in fact be facing alternate legalities in light of the state's newly established political leadership.

Good Luck on Finals! Enjoy the Holiday Break!

SNHU Hosts First Fashion Show

Leah Trasher

Contributing Writer

Southern New Hampshire had their first ever fashion show. Anne Manter, an up and coming fashion designer of Boston University came to SNHU to test her 2007 Beatriz Designs clothing line.

A well organized show with live models and hip beats got the audience involved. Models in the show were students from Southern New Hampshire. Clothing ranged from trendy pastel halter-tops to hip hugging jean skirts.

Intermission featured a raffle giving away beauty products and gift certificates. The money went towards supporting the new fashion designer.

"It was an inspiration to see someone our own age go to school and still put this show together, said model Maura Garrity. "I don't know how she finds the time."

At the end of the fashion show guests were invited to meet with the designer. Original tank tops, designed Anne were also available at the close of the show.



Anne and all the models of SNHU wearing her designs.

Holiday Shopping Starts Strong

Frank Rubino

Managing Edior

On Friday November 24, an astounding 8.9 billion dollars was spent by shoppers at retail stores, an estimated 6 percent overall increase from last year according to a survey from ShopperTrak, an organization that provides retail information and analysis.

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is always a very busy and profitable day for retail stores. Many stores are open early in the morning, and merchandise is commonly on sale or discounted. A retail store's performance on Black Friday often sets the tone for its sales the rest of the holiday season.

About one third of shoppers surveyed by the National Retail

Federation were at a store by 6 am on November 24. More than half of them had been to at least one store by 9am. The stores that experienced the largest customer turnout were department stores such as Wal-Mart, J.C. Penny, Target, Kohl's, and Sears. NRF is also estimating that overall combined holiday sales will hit 457.4 billion dollars, up 5 percent from last year.

Black Friday acquired its name because the black ink on financial statements is used for the positive numbers or profit. Red ink is used for negative numbers, or the financial losses of a company. Therefore, retail store's financial statements for the day after Thanksgiving most likely contain only black ink.

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Holiday Shopping

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Another holiday shopping term that has become popular the last few years is Cyber Monday. This refers to the Monday after Thanksgiving when most people return to work. It is believed that many shoppers make online purchases from their desks and offices while at work. Although Cyber Monday isn't as accurate a term as Black Friday, it is true that more people than usual shop online that day.

In a survey of 100 people SNHU, conducted Observer staff member Caitlin Murphy, 47 percent said they spend over \$200, on holiday presents. SNHU students and staff are spending a lot this holiday season.



Parties Pose Risk to Holiday Drinkers

Amanda Russell

Editor in Chief

Nearly two out of every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol related crash in their lifetime. With the holiday season in full swing, it's important to remember the dangers of alcohol before heading out to holiday parties and family gatherings this season.

Even after one drink, alcohol slows reaction time, impairs judgment and affects your alertness, coordination and vision. Before leaving for a party or the bars, make sure to designate a driver who will escort you home at the end of the night.

In 2002, a government survey reported that 2.1 million college students between the ages of 18 and 24 admitted that they drove under the influence. Driving under the influence holds some scary consequences, including hefty fees if you get stopped for a DUI, suspended license, or worse, injuring yourself or others.

Although walking home is more safe than getting behind the wheel of a car, pedestrians aren't always safe from alcohol related crashes. According to statistics compiled by Loyola University in Chicago, "almost one third of all pedestrians who die in traffic related accidents are intoxicated, and alcohol involvement either for the driver or for the pedestrian is reported in nearly half of all pedestrian fatalities."

Decide where to stay for the night, and make sure a sober driver can get you there. College students are particularly vulnerable to alcohol related accidents due to inexperience and binge drinking.

Collegedrinkingprevention.gov cites that 599,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are unintentionally injured under the influence of alcohol. 1700 college aged students die each year from alcohol related injuries, including motor vehicle crashes. Traveling to the bars or to a party with a plan of action is the safest way to guarantee that you arrive home safely at the end of the night.

Not all nights at the bar lead to accidents or injuries, but some may lead to pretty embarrassing incidents with the police or public safety. Approximately 110,000 students are arrested in the United States each year for alcohol related incidents that range from public drunkenness to DUI's. Avoid being a submission to the public safety logs by limiting your alcohol consumption and avoiding drinking games.

On average, one person per minute in this country is involved in an alcohol related traffic crash. Avoid these risky situations this holiday season by designating a driver and limiting the consumption of alcohol. Nobody likes a sloppy drunk or a dangerous driver on the road. Remember that it takes approximately three hours to eliminate the alcohol of two drinks in an average sized college student.

the Enjoy holidays safely and responsibly. A fun night with friends is not worth becoming a statistic.

