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## Pumpkin Fest a Smash

Patrick Trouve  
*Clubs & Orgs Editor*

Halloween afternoon, October 31, served as an appropriate time to host SNHU's first annual Pumpkin Fest, a fair to benefit Camp Sunshine.

Camp Sunshine, located in Casco, Maine, is a retreat for children with life threatening illnesses and their families. Operated mostly through volunteer work and donations, Camp Sunshine provides a fun atmosphere for these children and families to alleviate the pressures that living with a life threatening illness can cause. The children and their families can attend the camp free of charge as the \$1,500 worth

of expenses from the week-long program is paid for by an outside civic group, corporation, or foundation that sponsors a particular family. The camp, aside from providing games and activities to entertain participants throughout the week, aims to, as Camp Sunshine's website boasts, "unite [the child and family] during the darker times they will face."

SNHU's Pumpkin Fest was quite a sight to be seen as the area surrounding Belknap Hall was filled with throngs of visitors, students and families alike, eager to take part in the many

activities provided throughout the festival. Some of the activities at Pumpkin Fest included a bean bag toss, mummy wrapping

with toilet paper, pumpkin seed spitting, bingo, pumpkin carving, cookie decorating, and a milk

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Patrick Trouve

*Children wait eagerly for their chance at the popular milk bottle toss*

## An Inside Look at the New NEPA President

Samantha Cohen  
*Staff Writer*

Peter Frost, an associate professor of psychology at SNHU, was recently elected the president of the New England Psychological Association (NEPA), as he continues to share his love of psychology with the community at large.

For those of you who do not know Peter Frost, he is a psychology professor here at SNHU. This is his ninth year teaching, and his specialties include cognitive and forensic psychology. Frost holds a doctorate in cognitive psychology and neuroscience from Baylor University.

Frost has a passion for psychology, and he is very involved

with it both on and off campus. On campus, he is one of the faculty advisors of the Psychology Student Association (PSA). PSA is a student organization for those who are interested in psychology. The organization puts on many events, sets up career nights, and organizes volunteer work. PSA is especially helpful for students looking for a career in the field.

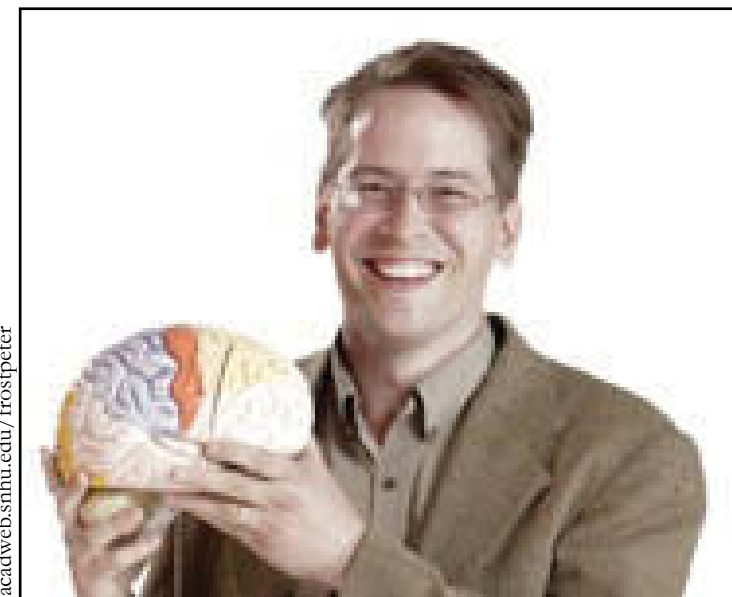
Off campus, Frost is involved with NEPA. According to its website, NEPA is made up of professors, students, and psychologists in practice that are "dedicated to the advancement of psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means

of promoting human welfare." Frost explained that NEPA has a very student friendly environment and is great for students who are looking for potential

careers.

NEPA's most recent conference held a great deal of excitement for Frost: he was named its

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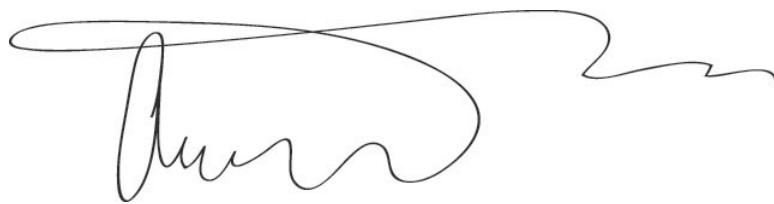
SNHU has a lot of happenings this month. From Hunger and Homelessness week (November 8-14) to upcoming sports, and even a recap on the Pumpkin Fest, the Observer has it covered.

Be sure to flip to the Sports section to find another intriguing Penmen Profile (this month's is on Jaime Brown) by Spencer Griffin. Megan McFarlane brings us another episode of the "Culinary of Dormitories" (in the Arts and Entertainment section) which is sure to peak your interest and wet your appetite.

I hope you have thought about signing up for an e-copy of the Observer. You can get your copy before everyone else, and you'll be helping the environment! It is quick and easy to sign up—all you have to do is e-mail the Observer (observer@snhu.edu) a blank message. We'll add you to our distribution list, and next month, you'll begin receiving your e-copy of the paper. It is as easy as that!

November is a month of giving and a month of thanks. This year I'm thankful for the amazing staff and editing team we have at the Observer. I'm thankful for all of the hard work and dedication that everyone is putting into the paper as we move ahead and try to accomplish more complicated tasks. I'm also thankful that you decided to pick up a copy of the Observer. This paper couldn't be possible without the people who write, edit and layout the paper as well as those that read it.

Thank You!



Aimee L. Terravechia

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## Public Safety Tip – October

**Jim Winn**  
*Director of Public Safety*



Petey the Penman

### Petey says "lock it or lose it"!

Campus theft is theft of personal property on campus or the stealing of property which belongs to the University. Theft is the most common crime on American college campuses. All campus community members are potential victims, and we each have a responsibility to protect ourselves. By looking out for ourselves and each other, we can help eliminate campus theft.

### SAFEGUARD YOUR VALUABLES BY PRACTICING THESE EASY TIPS

- Keep doors and windows locked, even if you are inside the room sleeping or plan to be absent for only a short time. This will help protect both you and your possessions.
- Keep small, valuable items like cash, checks, credit cards, and jewelry locked in a safe place. Some students use footlockers or trunks which can be locked.
- Do not prop doors open. This means external doors as well as the door to your own room. Propping doors open allows access to anyone for any reason.
- Identify valuable items and keep a record, including serial numbers.

• When leaving on a scheduled College break or even for a long weekend, take your valuables with you. If that's not possible, make sure they are locked up securely before you leave.

### TIPS ON SAFEGUARDING YOUR VEHICLE

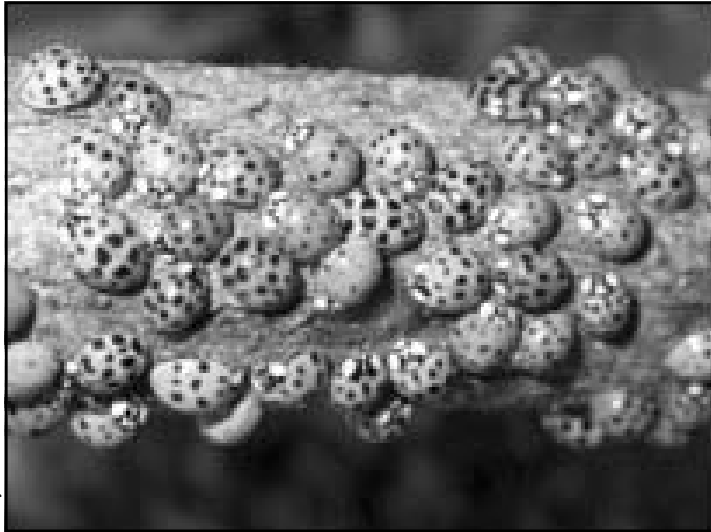
- Lock your vehicle and pocket the keys.
- Keep valuable items out of sight by locking them in the trunk. It is even better if you take your valuables with you when you leave your car.
- Never put your address on your key ring. If you lose your key ring, a thief will not only have your residence keys, but will know where you live.

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# Foliage, Pumpkins, and Lady Bugs?

Marissa Twombly  
*Staff Writer*



Thousands of Asian lady beetles (above) are invading all across New England

As the typical New England fall weather is approaching us, we are beginning to see Asian lady beetles (a specific type of lady bug) floating in from everywhere. According to WMUR, many reports from Massachusetts and New Hampshire have cited thousands of Asian lady beetles at a time covering their homes, cars, and entire neighborhoods. Due to the cold climate and change in warmth, the beetles are fluttering in from fields looking for shelter to survive the winter season. Fall is the season when these bugs normally look for a home. This year the lady beetles were alarmed when the first snow of the season occurred, so early in fact, that they are all rushing to find shelter.

During hibernation for the lady beetles, WMUR pointed out that lady beetles do not "nest, make a pest of themselves, or reproduce." Instead, they are looking only to sleep and stay warm. There are ways to get rid of the lady beetles, but it is very important that you do not squish them. Squishing the lady

beetles reveals "a yellow, obnoxious-smelling fluid." Homeowners and experts have suggested brushing the lady bugs up or using a vacuum cleaner and then dumping them outside. Pesticides are also harmful to the environment, the lady beetles, and yourself, so people are urged not to use pesticides to get rid of the bugs.

To help prevent the lady beetles from invading homes, WMUR says to seal the cracks and windows of your home and check yourself before entering your house for any lady beetles that may have clung to you. Also, be sure to seal any gaps entering your home such as pipes or dryer vents. These bugs are harmless to humans because they are not venomous, but they tend to bite, leaving a red mark because they are looking for possible meals. Many of the lady beetles secrete a bad odor which is due to bleeding from the bug that warns off birds and other predators.

Don't be alarmed, though! In a few days, the lady beetles will be gone and resting until the spring.

# School of Education Accreditation Update

Haley Webb  
*Staff Writer*

On October 18, the School of Education began to host the New Hampshire Department of Education and New Hampshire Council for Teacher Education (NHCTE) for a five day campus visit. Their visit was for a routine reaccreditation of the School of Education. The preparation for this visit has been in progress for quite some time. While SNHU is accredited by various associations, in the School of Education, an important grant of approval is from the NHCTE. Without this approval, the School of Education would be unable to function.

The purpose of the NHCTE visit was to re-evaluate the professional educator preparation programs offered by the SNHU School of Education. Every five years or so, a committee is formed to ensure that School of Education programs are efficiently training students to become competent, successful educators. This process takes place at all institutions of higher education in New Hampshire.

The review team individually evaluates each program the School of Education offers. Among these programs are Business Administration, Business Education, English as a Second Language, English Language Arts, Programs for Children with Disabilities, Computer Technology, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Social Studies Education. For each program, there are certain standards. Committee members find evidence that these standards are being fulfilled. Evidence can be



School of Education staff

taken from almost anywhere, including student work, course syllabi, Chalk and Wire, and Blackboard.

The committee was comprised of fourteen members, including specialists assigned to assess the different programs. Members of the SNHU faculty, extending much further than the School of Education, assisted committee members in finding evidence that programs fulfill all standards the State requires. As Mary Heath, new Dean of the School of Education, gratefully explained, "We just had overwhelming support from everyone. From the President to the different schools to Public Safety to Dining Services, everybody came together to support us."

The next step in the reaccreditation process will come in November when the School of Education will receive a draft report from the committee. SNHU will have the chance to respond to any feedback provided in the report, and then, a recommendation will be made

to the New Hampshire Board of Education on how to approve the programs at SNHU. The final decision will be given in January.

A decision for full approval would mean five years of accreditation. Other potential decisions are to approve the programs conditionally, which can last two to three years, to approve them provisionally, which lasts less than three years, or non-approval. Dean Heath is very optimistic about the decision, hoping to receive the full five year approval.

Dean Heath explained that accreditation preparation has left the School of Education "in a great place." Areas that may have previously been lacking have been strengthened to meet state requirements, which is something that benefits all SNHU students. Looking ahead to the future, Dean Heath hopes the School of Education will continue to grow and maintain its reputation as a strong program for future educators.

## NEPA President

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president. He has been elected in the past, but this is the first year he has accepted the ballot, so it is quite an honor for him to win. For now, this means he is functioning as president-elect. As president-elect, he is in charge of creating the program for next year's conference, which will be held at St. Michael's College in Vermont. Next year, his duties as president will officially begin, and he will be in charge of running the conference. Next year will be especially important because it will be the 50th anniversary for the conference. It is not an easy task, and a lot of work goes into making the conference a success. However, Frost is confident that he will have all the help he needs and can trust the people he will be working with to make everything run smoothly.

NEPA also gets together at its annual conferences to submit papers and present its members' latest research. Every year, the conference is held at different colleges and universities. This year, Worcester State College held the NEPA conference from October 9th through the 12th. At this conference, Frost, alumnus Michael Adie, and current student Roland Denomme presented their research on false memory and how it relates to personality traits. As part of their study, they presented participants with an eyewitness event and then induced false memory from questions (participants were warned of this prior to the experiment). Endless work has been put into this study, and their manuscript titled "False Memory-Prone Personality: A Study on the Big-Five Personality Traits Associated with Susceptibility to False Memory" was submitted to the Journal of Psychology and will soon be published. Frost thinks this is a great opportunity for Southern New Hampshire University not only to get recognition for the hard work that goes on here, but also to show how well students and faculty can work together to achieve great things.

