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Interview with new SGA president Jared Gabrey

By Ben Barkhouse
Staff Writer

Ben: First off, congratulations on winning the election.

Jared: Thank you.

Ben: Were you relieved when the results came in after such a tough election?

Jared: Yeah, it was a stressful time; it seemed like the longest election we've had. When they finally called with the results, it was good to hear.

Ben: Did you expect the results to be so close?

Jared: I knew it was going to be a close competition, but not as close as it was.

Ben: Do you think the candidate forum you participated in helped you gain votes?

Jared: I think it did. My campaign was less forward because I had less time to campaign, so I think actually seeing and hearing me people got a chance to get to know me.

Ben: When you take office in April, what is the first thing you want accomplished?

Jared: The first thing I want to do is build the executive board and get them taught and ready for their duties and forming the senate. As for the campus, we plan on doing an SGA alumni event open to all students to show how SGA

has changed.

Ben: What are some projects or goals you hope to begin but probably won't get completed by the end of next year?

Jared: I want to get the Penmen card program going. Right now the card will only be able to be used on campus, but eventually I want it to be used off campus as well.

Ben: What will be the major themes of your presidency?

Jared: Improvement and growth for SGA and SNHU. We will try to get bigger things done and get the students more involved in the school. For instance, it was student involvement

that got the proposal to create co-ed dorms across the street off the ground.

Ben: Anything you'd like to add?

Jared: I'd like to remind people to vote in the senate elections. Also I'd like to congratulate the executive board winners: Kate Jordan, Kibar Moussoba and Celine Treamer.

Congratulations to all SGA candidates and winners.

-The Observer Staff



New SGA President Jared Gabrey.

- Courtesy photo

Women's suffrage debate

By Stephanie Chick
Staff Writer

On March 22 members of the SNHU Debate Society gathered in Walker Auditorium to recite what was once a controversial topic: a woman's right to vote. The resolution of the debate was, "Be it resolved that women ought to gain suffrage equal to me." The debate was performed a 1917 perspective.

There were six debaters: Alicia Hutchinsons, Ken Lewis, Doug Carlson, Dorothy Dumont and professors Nicholas Hunt-Bull and Dr. Allison Cummings.

The debate was divided into two sides, one supporting women's right to vote and the other opposing it. Each person was given six minutes to speak on behalf of their view, and then each team was al-

lowed time for a closing statement.

Audience participation was encouraged by voicing their opinion in either a boo or a hiss if they did not agree with the speaker or a "here-here" if they agreed. After hearing all arguments, the audience voted on which side had won, a nearly unanimous vote in favor of women's rights was rendered.

The audience was also allowed to ask questions and voice comments to the debaters, who were dressed in costumes to reflect a feeling of the 1917 style.

The debate was organized by the Debate Society in recognition of Women's History Month.



Co-Ed living will be available in the East Side Apartments beginning next year.

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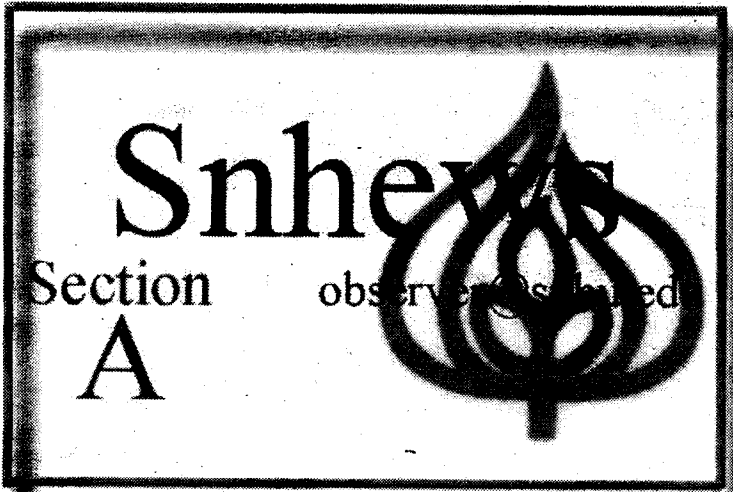
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Psychology and education conference

By Cole Quirion
Contributing Writer

This year at the Third Annual Psychology and Education Issues conference in New Hampshire, Dr. William Pollack will be discussing gender differences in children and adolescents, problems encountered by both boys and girls, and possible solutions to gender-related problems.

Pollack is an expert in many areas associated with youth development: education, gender studies, family structure and workplace violence. Recognized internationally, Pollack and his work have been seen in many renowned publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *U.S.A. Today* and *The Boston Globe*. As for broadcast media, he has been seen and heard on *The Today Show*, *CNN*, *Frontline*, *20/20*, *48 hours*, *Dateline*, *Larry King*, *Good Morning America*, the *Oprah Winfrey Show* and more.

Pollack is the Director of the Center for Men and Young Men at McLean Hospital, which helps men cope with the stresses in their lives. Furthermore, he is the Director of Continuing Education at McLean Hospital and is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Formerly the President of the Massachusetts Psychological Association, Pollack has broadened his career by becoming a member of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society, a Diplomat in Clinical Psychology, and a Founding Member

and Fellow of The Society for the Psychological Study of Men and Masculinity, which is a division of the American Psychological Association.

In addition, Pollack has written articles dealing with the crises of boys and their physical, emotional and psychological needs. His latest work, *The Real Boys Workbook*, has been seen as the definitive guide to understanding boys of all ages. The *Real Boys Workbook* uses realistic examples and presents effective exercises to help parents, professionals and boys themselves to understand boys and to improve their lives.

Pollack will be the keynote speaker on Friday, April 1, at Southern New Hampshire University. He will be presenting at 1:00 p.m. in Walker Auditorium. Several other psychologists and educators from the state of New Hampshire will also be presenting. Gender equality is the issue that will be greatly touched upon by the presenters.

This conference will begin at 8:30 a.m., and will end at 4 p.m. If there are any questions about the conference, please e-mail Dr. Betsy Gunzelmann at b.gunzelmann@snhu.edu.

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Mind the gap, take the lift, look right, catch the tube, cheers

By Alyssa Bonetti
Contributing Writer

These are phrases I never thought I would hear in my life. In the United States these phrases did not cross my path, and I had no clue what they meant. But in my adventure in London, I hear these phrases every day. After almost getting hit by a double-decker bus multiple times, I have now gotten smart enough to look right before stepping off the curb. After seeing an older lady get her leg stuck between the train and the platform, I now understand that the intercom means business when she says, "Mind the gap." After being here for almost a month, I know that the lift is an elevator and the tube is the train, so when people say "cheers," I say it right back in a British accent.

My trip to study abroad in London has created many new adventures and a new sense of awareness. There is much that is different from the United States. The way people move, act and simply present themselves is distinct in itself. Here the culture is much more diverse than in New Hampshire. On my five-minute walk to the tube station I feel like a minority. I stick out like a sore thumb, talking in my American English and dressed in the sloppy American look consisting of my Docs, light jeans, a green sweater and my Red Sox baseball hat. Once I get to the station, I swipe my card, pass through the turnstyle, and head to the lift that brings me down to the tube. I am sandwiched between people speaking at least three languages that I do not understand. The accents of the British often make English an additional foreign language, besides the Russian and Indian I hear. I try hard to understand but find it too hard and end up looking at the random McDonald's posters on the walls. I stand behind the yellow line, allow those on the tube off, and head straight for

the corner seat. I sit here for ten stops until Russell Square. I watch businessmen and women read their newspapers, slightly looking up to make sure their stop has not passed. Once I reach my stop and get onto the streets toward school, I feel like I am in the middle of the running of the bulls. I am pushed, guided, and jogged past as people attempt to rush to their important destinations. I move to the right to let them by, but I seem to forget that I need to conform to the opposite side. I still don't have that concept down yet, so I usually end up walking fast in an effort to keep from being trampled.