Public Saftey Log

Caitlin Murphy Staff Writer

12/1/06 2:00 A.M.

At the above date and time, P.S was called to Lincoln Hall for a noise complaint. A student reported that another student repeatedly kept calling her cell phone and making harassing comments to her. The student refused to give her name or ID to P.S. The student was later identified by an R.A.

12/2/06 1:00 P.M.

At the above date and time, P.S. responded to Merrimack where a trash can full of red slush was propped against an RA's door in a way that if he were to open his door the slushy mixture would fall into his room. Another student then helped take down the trash can so that it would not fall into the RA's room and the contents were disposed of in the women's showers.

12/3/06 12:30 A.M.

At the above date and time P.S. responded to a fire alarm in Conway. A fire extinguisher had been discharged in the North stairwell. Several detectors were found activated. Hooksett Fire Department and Capital Alarm were called to reset the alarms.

12/3/06 2:15 A.M.

At the above date and time, loud music was coming from a room in Conway and P.S. was

called. P.S. knocked on the door where the loud music was coming from. When a student finally answered the door P.S. noticed a 2x3 foot hole in the wall. P.S. asked what had happened and the student said it was his wall and he would fix it. RD's later returned to the room to take pictures of the hole.

12/3/06 3:20 P.M.

At the above date and time, P.S. responded to Merrimack where the RA told P.S. his door lock was not working and looked like someone had hit it with a hammer. The RA stated that he thought it was pay back documenting someone.

12/3/06 1:15 A.M.

At the above date and time, an RA requested assistance on west side where a drunk male was urinating outside and started yelling at the RA when he was confronted by him. The male was being restrained by a friend. The student admitted that he was drinking and was then escorted off campus by a sober friend.

12/4/06 11:10 A.M.

At the above date and time, a pool attendant called P.S. about someone attempting to break into the men's locker room. The description given was that of a 40 yr. old male with dark skin, dark clothing, and possibly missing some teeth. The male reportedly kept pulling on a locker and cut his hand on some twisted metal. It was later discovered that the locker had been bent in an attempt to open it.

12/4/06 2:00 P.M.

At the above date and time, a student came to P.S. saying his car had been vandalized. He stated one of his side mirrors was missing and his bumper was hanging off. Pictures were taken and sent to P.S.

12/5/06 10:05 P.M.

At the above date and time, an RD reported smelling smoke in Conway. When P.S. entered the room the smell of marijuana was very strong and the room was filled with a smoky haze. ID's were collected and the drugs were taken away.

12/6/06

Two males were observed walking through a parking lot. One of them had a white rolled up bag and the other had a CD case. The two were getting into a black Jeep when P.S. approached them and asked what was inside the bag. One student asked P.S. not to look through it, however, upon searching the bag P.S. found a glass pipe with marijuana in the bowl. The student stated he wanted his pipe returned and was told to come to the P.S. office and talk to the director about it.

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Entertainment

A Christmas Tradition



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Jordan Lake Staff Writer

The Nutcracker Ballet fouetté'd to Manchester's Palace Theatre to elicit the holiday nostalgia of hopeful children, sugarplum fairies and expensive theatre tickets. From November 30 through December 3 feet of all sizes shuffled in through the cold to experience Clara (Aimee LaRiccia)'s wonderful world of toys full of adventure, mysticism, and chivalry in the form of a Nutcracker with military training. You're never too old to see that Mattel wasn't the first to invent my-size Barbie.

The Southern New Hampshire Dance Theatre's performing company brushed off their obscure Russia dance technique, picked up their tutus and practiced their turnout for the sixth year in a row. Accom-

panying them was the Palace Festival Orchestra pick-up combo sounding the platinum hits from a Tchaikovsky favorite. Their front-man, conductor Robert C. Babb rocked his baton and intentional looking mustache to acceptable avail and a standing ovation.

pre-professional ensemble of dancers were a patchwork of performers ranging from the famous guest appearance of Venezuelan native and New York's exemplary Ibrahim Perez, to toddler aged children playing reindeer such as Paige Wallat.

This city and its cast came together to form the greatest two hours of conceptual themes, men wearing thongs and interactive mice you will experience this holiday season. So whether you brought your imagination or a sleep aid, Tchaikovsky's $classic \, came \, a live \, for \, one \, and \, all.$

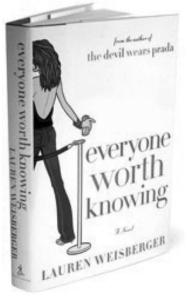
Do You Know Everyone Worth Knowing? **Gayle Nelson**