Frost is eager to get started on his upcoming work for NEPA and is excited to continue working with his students inside and outside the classroom!

## Pumpkin Fest

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bottle toss, a favorite of David Dow, a young child in attendance at the festival. All of the volunteers at each activity had a donation bucket which allowed guests to graciously offer their monetary support for Camp Sunshine. Visitors could also purchase food at the event, kindly provided by Sodexo, with all proceeds, of course, going to Camp Sunshine. Also, the SNHU Dance Team provided a great performance for the large crowd that had gathered to see the girls in action.

The event was a definite success, amassing a large amount of donations through the food vendors and donation buckets throughout the festival. As Mark DeFazio, Chair of the Camp Sunshine Benefit Committee, explained, the event was about bringing people together for a good cause and to provide a good time for those involved. "It is so important to raise money for families in need, especially those who have children with chronic illnesses," said Debbie Siciliano, a guest at the event appreciative of SNHU's effort to support a good cause. "It's good to see students working as a team, and the event really brings the community together."

The event also presented, as visitor Jeff Dow said was most important, awareness of the camp and the great things it provides for chronically ill children and their families. Pumpkin Fest, although the first that SNHU will sponsor in the years to come, was an obvious triumph seen simply through the hard work of the volunteers, the gratuity of the guests involved, and the smiles on all of the children's faces throughout the festival.

## International Business Department International Business Association *Global Finance and International Business*

**Brynn Gestewitz**  
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Business activities over the past several years have led to a level of globalization which makes world markets almost as attainable as the market downtown. Integration of markets, products, and financial markets has brought prosperity up until the recent financial crisis. The crisis has indeed affected international business; however, global financial systems are improving bit by bit with emerging market economies experiencing much greater volatility than industrialized nations.

At the moment, there are signs that the Euro-area economy is emerging from the deepest recession since WWII, as evidenced by a four-month rise in industrial output. Durable goods output has made its biggest increase since the Euro-area data were first collected in 1990. A look at the services and manufacturing industries yielded stronger expansion than originally predicted. The European Central Bank kept borrowing costs at record lows. However, according to the IMF, the Euro-economy is expected to shrink another 4.2 percent this year before the advanced economies begin to grow again. Europe's unemployment rate also rose to 9.6 percent, the highest since 1999, yet stocks hit a 12-month high.

Over the past eight months, the euro has gained 8.8 percent against the dollar and has been a threat to recovery because the strong euro has caused European exports to be less competitive in the global market. The US has seen stocks at year highs, but still retains a weak dollar. The United States is experiencing what many

feel is a slow, yet strong recovery as evidenced by lower sales of US Treasuries, production increases, and retail sales beating expectations.

China's foreign exchange reserves increased, and have seen inflows of cash from abroad, and lending increased by 8.67 trillion yuan for new local currency loans. Some economists are concerned about the risk of inflation due to the new loans as well as the risk that China's economy cannot absorb the new lending. External demand could provide a source of support for growth until China begins to tighten its monetary policy in early 2010. Much of China's growth has been attributed to the weak dollar. China is the world's third largest economy, and it is leading the recovery from the global recession. Exports from China to the US and European Union rose, which helped create gains for stocks worldwide. One very interesting thing China did earlier this year was devalue their currency in an effort to help stabilize the world economy. The reason behind this was to avoid competitive devaluation and ultimately increase demand.

The United States continues to combat a weak dollar, which has put pressure on domestic and international business because the purchasing power of the dollar has diminished. Because imports have become much more expensive, the United States is importing less and exporting more. The depreciation of the dollar has made US goods less expensive internationally, and thus, US exports have increased. The scales have

tipped in favor of exports versus imports, therefore disrupting the balance of trade. Since the dollar has depreciated in value, the United States is no longer able to import goods and services as it had previously done. Now, certain countries are unable to export their goods to the United States because it is just too expensive for the United States to import. Currency devaluation is also linked with inflation, making goods and services more expensive in relative terms. Pressure on the dollar also led to the highest gold prices the world has ever seen.

The bottom line is that the United States is running a large current account deficit, which due to currency devaluation may eventually result in a current account surplus. International trade can be further disrupted by this surplus, and the United States may turn into an export nation. The goods and services the United States once imported will then be produced locally. Former trade partners will no longer see the United States as a desirable place to do business, thus creating barriers to trade. While this is obviously a doomsday scenario, it is something that can actually happen if the value of the dollar continues to decay.

No one knows exactly what the future holds for international business and globalization efforts. The crisis is still present, although a bit muted, and what happens tomorrow will surely have an effect on all international business. As the ripple effect takes hold, with one blow after another to the economy, we will begin to see results.



## Daley-Harris to Speak at SNHU

**Anthony Poore**  
Contributing Writer



School of Community Eco. Development

*Sam Daley-Harris will address SNHU students on November 13th*

On November 13th, Sam Daley-Harris, President and founder of RESULTS Educational Fund, is slated to speak at Southern New Hampshire University's Walker Auditorium from noon to 1:30 p.m.

RESULTS Educational Fund is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to mass educational strategies to generate the will to end world hunger. Daley-Harris founded the RESULTS Educational Fund, which was organized in February of 1997 at the Microcredit Summit held in Washington, DC. The summit was attended by more than 2,900 participants from 137 countries and launched a nine-year campaign to reach 100 million of the world's poorest families, especially the women of those families, with credit for self-employment and other financial and business services by 2005.

Daley-Harris is also founder and President of RESULTS, an international citizens' lobby dedicated to creating the political will to end hunger and poverty. Moreover, Daley-Harris is author of "Reclaiming Our Democracy: Healing the Break Between People and Government," about which President Jimmy Carter said, "[Daley-Harris] provides a road map for global involvement in planning a better future."

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In 2007, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Muhammad Yunus said, "No organizations have been as critical a partner in seeing to it that microcredit is used as a tool to eradicate poverty and empower women than RESULTS and RESULTS Educational Fund's Microcredit Summit Campaign."

RESULTS and RESULTS Educational Fund were both started in Los Angeles.

In 1995, Daley-Harris received The Temple Award for Creative Altruism from the Institute of Noetic Sciences, and in 1997, he received the Caring Award from the Caring Institute. In 2003, Daley-Harris received the Warner Woodworth Humanitarian Service Award from the Marriott School at Brigham Young University and that same year received the Elliott Black Award from the American Ethical Union. Finally, in 2007, Daley-Harris received the Susan M. Davis Lifetime Achievement Award from Grameen Foundation.

Mr. Daley-Harris lives in Princeton, NJ with his wife Shannon, who is a consultant with the Religious Affairs Division of the Children's Defense Fund. Their son, Micah, was born in May 1998, and their daughter, Sophie, was born in May 2001.

## Bike-A-Thon Success!

**Haley Webb**  
Staff Writer

On October 21st, The Office of Disability Services held their immensely successful Bike-a-thon fundraiser for The Christine Zimmermann Memorial Scholarship Fund. The event far exceeded the expectations of its coordinator, senior Joanna Sullivan, an intern in The Office of Disability Services.

The event took place in one of the busiest locations on campus, the Student Center quad, attracting the attention of many traveling by. There were seven teams, including the Men's Baseball team, the Women's Soccer team, faculty members of the School of Liberal Arts, the Learning Center, faculty of the Exeter 59 Suite, which includes Academic Advising, the Office of Disability Services, and the Career Development Center, and also a team of students.

The teams rode on bicycles donated by Athletics and Student Affairs, and they were propped up by trainers donated by members of the local community. The riding took place in two shifts, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., operating as a relay, with one team member riding at all times throughout the six hours.

The riders and sponsors all did their part in substantially benefitting The Christine Zimmermann Memorial Scholarship Fund. They targeted certain businesses, and many participants even donated their own money in addition to the time they spent riding for this cause. Riders were provided with energizing snacks and beverages donated by Sodexo, while volun-



Suzanne Lentell

Bike-A-Thon

teers and any visitors were also supplied with desserts from the Student Culinary Association.

Both Eastern Mountain Sports and Follett donated various items that were raffled off throughout the day. Items from EMS included a Northface Denali jacket, snowshoe rentals, water bottles, and a hydration pack. Follett contributed to the raffles with various SNHU apparel, including T-shirts, mugs, folders, notebooks, a hat, lanyard, and window decal.

With two bike shifts and various other online donations, the program significantly contributed to the endowment of The Christine Zimmermann Memorial Scholarship Fund, which benefits a SNHU student with a disability. The Bike-a-thon

proved to be a great success, and its coordinator, Joanna Sullivan, hopes that it will live on. As she points out, for the Office of Disability Services, which regularly hosts events, "it's nice to do something that directly involves the SNHU community." Joanna also wanted to be sure that everyone involved knew how much their participation was appreciated: "I would like to thank all Bike-a-thon volunteers, participants, and donors for raising awareness of The Christine Zimmermann memorial scholarship fund and making the event such a success."

If you are interested in making a donation to this cause, you can do so online at <https://alumni.snhu.edu/SSLPage.aspx?pid=184>.

## SCS 300 Offered Again in the Spring

**Tim Callahan**  
News Editor

For the fourth consecutive spring semester, SCS 300: The Human Condition is being offered, focusing on the topic of "Crime and Violence" for this particular incarnation.

Unlike most classes offered on campus, SCS 300 is a team-talk class, where professors from different departments teach a part of the class with a specific focus. This year, 18 different professors (including Dan Stauffer, Tosun Aricanli, Michele Goldsmith, Patrick Cullen, Elise Pepin, and Bob Seidman) are participating in the class to offer different viewpoints and foci on the general topic of "Crime and Violence." Each professor will teach one or two classes, and any open slots will be filled by knowledgeable and experienced individuals in the community. Specific topics include "Cultures of Violence," "Violence & Greenpeace," "Computer Crimes," "Terrorism," "Serial Killers," and "Juvenile Gang Violence."

Jim Walter, a professor of sociology and the chair of the social science department at Southern New Hampshire University, said the class gives students an interesting perspective, by "allowing the student to see how all of the social sciences see

things in a similar way, but in a very different way." Previously, the class discussed three topics of general importance in the social sciences: "Race Relations," "The Environment," and "Challenges in the 21st Century."

In the past, students gave the class very positive evaluations, and for those who need to fulfill a social science elective, SCS 300 "is about as social science as you can get," said Walter. Furthermore, there are no prerequisites for the class, and any major can elect to take it. Although the emphasis for the class is on majors within the social sciences, even business majors can find interest and relevance in the class.

"We would love to have this class close out and have 30 students in it," Walter said.

Overall, SCS 300 offers a unique classroom experience with many different points-of-view on the same general topic. For those who are interested in taking the class, it is being offered Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., and students can find SCS 300 under the "Social Science" subject heading in PENpal.

If you have any questions about the class, contact Jim Walter at [j.walter@snhu.edu](mailto:j.walter@snhu.edu).

## Opportunity Boulevard

**Kevin Tessier**  
Contributing Writer

The Career Development Center offered its annual workshops, "Resume-O-Rama" and "Mock Interview Day," to students once again. The events were held in the Career Development Center (CDC) office at Exeter 59 from 1-4 p.m. Resume-O-Rama day was held on Oct. 28, and Mock Interview Day was held on Oct. 29. The two events have been offered to students for the last three years.

Students went to Resume-O-Rama day with their resumes and had members from the CDC office, employers from the New Hampshire Division of Travel and Tourism Development and even representatives from Putnam Investments give them advice on how to improve their resumes.

"Having a poorly written resume or providing inappropriate/inadequate answers in an interview will quickly eliminate an individual from consideration by an employer," said Chance Clutter, Assistant Director of CDC.

"I had to update my resume, but couldn't find a way to make it look clean," said senior Sean Pare. "I went to the event last year, and left the event with a good idea on how to make my resume look better."

For Mock Interview Day, CDC members, employers from Fidelity Investments, and Zingr Communications were on hand to help students practice their interviewing skills. Employers met with students in a non-stressful environment to give the students immediate feedback on how they could improve their skills.

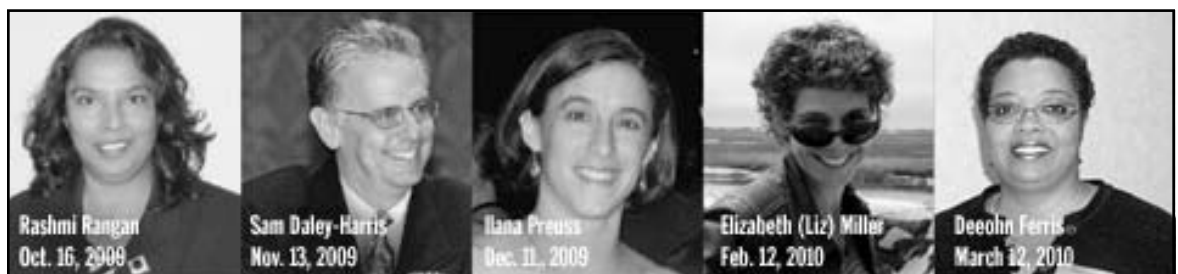
"We want to give students an opportunity to get feedback from professionals who are currently in the workforce," said Clutter. "Students can meet with the career center's counselors for similar feedback, but we want students to hear from as many perspectives as possible."