At noon I'm finished with class for the day. After checking my email at the busy computer lab in school, I head to the park. Hyde Park is one of the nicest places in the city to go for a relaxing spot to watch the culture. This huge park is full of windy paths perfect for runners, walkers and sightseers. The park is set on a nice lake with beautiful gardens and a small waterfall running through the middle. I cannot wait to return here when the weather becomes nicer. The gardens will be in full bloom and I can run through the paths along the water. London has many relaxing parks similar to Hyde park. In the middle of the city life, the busy streets, the fast cars, the double decker buses, and the incredible buildings, are these beautiful parks that allow for a nice retreat from the hectic bustle of London.

Once I've finished my stroll through Hyde park I stop in a few stores on my way to the tube station. I pass fashionable shoe stores, clothing stores, and plenty of Italian and Indian restaurants. However, I ultimately end up in Harrods. This amazing store has multiple floors, each containing its own store in itself. All the mini-sections are still part of Harrods, like a department store. But the place is so big that each section could be considered its own store.

The stores on each floor intertwine to form a maze that takes as much time to get out of as it does to shop. The sweet floor is my favorite. There are plenty of pastries, ice cream, and candy to suffice the whole of London, never mind a single person. I walk around this section salivating at the delicious foods in front of me. Krispy Kreme donuts and huge ice cream sundaes are pricy but worth the splurge. After leaving this section I follow the random crowd to the next floor complete with incredible jewelry and clothing fit for a queen. My jaw drops as I notice the price tags; so looking is all I will do for today. I attempt to make my way out of the store and end up weaving in and out of a few more sections, including clothes, shoes, and another food section. Another half an hour later I find the exit and leave this intricate maze behind for another day of wandering.

Once my relaxation and shopping fetish is complete I head home. Back on the tube for the half hour ride to Earl's Court station, I meet up with one of my three roommates. She is on her way back from an internship at a refugee center so I sit next to her and get the scoop about her day. There is a good mixture within Flat 12 with Samantha from New York, Meghan from Chicago, and Sam from SNHU. Although we are all Americans there are definitely differences between our backgrounds which always makes for interesting discussions. But finally it's time to get off the tube. I hop over the gap between the platform and the tube, I take the lift up the 15 stories to the street, I look right to make sure I don't get hit by any type of automobile, and finally I walk past the pastry shop on the corner, the grocery store, the three Indian restaurants and the hostels, to the yellow door on Knaresborough Place.

Editor's Note: This article also appears in the SNHU Honors Program Newsletter.

The Observer is looking for writers and photographers who would like to publish in the last issue of the year.

**General meetings are held
on Thursdays from 1:00 to 1:45
in RF 302.**

Why LGBTQ?

By Jennifer Gecawicz
Contributing Writer

When asked what the LGBTQ is, not many people are sure. That's when you can ask Beth Carosella, a freshman at Southern New Hampshire University. She is a part of LGBTQ and is a proud supporter of the group.

Carosella joined this group so she could feel comfortable in a new place and know that it is normal how she is living her life. "I came to this college because I knew they [SNHU] were accepting of my lifestyle," she said. When asked what this group is, she said, "A support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and questioning people - Straight people are more than welcome to come to the group too."

Carosella thinks this type of group is good in a university setting. "I feel that it [LGBTQ] is because it is bringing more heterosexuals to the understanding that we are not bad people; we are just like you. Our orientation doesn't only define us as a person," she said. She thinks there are more open people in college than high school and gets a lot more support than she did back in high school. There are many people you can talk to to get support, including the staff at the Wellness Center and anyone who is a part of the SNHU Safe Zone Network. Carosella herself is part of the Network and became an ally because she felt that she can be supportive to someone who is just coming out and be there for them to help them go through the change because that is what she wanted when she was coming out.

When asked if the group could be made into a club, she responded with a yes. "The group is in the process of getting a constitution made to make the group an official club," she said. She hopes that by the end of the semester the group will become a club. Carosella recently ran for vice

president of the club and got elected. She thinks the club could strongly succeed because it is a good group to learn from. She never had an education in her lifestyle before when she was questioning. When she came out in high school, she wished she could have had a group like it [LGBTQ] to get the support she needed.

According to Carosella, this group is also great for people who are questioning. Anyone can ask questions on things, such as their sexual orientation, that they are wondering about and feeling and ask why they are feeling that way. The group is more of a support group for them; they don't necessarily have to come out to be in the group nor can't they be straight. This group is open to every individual.

When asked how this group helps her everyday life, Carosella said, "It helps me be more myself and that I'm not the only one on this campus who feels the way I do." She thought it was easier to come out to people here. "I know I can go to someone and talk to them about an issue without having them freak out about the subject," she said.

Carosella said that if you are confused about what the group is, come to one of the meetings and see what it's like. "Not everyone is comfortable with the topics, but if you come to the meetings you will find out we are just like everyone else. Like I said, this group is for everyone," she said. Carosella feels very strongly about this group and that it can help anyone. There are about fifteen members. For anyone who would like to attend the meetings, they are on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in RF 302. If you would like to contact the group, their email address is lgbtpride@snhu.edu

Editor's Note: LGBTQ became an official club on March 9, 2005.

Corrections:

In issue 5 the name of a contributing writer was misspelled on page 3; the correct spelling is Dr. Ernesto Sagas. On page 8 in the Recipe for democracy OP-ED piece, line 2 should read "U.S. media."

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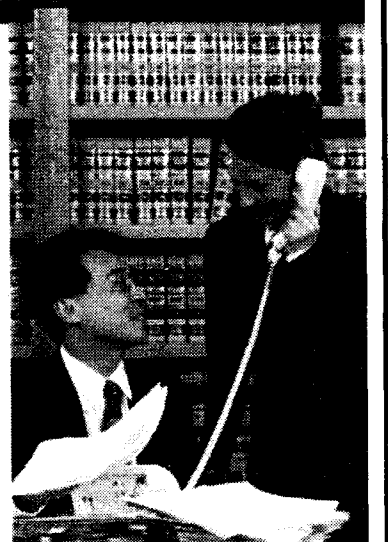
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Public Safety Log

Compiled by
Lindsay Frydryk
Opinion Editor

Date: 2/3/05
Time: 2:20 PM

At the above date and time a PSO assisted an RD in doing a health and safety inspection. Mushrooms were suspected of being present. They found chocolates that were suspected of containing mushrooms. Short of dissecting the chocolates, the PSO and RD found nothing to prove mushrooms were in the room.

Date: 2/5/05
Time: 10:15 PM

At the above date and time a PSO noticed a student coming out of her window in New Castle. The PSO approached the student to ask for an ID and asked why she did that. The student replied the window was open and it was closer to where she was going. She was very co-operative. The PSO advised her not to do it again, and to always use the main entrance.

Date: 2/6/05
Time: 4:10 AM

At the above date and time a student called to report someone had broken a bottle at the front door of her residence. A PSO went down to the residence to find a shattered glass bottle of Jack Daniels around the front door. The student also pointed out a dent in the door. PSO informed the student that someone would come to clean up. No further action was taken.

Date: 2/7/05
Time: 11:50 PM

At the above date and time a PSO met with an RA on duty. The RA said he could smell a strong odor of marijuana outside of Chocorua. The PSO and RA followed the smell. They could hear loud voices coming from inside a room in Winnisquam. The PSO knocked and asked to open the door. The room became silent, and no one opened the door. The PSO keyed open the door about six inches. There was a rolled up towel blocking the odor from coming out of the bottom crack. Once they removed the towel, the PSO noticed a fan circulating the air. The odor of marijuana was strong, and there was a haze in the room. The PSO told the students that they could be cooperative, or the police would be called. The students did cooperate handing over a warm glass pipe and a bag of zig zag rolling papers. The students were sent back to their rooms.