Staff Writer

From the author of The Devil Wears Prada comes another amazing chick literature book Everyone Worth Knowing, written by the critically acclaimed author Lauren Weisberger. The book starts off with a lady named Bette Robinson who has what she considers a very uninteresting job as a banker for a posh investment bank. Bette being a twenty something year old will have an adventure to come in her life, but not until she changes something. After her boss has some words with her she decides to walk out and quit her boring job. For a few weeks she does what any normal unemployed

girl would do. She sleeps in late and watches daytime television with her dog Millington. Everything seems pretty uninteresting in her life until Bette's uncle gets her a job at a start up public relations firm. This is when her life turns from country girl life to a Paris Hilton lifestyle. Her new job involves her staying out late partying and being a socialite. Romance wasn't in the picture until she met one guy that she thought might be worth a shot. Between being in a scandalous gossip column and defining her personal life and business life boundaries this hot new chick in town won't stop until she drops. This book is a must have for any girl with a sense of humor and a love

for hot nightlife and fashion. This book is a great gift idea for any girl of any age whether it be a sister or a mother.



Restaurant Review: The Puritan Backroom

Julie Lancaster Staff Writer

With a busy atmosphere and large menu, The Puritan Backroom, owned and operated since 1917, is perfect for a casual lunch date or a group dinner late at night.

Open till 11p.m. Monday through Thursday, The Backroom is great for late night munching. Fried chicken fingers dipped in their special sweet sauce is a local favorite.

Crisp and deep-fried to a golden brown, these fingers are sure to please even the pickiest eaters.

For the perfect end to your

meal, try their homemade Puritan ice cream. With over 20 different flavors to choose from, the combinations are endless. Not interested in eating?

The barlocated at the front of the restaurant is packed full of fun and interesting mixed drinks.

"You can't come to The Backroom without getting their famous mudslides," said

one of the locals, "they're by far the best ones around.'

Dinner at The Puritan Backroom might involve a 15minute wait, due to its popularity. The wait is worth it for the overwhelmingly diverse menu and comfortable atmosphere.

The Puritan Backroom will earnmyrestaurantratingofaB+!

Located at 245 Hooksett Road, Manchester, New Hampshire, The Puritan Backroom can also be found in Maine and Massachusetts.



Maxim: A Great Gift Idea

Gayle Nelson Staff Writer

Maxim is the ultimate mens magazine, from hot girls to great articles about entertainment and other random subjects. If you have a boyfriend, husband, or just a guy friend then he will definitely enjoy this men magazine. Over this past issue Maxim had subjects such as the "Crappiest Christmas Movies Ever", "Mind Blowing Nude Scenes" from movies and the "Worst Sports Arenas". These articles are what guys talk about and are great boys night out conversation starters for a fun night on the town. I talked to guys in my dorm and they highly recommend Maxim mag-

azine. I myself have also read Maxim magazine and found it to be more classy than vulgar, unlike FHM. Anyone who is stuck on what to get their man or a guy friend they will greatly appreciate a subscription to Maxim magazine. The hottest guy magazine around and



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Entertainment

Quenching Beauty Secrets

Ashley Spranzo

Entertainment Editor

As the cold weather rolls in, our skin seems to be getting thirstier for moisture. This is because there is less moisture. in cold winter air than there is in warmer summer or spring air. In that case it calls for constant attention and getting into a routine to keep your skin quenched. If not, you will end up with dry, itchy, irritated skin that will only take that much more attention and upkeep. A simple mask at least once a week will do the trick. At home/DIY masks work just as well! Here are some Do It Yourself face and hair masks that work miracles. For those who are in a pinch when it comes to time, try MAC Fix + \$14 at MAC stores, counters, and maccosmetics.com.

Moisture Mask

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 teaspoons milk
- Directions:
- 1) Mix ingredients.
- 2) Smooth over face and throat.
- 3) Leave on 10 minutes.
- 4) Rinse off with warm water.

Banana Mask

Ingredients:

1 banana

area.

- 1 teaspoon honey
- Directions:
- 1) Mash enough banana to make 1 tablespoon.
- 2) Blend with honey.
- 3) Smooth over a clean face and neck, avoiding the eye
- 4) Relax for 20 minutes, and then rinse with warm water and pat dry.

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Women's Health Q & A

I'm confused about the "morning-after" pills you can take after having sex. Just what are they and how do they work?

A:

Pardon the pun, but there are a lot of misconceptions about emergency contraceptive pills.

Emergency contraception (EC), which goes by the brand name of Plan B®, has often been referred to as the morning-after pill.

The truth is, EC is effective up to five days after unprotected sex— not just the morning after. EC significantly reduces the risk of pregnancy after unprotected intercourse by providing a short burst of the hormone progestin that disrupts the process essential for pregnancy. It is up to 89 percent effective if taken within the first 72 hours. But the sooner you take it the more effective it will be.

Make no mistake, however, EC is not a substitute for a routine birth control method, nor does it protect against sexually transmitted infections. It is intended to be a back-up emergency measure in the instance of sexual assault, when no other birth control was used, or in the event of a method failure.