The events were scheduled prior to job fairs on campus to help students prepare to approach and be interviewed

by employers. The next job fair on campus was held on Nov. 4, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Small Gym. This event was good for all students. Freshmen and sophomores explored the possibilities out there for them, and juniors and seniors attended the job fair looking for internship and job opportunities.

Students who attended the events left in a better position to secure internships or part-time/full-time positions because of the feedback they received. They improved their resume, practiced interviewing with a professional, and interacted with an employer in a safe environment where they could make mistakes that wouldn't cost them a job.

For more information on the events, go to the Career Development Center in Exeter 59, or visit its website at [www.snhu.edu/597.asp](http://www.snhu.edu/597.asp). The Career Development Center can be contacted at (603) 645-9630 or by email at [careerdevelopment@snhu.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@snhu.edu).



### School of CED Speaker Series

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## Don't Gamble with your future... Plan for it!

### Know Your Rights!

Did you know that you have the right to have friends or family visit during the school year? Did you know that your guests need to be registered with the Public Safety Office? The following information is designed to help you know your rights and responsibilities, in order to make informed decisions about your guests!

### Rights

You have the right to have guests visit campus for the day or spend the night. Guests can visit four times in a 30 day period, for a maximum of three consecutive nights. Approval to stay longer must be granted by the residence director of your area. Guest registration will start at 8:00 am Monday and continue through the week on a 24/7 basis until 9:00 pm on Friday. Registration is also available from 8:00 am until 9:00 pm on Saturday & Sunday. To register guests, go to <https://penelopent.snhu.edu/SNHUGuests/login.asp> and sign in using your SNHU e-mail and password.

### Responsibilities

As a host, you are responsible for registering your guest and insisting they carry their "body pass" on them at all times. In addition, a guest's vehicle registration must be printed out and placed on the dashboard of the guests' vehicle. As a host, you are responsible for your guests' actions and must accompany them at all times. Registering a guest for someone else or being absent from your guest can result in a monetary fine, guest restriction, and loss of guest privileges.

### Community

While visiting the SNHU Community, guests are expected to uphold the same Community Standards as students. Alcohol or other Drug (AOD) Policy violations and inappropriate or violent behavior can impact the safety of residents and guests of our community. If a guest is responsible for any violation of Community Standards, the host will be held accountable and minimally lose guest privileges.

Please respect the SNHU community and have a conversation with your guest about your expectations concerning their behavior.

### Future

Guest violations of AOD or other SNHU Community Standards can affect the future of both the guest and host. Depending upon the violation, guests can be banned or PNG'D from campus. On occasion, the local authorities can also become involved with the incident. Overall, the incidents become a part of the host's judicial record.

*Remember your rights and responsibilities regarding the SNHU Guest Registration Policy. This will help you make informed decisions, and enjoy time with friends and family! SNHU students that abide by the guest registration process during the month of November will be entered in a raffle to win dinner for two in Manchester. Multiple winners will be chosen.*

## Murder in Mont Vernon

Marissa Twombly  
Staff Writer

As hundreds of friends and family gathered outside of Mont Vernon Village School for a candlelight vigil, anger, sadness and alarm drove through the town. Kimberly Cates, a 42-year-old resident of Mont Vernon, New Hampshire, was found stabbed to death in her home earlier in October, and her 11-year-old daughter Jaimie was found seriously injured. After witnessing her mother's death, Jaimie notified the police of the four teenagers who broke into her house.

According to WMUR, four teenagers from the local area were arraigned in the homicide: Steven Spader, 17; Christopher Gribble, 19; William Marks, 18; and Quinn Glover, 17. Senior Assistant Attorney General Will Delker stated that these teenagers chose Cates' home because it was completely isolated. While Marks and Glover broke into the

home, Spader was accused of hitting Cates with a machete in her bed and then hitting Jaimie with the machete while Gribble stabbed Kimberly Cates until she was pronounced dead.

Even though all four of these teenagers were linked in the murder case, according to WMUR, only Spader and Gribble were charged with first-degree murder, while Marks and Glover were arrested for burglary. The state requested that Marks and Glover are to be released on a \$500,000 cash-only bail.

Monique Dow, a co-worker of Cates, stated that Cates was currently working at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center as a nurse where she was known as an, "awesome, very hard-working, bubbly, always smiley, hard-working girl." As a result of the death of her co-worker, Dow is constantly having night-



Kimberly Cates was murdered by four teenagers

mares about the last few days of her friend's life.

As Spader and Gribble are sentenced to life in jail, Marks and Glover were suspended from Souhegan high school where they were both currently students. Donations are being accepted at the Kimberly Cates Memorial Fund to support the family.

## Correction of Article Titled "From the Sisters of Kappa Chi" from October Issue

Kappa Chi Sisters  
Contributing Writers

Kappa Chi sisters would like to share a little bit of our history to clear up some recent controversy about the oldest sorority on Campus. Within our article submitted to the last Observer Newspaper it stated, "Kappa Chi is the oldest sorority on the campus of Southern New Hampshire University." Kappa Delta Phi N.A.S. Kappa Chi Chapter does only date back to the year of 1972 (even though 1972 was not when our sorority was first established). In May of 1972, the sorority Beta Gamma Phi became Kappa Chi

when Kappa Delta Phi National Fraternity approved the idea of allowing their Chi chapter to have a sister sorority. As sisters, we changed Chapter name and Letters, forming us into a National Affiliated Sorority. Beta Gamma Phi was the first sorority established of former New Hampshire College, dating back to the early fifties. Since the sisters of Beta Gamma Phi changed the name and letters to make Kappa Chi, we still feel as our alumnae sisters date back to Beta Gamma Phi. Over the years, we come across the same

situation where other organizations do not understand our background information when we say we are the oldest sorority on campus. Beta Gamma Phi is the former Kappa Delta Phi N.A.S. Kappa Chi Chapter, proving our previous statement that Kappa Chi is the oldest sorority on the campus of Southern New Hampshire University to be true. If any organization or any student would like more information about this, you are more than welcome to email: [kappachi@snhu.edu](mailto:kappachi@snhu.edu).

# Clubs & Orgs

## Volunteers to Simulate Success

**Patrick Trouve**  
*Clubs & Orgs Editor*

## Miller Encourages SNHU Students

**Maura Schulman**  
*Contributing Writer*



*S3 volunteers can help students with real life job situations*

A new organization, Student Simulation Services, has had a great start in accomplishing their goal, to provide simulations to the faculty and staff on campus in order to prepare students for real life job situations.

Although not directly tied to Southern New Hampshire University, they do not receive a budget of any kind, S3, for short, is working diligently to aid SNHU students in becoming ready for the years to come in the working world. Made up of volunteer SNHU students and faculty, primarily game design and information technology majors, S3 provides an opportunity for these students to help faculty and fellow students while, as Project Manager Chris Calo says, "help the community by using and developing their technological skills."

All projects that S3 engage in involve the use of technology, creating simulations of experiences a SNHU student

may encounter in their eventual career choice. For example, a project S3 is currently working on involves the creation of a test aimed to simulate the IRS exam that would certify someone as a tax preparer. The project, aimed to help Professor Dennis Shea's students with the Link and Learn Tax Program, will provide the students the use of the simulation along with constructive feedback on their strengths and weaknesses regarding the test and a record of progress the students show with the material. The simulation will also be able to be altered by faculty if a change in assessment or graphics is desired.

In the months to come, S3 plans on expanding their work from test simulations that help students become prepared for the real thing, to a possible interactive, web-based simulation that would allow prospective students to tour the SNHU campus

from thousands of miles away, something Calo said "is not far-fetched."

Students and faculty involved in the organization will be given a medium to channel their technological ability into something that ultimately benefits the SNHU community as a whole. Aside from being a part of a valuable project, members are susceptible to other privileges as well. Faculty advisor, Thomas Adamson, has offered non-credit classes on project management and simulation design in the past, experiences that will foster the growth of members' abilities in the technological field and business world.

Membership to S3 is open to anyone, student or faculty, who is committed and interested in S3's line of work. S3 meets every Saturday morning at 10am in the ACC. Anyone interested can contact Chris Calo at [christopher.calo@snhu.edu](mailto:christopher.calo@snhu.edu).

On Thursday Oct. 15th, the Inter-Greek Council and the Student Government Association, with the help of Campus Programming and Leadership hosted several sessions with guest speaker Michael Miller in Walker Auditorium. The speaker sessions ranged in topics and were open to all students, but there was a special session just for Greeks. The purpose was to inform, enlighten, and to create change for the future.

Miller's first session was about conflict resolution within organizations and how to solve problems or conflicts responsibly and fairly that may arise throughout the year. The second session focused on delegation and retention. Miller offered advice on how to get people into your organization and how to keep them wanting to be a part of your group every year. The third session was the Greek session that was about what Greek life is all about. He finished out the night with a session about what you can get out of life with organizations.

Those in attendance of the Greek session found it was very informative.

Mike Young, a junior, said, "I thought that overall he was a very interesting speaker. He was extremely energetic which is always good because it keeps people awake. He did have a few good messages to all of the people pledging fraternities and sororities which was that by going Greek, you wind up doing



*Michael Miller*

stuff that you would not do otherwise, like community service."

Elizabeth Goff, Graduate Assistant for Campus Programming and Leadership and faculty advisor of Inter-Greek Council said, "We are very fortunate to have organizations such as the Inter-Greek Council and the Student Government Association who recognize the need for leadership training for all university students. As in all events, it would have been nice to see more students in attendance but, throughout the event, there were more than sixty students."

Campus Programming and Leadership will have many more events just like this one in the months to come.

If you have any questions about future conferences and speaker sessions, feel free to contact Elizabeth Goff or Tiffany Lyon, who are part of Campus Programming and Leadership, at [E.Goff@snhu.edu](mailto:E.Goff@snhu.edu), [T.Lyon@snhu.edu](mailto:T.Lyon@snhu.edu), or [leadership@snhu.edu](mailto:leadership@snhu.edu).



## International Game Night: a Success

Haley Webb  
Staff Writer



Students enjoying International Game Night on October 20th

International Game Night is a SNHU event that brings together international and domestic students. Co-sponsored by the Cousins Program and the International Student Association, International Game Night was held on Tuesday, October 20th, in the Last Chapter Pub. A variety of games were available to students including Yahtzee, Guesstures, Chinese Checkers, Cranium, and Uno. Snacks and drinks were provided by the Last Chapter Pub staff. The event was intended to progress a goal of both the Cousins Program and the International Student Association which is to bring international and domestic students together to form new relationships and connections among these students.

The Cousins Program was initiated in 2007 as a way of uniting international and domestic students on the SNHU campus. It was inspired by a similar pro-

gram encountered by a SNHU faculty member who previously worked at the University of Oklahoma. Originally, the program paired up participating students with a student from a different country, typically with one international and one domestic student to each pair. It has since expanded, and the current goal of the program is to create relaxed, open environments for all students to make connections. They typically host around five or six free events each year including bowling, mini-golf, socials, and of course, International Game Night.

Cousins Program events are now frequently cosponsored by the International Student Association, also known as ISA. ISA provides international students with opportunities to meet students of other cultures and helps them in adapting to American culture. This year, the group strongly hopes to give interna-

tional students the chance to create friendships with domestic students, primarily by working with the Cousins Program and hosting many on-campus events. As ISA President Sinziana Scoarta has noted this year, they have had successful events, "The kick-off dinner, as well as the International Game Night, showed us that both international and domestic students are interested in finding out more about each other and that is music to our ears."

Certainly, with motivation from their success so far this year, the groups will be hosting many more events throughout the semester. Coming up next month, they will be coming together once again to host both a Thanksgiving dinner and also a game show event later this year. Both international and domestic students are welcome to all events.

## Exploring the Success of the Justice Studies Career Night

Haley Webb  
Staff Writer

On October 19, 2009, the Career Development Center (CDC) and Justice Studies program proved to be great team members through the success of their event: Exploring Careers in Justice Studies. The event not only offered students the chance to network with a variety of employers, but also entertained and educated attendees with two dog demonstrations.

The Justice Studies event brought over 10 employers onto the SNHU campus to speak with students about career opportunities in the field. From the American Red Cross to the IRS to the NH State Police Department, the CDC and Justice Studies program tried to highlight the different career options one has with a degree in Justice Studies. As soon as one entered the event, they were greeted by the Director of Career Development and the CDC career counselors.

After networking with employers for approximately an hour, two dog demonstrations occurred to help students understand particular jobs. Officer Cherry and his dog Luka presented to the students an explosive demonstration. Luka

searched the auditorium and successfully found two planted devices. Next, Officer Cunningham and Nero showed their partnership through an attack demonstration. Along with these demonstrations came knowledge of the law enforcement field, how they became involved and stories about their jobs.

Exploring Careers in Justice Studies is the beginning of many specific career-oriented nights. Networking with employers is a great way to connect with people and begin informational interviews. The Career Development Center wants to make sure the students of SNHU are offered as many opportunities as possible to begin and develop their career planning and path.