Date: 2/11/05
Time: 11:30 PM

At the above date and time a PSO noticed two individuals walking over to Greeley from Whittier and appearing to be agitated. The PSO went over to investigate and noticed blood on one of the individual's faces. They were then ID'd. Both of the individuals were adamant about finding a certain person they then described. They were uncooperative and insisted that PS give them the name of the person described. The Manchester PD was called to assist with escorting the two individuals off campus.

Date: 2/12/05
Time: 1:15 AM

At the above date and time an RA called saying somebody was burning something in Kearsarge, and the fire extinguisher was sprayed all over the place. When the PSO arrived, there was no fire extinguisher to be found. Maintenance was called to the scene to clean up. A student came out of his room once Maintenance was done to say that he was the one who had called the RA and the extinguisher was in his room. He then handed over the extinguisher. No further action was taken.

Date: 2/15/05
Time: 1:50 AM

At the above date and time a concerned grandmother called. She was curious about why her daughter had called her and was bawling her eyes out. Her daughter had told her the granddaughter's car was going to be towed and it would cost them about \$100. She was wondering why PS would do this to her granddaughter. The PSO told the grandmother that if the granddaughter would have parked in a resident lot there would be no issue. The grandmother seemed to understand and hung up.

Date: 2/20/05
Time: 1:00 AM

At the above date and time a PSO noticed students coming out of Kearsarge. One of them was an underage guest carrying an open bottle of Budweiser. The PSO requested his ID. The guest gave the PSO his license and politely explained he was a guest. The PSO explained the school's policy is you must not carry an open container outside. The beer was then emptied. No further action was taken.

Date: 2/20/05
Time: 2:26 AM

At the above date and time a PSO headed to the Eastside

apartments to check on another PSO. The PSO parked his truck between Lincoln and Conway to take a walk around. After finding the other officer, the PSO returned to his truck to find a student inside. The officer asked the student what she was doing. The student responded that someone in a blue coat entered Lincoln and said they wanted her to wait in the truck. The PSO checked the truck and noticed nothing was missing. He then told the student to call it a night.

Date: 2/20/05
Time: 4:45 AM

At the above date and time a PSO was told that someone from Attitash had reported a stolen TV. After patrolling the area the PSO moved toward Hillsboro. The PSO noticed a student running from Attitash to Hillsboro. The PSO followed him into the room and ID'd him. The student said he was there only to check on his girlfriend who was sick and breathing heavily. The PSO asked who he was staying with in Attitash. No further action was taken.

Date: 2/25/05
Time: 11:20 PM

At the above date and time a PSO was walking toward lot 7 when he heard female voices screaming. The group of females in the lot were yelling up toward a group of females in the window of Winnisquam. In the window, a male also appeared making threats of violence. The two groups of girls were yelling vulgar words, as well as threatening to do bodily harm to each other. The PSO went up to the room and knocked on the door. Before the door was opened, the PSO heard bottles clanging and things being stashed away. When the door was opened, the PSO asked for the alcohol that was hidden. The remaining amount of alcohol was taken, and at that time the PSO noted everyone's ID.

Date: 2/26/05
Time: 2:30 AM

At the above date and time a PSO noticed an unregistered visitor urinating by Whittier. The PSO demanded to see his ID. He replied he was a visitor at the school. At that time a female student approached and said he was with her. The PSO requested her ID. Since she did not have it on her, the PSO contacted the gatehouse, which confirmed her identity. The PSO then informed her to take her guest off campus. No further action was taken.

Come to London

By Cory Bean
Contributing Writer

It's March 23 and I'm lying on my bed in my London flat. *My London flat.* If you had told me at the beginning of the school year that I'd be where I am right now, I would have called you crazy.

To be truthful, I don't know why I decided to come to London in the first place. I heard about the Huron program from a couple of friends and saw a couple of random posters around school, so I decided to talk to Jim Kuras in CLASS to see what the whole thing was about. Before I knew it, I had filled out the paperwork, attended the meetings, and boarded British Airways flight 212 to London Heathrow, saying goodbye to the United States for four months.

Wow, four months sounds like a long time to be away from home, doesn't it? That's what I thought too, until I recently realized that more than half of my semester abroad had passed me by already. Don't let the time away from home be a concern, because, honestly, four months is probably less time than you'll end up wanting to be here. Don't get me wrong; there are definitely some things about good old SNHU I miss, but I've had a great time getting to know London inside and out with the new people I've met.

Huron University itself is small, and two of my classes have only 3-5 people, myself included. Speaking of classes

(I know, I know), they're actually pretty interesting, and course selection isn't as limited as you may be thinking. The beauty of going to school in London is that you can use the city itself as a resource, and many classes are spent wandering the city, visiting museums and attending performances. I'm taking Contemporary Theatre as an elective, and I get to see one play a week - for free. Some classes have gone to see Kevin Spacey in *National Anthems*, while others have seen Joshua Jackson and Patrick Stewart star in *A Life in the Theatre*.

Getting around London is also incredibly easy, and a zone one Tube pass is included when you sign up for the Huron program. This Tube pass takes you basically anywhere you need to go, including to all the cool stuff you associate with London (Big Ben, Tower Bridge and everything you see in the Austin Powers movies). There's just something about hopping on the Tube and hanging out at Piccadilly Circus for the night that gives London a slight edge over Manch-Vegas.

If London isn't the only city you want to see while you're here - and it probably isn't - you'll be glad to know that it's easy (and cheap) to visit other places. Since I've been here, I've seen Paris, Rome and Madrid. I'll be going to

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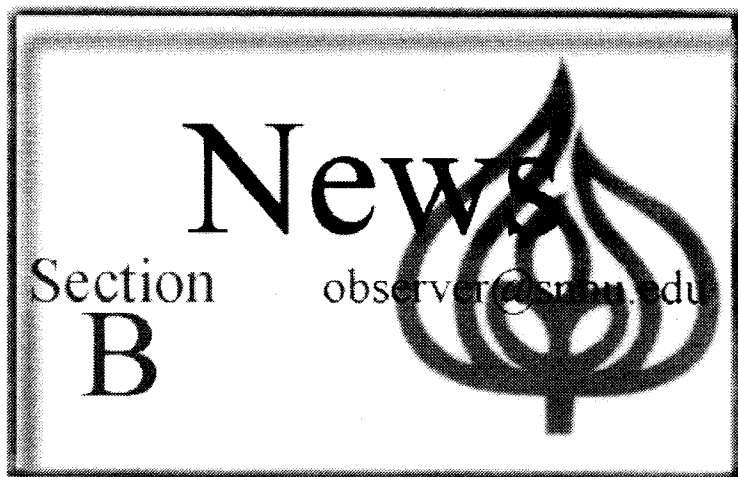
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What is MS?

By Amanda Hutchins
Staff Writer

Multiple Sclerosis (MS), which translates to "multiple scars," is a disease that affects the body in many ways. MS causes the immune system to attack the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). The myelin covering that usually would protect the nerves gets damaged, and scars form. This chronic disease usually strikes adults between the ages of 20 and 50. Seventy-five percent of victims are women. Scientists have yet to discover why MS occurs, and how to cure it. While hoping for a cure, many families host fundraisers to raise money for testing purposes.

Multiple Sclerosis symptoms tend to come and go there is no known reason for this. Occasionally people with MS will have trouble seeing; at other times their legs and arms become weak. At times their skin will tingle, and it can be as excruciating as it would if there were a person jabbing a knife into your back. If you can imagine, it probably

would not be too comfortable. Sometimes they will lose their balance, and at times it can be difficult for them to walk. A new case of MS is diagnosed every hour.

Each year the National Multiple Sclerosis Society organizes fundraisers all over the country. Worldwide, there are over two million people with Multiple Sclerosis. In the United States alone, 400,000 suffer with MS. Many who have MS have very supportive families who work together to raise money to find a cure. This year there are several dates when the annual MS Walk will be taking place all over the country.