EC is extremely safe and will not affect an established pregnancy. It is believed that greater awareness of and access to this after-the-fact contraceptive option could prevent 1.7 million unintended pregnancies and 800,000 abortions a year.

It is also entirely different from a medication abortion or the so-called "abortion pill." The abortion pill—known in Europe as RU-486—is a completely different product for a very different situation. Prescribed in this country under the brand name Mifepristone, it is administered by a medical professional to terminate a very early pregnancy.

Later this year, Plan B® emergency contraception will be available at pharmacies and health centers without a prescription for consumers over 18. Until then—and after—women and teens can still get Plan B® at Planned Parenthood health centers and most pharmacies (with a prescription). And—because we're lucky enough to live in a state with an EC Collaborative Practice law —you may also be able to get EC directly from a participating pharmacist, without first visiting your

health care provider.

For more information contact Planned Parenthood of Northern New England at 1.800.230.PLAN or visit www.ppnne.org.

Voices & Faces

Who is Your Favorite Holiday Character and Why?



Steph Barry, Junior
"Clark Griswold from
Christmas Vacation
because I'm glad my
Christmas' aren't
like his!"



Michelle Dunn,
Assoc. Director
of Communications
and New Media
"The Grinch. He's
the coolest Christmas
character. He's like
an anti-hero!"



Dr. Rick Ouellette, Registrar "Santa Claus because I get to play Santa every year!"



John Maguire, SNHU Bookstore "Ralphie from A Christmas Story, because he gets what he wants!"



Carla Carpenter, Junior
"Charlie Brown because he's so
cute with his little Christmas tree!"

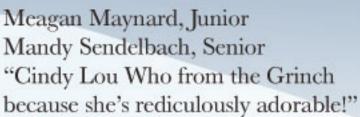
Heather Lake, Junior
Amy Marcucci, Sophomore
"Hermey from Rudolph
because he's not like all
the other elves."



Mark DeFazio, Freshman "Buddy the Elf because you just can't help but love him."

Voices & Faces







Scott Tierno, Student Center Director "Yukon Cornelius from Rudolph because he always has a trick up his sleeve and he's a survivor!"



Adrienne Heller,
Sophomore
"Jack from The Nightmare Before Christmas because he tries to be Santa in halloween land...a little scary!"

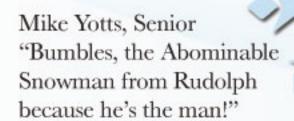
Evan Judd, Freshman

a classic."

"Rudolph because he's



Sarah Jacobs, Center for Service and Citizenship Director "Max the dog, from the Grinch, because my dog looks just like him!"





MJ Martin, Junior "Frosty from Rudolph because he has no legs!"

Happy Holidays 2006 from The Observer

Sports

SNHU Hockey off to Minnesota



Hockey Captain Brandon Mammermeister on the Ice Photo/SNHU Sports Information

Stephanie Belida **Sports Editor**

On January 4, 2008, the SNHU hockey team will catch a plane to Minnesota. They are heading to play the only other Division II team in the country. The men will play the University of Minnesota- Crookston January 5 and 6, 2008.

Captain Brandon Hammermeister says the trip was planned in part from interest from the University of Minnesota-Crookston and from the SNHU team itself. He states that it is a chance to see a different program to take part in a more competitive league. Dominic DiMarzo adds that it is better to play the only other DII team than to just take part in a Christmas Tournament with teams they play all the time.

Both players stated that this is a time for bonding as a team. They also hope that it will teach them some discipline and prepare them for the heavy

schedule that awaits them after winter break. The team takes on Curry January 11, 2007 as their first game back. When asked what to expect in hockey styles, Hammermeister said that it will be more "crash and bang hockey," meaning a more physical game for the Penmen.

The trip is being funded through donations from family and friends. The team has been working on fundraising throughout the semes-DiMarzo stated that letters were sent to family and friends asking for donations to cover the four hundred and fifty dollar bill per player.

As for when the team is not on the ice, the team is hoping to catch a North Dakota Division I hockey game and possibly to take in the Mall of America. Their main goal is to bond as a team and really show off what Penmen Hockey is. Hoping to "Do what the hockey team does best" both on and off the ice.

Upcoming Winter Home Sports Action College 7:30PM

December 22, 2006

6:00PM

Women's Basketball vs. University of New Haven

January 3, 2007

5:30PM Women's Basketball vs. St.