The CDC would like to thank the Justice Studies program for being a great cosponsor, the employers who graciously devoted their time and the students who attended the event. If you would like to view photos of the event and recent CDC events, please view our photo albums by going to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/snhu/collections>.



Students participating in Justice Studies event

# Clubs & Orgs

## Phi Omega Psi Gives Back

**Maura Schulman**  
*Contributing Writer*



*The Girls of Phi Omega Psi*

Being part of a sorority means so much more than just having sisters for life. It is all about giving back to the community and showing respect to others.

On October 4th, 2009, members of Phi Omega Psi sorority went to the Mt. Carmel Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center. The residents of Mt. Carmel were playing Bingo and the girls gave up their afternoon to help them out and make sure they were having fun. The residents gave positive feedback of having the girls around to talk to and just help them out.

The event got positive response from the girls as well.

"It was fun getting to see all the residents having fun playing and we had fun getting to spend the day with them also," said Dianne Jones, philanthropy chair for Phi Omega Psi. She was one of the people responsible for putting this event together.

The girls will be going to Mt. Carmel Nursing home again on Sunday, November 1st.

They will continue to give back throughout the month of November. The girls are helping

out in the Inter-Greek Council's annual Blood Drive taking place on November 3rd.

Also, on November 11th, Phi Omega Psi will be hosting an event, along with Phi Delta Beta and Kappa Chi, to help kick off the fall season. At the second annual Fall Festival, all three sororities will cosponsor an event that will include stuffing your own scarecrow, making caramel apples, and making festive picture frames in the Last Chapter Pub.

As a way of giving back during Hunger and Homelessness Week, the three sororities will be collecting cans during their event that will be donated to charity afterward. Also, they will be helping advertise the latest events for Hunger and Homelessness Week for the rest of the SNHU community to get involved with.

If you have any questions about Phi Omega Psi or the different events that they do, please don't hesitate to email [Phiomegappsi@snhu.edu](mailto:Phiomegappsi@snhu.edu) or President Meredith Ryan, [Meredith.Ryan@snhu.edu](mailto:Meredith.Ryan@snhu.edu).

## 2nd Annual Turkey Trot Set for Success

**Amanda Compton**  
*Contributing Writer*

The 2nd Annual Turkey Trot to benefit Families in Transition during Hunger and Homelessness Week will be held in The Last Chapter Pub at Southern New Hampshire University at 8 a.m. on November 8.

Coordinators of Activities and Programming Events (CAPE), and the Field Hockey Club are co-sponsoring this event in hopes of another successful outcome. Last year's event was a successful first year as many runners, walkers, and other volunteers showed up bright and early to support a great cause.

A Turkey Trot is traditionally held a couple of weeks prior to Thanksgiving in hopes of

providing festive meals to local homeless and low-income families. This trot is set to benefit Families in Transition, a non-profit agency that provides safe affordable housing to homeless individuals with or without children.

"I'm extremely excited for this year's Turkey Trot," said sophomore Brittneylyn Fitzpatrick, president of CAPE. "I love seeing a diverse group of people all come together for one cause and I'm looking forward to that camaraderie again this year. It's going to be a great time."

"A lot of work has been put into this event both by The Field Hockey Club, and CAPE,"

said sophomore Kelly Haskell, Special Events Coordinator of CAPE. "We can't wait to see the turnout."

"The Turkey Trot event that I have back at home has always been a blast, and I can't wait to be a part of this one," said senior Krystle McKay.

Participants are allowed to dress funny, creative, and crazy to have the chance to be voted "Best Dressed."

Anyone interested in participating in the 1.5 mile run or walk, or volunteer help at the event, are encouraged to sign up ahead of time at any of the various locations around SNHU or email CAPE at [cape@snhu.edu](mailto:cape@snhu.edu).

## Major/Minor Fair Serves as Beneficial Resource to Students

**Kelsey Benjamin**  
*Contributing Writer*

On Wednesday, October 14th, SNHU's Major/Minor Fair was held in the Last Chapter Pub sponsored by Academic Advising. Many students passed in and out of the event throughout the time the fair was being held. From 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., Students asked faculty and advisors about particular majors and minors as a means of gathering useful information for their college career.

"This event is definitely helpful for students who are still unsure about their major or minor," said Chelsea Boisvert, a sophomore psychology major. "Although I somewhat know which direction I'm going in,

it helps to get some questions answered about my major and what direction to continue in for my minor."

Faculty remained available throughout the fair while students' questions ranged from "What can I do with this major?" and "How will my minor work with my major to add value to my program?"

A helpful resource and friendly face at the event was Carey Glines, Director of Academic Advising at SNHU. "It's beneficial to attend this fair to become more familiar with the degree options available at SNHU," said Glines.

"Too often, we focus on those things that we know, where added value can be found in those things that we're unfamiliar with. This fair will help to bridge that gap and encourage you to explore options outside of your comfort zone," said Glines.

For general information on majors and minors, students can contact Carey Glines at (603) 645-9630 or e-mail her at [c.glines@snhu.edu](mailto:c.glines@snhu.edu). Students can also visit her office in Exeter Hall, Room 59. For particular questions about one's major, students should contact their designated academic advisors.



# Hunger and Homelessness Week

## November 8<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### Cans Across America

Monday - Thursday 11/9 - 11/12

Help be in the Guinness Book of World Records! The residence halls will compete to see which hall can collect the most cans by weight. Bins will be set up in the Student Center throughout the week. Final weigh-in occurs on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

### Awareness Ribbons

Monday - Friday 11/9 - 11/13

Come pickup your Awareness Ribbons and find out more information about Hunger and Homelessness Week from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Meal Card Donations

Monday - Friday 11/9 - 11/13

Meal Card Donations: money donated will go to the NH Food Bank and Families in Transition. Donations will be accepted at a table in the Student Center between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

### Turkey Trot

Sunday 11/8 | 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Kick off the week with a mile and a half run around the Westside of campus. Entry into the race is a donated item from the Families in Transition "wish list." It is open to all SNHU Students, Staff, Faculty, Families, Friends, and Alumni. After the race, enjoy a breakfast reception in the Last Chapter Pub. Race begins at 8:30 a.m.

### Trace the Waste

Wednesday 11/11 | 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join ESS and Sodexo in recording how much waste is produced in one day for the SNHU cafeteria. Dump your food scraps into buckets located in the cafeteria and watch the weight of the waste throughout the day on the television in the Student Center. Final weigh-in will be held at 6:30 p.m.

### Food Bank Volunteering

Monday 11/9 | 12:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers will help sort out food and distribute food to people in need. Meet in Center for Service and Community Involvement in Stark 14 at 12:45 p.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. Sign up by emailing Derek at [serve@snhu.edu](mailto:serve@snhu.edu).

### Fall Festival

Wednesday 11/11 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bring a canned donation to the Pub to help support Cans Across America and enjoy fall activities and treats. Festivities begin at 2:00 p.m. and end at 3:30 p.m., sponsored by Phi Omega Psi, Kappa Delta Phi, and Phi Delta Beta.

### NHC Speakers Panel

Monday & Tuesday 11/9 - 11/10

NHC Speakers Panel is a presentation by people who are or have been homeless. The purpose of the presentation is to educate the public about homelessness and what can be done to end it. The panel members speak about their experiences and answer questions from the audience. It will be held in Walker Auditorium, Monday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and in the Pub on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

### Hunger Banquet

Wednesday 11/11 | 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

SNHU Special Events Class and Oxfam present a dinner where you witness the inequality of hunger. Experience upper, middle, or lower class dining and discuss the event and ways you can help end world hunger. Dinner and discussion will take place in the Hospitality Ballrooms.

### Families in Transition

Tuesday 11/10 | 12:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers will be helping sort clothes at the Families in Transition Thrift Store. Meet in Center for Service and Community Involvement in Stark 14 at 12:45 p.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. Sign up by emailing Carey at [serve@snhu.edu](mailto:serve@snhu.edu).

### One Night Without a Home

Friday - Saturday 11/13 - 11/14 | 6:00 p.m. - Midnight

Spend the night reflecting on what it means to be homeless. The night will be filled with awareness activities including a candle light vigil, a housing simulation, blanket making, a showing of "Homeless to Harvard," and much more. It is being held from 6:00 p.m. to Midnight outside the New Academic Building. Confirm your attendance by emailing Carol at [outreach@snhu.edu](mailto:outreach@snhu.edu).

Sponsored by the Outreach Association, CAPE, Radio SNHU, The Observer, Field Hockey Club, Young Educators Society, Residence Life, Psychology Student Association, Environmentally Sustainable Students, Sodexo, SNHU Special Events Class, and the Center for Service and Community Involvement



# Creative

## Conquer the Spelling Bee Robot

**Dillon St. Jean**  
*Creative Editor*

In the National Spelling Bee, eleven-year-old Michael Redfield was hesitant to continue beyond his current standing. If he were to champion the finals, he would be expected to test against a machine that had been designed to have a child-like intelligence and capability for learning. Rather than having programmed any vocabulary into the machine, the inventors simply moved to make it capable of learning words and spelling on its own, through actual research and human interaction. Much like a chess match against a computer, Michael would be expected to combat the machine mentally.

One month prior, Michael had seen a science fiction movie from the fifties wherein robots had invaded a small town and conquered them. Fortunately for him, he had managed to see how the movie ended, with the destruction of the robots with water. His mother had forced him to go to bed early and pleaded with him to stop watching movies he knew would instill fear in him. Sure enough, it had him panicked about confronting such a being, face-to-monitor.

Michael drowned himself in his books, going over every word from 'troglodyte' to 'ambergris' to 'gargantuan'. His studies became the only thing he had done for weeks, and it paid off when he defeated the final set of children

in the tournament. Certainly he was the prime human speller, but could his wide vocabulary defeat the ferocity of an angry robot bent on destruction?

Several days more passed, and the televised event of "Michael vs. Machine/Redfield vs. Robot" had been planned out extensively. As Michael studied words such as 'pompous' and 'syringe', the spelling system evaluated words like 'turbulence' and 'confiscate'. After much coverage of the event, everyone was prepared to see the boy contend with the computer. Everyone but Michael.

On the day of the challenge, Michael stood as far from the machine as possible, assuming its robot eyes would fire beams of heat and melt his face. Minutes after the judges asked Michael to spell the word 'habituate,' one of the mechanics who was setting up the computer tipped over a water bottle that poured out onto the back panel. Michael saw the liquid seep into the casing of the computer and hit the wires, sending sparks flying all about.

"Habituate," said Michael. "H-A-B-I-T-U-A-T-E. Habituate."

"That is correct," said the judge.

The robot has been defeated thought Michael. He strutted off the stage with a smirk as the stage began to catch fire.

## A Note That I Will Not Forget (Part Two)

**Holly E. Bundy**  
*Copy Editor*

Some days when it seemed she would never find the time or money to buy lessons, having that guitar near helped her to keep hope alive even through the worst events of her life. It symbolized so much of her life since everything happened within time, but never when she thought it should. Her thoughts drifted through her life's events to how she had purchased the lessons for a different reason than to just learn the guitar. She needed a change to help her keep hope that life would continue to get better as she worked towards some of her larger goals within life. For her the guitar, much like her mother's piano was becoming the sound of hope.

Alice smiled as she shifted her fingers again to the next note and looked up to see her teacher leaning over the strings of his guitar with a distant look that seemed like he was lost in thought. When he looked, Alice hoped he saw that something had finally broken her often-unhappy expression. She had frequently remarked her life was hard and he stated he could relate, but neither commented why. She lifted her head to look up again and see him bend back over his black and blue guitar. It seemed like he was taking reverie at peace with himself as he played along with her still slow progression of each note within the first song he was teaching her.

Alice thought as she played the next chord, "I remember a teacher in grade school who I think I now understand." "On the old stage of the school we sat while playing hand bells. She frustrated me often because she gave me five bells to play

while others only had one or two. I never understood why then, but I think it makes sense now. I must have needed more challenge than the rest to progress. Maybe then, she was teaching us that all lessons challenge levels will be scaled to the level of challenge we need and that do to that we will not realize how far we have progressed. I think in some way he is saying much as she did that if a new lesson is easy, it maybe too easy and then it will not challenge us enough to help us progress."

He stopped strumming his electric guitar. She smiled as she shifted her fingers again to another note realizing now that only she was playing. He smiled as she fingered out the next chord. As she glanced up, she saw his brown eyes watching her. She saw his expression change into a rare smile that he seemed to use only when she had finally gotten something right. Although she was improving, it seemed like there was still much to learn. He glanced down at his lesson book on the desk behind him as if he was trying to hide the contented smile.

Alice continued thinking to herself, "I remember one lesson I understood that the teacher with the bells taught. She taught me that lessons will be repeated, but that we will not always relearn them from the same person." "Much like he has reminded me why I had more hand bells than the others to play from her, because I needed the challenge more to progress than the others. I guess that... that is the note from this that I will truly not forget."