On April 16, there will be a five-mile MS Walk taking place at Arms Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone who would like to learn more about MS volunteering can either e-mail Brenda.barbour@mam.nmss.org or call 1-800-493-9255. To sign up for volunteering, you can go online at www.msnewengland.org. There are also many prizes to be awarded to the volunteers who get the most donations.

Hundreds of thousands of anti-Syrian protesters throng Beirut

By Liz Sly
KRT

Lebanon's anti-Syrian movement, upping the stakes Monday March 23 in the escalating war of rallies that has gripped the country for the past month, drew hundreds of thousands of protesters to the heart of downtown Beirut for the largest demonstration yet.

The vast gathering, held to mark the one-month anniversary of the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, dwarfed the huge demonstration in support of Syria, a rally that was intended to counter the anti-Syrian protests that erupted after Hariri's death.

Attendance at the Hezbollah rally was widely put at 500,000; news agencies quoted city officials as saying 800,000 turned out for Monday's demonstration, and Beirut's Daily Star newspaper said the crowd approached 1 million, almost a third of Lebanon's population.

Among them were Sunnis, Christians and Druze, many of whom had traveled from across the country to add their voices to the calls for a complete Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon and for a full investigation into the Feb. 14 bombing that killed Hariri and 16 other people on the seafront promenade nearby.

The protesters filled the vast Martyrs' Square that has become the epicenter of the anti-Syria protest movement. They also spilled down side streets and jammed the smaller, adjacent Riad Solh Square where Hezbollah held its rally the previous week. Others clambered onto the skeletal ruins of buildings damaged during the country's civil war to try to get a glimpse of the proceedings.

Waving the cedar-emblazoned Lebanese flag, the crowd turned virtually the entire downtown area into a seething, chanting mass of red and white. "Truth. Freedom. National unity," they



An estimated 500,000 to 800,000 flocked to downtown Beirut for one of the largest anti-Syrian demonstration in that country's history.

- KRT photo

shouted. "Syria out!"

If the figures are to be believed, nearly half of Lebanon's 3.5 million people have attended one of the demonstrations in recent weeks, an indicator of the passions stirred by Hariri's death and the subsequent calls for Syria to end its 19-year occupation of Lebanon. The rally came a day after 200,000 people reportedly attended a pro-Syrian rally organized by Hezbollah in the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiyah.

The anti-Syrian camp blames the Damascus regime for Hariri's assassination, and the call for a thorough investigation dominated the speeches. But with Syrian troops pulling back toward their own border, the mood was celebratory.

"Something has changed in Lebanon," said Ranya Abu Ghalili, 24, a math teacher from the Beirut suburb of Hazmieh. "We have a voice and it made a difference. Because of us, a few Syrians have gone out from Lebanon, and now we want them all out, from all Lebanon."

Syria has responded to the fury that followed Hariri's death by withdrawing most of its 14,000 troops from coastal Lebanon to the eastern Bekaa Valley. Syrian leaders have promised a full withdrawal soon, though they have not set a timetable.

By drawing such a vast crowd, the opposition re-

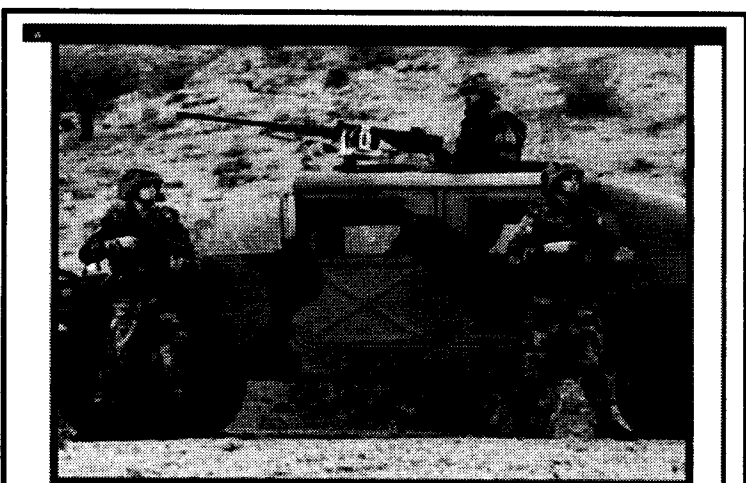
gained the momentum lost recently to Syria's mostly Shiite supporters, whose rally had seemed to give pause to a movement that claimed to represent the majority of Lebanese.

The Syrian-backed prime minister, Omar Karami, who had resigned under pressure amid anti-Syrian protests, was reinstalled after the pro-Syrian demonstration recently. He has yet to form a government, however, leaving a power vacuum in the wake of the departing Syrian troops.

With Damascus facing international pressure to complete the withdrawal before Lebanon's elections in May, the competing rallies risk turning into a contest for political power in the post-Syrian order.

One popular banner, held aloft by many protesters, read "100 percent Lebanese," a reference to the suspicion by many of Syria's opponents that the vast crowd at last week's Hezbollah rally included many Syrians bused in to bolster the numbers.

"That other demonstration was not Lebanese. They were Syrian. Not all of them, but some," said Hassan Hamawi, 37, a rotisserie owner who attended the rally with his family. "Those who are carrying flags here today are real Lebanese, Christians and Muslims together."



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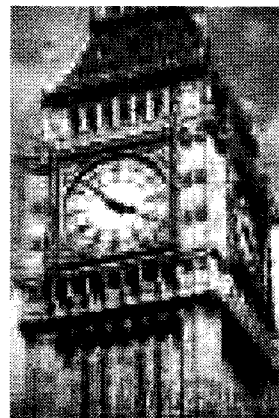


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Environment is uniting left and right

By Paul Nussbaum
KRT

Can green be a bridge between red and blue?

Environmental issues, especially at the state and local levels, are bringing together conservatives and liberals who agree on little else, providing common ground in an increasingly polarized nation.

Some Republicans and Democrats see environment-related agreements as a way to build broader consensus.

"I have formed relationships with members of the other party based on our interest in the environment," said Rep. James Saxton of New Jersey, one of the most pro-environment Republicans in Congress, according to the League of Conservation Voters' annual scorecard. "I'm still on the conservative side, and they're still what I'd call liberal, but we now have a kind of bond that you get with people you work closely with."

Conservatives such as pro-gun hunters and antiabortion evangelicals are making common cause with pro-abortion-rights, gun-control liberals on land conservation, pollution, and endangered-species protection.

"We've heard a lot about the death of environmentalism, but I think what we're seeing is the rebirth of environmentalism. We're going back to

where we were in the 1970s," said Deb Callahan, president of the League of Conservation Voters. "We're building a populist movement."

Callahan said 90 percent of the 18,000 campaign volunteers who worked for the league last fall had not been members of environmental organizations.

"You have a new politics overlaid on the old that talks about the environment," said Robert J. Brulle, associate professor of sociology and environmental policy at Drexel University. "About 70 percent of the issues still break down along the old lines, but for 30 or 40 percent of them, the traditional left-right dichotomy doesn't work any* more."

"The strangest bedfellows I've ever seen are Earth Firsters and evangelical Christians."

Brulle said the blurring of ideological lines on the environment is apparent in Washington: "When you look at this Congress, it's easily the most conservative in 50 years, but the Clear Skies bill didn't even make it out of committee and the opening up of ANWR (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge) won by a single vote."

At the ballot box, on issues such as land preservation, water quality, renewable energy and public transit, American voters crossed party lines to approve about

75 percent of environment-related ballot measures last November, even as they chose George Bush over John Kerry for president.

Most Americans- 61 percent- say they are active in the environmental movement or sympathetic toward it, according to a 2004 Gallup poll. That number is down from 71 percent four years earlier. Thirty percent said they were "neutral" toward environmentalism in 2004, up from 23 percent in 2000.