Michael's College 7:30PM

Men's Basketball vs. St. Michael's College

January 8, 2007

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Men's Basketball vs. University of Bridgeport

January 13. 2007

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Women's Basketball vs. Franklin Pierce College 3:00PM Hockey vs. Fitchburg State

3:30PM Men's Basketball vs. Franklin Pierce College

January 17, 2007

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Women's Basketball vs. Bryant University 7:30PM Men's Basketball vs. Bryant University

January 20, 2007

7:30PM Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth

January 27, 2007

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Women's Basketball vs. So. Conn. State College 3:30PM Men's Basketball vs. So. Conn.

State College

Hockey vs. Salve Regina

February 3, 2007

1:30PM

Women's Basketball vs. Assumption College 3:00PM

Hockey vs. Worcester State College

3:30PM Men's Basketball vs. Assumption College

February 6, 2007

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Hockey vs. St. Anselm College

February 7, 2007

5:30PM

Women's Basketball vs. St. Rose 7:30PM

Men's Basketball vs. St. Rose

Jaguars victorious over Eagles in Madden final

Nick Tasso

Staff Writer

The Jacksonville Jaguars played by Tim Francis beat the Philadelphia Eagles played by Darnell Wilson 13-12 in the Championship game of the Madden Tournament sponsored by the SNHU Athletic Department. The Jaguars quarter back, Byron Leftwich, got hurt in the middle of the second quarter while the score was still o-o. David Akers for the Eagles added the first three points with a 40 yard field goal which ended

up giving the Eagles a 3-0 lead at the half. In the third quarter, Jacksonville got a six yard touchdown run by Fred Taylor to take the lead, 7-3, for the first time in the game. The Eagles drove down the field relying on the leg of Akers to cut the deficit to just one at 7-6 early in the fourth quarter. After a stop by the Eagles defense, Donovan McNabb took control of the game by throwing a 63 yard touchdown to Reggie Brown. Philadelphia went for two to

give them a 14-7 lead but they didn't make it and had to settle with a 12-6 lead with under two minutes left to play. With under a minute, Jacksonville's new quarterback David Garrard threw a 46 yard touchdown pass to Ernest Wilford. They went for a two point conversion and failed. With the score 13-12, the Philadelphia Eagles had one last shot to win but could not get it down the field far enough for a score before the time on the clock ran out.



Hockey Player Dominic DiMarzo on the Ice Photo/SNHU Sports Information

Women's Basketball Takes Another Stephanie Belida

Sports Editor

Women's basketball gained another win over St. Anselm College at the SNHU Fieldhouse on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, with a score of 70-58.

This game gave the women their first league win and improved their record to 2-5.

Junior Sara Tucker, Freshman Julie Houghtaling, and Sophomore Alyssa Whitney helped lead the Penmen to their win with over 10 points each.

The women close out the fall semester at home with a game on Friday, December 22, 2006, against the University of New Haven.



Women's Basketball Player Sara Tucker at the St. Anselm's Game Photo/SNHU Sports Information

Sports PS3 Starts a New Gaming Craze

Nick Tasso Staff Writer

Sony's newest gaming system, the Playstation 3, is recieiving similar reviews from the industry's top reviewer. Most reviews start by explaining that the new gaming system is, "Playstation 3 Computer Entertainment System."

Sony looked at it's competitor, Microsoft's Xbox 360, and toppeditsmostpopularfeatures.

There are four main differences between the two powerhouse systems. First, the PS3 uses Blu-Ray Discs which will play games in High Definition due to the massive disc space. Blu-Ray Disc players typically cost about \$1000 in stores. The second difference is that Playstation Network is free. Like Xbox Live, you can download exclusive content, message

The Penmen now go on

a five game road trip includ-

ing a trip to Philadelphia.

friends, and play online. With Xbox Live, you need to pay a fee to play, and to get downloadable exclusive content, you need to use a credit card or Microsoft Points. The third difference is that the PS3 allows you to browse the internet right from your system onto your television screen. Also, on both systems you can store your music and photos. The last difference is that a 20 GB PS3 costs \$500 (60 GB-\$600) and an Xbox 360 Core System costs \$300 (Xbox 360 Pro Console-\$400).

Also, you can walk into almost any Best Buy and get an Xbox 360. The chances of walking into a Best Buy and getting your hands on a PS3 are slim to none this holiday season.

The demand is so high for these new gaming systems, someone got shot waiting in line to get a PS3 the first night it was released.

PS3's are difficult to get your hands on because Sony only launched about 400,000 in North America, and the supply simply cannot keep up with th e overwhelming demand.

Reviewers rccommend that an HD TV is the best way to experience the full effect of the graphics that are offered by this new sytem.

With or without an HD TV, the PS3 is definately a 'must have" item for gamers.