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# Love's Road Has Been Traveled

**Ken Pothier**  
*Contributing Writer*

Roads have been traveled  
Dues have been paid  
Love; found, tossed, lost and found anew  
On never straightforward paths of imperfection  
A good feeling to know should grow  
Love must be nourished to survive years and tears  
Love must move forward  
Lessons learned not lost  
Life's companions must be earned  
In little compromises and winks of understanding  
Definitive diplomacy with an eye to connection  
Mindful consideration  
Calm contemplation and thoughtful tenderness  
Paths paved with kindness and sharing  
Lead to a river of feeling  
Cool waters  
Carefully sipped from cups of joy

# The Mill—A Working Person's Poem

**Ken Pothier**  
*Contributing Writer*

Bittersweet is all along the broken path  
Take it down to the river  
Ornamental vines and knarred twisted trees  
Hide a rabbit where I will not go  
On down  
To where the river meets the water  
Coming out of the old mill  
In the river the water melds  
Like the workers of the plant  
A melting pot where all get along  
To do the work  
To take a paycheck home to their families  
Pride and satisfaction in doing a good job  
And getting paid for it  
Rick Plant is the foreman  
A good one that works as hard and earns the  
respect  
Of the melting pot that he oversees  
A retired marine  
Not as lean, not as mean  
Still a marine  
Today he is in charge of keeping the lines of

rubberized fabric  
Straight and consistent  
I march in and out of the old gloomy cob  
webbed wreck of a cellar  
I grab water samples from process cooling  
water of the mill  
From out of the dungeon into the light  
March to an old Ford van that I use as a  
mobile laboratory  
Now down by the bittersweet  
Zigzag through the broken and live mix of  
trees and brush  
To take the temperature and ph of the river  
A fine day as meld of mill and river are even  
in temperature  
The pulse of the plant throbs with the  
activity of those who get along and get  
the work done  
Somewhere along where the bittersweet  
grows and vines ensnarl the trees  
As a river cools a mill and slowly moves on

Cyan  
Magenta  
Yellow  
Black

# Food Fabulous Food

**Maranda Twombly**  
*Contributing Writer*

Food fabulous food	But I'm too nice just to smack her
Burgers and pizza are really neat	Coconut bars and chocolate creams
Hot dogs and tacos, what a treat!	Make me drool and haunt my dreams
Cookie, cake, brownie, tart	Broccoli and carrots and corn with peas
Too many sweets are not too smart	Are really tasty covered in cheese
My brother is a brat	Riding my bike, mouth open a crack
Fed my dinner to a cat	A bug flew in-what a snack!
Chili, lemon, and beets on toast	Mushrooms really make me gag
That's the dish I love the most!	Got to hide them in a bag for
Little sister stole my cracker	Food fabulous food

# A Still-Life Lie

**Megan MacFarlane**  
*Staff Writer*

To capture an image,  
So still and lifeless,  
Brings tears to one's eyes  
Without emotion,  
Wordless delusions,  
Of what happened  
Fills- your mind  
Words unspoken,  
Revoke thoughts of  
Truth,  
Anger,  
Rage,  
Replacing with,  
Love,  
Lust,  
Devotion.  
To be caught.

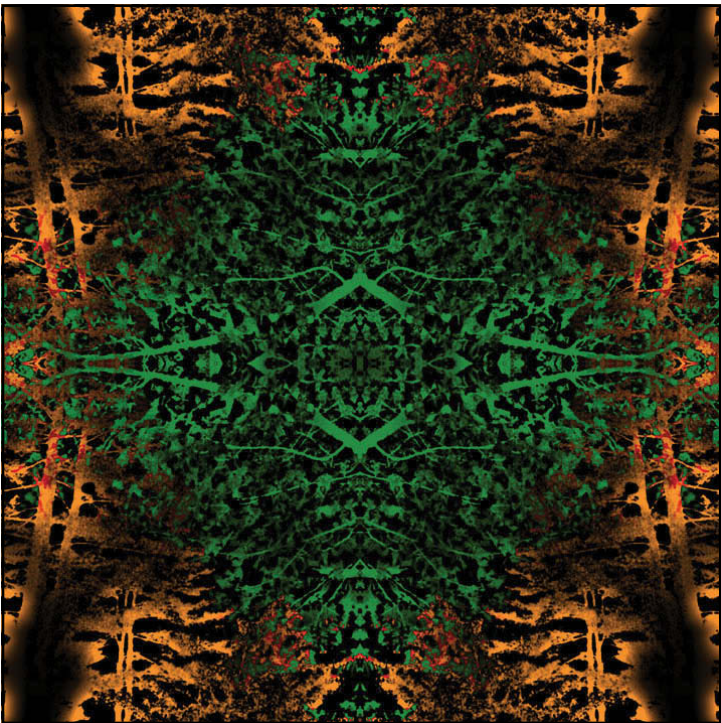
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Psychedelic Tree

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African Elephant

U.S. History

Alicia Beane  
Contributing Writer

With a tie and brown loafers  
You stand at the front  
Commanding our attention.  
You receive  
Blank stares, empty  
Eyes, yawns, and  
The top of heads.  
Did they teach you  
How to speak in such a way  
To keep sleep-deprived  
College students awake?  
Books open, minds closed.  
How many late nights,  
Early mornings,  
Did you spend  
Learning, studying,  
Passing out,

Trying so hard to become  
This man who stands  
In a white button-down  
shirt,  
Yearning to share knowl  
edge?  
Was it worth it?  
As you speak of  
Consumerism,  
The League of Nations,  
Your lips tug into a smile,  
Your eyes shine with glee-  
As I sit wide-eyed,  
Head held in my hand.  
Though longing for sleep,  
I listen,  
Pretending I'm you.

Top 5 Artists

- 1. Michael Bublé
- 2. Owl City
- 3. Black Eyed Peas
- 4. Michael Jackson
- 5. Jay-Z

Top 5 Current Albums

- 1. Ocean Eyes  
Owl City
- 2. The E.N.D. (The Energy Never Dies)  
Black Eyed Peas
- 3. Crazy Love  
Michael Bublé
- 4. The Fame  
Lady Gaga
- 5. Fearless  
Taylor Swift

Top 5 Tracks

- 1. Fireflies  
Owl City
  - 2. Whatcha Say  
Jason DeRulo
  - 3. I Gotta Feeling  
Black Eyed Peas
  - 4. Down featuring Lil Wayne  
Jay Sean
  - 5. Paparazzi  
Lady Gaga
- \*Based on plays in Rhapsody



# Arts & Entertainment

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# Horoscopes

Aimee Terravechia  
Editor in Chief



**Scorpio (Scorpion): Oct. 23–Nov. 21**

Hopefully last month went as planned because this month will be a little more hectic. Don't worry—it is nothing that you can't handle with a little ingenuity and hard work. But be aware that no matter what you do this month, you will be ill-prepared, though capable to adapt to the circumstances.



**Aquarius (Water Bearer): Jan. 20–Feb. 18**

Last month your focus was on your personal goals. This month you will need to shift your focus on a work and school-related agenda. Things will begin to get serious with a relationship around the 14th of the month. Try to lighten things up with humor.



**Taurus (Bull): April 20–May 20**

Although things may have been hectic for the past few weeks, it will all come to an end. Be prepared to meet adversity in the coming weeks before your schedule begins to clear. Keep your head held high and don't let negative thoughts drag you down. Don't be a pessimist, but don't fall into idealism either. Stay pragmatic as you face obstacles.



**Leo (Lion): July 23–Aug. 22**

It is time to face facts. Things that you have been putting off for far too long will begin to catch up to you soon. Be prepared to deal with both your past and present in the coming weeks. Remember where you went wrong and try to learn from mistakes. You can always make your future brighter.



**Sagittarius (Archer): Nov. 22–Dec. 21**

After last month's success, you may be inclined to give yourself some time off, but don't lose your momentum. The moment you take your eye off your goal is the moment you begin to fall behind. Stay focused and in control.



**Pisces (Fish): Feb. 19–March 20**

This month will be significantly calmer than the last. Although you may have enjoyed the fast-paced environment, it is time to relax a bit. Things will pick up again soon, but for now, make sure to take time to enjoy yourself.



**Gemini (Twins): May 21–June 20**

Expect to be faced with difficult decisions in the coming weeks. Don't be afraid to ask for help and take time to consider all possibilities. A rushed decision may not work to your advantage. Also, do not let others make your decision for you. Listen and contemplate, but don't just take their word as truth.



**Virgo (Virgin): Aug. 23–Sept. 22**

Your practicality may begin to get in the way. Don't over think things this month. Sometimes your first reaction is the right one. Go with your gut instincts and enjoy the ride. Remember: you will always make mistakes, and you cannot control everything.



**Capricorn (Goat): Dec. 22–Jan. 19**

As you enjoyed the slower pace last month be prepared to face new challenges ahead. Do not procrastinate, as time is of the essence in the coming weeks. Be prepared for a major shift in your schedule around the 19th. It will be a change of pace, but a positive one.



**Aries (Ram): March 21–April 19**

Moving ahead this month should be your focus. Do not forget how you got where you are, but make sure to keep your compass pointed towards the future and not the past. Remember this as you choose how to spend your time and energy these coming weeks.



**Cancer (Crab): June 21–July 22**

Hopefully your listening paid off last month. If not, be prepared to do some soul-searching as you move ahead in your personal life. Remember, you're not perfect, but you can always try. Things will begin to improve drastically in your personal life around the 12th.



**Libra (Scales): Sept. 23–Oct. 22**

It is time to get your head out of the clouds. You will be faced with some difficulty this month around the 24th. Don't fret, though. It is nothing that you can't handle on your own. Just remember to ask for help if you feel you need it. Those around you like to be needed.



## The Truth Comes Out

**Samantha Cohen**

*Staff Writer*

Rating: 4/5

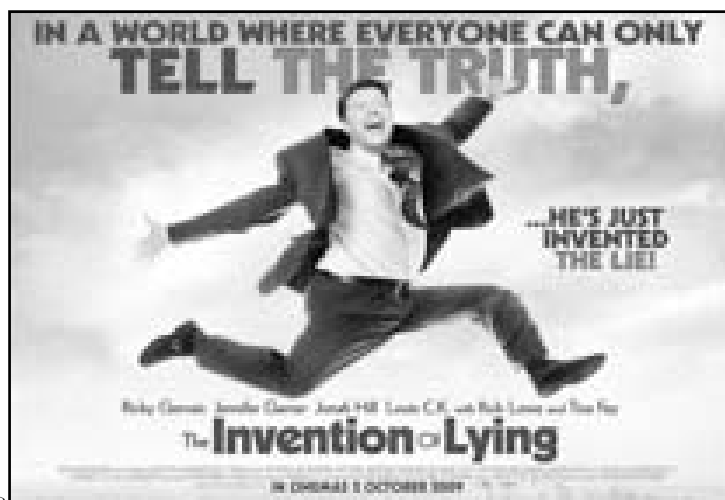
Imagine a world where there is no such thing as lying, and no matter who you talk to, you are told the honest truth. Would this be good or a bad? What if lying was a concept we knew nothing about? This is the somewhat utopian setting of the newly released comedy, *The Invention of Lying*. Mark Bellison, played by Ricky Gervais, is an average middle-aged man with constant bad luck, and he is not what you would call a ladies' man. His dream girl Anna, played by Jennifer Garner, does not like him mainly due to his unfortunate looks of which she reminds him constantly.

Mark hates his movie script writing job, is despised at work, and when he gets fired he does not have enough money to pay his rent. So, what does a soon to be homeless man do besides dwell in his misfortunes? When Mark stops at the bank to get his finances settled, he is informed of what initially seems like even more bad news: the computer system is down. As he is heading out, the teller asks him how much money he needs and a

remarkable idea comes to mind: Mark tells the teller how much money he needs, which is not the amount he actually has. Surprisingly, it works!

Mark realizes what he did was so easy, and he tests his new found trick on some friends. He says ridiculous things, but they have no idea he is not telling the truth. Not telling the truth is a concept that simply does not exist in this world. Nothing can stop Mark now...or can it? Throughout the movie there are a few subtle biblical allusions that are comically portrayed and fun to pick out. Jennifer Garner and Ricky Gervais work really well together onscreen and have a comical relationship. The rest of the cast is also star-laden, with Louis C.K., Tina Fey, Jonah Hill, and Rob Lowe, among others. Although the story is hilarious, it is written in a straightforward manner, which makes it predictable. While at times it seems to drag on a little, it still manages to make the audience laugh.

If you have a witty, dry sense of humor and want to take a break from work, *The Invention of Lying* is the movie to go see!



*Movie poster for The Invention of Lying*

## Where the Wild Things Are

**Maranda Twombly**

*Staff Writer*



*Scene from Where the Wild Things Are*

Rating: 5/5

Spike Jonze's most recent film hit theatres in a wave of excitement. Released on October 16th, 2009, and having a gross revenue of over \$32 million dollars in the opening weekend, *Where the Wild Things Are* reaches out to both adults and children.

Max, played by Max Records, shows audiences the ability of his imagination. At the beginning of the film, Max starts a shocking argument with his mother, played by Catherine Keener, making him feel that he needs to run away. As a lonely and misunderstood boy, Max sails away in a boat to an out of the ordi-

nary island where he encounters creatures he has never seen before. With his imagination running wild, he becomes king of the "Wild Things" and makes many new friends along the way.

The cast of the "Wild Things" include, Carol, voice by James Gandolfini; Alexander, voice by Paul Dano; Judith, voice by Catherine O'Hara; Ira, voice by Forest Whitaker; The Bull, voice by Michael Berry Jr.; and last but not least, Douglas, voice by Chris Cooper. As friendship builds between characters, others become jealous. Max's identity is soon revealed and there is a lot of controversy

in the kingdom. With a heartfelt ending, Max decides to go home, says farewell to his new friends, and reunites with his mother.