Local and state issues often appeal across political divides, as shown in the 2004 election:

In "red" Montana, voters rejected a proposal to repeal a 1998 ban on cyanide leaching, a gold-mining method. The debate pitted concerns about water pollution against proffered economic gains from mining.

Colorado voters, who put their state in the "red" column for Bush, also approved a measure requiring electric utilities to obtain 10 percent of their energy from renewable resources by 2015. And they elected a Democratic U.S. senator, Ken Salazar, whose slogan was "our land, our water, our people."

In conservative Gwinnett County, Ga., where 66 percent of voters picked Bush, voters by the same margin approved a one-cent sales-tax increase to pay for \$85 million to pro-

tect open space. In Indian River County, Fla., voters went overwhelmingly (61 percent) for Bush, and even more overwhelmingly (67 percent) for spending \$50 million to preserve open space. Nationwide, 162 of a record 217 land-preservation ballot measures were approved, according to the Trust for Public Land, a land conservation organization.

And most evangelical Christians, a pivotal conservative group for Bush in the last election, say they favor strict rules to protect the environment even if they cost jobs or result in higher prices, according to the 2004 National Survey of Religion and Politics.

"Evangelicals are more sympathetic to the environmental movement than people think," said Rich Cizik, vice president for governmental affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals. "The stereotype of evangelicals is that we're all sitting at home reading 'Left Behind or out pillaging and plundering the environment. That's just not the case.'"

The evangelical association's manual on public policy says, "We are not the owners of creation, but its stewards, summoned by God to watch over and care for it." This implies the principle of sustainability; our uses of the Earth must be designed to

conserve and renew the Earth rather than to deplete or destroy it."

Hunters and fishermen, typically conservative in politics, can be a powerful pro-environment force. In 2003, sportsmen's groups succeeded where traditional environmental groups had failed in lobbying the Bush administration to scrap plans to reduce protections for isolated wetlands- critical habitat for fish and wildlife and essential to waterfowl and duck hunting.

"Our interests sometimes merge," said James D. Range, chairman of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a coalition of hunting and fishing organizations. "Environmentalists for a long time didn't want to talk to the conservation community ... but now, I think the environmentalists realize they need an ally and that they're going to have to negotiate what many would perceive as a more reasonable position to go forward. They're going to do that, and that common ground is where progress is going to be made."

Inside, he's a defendant; outside, a star

By Patrick May
KRT

Michael's back is killing him. Michael has hope in his heart. Michael knows God's on his side. Michael will take the stand soon. And yes, Michael will be vindicated.

His true fans know these things. They're here each morning, in front of the courthouse when his black SUV pulls up with a police escort. They're outside the guard gate at Neverland Valley Ranch, where he slips into his wooded sanctuary around 4 p.m., blowing each fan a kiss, just as that tinted window breaks their hearts and rolls back up.

The rest of the world sees a child molestation trial and an entertainer at the defense table named Michael Jackson. But true fans, the ones who have put their own lives on hold to be here, see Michael. And only Michael.

"This is my daytime job to be here," said 23-year-old Susie Mumpfield, who moved from Los Angeles for the trial. "I'm a soldier of love in Michael's army."

The trial unfolding since February in this sun-soaked central coast town has transformed the local courthouse into an open-air shrine to the most celebrated and bizarre pop phenomenon America has ever seen. At the same time, the sidewalks have become a flea market of conspiracy theories and religious infomercials on Jackson's behalf. And the parking lot is now a testing ground for a global media hell-bent on squeezing the spectacular out of the sordid.

A recent installment in the soap opera featured a very upset defendant, trembling apparently from recurring back pain and crying at the counsel table after showing up late again to court, if only by a few minutes this time. But every day seems to bring something new, if not exactly newsworthy.

One afternoon recently, about 20 of the usual suspects were pressed up along the sidewalk against the chain-link fence, installed around the courthouse parking lot and media holding pen, keep-

ing them from their man. There was Evalie Horner, 29, a grad student from Oklahoma who wrote her master's thesis on Michael after she "fell in love with his work, his humanitarian efforts and his spiritual philosophy. I obviously think he is innocent and I am here everyday to support him."

Over here next to the honeymooners from London was Adela Espinosa, 40. While her three kids are in school, the Santa Maria housewife routinely sneaks away to get close enough to her hero so that her heart pounds. As his SUV drives by, Jackson's pale right hand forms a V sign out the window and Espinosa starts to wither. "Look!" she moans. "To see him like this makes my heart so sad. My heart breaks so much that I tell my husband I have to go to the hospital."

Then there's B.J. Hickman, the baby-faced teenager from Tennessee who traded a high-school education for a room at the local Best Western, plastered with pictures of you-know-who. "I've

been here 45 days," he said. "It's all for Michael. I love everything about him. I can't remember a time in my life when I wasn't into him."

Up go the hand-made signs. "Michael's Persecution is nothing new - Psalm 35," says one. "Right-Wing Conspiracy against Michael Jackson," screams another. "I can prove it. Ref: Bill and Hillary Clinton." Everyone's got a theory. Everyone's got a video camera. Everyone's making a documentary, or school project, or video love letter.

Twice a day, like some troubling biological clockwork, a collective neurosis flares anew outside the courthouse, now an armed fortress ringed by two sets of fences. Between them, says press coordinator Peter Shaplen, is "the DMZ where the MFF can flush out intruders."

The cops' "mobile field force," he explains. And he's not kidding; security here is very big. With 1,600 members of the world-wide media credentialed for the trial, and fan crowds of up to 200 people at times, nobody's tak-

ing any chances with the King of Pop's well-being.

"This is probably the most famous person ever put on trial for a felony in the world," said Linda Deutsch, the famed Associated Press correspondent now reprising her starring role covering the O.J. Simpson murder trial. "These fans are so devoted, but then I was an Elvis fan in my youth, so I can identify."

There are reporters from 25 countries here, each scoop-hungrier than the next. Day after day, held hostage inside their sound trucks and white tents, TV crews are trying to satisfy an apparently endless appetite for updates from Santa Maria, Calif. "All the Brits have taken apartments up at Pismo," Shaplen said. "They come back here at 10 p.m. to do their morning shows airing back in London."

For continuing coverage of Jackson's trial, check your local listings or visit www.courtstv.com.

Rice asks Chinese leaders to press North Korea on nuclear talks

By Renee Schoof
KRT

BEIJING - Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Monday asked Chinese President Hu Jintao to intensify diplomatic efforts to get North Korea back to talks on giving up its nuclear weapons program.

Rice met with Hu and Premier Wen Jiabao at the Great Hall of the People on Tiananmen Square, and then drove a few minutes away to a government-controlled Protestant church to attend a Palm Sunday service.

China is the largest source of food and energy to North Korea, and Rice had been saying throughout her trip to six Asian countries recently that she would be urging China to do all it can to persuade its communist ally to return to negotiations. She declined to say what she hopes China will do, noting that was up to China's leaders.

The United States and the others in the six-party talks with North Korea have started to talk about other steps to take if Pyongyang continues to refuse to return to negotiations, said a senior State Department official, who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity about what went on in the closed-door talks between Rice and the Chinese leaders. Most of the meeting with the Chinese president was about North Korea, the senior official said.

Besides China and the United States, the other partners in the six-party talks with North Korea are Japan, South Korea and Russia.

Rice said earlier recently that she and Ban Ki-Moon, the South Korean foreign minister, talked about "intensifying our efforts, all of us, including hopefully the Chinese, because we do need to address the problem."

U.S. officials have gotten the sense in their meetings so far on the trip that other partners in the talks understand that North Korea can't be allowed to stall indefinitely, the official

said, adding that there was not yet a "Plan B."

In her news conferences in Tokyo and Seoul, Rice summed up the enticements the partners are using to get North Korea back to the table: assurances the United States has no intention to attack, and a promise of a multi-nation security assurance and an examination of how to meet North Korea's energy needs.