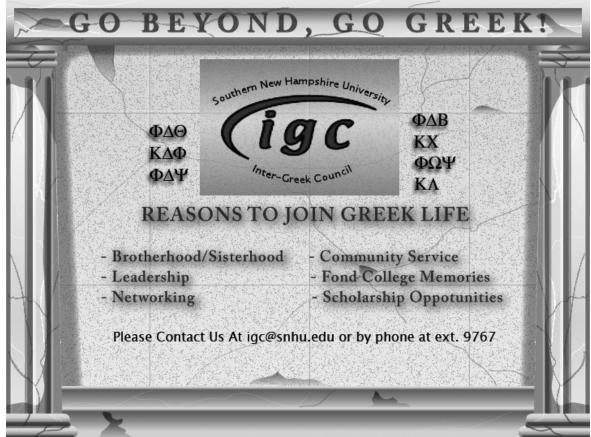
Men's Basketball Ends Home Stand with Win Stephanie Belida losing streak. The Penmen Sports Editor don't play at home again until The men's basketball team January 3, 2007. Then they will take on St. Michael's College. Top scorers for the game were Sophomore Christopher

gained its first win of the season against American International College on Thursday December 7, 2006. The Penmen beat Brickley with 30 points and AIC with a score of 89-75. Junior Sam Carey with 15 points.

This win comes at the end of a three game home stand for the Penmen and a five game



Men's Basketball Player KC Creamer blocks a shot Photo/SNHU Sports Information



Student Government Tuesday, December 19th, 2006

President's Message

Okendo Lewis Gayle

Contributing Writer

December, like the entire Fall Semester, has been an extremely productive month for the Student Government Association. This month the Senate and the House of Representative welcomed a new Vice President, Michael Weiss, a committed sophomore member of the Senate, who is determined to establish a rapport with our clubs and organizations. Mr. Weiss succeeds, Sam Peret, who opted to pursue other goals, after having demonstrated his commitment to the student body, through his organization of an inspiring Leadership Conference.

The Fall Semester has been seminal in the development of the new role, which I have envisioned for the Student Government. The Student Senate is gradually gaining community recognition as the true point of intersection between the student body and the University administration. Increasingly, students and administrators alike choose the Student Senate as a forum to initiate dialog on topics ranging from Fox Soccer Channel to Peace Corps on campus, from registered parties to greater social and political awareness in the University curriculum. Yet, because members of the Dream Team are fond of stating that whoever said that the sky was the limit was a hardcore pessimist, we committed to bringing

forth more initiatives and solu-

tions for the Spring Semester.

I could not conclude this article without mentioning the successful co-sponsorship between CAPE, IGC and SGA for the Staff Appreciation Day of November 29th, an opportunity to say thank you to all staff members in the University, who quietly, and often without recognition, help make SNHU a better place for all of us. So again allow me to thank all of you who have made this semester yet another pleasant experience for the Student Government and the student body at large.

On that note I wish my Christian readers a Merry Christmas and to the rest of you a Happy Chrismahanukwanza.

Vice-President's Message

Michael Weiss

Contributing Writer

As this is my first article as Vice President of S.G.A, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Michael Weiss; I am a sophomore and am majoring in Political Science, with a concentration in International Affairs. Before becoming Vice President, I had the honor of serving in my second year as Senator in S.G.A. I was also the Winter Chair of P.A.S.S. and the President of the Model U.N. My other involvements on campus include being in my second year as an R.A. on the eastside apartments and also serving as an ambassador to the president's office.

My goals as Vice President are simple and true. As I am basically coming to office midyear, my constraints are based in time. What I hope to do is to build a bridge between H.O.R. and S.G.A. From my own accounts I have noticed a growing tension between the two groups and with my knowledge

and relationships with club presidents, being one myself once; I hope to quell any further tension between the two. How does one achieve such a daunting task? The answer is communication. I am planning to sit down with each of the presidents and listen to their concerns and work with everyone to come to some sort of solution so that we can move out of this standing point and progress as past organizations have.

Congratulations to the Inter Greek Council (IGC) for being selected Club of the Month for its organization of the Red Cross Blood Drive on campus. Winter and Poverty Awareness were selected as the CIP themes of the month.

The next H.O.R. meeting will be on January 24th at 5pm. All meetings have been changed to 5pm as to accommodate our graduate students who usually have to leave early for class. Thank you for your time and I am excitedly looking forward to working with everyone.

Treasurer's Message

Vijay KailaschandJain

Contributing Writer

Namaste/Hello, I can't believethefallsemesterisalmost over. Here I am again to give you all an update regarding the SGA Budget and Finance before we go home for the holidays.

Spending Report:

Details on all student activities funds allocated and how much money has been spent so far. Total allocation of student activities fee for Clubs and Organization are \$533,876.00 Allocation used by Clubs and Organization as of December 04, 2006 was \$212,554.63 which amounts to 40% of the total allocation. Copies Plus and Office Supplies total allocations are \$7,200.00 and \$4,050.00. Allocation used by clubs and organization \$3,567.10 and \$904.14 which amounts to 50% use of copies plus and 22% of Office Supplies.