Based on the children's book written by Maurice Sendak, *Where the Wild Things Are* delivers a fulfilling story that is closely related to the book. One setback to the movie, however, is the intense scenes. For a movie that targets children, there are some scenes that might scare them, as each and every child gains a different perspective. Claimed to be one of this years most watched family films, *Where the Wild Things* brings the story so many love to life.

## The Date Movie – Couple's Retreat

**Samantha Cohen**  
*Staff Writer*



*The four couples*

Rating: 5/5

If you are looking for a light-hearted, funny date movie, then *Couples Retreat* is a great pick. It is also not geared just towards women, as most romantic comedies are, so guys: there is no getting out of this one! A few times during the movie, the plot might get a little serious, but comic relief is always there to keep the mood cheerful. With the mood changing throughout the movie, it stays interesting and not too predictable!

The movie follows the comical adventures of four couples who are good friends and decide to take a trip to a beautiful island they deem as Paradise. Jason and Cynthia (Jason Bateman and Kristen Bell) are the couple who finds this destination. Because they are on the verge of getting a divorce, they decide on a location that provides couple's therapy and convince their friends to join them: Dave and Ronnie (Vince Vaughn and Malin Akerman), Joey and

Lucy (Jon Favreau and Kristin Davis) and Shane and Trudy (Faizon Love and Kali Hawk). While the first two couples are married, Shane and Trudy have just recently started dating, and decide to put their new found relationship to the test.

Instead of a relaxing vacation, the retreat turns into a week full of couple's therapy, with a strict schedule and not a lot of time to enjoy each other's company. For most of the couples this is not what they had bargained for, and they are not exactly thrilled to participate. Can all the couples survive the intense relationship intervention? Will the couples regret their decision to join each other for what was thought to be a fantastic vacation or, will they realize their relationship is just not meant to be? Each couple makes the best of their situation, and takes part in the therapy. They take the opportunity to learn a lot about each other. And, the outcome... well,

let's just say it worked out for the best, and everyone in the end was happy with their decisions.

The all-star cast stands out from the beginning, as each of them brings something unique to the movie, and contributes significantly. The cast definitely has chemistry and they succeed in making the story line comical and entertaining. Vince Vaughn in particular is extremely funny. At one point all the couples are participating in an activity in the water with sharks surrounding them. Vaughn is the last one left, and claims to have been attacked. The so called bite is a mere scratch, but he over reacts and brings it up repeatedly to try and get sympathy. There are a couple of "awww" moments, for all those hopeless romantics out there, and some drama to keep the audience wanting more!

So if you are interested in finding a fairly cheap date idea, and are up for a few laughs, treat your partner with *Couples Retreat*!

## ZOMBIELAND

**Aimee Terravechia**  
*Editor in Chief*

Rating: 5/5

*ZOMBIELAND* is yet another fun-filled zombie movie that has recently hit the big screen. Riding the wave of the recent popularity of the zombie genre, *ZOMBIELAND* isn't exactly what you would expect. Instead of a simply horrifying ride through an apocalyptic world, *ZOMBIELAND* brings to the table humor and social commentary as well as a good scare.

The movie's protagonist Columbus, played by Jesse Eisenberg, is a socially awkward gamer. Columbus narrates the story, introducing the audience to both the situation and the reasons why and how he has managed to stay alive thus far. As Columbus runs through a list of "rules" that he has used for survival, he begins to meet other zombie survivors; the most notable of which is Tallahassee, played by Woody Harrelson. Tallahassee is everything

that Columbus is not—confident, capable, and a little psychotic. Together they begin their journey through the desolate landscape, searching for others as well as the ever-elusive Twinkie.

Emma Stone and Abigail Breslin also co-star in this fun-packed zombie adventure. The two play sisters making their way through the zombie-infested world. When they run into Tallahassee and Columbus things get a little complicated. Despite the obstacles that the characters face, the humor never stops. Funnyman Bill Murray even makes a guest-star appearance in the latter half of the film as himself.

*ZOMBIELAND* is filled with lots of hilarious scenes as well as gruesome ones. Beneath the spurting blood and decomposing bodies *ZOMBIELAND* has heart. Definitely worth watching again and again.



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## Joystick Joe Reviews "Brutal Legend"

Joe DeVita  
*Contributing Writer*

Let's get the important stuff out of the way right now. You should buy this game if you have respect for the creator and want to show your support. You should rent this game if you are engrossed in heavy metal culture and can enjoy some humor at its expense. You should not play this game if the aforementioned don't apply to you.

"Brutal Legend" is created by game legend Tim Schafer, who is known for his comedic genius in games like the "Monkey Island" series, the PC cult hit "Grim Fandango," and the critical dark horse "Psychonauts." Such games try to do something unheard of or yet unpopular in the gaming industry, which turned Schafer into a respected game developer.

You play as band roadie Eddie Riggs, who gets taken back in time to a rock paradise by the heavy metal god Ormagoden. You need to help the people rise up against their demon oppressors by leading them into battle. This leads to a combination of gameplay types ranging from 3rd-person action to real-time strategy. At its best moments, you feel awesome while literally playing a face-melting solo, while at its worst moments you feel frustrated from not having enough allies fighting to thin the enemy ranks.

"Brutal Legend" has some

action, as you swing your axe and throw electricity and fire by riffing on your guitar. As the game progresses, the scale of the battles increases to the point where you are commanding other units to attack the enemy while fending them off for yourself. The complication of controls and the division of tasks needed to succeed is unnecessarily frustrating and distracting.

The game works well because of the incredible love and connection to the musical culture. Metal celebrities, such as Ozzy Osbourne and Lemmy Kilmister, lent their likenesses and voices to secondary characters, while the main character, Eddie, is voiced by none other than Jack Black. Although some don't like his goofiness, he is very good at being an over-the-top character stemming from his

love for metal.

Overall, "Brutal Legend" is not fantastic, but is worth your time. As far as game play is concerned, it's passable at best. The real enjoyment comes from the storyline and musical influence. If you enjoy over-the-top action with ideas inspired by heavy metal, you'll have fun regardless. I have a tremendous respect for music, and though I am only tangentially interested in metal, I found myself having a great time watching this game happen. This concept would be perfect, if only it were a cartoon or TV show.

"Brutal Legend" is a game to look into trying. It is absolutely worth a try if you are a fan of heavy metal music, but you should not expect a Game of the Year prize for it. Play it for the laughs, nothing more.



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Jack Black plays as Eddie Riggs in this hilarious but mediocre action romp by game legend Tim Schafer.

## The Culinary of Dormitories: A Sweet Treat for November

Megan MacFarlane  
*Staff Writer*

It's November and everyone knows what that means: Thanksgiving is coming. Many of us are going home or to a friend's house to have food upon delicious food that mom has created, but what do you have to bring to the table? You could always make a batch of delicious peanut butter squares and impress everyone with your microwave baking skills. How do you create this family treat? Just follow the recipe:

Delicious Peanut Butter Squares

Ingredients:

2 cups Confectioners' sugar  
½ cup Melted Margarine  
1 ¼ cups of gram cracker crumbs (finely crushed)  
1 ½ cup Peanut Butter  
1 (12 oz) package semi sweet chocolate chips  
13X9 baking pan

To Make:

Mix together in a bowl the peanut butter, gram cracker crumbs, confectioners' sugar and melted margarine with wooden spoon or spatula. Make sure that this is well mixed together!

Scoop mix into pan and press it down to fill pan evenly.

Melt semi sweet chocolate chips and spread melted chocolate over mixture. To melt the

chocolate chips just put them in the microwave (in a microwaveable bowl) for 45 seconds, stir the mixture then put it back into the microwave for another 30 seconds. Take the chocolate out of the microwave and stir again, if all of the chocolate is melted pour over peanut butter mixture and spread out evenly. If the chocolate is not melted put it back in the microwave for another 30 seconds.

Cool in freezer for about 10 minute, if there is not an available freezer, cool in the refrigerator 15 minutes. Cut into portions and put back in refrigerator for at least one hour. Most SNHU Dorms have a refrigerator/freezer and microwave in the kitchenette located on the bottom level of the building!

These Peanut Butter Squares have a very rich taste and could be a delicious treat any day. This recipe can even be cut into half to make a smaller batch for less people and a smaller space used. Make a batch for your floor and friends or some to congratulate yourself for getting through two months of school.

These peanut butter squares are so easy to make in a dorm you can make them for anyone and any reason.

## "Horns Become Halos" Heads to Popularity via SNHU

**Brittney Castello**  
*Contributing Writer*

Just recently, Horns Become Halos headed down to Florida to record with Tom Denny from Titan Studios for their new CD soon to be released.

Most of the drum tracks for the second CD, Odi et Amo, have been edited already by Connor Hayes, from the band From Here Down. Hayes recorded the band's debut full-length album called Horns Become Halos LP. The drum editing will be finished as the band continues to lay down tracks.

The band has given a few new sneak peeks on their Myspace page in their blog section. Three songs from the track list have also been posted in the blog; "If This Were the Lava Game, You'd be on the Floor," "And I Uhh, I Can Be Light on My Feet" and "Haley's Comet." For every new five twitter followers the band receives, they will post a new song title from the track list.

"We are all having a great time and are excited to play the new material for everyone," said the band in unison. "We feel that this album really defines our style

and who we are, and we want to share it with whoever wants to listen."

The band has three members and looking for a new drummer. At the moment the band is made up of Mathew Laramie, guitar and vocals, Bobby Spence, guitar, and Sam Beachard, bass and vocals.

"There are a lot of old people down here," said Beachard during their time in Florida, "but last night we found the cool part of Ocala. We will hopefully find more young people that we can talk to and promote our music too."

Horns Become Halos will be performing at Southern New Hampshire University as part of the International Business Association's Battle of the Bands. The band Halos will perform their solo show on Friday Nov. 13th and then will battle it out with other bands in the Last Chapter Pub on Friday Dec. 3rd.

Their Twitter contact is <http://twitter.com/hbhmusic> and their myspace is [www.myspace.com/wearethehorns-becomehalos](http://www.myspace.com/wearethehorns-becomehalos)

## SNHU Celebrates International Education Week November 16th – 20th

International Education Week (IEW), a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. IEW, first held in 2000, is now celebrated in all 50 states and in more than 100 countries. More than 623,000 international students study in the United States and more

than 241,000 US students study abroad. SNHU is home to more than 600 international students from 63 countries.

SNHU's International Education Week 2009 celebration features a range of activities including international cuisine in the cafeteria, the Quill, and the classroom; a panel presentation on Islam; guest speakers addressing ethics in global development; a cultural fair with table displays,

food samples and activities; skits by the International Drama Club; a Socrates Café and film tying in with this year's common book; an international fashion show; and presentations by SNHU students who've studied abroad. Check Student Life @ SNHU! for a detailed event listing. Please join us in these events celebrating SNHU's cultural diversity and global connections.

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\* Only students graduating in December 2009 and May 2010 with a 3-year or 4-year degree from SNHU, who have paid the student activities fee for both semesters, are eligible to attend. For those seniors graduating in December 2009, you must pay a \$75 student activities fee for the Spring '10 semester.





# Opinion

## What the Media Exposure Is Worth

**Sinziana Scoarta**  
*Ac&E and Opinion Editor*

Nowadays, people seem to be willing to go to any lengths in order to get at least those 15 minutes of fame. One of the most recent examples is the balloon flight of Falcon Heene, a 6-year old from Boulder, Colorado. While at the beginning the parents denied having anything to do with the mysterious flight, the mother, Mayumi Heene later admitted to having staged the flight of her son in order to get media exposure. Her husband, Richard Heene, had been trying to get his family in the family reality show loop after he practiced his performance skills in a former edition of Mom Swap.

The safety of the child seemed to take the back seat to fame and fortune. Although some people are struggling, the issue is what exactly are they willing to give up in order to gain a better status or fulfill their college acting dreams. The safety of people, children especially, should come first, and if only one of the parents acknowledges that, then they should stand up to their significant other and not be caught in the whirlpool called media entertainment. Even from looking at the reality shows, it is easy to notice that they tend to break families or relationships more than anything. The pres-

sure of being in from of millions of people changes you, whether you are the well-off family of a wrestler or a small-town family with 8 children.

Overall, you must be careful what you wish for when you ask for media exposure. We see celebrities fighting tooth and nail in order to keep their private lives private, as they have seen the havoc that public exposure wracked. On the other side, middle class families are going to great lengths in order to be in the public eye not being aware of what the exposure means to both their families and their well-being.

## Can We Just Disuss... Poor Winners

**Chad Marden**  
*Staff Writer*

I'm not what one would call a big sports fan. In fact, I'm fairly certain that sports are the last thought on my mind at any given moment. That said, I do enjoy sports. There's something about the seeing people accepting and exercising their primal competitive nature that I find fascinating from a Social/Psychological perspective.

Recently though, as the football season winds up, I've been starting to think about the concept of 'good sportsmanship' and found it distasteful. People these days have become so afraid of offending someone that they are

no longer allowed to show their emotions when in competition. They can't celebrate their victories without being accused of 'show-boating' and no one can show disdain for their losses for fear of being labeled 'bad sports'.