"So I would hope that all of this taken together would suggest to North Korea that the six-party talks are the place that they can actually get the respect that they have desired and that they can get the assistance that they need. It is true that we need to resolve this issue. It cannot go on forever," Rice said.

Rice's plans to go to church did not come up in her talks with the leaders, but they were aware of her intentions, the State Department official told reporters.

The church, Gangwashi, is one of the few large state-sanctioned churches in central Beijing. Government approved Protestant churches in China are non-denominational. Gangwashi seats about 600 people, and it was full, as it often is for services.

Rice is a faithful churchgoer, and it was no surprise she wanted to attend a Palm Sunday service on the first day of Holy Week as Easter approaches. But she chose the symbolism of attending a regularly scheduled evening service in Beijing instead of a morning one in Seoul.

Chinese people can attend church services without fear of reprisal as long as they are part of the state-controlled religious system. The "underground" Roman Catholic and Protestant churches outside this system are illegal, and some of their leaders and members have been imprisoned under communist rule.

Other high-ranking Americans, including former Secretary of State James Baker, have attended a different state-sanctioned church in Beijing in 1991.

Small groups of Chinese gathered on the sidewalks outside the church, which is set back in a walled yard. Several of them said they had no idea an American dignitary was going to visit and were disappointed when they were turned away from the service because it was full.

Throughout her trip, which began in Pakistan, Afghanistan and India, Rice has said that democracy, including freedom of religion and freedom of speech, eliminates the hatred that causes terrorism.

Stories to watch

Shawn Phetteplace
Co-News Editor

As of March 23, 2005, the stories to watch were:

After three attempts, Terri Schiavo still is without a feeding tube. Federal courts, the 11th circuit court, denied expediting the case. The quadriplegic has been caught in a legal and legislative battle, with influences ranging from Terri's parents to the President.

Bush, Fox and Martin, the executive leaders of North America, agreed to cooperate in the spirit of NAFTA, a treaty allowing for the free trade of goods among the three countries. Recently there have been disagreements regarding immigration, trade and defense.

NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has released that a May 15 shuttle launch is possible.

Various safety measures have been taken in order to avoid another tragic loss of life as seen in the 2003 Columbia disaster. Many changes have taken place within the organization leading up to what some are calling, "a new age" for NASA.

Paul Wolfowitz, the current assistant secretary of defense under Donald Rumsfeld, will not be denied by Europeans the position of head of the World Bank, an organization whose main purpose is eradication of poverty around the world. Bank loans and consulting are two of the primary resources used. The nomination of Wolfowitz, proposed by President George W. Bush, has been criticized on grounds that he was one of the main advocates of the Iraq war, and many of his premises for invasion are still under scrutiny.



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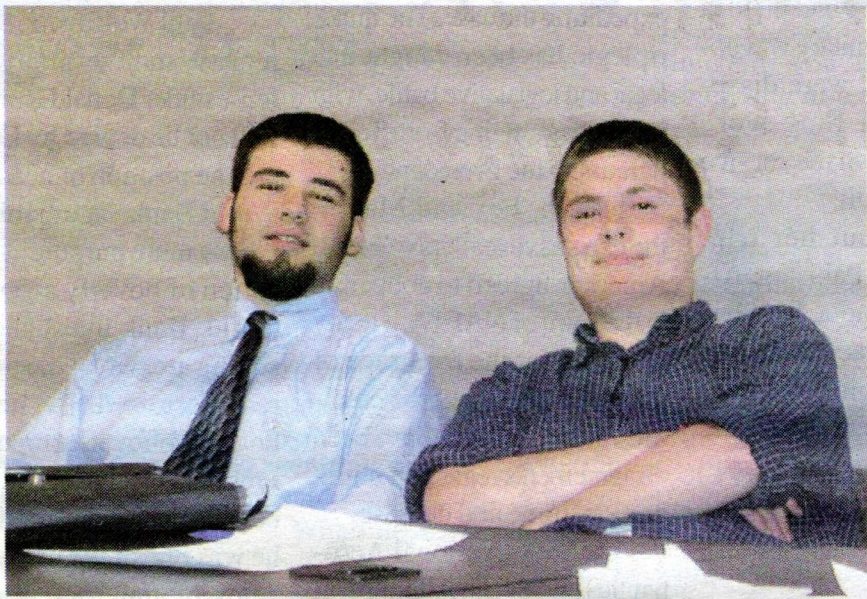
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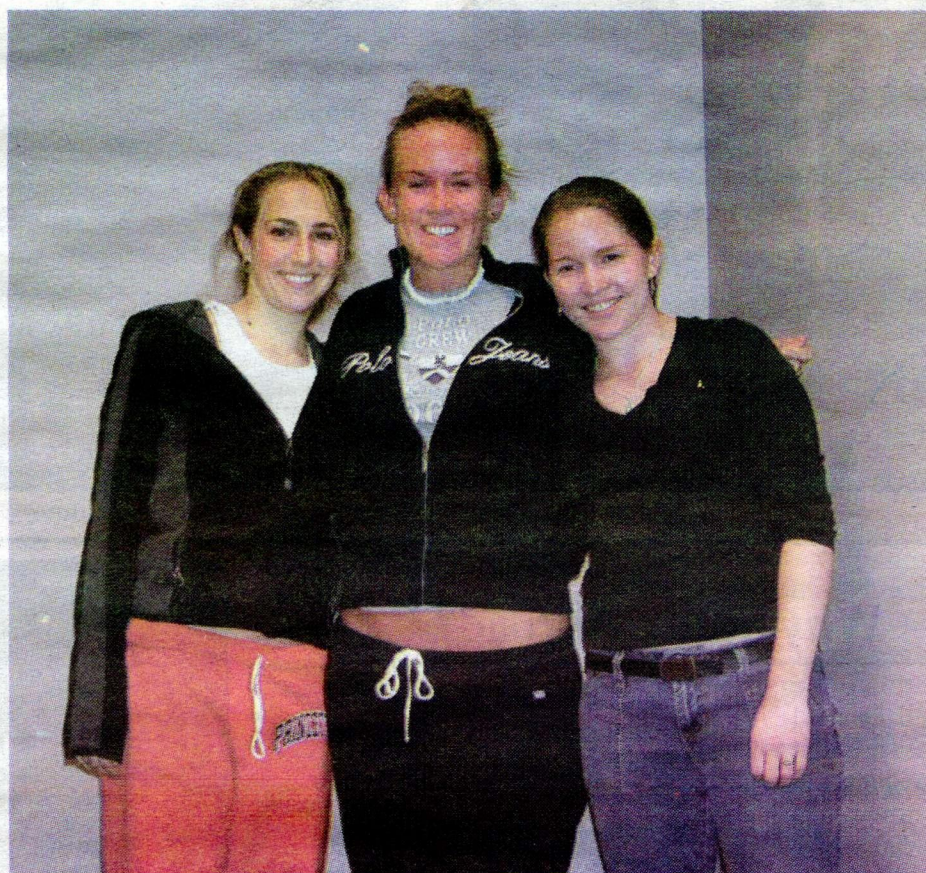
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Ben Barkhouse
IT, Freshman
Matt Tetrault
Communication, Sophomore

"We went to Florida and got kick-ass tans!"