In an attempt to maximize the Student Activities Fee and

avoid few inactive clubs and organization from withholding money from the active clubs and organizations the Budget Finance Committee has started a Mid Year Review Process. The Mid Year Review Process will evaluate those clubs and organizations that have spent less than 20% or more than 80% of their budget by the end of the fall semester. As the Budget and Finance Committee Chair, I have met with most of the clubs and organization to find out the cause behind such low or high percentages regarding their spending rate. Most of them have a sound plan for the upcoming semester and are working towards their programs and events.

I would like to shed light on the violation memos from my last article. The listings of clubs and organization regarding the violation of Budget and Finance Policies and Procedures in my last article were minor

in nature. For example clubs who haven't done their event evaluation on time would have received a memo or clubs who haven't turned in their receipts on time might have received a memo or clubs who have not advertised in the master calendar or clubs who haven't added the words "Sponsored by Your Student Activity Fee" might have received a memo. So again these memos are in no way meant to disparage what the clubs are doing but to be considered as reminders for the clubs and organization that have been acting effectively in makinga"BetterSNHUforyou".

To all the student leaders on behalf of SGA and the Budget and Finance Committee, I would like to thank you sincerely for your hard work and co-operation in making a remarkable semester with great events and programs.

Once again thank you all and good Luck with your finals and happy holidays!

Executive Officer's Message

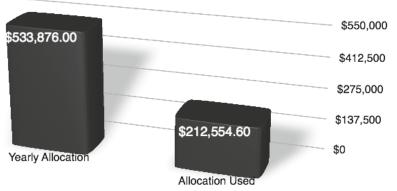
Tony Carr

Contributing Writer

Hello All. I hope you had a great November. You may have noticed that Petev the Penmen has been unseen for the majority of the Fall Semester. You see, he had a long summer. Petey and the rest of his scholarly, pen-yielding comrades were going from conference to conference learning how to enhance their penmanship.

Needless to say, Petey is still at the top of his class. No one holds the pen quite like him. After a much needed rest he's back in action. Look forward to catching him at sporting events and around campus for the remainder of the academic year. If your club or organization would like to utilize Petey the Penmen at an event or for promotion feel free to contact me. Have a great holiday break!

Total Allocation of Student Activities Fees for 2006-2007



Secretary's Message

Samantha Palmer

Contributing Writer

The semester is almost over and the entire senate has been extremely busy. The senator of the month for November was an extraordinarily enthusiastic freshman. After taking office as a freshman senator he dived right in to the role doing as he possible could. This is a shinning example of the dedication and drive that is looked for in the senator of the month. Senator Richard Forrestal has been working closely with many individuals in his committees including the American Disabilities committee, publicity, and as the chair of the freshman class. Senator Forrestal is always willing to step up to the plate when others are unable to. The entire E-board looks forward to seeing what you will do over the next few months.

It seems like just the other day that the school year was starting and now this semester is almost done. On behalf of SGA I would like to wish everyone good luck as we head into finals week and I hope everyone has an enjoyable break before we start back in January. Opinion

Stressed? **Dan Smith**

Clubs & Photo Editor

Well it's probably because of finals and I have just the way to deal with all that stress building up on your shoulders. Here are some ways to relieve the stress of finals and hopefully do well on them.

- 1. Sleep getting plenty of sleepwillensurethatyouarealert and ready to study or take a test.
- **2. Categorize -** Make a list of every thing you have

to study or get done for your finals and then work on them from hardest to easiest. If you work on stuff you hate first the easy stuff will be like a cooling down period at the end!

- 3. Eat Don't neglect your diet, it is much easier to think on a satisfied stomach
- 4. Go Camouflage -Hide yourself away from the general public and especially your friends. Turn you AIM, MSN, Yahoo, text messaging,

and every other form of distraction off and study in a nice quit environment. You will absorb more material this way,

- 5. Ask questions Ask your teachers before the test what will be on it and if it is comprehensive or not. Also ask your teachers questions during the test; even if they can't answer it they might give you a hint towards the right answer.
- **6. Notes -** when it comes to studying it does you no

good to re-read all the chapters in a book unless the test is solely on the book. Read the notes- teachers give them for a reason, most likely your test will cover all the notes

7. Read - no not the bookre-read all of your answers on the test before you leave the exam room to make sure that youansweredallofthequestions and that they are correct. Don't second guess yourself, the first answer is usually the right one!

8. Lastly Relax - Don't let the stress of the test tense you up, if you are less stressed you will take a better test and get a better grade.

Just follow these simple steps and you can assure yourself a less stressful finals period.

Can we just discuss...

Libby Parent

Staff Writer

I would like to meet whoever decided that it was better to be tanner than your natural color. Once I meet them, I would like to ask what the heck they were thinking.