Folks, let me give you some sound advice. It's not natural, nor is it productive to good mental health, to restrain these kinds of feelings. People need to express themselves. Otherwise, these repressed emotions will 'poison' your mind and heart until they eventually lead to anxiety, depression, and even anger management

issues. Besides, there's nothing wrong with enjoying your victories or mourning your defeats. Emotion is expression, expression is a form of speech, and freedom of speech is protected by our constitution. It's our right to express ourselves as we see fit.

We shouldn't have to self-censor ourselves for the sake of others. We should be free to celebrate our triumphs and stand firm in the face of our adversaries. Whatever happened to, "In victory; magnanimity. In defeat; defiance"? ...So said Winston Churchill.

## Are students ADA-504 Compliant?

**Sinziana Scoarta**  
*Ac&E and Opinion Editor*

For some of the students, the last two pages of their syllabus, which focus on the Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance methods, geared to persons with disabilities, are often disregarded. However, it is worth knowing that 4% of SNHU students have a documented disability, according to Liz Henley, Assistant Director of the Office of Disability Services. This is an average percentage compared to other similar colleges. However, research also states that only a quarter of the students with disabilities in college actually register with the office.

To gain more insight into disabilities, the definition of a person with a disability is "any person who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, has a record of such impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment." Such impairments can be invisible or hidden, however we must be aware of them and try to accommodate students who have such impairments to the best of our abilities. Therefore, I start wondering how sensitive students are towards other students with disabilities. Maybe it is because I work for

the Office of Disability Services on campus, but whenever I go into a class, I am unpleasantly surprised to see chairs behind tables that are wheelchair accessible. Henley also draws attention to the chairs in the cafeteria that are blocking off the path to the coffee shop for example. For a person with a physical disability, I can only imagine how frustrating it should be to see this happening as often as every day. Therefore, even if the university tries to accommodate students with disabilities as much as they can, I feel that some of the students do not realize exactly what that entails. I would then suggest that, if you do see such things happening, make them not happen anymore. Your impact will certainly be noticed.

In general, 1 in 5 people has a disability. Therefore, "Students with disabilities are regular students who just happen to have a disability as one characteristic of who they are, like gender or hair color," Henley emphasizes. They may need special accommodations to provide equal access, but they can be just as good of a friend as others can be and can and will be involved in as many campus activities as possible.

## Ask Aimee

**Aimee Terravechia**  
*Editor in Chief*

Dear Aimee,

I have a friend who has liked a guy since the freshman year. He knew she really liked him, and I guess they talked a lot during a class in their sophomore year. But this guy transferred to another University at the end of sophomore year. Everyone knows she still likes him. She talks to him all of the time online, on Facebook, but she just denies it. I'm afraid she's going a bit overboard with the whole guy thing. I don't know what to do.

Sincerely,  
Worried

Dear worried,

To me it doesn't sound like your friend is in any sort of danger. However, if her attraction to this young man interferes with her school work, family and/or friends, then perhaps this is a problem. If you are truly concerned with her actions, try to share your feelings on the matter with her.

The fact that she's denying her feelings could mean one of two things: either she truly no longer has these feelings, or perhaps the high publicity situation embarrasses her. The most important question, however, is whether or not she is at a point in her life at an academic career where she feels comfortable enough to become involved in a relationship. Some people find it difficult to deal with the pressures and responsibilities associated with school, family, friends, and perhaps a job—adding a serious relationship to the mix would be far too difficult to manage. Starting and maintaining a healthy relationship with another person involves a lot of hard work and maturity. Perhaps this is another point which you may wish to convey to your friend.

My advice to you is to simply discuss this matter with her at length. Displaying your concern with the situation might provoke her to reconsider the situation. If she refuses to discuss it, respect her wishes to a point. As long as she isn't reaching an unhealthy point with her interest in the young man, she does have a right to privacy. Simply expressing your concern will let her know how her actions are affecting her friends.

Best of Luck,  
Aimee

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## What Is Beauty All About?

Come discover the beauty that Courtney Bent and George Kachadorian revealed within a group of truly remarkable individuals that overcome their disabilities in unique ways.



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# Sports

## SNHU Basketball Season Preview

**Dustin Senor**  
*Staff Writer*

It is that time of year again. The fall sports are winding down, and the winter season takes center stage. On the campus of Southern New Hampshire University, nothing is out of the norm in terms of athletics. Basketball is ready to go.

The SNHU men's basketball team is looking to improve on its success from last year. The Penmen had improved from a 12-16 (9-13 NE-10) overall record during the 2007-08 season, to an 18-12 (12-10) overall record last season. Things could not be looking any better for the Penmen, who had the first winning season last year since the 2005-06 campaign and were selected seventh in the Northeast-10 preseason poll.

"This season is going to be exciting," said junior forward Cory Vejraska. "We have many great additions to the team in both the guard and forward positions."

The additions that Vejraska speaks of are incoming freshmen Greg Desantis, Billy Marsden, and Hanell Velez.

"With these guys and the addition of Corey Boland who redshirted last year, we have more height and overall depth," explained junior Tory Stapleton. "As long as our health remains stable, we should be a force in the conference and hopefully look to make a run in the NCAAs."

On the women's side, the goal is the same as the men: reach the top of the conference. Last year, the team finished the season in the first round of the conference playoffs when the Penmen fell to Franklin Pierce. The Penmen were picked sixth in the Northeast-10 conference preseason poll.

The team first scrimmages Boston University, and as if it is not hard enough to play the first game against a Division I team, the Penmen then go down to Florida to play in the "Disney Division II Tipoff." After that, they have one home game against Mercy College, and then conference play picks up on Sunday, Nov. 18th against cross town rival Saint Anselm College.

In the 2008-09 campaign, the Penmen beat the Hawks of Saint Anselm in both meetings, by a combined score of 33-points. With the help of four incoming freshman, Morgan Munson, Michelle Deroma, Deborah Lavalley, and Sloane Sorell, the team should have a promising opportunity to improve upon on the impressive 18-11 mark they set last year.

"We have a young group of fresh talent this year and our success will depend greatly on how hard we work and how hard we attack in practice every day," said junior forward Megan Smith. "The future looks very bright for women's basketball."

On a day in which the Southern New Hampshire University's men's cross country team competed at the New England Cross Country Championship, two members of the team were faced with sudden and unforeseen circumstances at Boston's Franklin Park.

Back on Saturday, Oct. 10th, midway through the third mile of the eight kilometer course, SNHU junior captain Michael Smith came across a Boston University runner who seemingly had passed out and was unconscious on the ground.

"I saw him lying motionless and stopped to see if he was all right because he was face down," said Smith. "When he didn't respond initially, I yelled at him to try and wake him."

Smith proceeded to help the runner up as he regained some consciousness when a teammate, sophomore Tyler Parks, who had been just seconds behind Smith, ran over to help within the deep woods of the course.

"He was not conscious until we both got a hold of him and started asking what his name was and if he knew where he was," said Parks. "He told us his name but could not remember where he was until we told him."

Each with one of the runner's arms over his shoulders, both Smith and Parks proceeded to carefully take the runner out of the woods to an area with more spectators and to the nearest medical tent. His legs were weak and he was unable to walk on his own, but the two escorted

## Two Penmen Runners Accomplish Something More in Failing to Finish

**Michael Ghika**  
*Sports Editor*



Tyler Parks (left) and Michael Smith (right)

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him out of the woods to find an ambulance pulling up in preparation to take the runner away.

"This specific BU runner was running a time close to 28 minutes for the five miles," said Smith. "I found him at 29 minutes so he had probably been on the ground for three or four minutes. When I got there, probably more than 100 other runners had passed him while he was lying there."

As a result, neither Smith nor Parks finished the 47-team race with over 300 participants, meaning that only five members of the seven-man Penmen team finished in a contest where a minimum five are required to finish in order to qualify in the overall standings.

"Tyler and I really didn't think about the standings until after we brought him to the ambulance," said Smith. "It just made sense to us to stop and help even if it had meant it would disqualify us as a team."

The unconscious runner

turned out to be fine, as he apparently passed out from dehydration.

When he got back to his office Tuesday morning after the holiday weekend, SNHU Director of Athletics Chip Polak had a message on his phone from Benjamin Horton, a runner at Saint Anselm who saw Mike and Tyler assist the BU runner. He wanted to let Polak know the school should be proud of the two runners after carrying out a task much more important than any competition could call for.

"I wanted to commend them," said Horton in his message to Polak. "I thought they did a great thing."

"This is what true sports is all about," said Polak. "In an era where sports are greatly demeaned in so many ways, this goes to show that helping another human is more important than winning a race. For them to sacrifice their own positioning in a race to help somebody else was truly a selfless act."

# Sports

## Fall Season Sparks High Hopes for Men's Lacrosse

**Nate Roos**  
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Southern New Hampshire University's men's lacrosse team completed an undefeated fall practice season, going 5-0-1. Last season, the Penmen finished with a 4-10 record and were bounced from the Northeast-10 playoffs in the quarterfinals by Bentley. This year however, the team hopes that its successful fall will translate into a great season in the spring.

"Last year we had somewhat of a rough season but coming into fall ball my expectations were high because of our incoming freshman and a few transfers," said senior captain and midfielder, Terrence Nash. "The new players on our team look really good this year. We brought in a bunch of new attack and defenseman that should stand out this year."

Eric Gunst, junior goalie said, "We shouldn't miss a beat with the new additions to the team."

Tommy Todd, Matt Langill, and transfer Ryan "Woody" Woodford should make a difference this year on defense. On attack and at midfield,

freshman Greg Reynolds, Pete Vacca, and Mike Slatton should be able to provide some offense this upcoming season.

Team chemistry is also a big reason for the undefeated fall season for the Penmen.

"The team is playing really well this year because we're meshing so well and the team gets along so well," said Nash. "The returning players have displayed great leadership skills this year and have helped our younger players adapt to college lacrosse."

After seeing how they played in the fall practice season, the Penmen are very confident in their team. "We believe that we have the talent and the depth to compete with anyone in our division," Gunst said.

"Our team knows that we can go along way this year in this tough NE-10 conference and our goal is to win the NE-10 championship," said Nash.

The Penmen will begin their regular season and quest for the NE-10 championship in March.

## Monarchs Provide SNHU Students with Bevy of Opportunities

**Michael Ghika**  
*Sports Editor*

The American Hockey League's Manchester Monarchs, an affiliate team of the NHL's Los Angeles Kings, is an organization that has committed itself to guaranteeing positions to local candidates. In fact, Southern New Hampshire University has a direct association with the team as the official education partner to the club.

Back on Sept. 30th, team officials came to campus to conduct interviews in search of qualified and experienced students for a variety of positions that needed filling at the club's venue, the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester.

More than twenty students currently work with the organization, including jobs such as public relations work, the Kids Club, promotional events at games, fan interaction, and even portraying the team's mascot, Max.

"As for the SNHU community, it is a place that is basically run by SNHU students," says Andrew Hildreth, a junior. "The front office has at least one SNHU student in each department and the open on-campus interviews allow SNHU students to have the chance to meet with the department managers."

With the beginning to the Monarchs' season underway after the team's opener back on Oct. 17th, SNHU students are now getting a taste of what it is like to work with a professional organization.

Griffin Spencer, a junior at SNHU, is currently in his first year with the organiza-



Monarchs

tion. He was hired by the team as a Public Relations assistant for the season. "On a normal game day," said Spencer, "I may be distributing game day programs, creating press credentials, staffing and setting up the press box, and maintaining stats."

Although it is still early in the season for the club, Spencer cannot say enough encouraging things about the Monarchs' organization as a whole. "I am given a tremendous amount of responsibility," said Spencer. "It has provided me with invaluable work experience I can draw from in the future."

Meanwhile, Hildreth is in his third year with the Monarchs working with promotions. "In between periods, I go onto the ice and either toss t-shirts, set up performances, or watch kids skate in front of the thousands in the arena," said Hildreth.

"I also perform promotions for companies that sponsor the team," said Hildreth. "For example, there are games where every period we go into

the stands and give a lucky fan the chance to win a prize pack with a company as the sponsor."

Hildreth also mentioned The Monarch's Care Foundation, a foundation that gives back to the community and has donated more than \$1.5 million to New Hampshire charities since it was founded in 2001. "Community involvement is also very important for the Monarchs' prestigious image, because since day one they have been providing and giving so much back to the community," he says.

As for SNHU students that want to get involved on a smaller basis with the Monarchs, volunteers are encouraged to sell 50/50 raffles to benefit the Monarchs Care Foundation at any and all home games this season. Volunteers receive two ticket vouchers to a future game, a \$10 gift certificate to the gift shop, as well as the chance to contribute to a great cause in an interactive and friendly environment.

### Upcoming Home Sports Action

*Compiled by: Michael Ghika*

**Tuesday, November 10th**

Men's Hockey vs. Western New England at 7:30

**Thursday, November 12th**

Men's Hockey vs. Curry at 7:30

**Saturday, November 14th**

Men's Hockey vs. Framingham State at 7:00

**Sunday, November 15th**

Women's Basketball vs. Mercy at 1:30

Men's Basketball vs. Bridgeport at 3:30

**Wednesday, November 18th**

Women's Basketball vs. Saint Anselm at 5:30

Men's Basketball vs. Saint Anselm at 7:30

**Saturday, November 21st**

Men's Hockey vs. Assumption at 7:00



## Q&A: Marc Hubbard

Michael Ghika  
*Sports Editor*

A few questions for men's soccer head coach Marc Hubbard, who's Penmen began postseason play earlier this month.