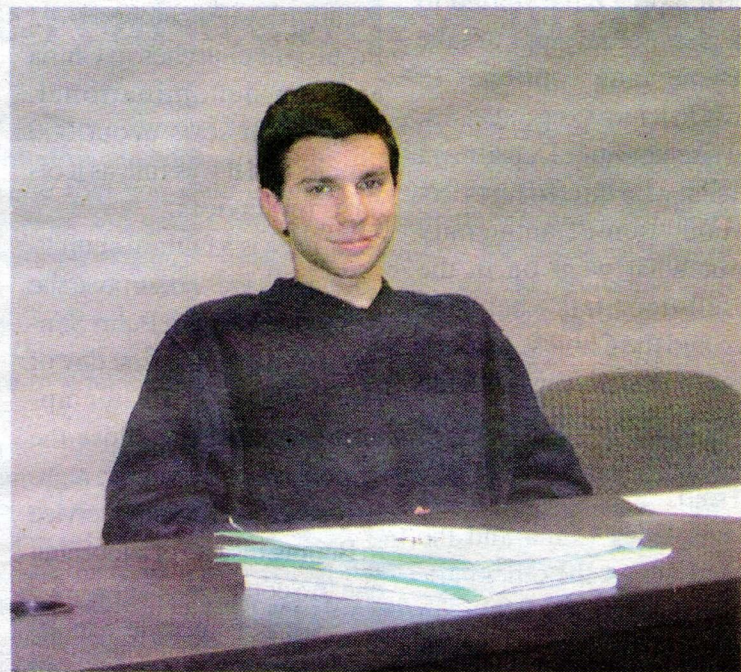
Stephanie Chick
Hospitality, Junior

"I went to Vinalhaven, Maine, and met my grandfather for the first time."



(from left)
Jen Thibault
Advertising, Sophomore
Lindsay Frydryk
Communication, Junior
Kara Dufour
Accounting, Senior

"What happens in Cali, stays in Cali! But we did win our first game!"



Frank Rubino
Undecided
Freshman

"I worked and played a lot of poker."

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What did the Observer staff do for Spring Break?

By Amanda L'Heureux
Editor in Chief



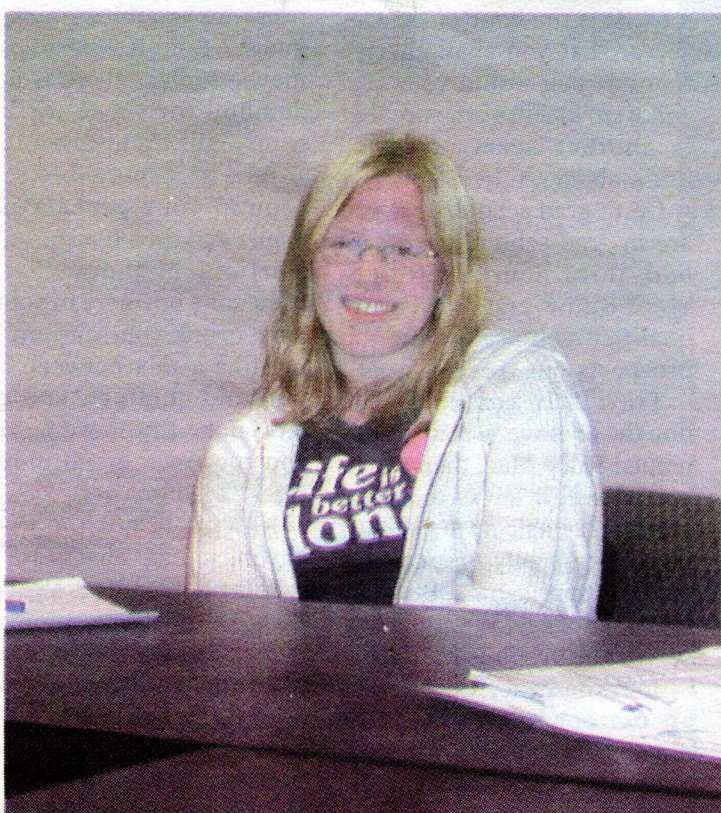
Amanda L'Heureux
Communication,
Senior

*"I drove down to
Connecticut to visit
my old roommate
and went to
Foxwoods to lose
money."*



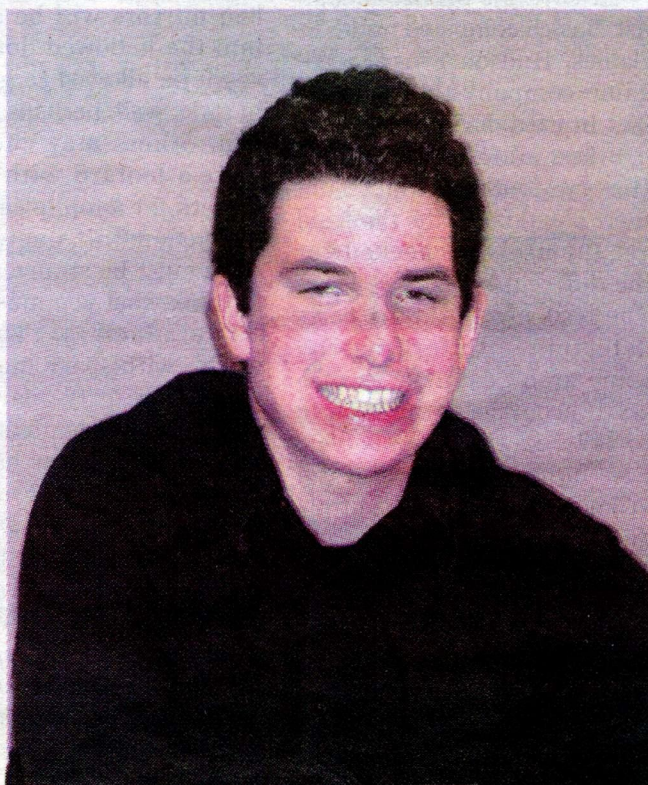
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*"Partied hard in Cancun with 99 other
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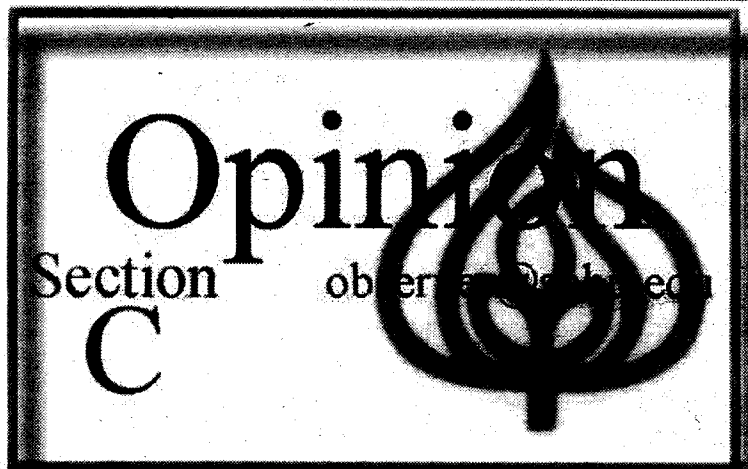
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Education, Freshman

"Wrote a 10-page research paper."



Shawn
Phetteplace
International
Business,
Sophomore

*"I went to Wiscon-
sin to visit my
family and
friends."*



Cancer: It can happen

By Amanda L'Heureux
Editor in Chief

Cancer. The word makes my insides twist into little knots, my heart race and my palms sweaty. The thought of getting it makes it even worse, especially since it's in my genes. Millions of people are diagnosed with various forms of cancer every year and many people still do not get themselves properly examined. Some may not realize how important it is, while others may not even be aware of many forms of cancer. No one can be sure when it will infect a healthy person. It may happen at the worst possible moment.

I sat in my English class during my junior year of high school, reading Kafka's "The Metamorphosis," when my name was read over the school intercom. My books went into a bag as I left the room and headed down the hall to my locker. At my locker, I grabbed every book I thought I would need to finish my studies at home again. The secretary in the office signed me out and I walked to my mother's car. We drove home.

At home, I was instructed to care for my baby brother and pick my younger sister up from school. My mother would spend the afternoon in chemotherapy, while I balanced my siblings, household chores and schoolwork. I came to realize quickly that my mother's breast cancer would change my life forever.

As my father worked full-time, I missed more and more school as the treatments went on. In high school, students were allowed to miss school only six times a quarter. After a couple of weeks, I was leaning toward academic failure because of frequent absences to take care of my siblings.