Yo. It is normal to be paler in the winter. We live in New England; everyone is lighter in the winter. IT IS NATURAL.

I will tell you what is not normal: spending \$20 a month to get "tan." Unfortunately that's not all you get for your monthly fee.

You increase your risk for cancer by increasing the amount of UV rights you are exposed to. According to the American Academy of Dermatology, tanning beds can emit UV rays up to 15 times stronger than the sun.

Maybe you aren't as likely to get a burn, but you are more likely to get cancer. Melanoma is the second most common cancer in women in their 20's, and it is also the most deadly

form of skin cancer. Because the bulbs in tanning beds are much stronger than the sun, people who go tanning have a higher chanceofdeveloping melanoma.

So why are you doing it? Because people say you look better tan? How will you look in five years when your skin is already wrinkled and you have more age spots than a 60 year old ex-Baywatch star?

I'm going to be perfectly honest: I complain about my skin tone on occasion. However, tanning in a bed will not make my complexion better; it will make it look fake. It is clearly not your real skin tone and it's easy to tell. So why do it?

I am white. So white in fact, I tend to have a tint of green. Maybe I get a little self conscious about it sometimes, but I mean, I don't have extra money to spend on making myself look "better," chemotherapy. alone

It's called bronzer and it costs ten bucks for a decent

...tanning?

product. Considering both look fake, why not do it a safer way?

I don't mean to blame the entire tanning frenzy on just individuals who go: both men and women. I know that the media plays a huge role in how people view themselves, and how they think they "should" look, but who are they to tell you what looks good? How the heck do they even know what looks good?

I guess I just don't get why you pay money to look fake, and potentially shorten your life. I have known a few people who have gotten skin cancer: one in particular who was an avid user of tanning beds.

I have heard way too many times "I only go once in awhile." I don't care. What's the point? I understand people want to "feel better about themselves" so they try to make themselves "look good." I guess I'm just asking you to find something else to feel good about, besides an orangey glow.

Van Wilder 2 **Dan Smith** Clubs & Photo Editor

National Lampoon's "Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj" was a classic sequel disappointment. Coolege College was not the setting of Van Wilder 2 and it seriously changed the dynamic of activity and relationships between the characters. Camford University in England was the new setting and the elite status of the campus poses a

new threat to Taj's fun loving attitude. The snooty students in the fox and hounds frat try to snuff out Taj and his new frat (the cock and bulls) by playing a series of childish and consequential tricks on them, but Taj prevails through the help of his true love (the girlfriend of the head fox and hound!)

The general plot was underdeveloped and had a lot of holes that were not filled by the acting presented in the movie. This is not a movie that I will have in my collection.



Email Lexi with your questions! Letterstolexi@hotmail.com

Dear Lexi,

With break coming up and all, howcan I helpitif I'm not looking forward to next semester?

-Bound for Break

Bound for Break,

There are many things to look forward to when arriving back to school to start off another semester! One - you will see the friends you haven't seen in a whole month. Two - it's a blank slate, new schedule, new classes, a new beginning! Three - it's the SECOND semester. That means you are one semester away from your summer vacation and/or that much closer to graduating! Enjoy the winter break while it's yours and I wish you well for the semester to come!

Dear Lexi,

A new year is approaching and I was wondering if you had any advice on resolutions?

-Helloo7

Helloo7,

Resolutions are for those with motivation and willpower! I urge anyone with the slightest of new year's resolutions

to go thru with them as any accomplishment is something to look forward to in the new year. Don't set goals for yourself that you know are not feasible. Instead, set goals that you know you can reach within a calendar year or longer. As long as we start something, whether or not we finish is completely up to us, as long as we started somewhere. Good luck!

Dear Lexi.

These past few weeks I have seen nothing but project after project and paper after paper. Since I know what a SHIRKER is now thanks to ECO201, how do you deal with them?! -Say No to Shirking

Say No to Shirking,

For those of us who do not know what it is to shirk, it simply means to SLACK. Someone who does not do their part of a job and still benefits from it is what we like to call a shirker. We're in college. We're bound to come across these wonderful beings. Speak up! If they're not pulling their weight, your grade could suffer. If you don't want to "tattle" to your professor, pull your group aside and let them know how you feel. If you think one group member is taking on more than they can handle, offer to help out. As long as you keep up your part of the deal, everyone else in your group should be a happy camper!



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The week of November 12th through the 18th was National Alcohol Awareness Week. The East Side Residence Life Staff together with Psi Delta Beta and Public Safety put on a week long event promoting alcohol awareness. Volunteers sat in the Student Center with a petition for students, faculty, and staff to sign in their promise that they would not let themselves or someone they care about drive drunk. The students, faculty and staff listed below are those who signed the petition.

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