**Q:** Prior to your arrival as men's head soccer coach, the Penmen had just undergone their first losing season in 24 years. Upon your hiring, however, the team has gone 28-5-6 in the two years with you at the forefront of the program. What are the main reasons you can attribute not only to success, but to a championship-level type of success?

**A:** Hard work and belief in each other. Nobody has cut any corners and we as a program have tried our best to hold each other accountable for doing all of the little things every single day. Winning instills confidence and everyone in our group understands that if we put the work in, then we have the ability to see the results.

**Q:** With the team's 3-1 come-from-behind victory against Bentley on Oct. 19, SNHU clinched the NE-10 regular season title outright. That is now two season crowns in your first two years with the program. How gratifying is it to be able to attain the regular season title again?

**A:** It is always gratifying to win the regular season title but there are still some goals that are left to be accomplished. We are excited to have shown

throughout the year that we were the top team in the conference, but that doesn't matter anymore in the NE-10 tournament. You still have to go out and perform every day.

**Q:** What is your response to possibly being portrayed as having a target on your back among other teams?

**A:** We have dealt with the target since we began last season and had climbed into the national rankings. I feel

and shutouts. Currently riding a 14-game unbeaten streak, how has the team managed to execute with such regularity game by game all season long?

**A:** Defense will also be a priority for our program but we felt that if we were going to have the ability to improve from last year, it would have to be in our goal production. Believe it or not but we should have a lot more goals this year. We have created a lot more chances per game this year and thus more goals and points are accumulating.

**Q:** Assistant coaches Rob Dow, Josh Taylor, and Dave Williams are all in their second years with the program as well. How instrumental are they on a daily basis in making sure this team accomplishes its goals?

**A:** I have a great staff that comes to work every day. They are extremely instrumental in the success of this program and I am grateful that they are by my side. Our staff gets along extremely and I believe this carries over to our guys as well. My coaches are great role models for the players.

**Q:** With the conference tournament set to start at the beginning of November, what do you expect moving forward into post-season play?

**A:** I expect each game to be tighter and we must work even harder to limit our mistakes. We must also concentrate more on the little things since those will add up in the end. As long as we stay healthy and the ball bounces our way, we can play deep into November.



Marc Hubbard

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more confident playing with the target this year in the tournament because we have the experience from last year of dealing with it. For a lot of teams we play, it is the biggest game of the year and over time, that can wear on us but our players have done a great job of dealing with it and continuing to play to their potential.

**Q:** This year, the Penmen lead the NE-10 not just in the standings, but also in shots, shots per game, points, assists, corners, goals against average,

## Men's Soccer Captures Northeast-10 Regular Season Title

Elizabeth Bonin  
*Staff Writer*

On Tuesday, Oct. 20, under the lights at Larkin Field, the Southern New Hampshire University men's soccer team played nothing short of an amazing game against Bentley. The Penmen won the game, 3-1, and for the second year in a row, won the Northeast-10 regular season title.

With temperatures in the low 40s, the bleachers were full with students, faculty, friends, and family who came together to show their support.

"If they win this game, they win the conference," said freshman Daniela Abruzzese. Abruzzese comes to all the games and plays for the Penmen women's soccer team. "Every game, the crowd grows bigger and more supportive. We are constantly on our feet jumping, singing, and cheering," said Abruzzese.

As usual, the Penmen gave their fans a thrilling time. From Adrian Schippers, a senior, getting the wind knocked out of him in the second half, to Danny Hernandez, a junior, scoring the final goal.

"I never thought soccer was this exciting," said freshman Ann-Marie Kallberg. Kallberg, sipped hot cocoa with friends to bear the cold. "It was my first game, and for sure won't be my last. Being in the bleachers creates a whole dif-

ferent experience. Sure, anyone can look up the stats, but being here creates a unique perspective that goes beyond the final score," said Kallberg.

Schippers scored the first two goals, both assisted by Hernandez, while Hernandez tallied the final goal, this time assisted by Schippers.

The Penmen played hard, going after every loose ball and keeping the pressure on their opponent.

"The team responds well in motion," said assistant coach Rob Dow. "Our strength is in our defense. We have an incredibly strong backline. We don't have a number one player; the whole team is number one."

"We started off slow, giving up the first goal, but then got our heads in the game," said Kevin Woods, a senior. "I'd have to say our biggest strength is our team chemistry."

"Looking up and seeing a crowd really matters, we have some truly dedicated fans out there," said freshman Ruben Resendes.

The Penmen continue to amaze head coach Marc Hubbard by getting better with every practice and every game. The nationally ranked Penmen hold an overall 13-2-2 record and a 10-1-2 record in the conference.

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## Penmen Profile: Jaime Brown

**Griffin Spencer**  
*Staff Writer*

Jaime Browne, Southern New Hampshire University's NCAA compliance coordinator, was hired in December 2008. Hailing from Trinidad and Tobago, Browne graduated from Saint Francis College in 2005 with a degree in information technology and a minor in economics. She then went on to complete her master's degree in Sport Management at Adelphi University in May 2008. While her studies were always in order, her path to becoming the university's NCAA compliance director certainly was unconventional.

"The worst year of my life was probably the year I worked in finance soon after graduating from Saint Francis," said Browne, who used her bachelor's degree in information technology and her minor in economics to work at an investment firm, specializing in alternative investments. The day-to-day grind of performing monotonous tasks on a computer while sitting in an office crunching numbers influenced her to change her career path and enter a career in sports.

Sports were always her first love as she was a double-sport athlete in college. She competed in tennis and was a member of the track and field team while at Saint Francis, competing at the Division I level. Browne also played field hockey, cricket, and her favorite sport, netball.

With a love for sports firmly implanted in her mind, Browne felt a drastic career change was in order. Her next move, however, was not as farfetched as it

may seem on paper. In obtaining her master's degree in Sport Management from Adelphi, she also worked in the field of event management as a graduate assistant before going on to become Adelphi's NCAA compliance coordinator.

After departing from Adelphi, she found an open position here at SNHU as compliance coordinator. Jaime is responsible for maintaining Southern New Hampshire University's athletic compliance

within an athletics program are extremely important."

"Know what you want, have a love for it, and understand that you will 'live' in athletics," Browne says.

Jaime has career aspirations of remaining in athletics while expanding her role within an athletic program. Browne's motivation is her commitment to ensuring that student-athletes understand the opportunity they have while maximizing their once in a lifetime experience as a student athlete.

"One of my career objectives is to provide guidance to student athletes to help them understand their values and pursue their college degrees with a purpose to help avoid the 'What's next?' question after graduating," said Browne. "They need to understand that it is a process that begins in their freshman year and expounded as they define themselves during their college experiences."

Her daily interaction with the SNHU student population is what Browne enjoys most about her job. Jaime defines success in

the workplace as understanding and respecting each other's roles and responsibilities in achieving success. Browne is a participant in the 2009-2010 Professional Enrichment Program here at SNHU and says that the interaction with her fellow participants, mentors, and coaches has contributed tremendously to her transition here at SNHU.

"I consider myself a professional learner," Browne says jokingly. "This is something I will be doing everyday for the rest of my life."



Jaime Brown

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with NCAA rules, including recruiting, student-athlete eligibility, and ensuring students maintain their grade-point average and make progress towards their degree.

Browne explained that there is no traditional career path that one can follow which will best position someone for a career as an NCAA compliance coordinator. However, she stresses that while there are specific degrees for different jobs in sports, "staying involved in the sport industry by attending games, understanding who the players are, and working

## Surging Gators: Can Anyone Stop Them?

**Kyla Natali**  
*Staff Writer*

It is the same scene every Saturday. So far this season, whether it has been at home or away, Florida head coach Urban Meyer and his Gators have walked away with a victory each time. Consistently ranked the No. 1 team in the nation has put a target on their backs, but so far it has not mattered for the Florida powerhouse.

Week in and week out, opposing teams prepare for the biggest game of their season and a chance to triumph over this dominant squad, but they all have failed. ESPN's College Gameday traveled to Baton Rouge to fuel the fire for the LSU match-up, but the Gators silenced the crowd of 93,000 purple and gold fans with a 13-3 win. Prior to that, Tennessee head coach Lane Kiffin vowed his Volunteers would sing "Rocky Top" all night long. After a 23-13 win in the swamp, it was a long, silent ride back to Knoxville.

The last time the Gators lost was over a year ago, a one-point loss to Ole Miss. Since then, the Gators have gone 17-0 and outscored opponents 716-202, including a national championship win over Oklahoma. But against scrutiny and pressure, this team has stayed focused on the gridiron from week to week. Just when it feels like there might be a potential upset for the Gators, they take command. What gives them that edge?

When mentioning Florida, the one name that comes to mind is quarterback Tim Tebow. The 2007 Heisman

Trophy winner (and a candidate to win it again this year) has already had 1,159 yards this season and eight touchdowns. Not to mention, he also tied Herschel Walker's conference record for rushing touchdowns against Mississippi State.

However, opposing teams are not just facing Tebow. Running back Jeffery Demps, who is averaging 7.9 yards per carry with 5 touchdowns, and wide receiver Riley Cooper, who has 396 receiving yards and 3 touchdowns, have assisted the Gators in mercilessly marching their way down the field. All-American linebacker Brandon Spikes anchors Florida's defense and helps keep the Gators in control of the game.

Any upcoming team on the schedule needs to realize the Gators playing are a team of high expectations, and with that, great methods of intimidation. Sure, every conference has its big team, with USC in the Pac-10, Texas in the Big 12, and Ohio State in the Big 10. But when it comes down to it, between their talented ground game, deadly air assault, and suffocating defense, the Florida Gators are simply too much for teams to handle.

Will anybody take them down, even in a national championship game? Many in the college football world are praying for someone to deal Florida its first loss of the season. But odds are that will not be happening anytime soon. Expect to see the Gators chomping their way to another national title appearance this January.



# Voices & Faces

## Spotlight @ SNHU

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### ...Stephanie Barry...

Stephanie Barry has many responsibilities as the Graduate Assistant of Campus Programming and Leadership (CP&L). Some aspects of her job include running the Last Chapter Pub, being the co-advisor of the Coordinators of Activities and Programming Events (CAPE), and helping with events that the CP&L office programs. Stephanie describes her job as, "event planning in a nut shell."

Running the Last Chapter Pub involves many things for Stephanie. She is responsible for 17 employees. She has to also make sure the Pub is stocked with plenty of snacks, beer and soda. Being the CAPE co-advisor is also an important part of Stephanie's job, and it requires that she helps teach the Executive Board the event planning process, as well as help plan some of their major events such as the Major Concert in the Spring and the Spring Break Abroad trips. Although she is a CAPE advisor, she is there to help any other clubs on campus that need it. Stephanie has plenty of experience with clubs. She was the President of CAPE for two years and was also a part of the yearbook, PASS, Delta Mu Delta, and Ambassadors, as well as being a leadership banquet coordinator and interning for the NACA National Convention.

Stephanie is looking to stay within student activities, but also hopes to venture outside of the northeast. She still wants to be involved with a programming board wherever she may go, and she likes the small business management aspect that the Last Chapter Pub offered her.

So all in all, feel free to stop by, grab a Pub Cookie, and get to know Stephanie.

## What were your best and worst living situations here at SNHU?



### Mark Lodge

**Best:** The best living situation would be living in Attitash.

**Worst:** The worst living situation would be living in Winnisquam.

### Paul Martin

**Best:** I have loved all of my living situations.

**Worst:** I really cannot complain they all have been great.



### Chris Dias

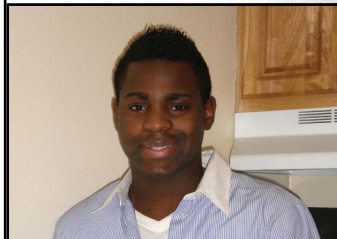
**Best:** In the townhouses with three of my closest friends and the other four of my closest friends living right next door, they're like my brothers.

**Worst:** It would be freshman year not knowing anyone at first but it ended up being awesome.

### Kristen Buurman

**Best:** My best living situation at SNHU for me is the one I'm in now. I love my roommates.

**Worst:** Probably my freshman year when I got a new roommate second semester and she never left the room and was always on her computer.



### Jethro Jean-Baptiste

**Best:** My best living situation was pulling pranks on my roommate such as turning his alarm back two hours and watching his reaction.

**Worst:** My worst living situation was walking in on my roommates with their girlfriends.

### Brittany Angers

**Best:** When the living situation changed from six girls to us three girls having singles and always a supply of toilet paper we did not pay for.

**Worst:** Was living with six girls in one apartment, one bathroom and never having toilet paper.



### Julie Avedisian

**Best:** The best living situation was sophomore year in the pods and being best friends with everyone on the floor.

**Worst:** The worst living situation was living with six girls in one apartment sharing one shower.

### Meghan Abad

**Best:** The best living situation was living on eastside with my own room.

**Worst:** Living with guys above us who had an extremely loud bass and bongos going all the time.