School became trivial to me. My grades began to fall, and I worried more about my family than my studies. My mother was sick and weak after every treatment. I sunk into a depression when my friends abandoned me. Things seemed to spiral downward from there.

When my English teacher took notice, she encouraged me to write. Every thought and feeling was thrown into my writing. I wrote everything from poetry to short stories. Between my writing and my mother staying positive, my attitude changed.

It has been almost five years since my mother was first diagnosed with breast cancer. On March 10, her doctors considered her cured. This season, with her in mind, the main focus for me is a program called Boarding for Breast Cancer, which promotes active lifestyles and early prevention. I'm hoping to raise over \$500 to donate in honor of friends and family who've courageously battled the disease.

Co-founded by Shannon Dunn, Tina Basich and Lisa Hudson, Boarding for Breast Cancer was inspired by a 26-year-old woman who passed away from the disease after her two-year struggle. Dunn is an Olympic bronze medalist, Basich competed in the X-Games, Hudson owns a video-game company that specializes in extreme sports.

Since March is Women's History Month, all women out there should take the time and get themselves checked for the different types of cancers. The best prevention is early detection. Unfortunately, some aren't as lucky as others. Encourage those you love to take care of themselves. For more information on Women's History, visit <http://www.nwhp.org>.

Living proof money and looks matter more than talent

By Matt Tetrault
Co-News Editor

Recently I sat down in the school pub with my customary meal of Ramen and Slim Jims, only to face the aural horror that can be summed up in two words: Ashlee Simpson.

For those of you who have never heard of Ashlee Simpson, you have either been living in a cave for the past two years or God has blessed you more than you will ever know. Ashlee is the younger sister of pop star Jessica Simpson and star of The Ashlee Simpson show. The show's premise revolves around Ashlee's battle for a record contract, which, apparently, is an uphill battle even with the help of your own TV show and the marketing power of MTV. Hilarity then ensues as she cries, whines and throws temper tantrums so annoying that record executives just give up. You would lose fewer brain cells by sitting in a room with raw insulation and inhaling lead paint.

Anyone who finds Ms. Simpson even remotely appealing should be thrown into a rocket and launched straight into the sun. What is there to possibly enjoy? It can't be her singing because her vocals sound eerily similar to a Welsh peacock getting its neck

broken. Don't even bother using her album to defend her; I can do the same thing with the Pope's voice if I pump it through a NASA super-computer enough times. It can't be her dancing, as illustrated by her impromptu "hoedown" on Saturday Night Live. Normally, I would compare her dancing to an epileptic having a seizure, but this would be unfairly insulting to epileptics. It sure as heck can't be her lyrics because someone else writes all her songs, but that's ok by me; I think more kindergarten music classes should be allowed to write for MTV artists. Just look at the quality work they've been producing so far:

You make me wanna la la
In the kitchen on the floor
I'll be a French maid
When I meet you at the door
I'm like an alley cat
Drink up the milk, I want more
You make me wanna scream

No need to worry about proper rhyming schemes, storytelling or rhythm when trying to defraud gullible teens out of their money. Go nuts!

At the risk of sounding like an aging, crusty hippy, whatever happened to the good-old days of music? When

bands like Rage Against the Machine, Nirvana and Pink Floyd challenged people with lyrics that made you think, back when bands were more than pre-packaged, cookie-cutter products. Music used to have meaning and emotion. It turns my stomach faster than the cafeteria food to know that pop groups like Ashlee Simpson constantly get playtime on MTV and corporate radio, while genuinely talented bands like Korn constantly get the corporate shaft. Listening to music on the radio now is more like picking a product off a shelf rather than choosing a piece for its artistic quality.

Every budding garage band on the planet right now should be forming a lynch mob and marching straight toward MTV headquarters. Every band that has had to sleep in vans without heat, play at seedy coffee houses, scraped together nickels and dimes for gas money, and perform solely for the pleasure of having people listen to their work should be grossly insulted that Ashlee Simpson would be allowed to perform at the grand opening of a used car lot, much less at the Sugar Bowl. Do it now, before the motto of sex, drugs and rock and roll turns into fashion, product placement and choreographed lip-syncing.

Escaping the real world: A guide to survival

By Shawn Phetteplace
Co-News Editor

Some of you may be graduating on Friday, May 13. This must make you feel very assured. But don't you worry! No black cats, ladders (well maybe some of those) nor broken mirrors will be allowed into the hallowed dome. No, you'll be allowed to graduate in style; well, perhaps some of you, others may choose to wear a leotard with stylish confetti for a top; please, control yourself. It's not pretty.

It must be strange, having to think what you must do after graduation. The real world, with scary managers, scary cars, scary apartments, and the most frightening prospect of all, perhaps having to move into the parents or a friend's house, is not a thought that you really wish to make reality. You're supposed to be vindicated, on your own, with that penmen roar you learned so proudly in the crowded field house! It goes something like this, "woo." Well, that "woo" is only going to get you so far. So here is a list of ways

of avoiding the real world for a bit. It is the hope of the Observer that you shall cherish them as you would your real children; albeit, I am sure that is another scary scene to think about, so here goes:

Go to grad school, or if you are in grad school, get a second, third, fourth, fifth degree! Show just how over-qualified you are for the job prospects out there!

Travel! If you have the dough, or have a best friend named Sallie Mae, then ask to borrow a few bucks to take a summer class and get out there! See pretty temples! Or perhaps temple bars. But only if you are of age! We at the Observer are responsible folk.

Join the Peace Corps. It is an extraordinary opportunity to help those in dire need. Sure you may be labeled the devil, or even worst since you are the more fortunate landing in some of the most resort and desperate places on Earth, but the Earth, in turn, and definitely the people in it, need people like you. It is not pretty. But so isn't reality. Maybe you could change something.

Teach English in other countries. Are you fluent in any language? Spanish perhaps? Or maybe Italian; there is a huge demand for those willing to transplant themselves.

Be irresponsible, laze around your parents place, drink, and then realize, on your thirtieth birthday that you have gone nowhere in your life, have drunk yourself into looking like a mix between a pit-bull and chia-pet, and could have done the above 5, to lead you toward a much more interesting life.

Now, it is not the duty of anyone to nag. That is not what is being done. Life is a precious thing, and we have one shot. It is cliché to say this, but it is so true; the wonderful days, the bright sun, the stars, the wind against our face, the interactions among us, the precious moments that are too few, the ability to change, to help, to be somebody. It does not consist of making a lot of money; however, we can be certain that is a goal amongst all col-

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*see p.11

Livestrong: For a cause or money

By Amanda L'Heureux
Editor in Chief

Livestrong bracelets, those rubber yellow ones, are showing up in more places these days. People of all walks of life can be seen wearing them. But their message seems to have been muddled as their popularity skyrocketed. The manufacturers are constantly out of stock. Are people wearing them for a cause or are people just out to make money off of them?

Lance Armstrong, a U.S. cyclist and cancer survivor, created the bracelets. He has won the Tour de France five times and created the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) during his cancer treatments. Armstrong believes that knowledge is power and is out to make everyone aware of cancer and give those with cancer a way to live strong. The color yellow represents the courage, hope, inspiration and perseverance of those living with some form of cancer. He wears his bracelet every day.

When the LAF started selling the bracelets on their website, they were popular enough that the makers couldn't produce enough to fit the demand. Buyers began auctioning them off on eBay



Thinking about buying a "Livestrong" bracelet, better make sure the money is going to a charitable organization.

- photo by Jason C. Dotson

for \$15 to \$50 for one bracelet. The LAF website offers a pack of ten for \$10. Those who've put the bracelets online are out to make money off of an organization that is trying to raise money for those with cancer. Instead of the money going toward education, research and survivorship, it goes right into the seller's pocket.

Many of the people who wear the bracelets think they're "cool" and wear them because their "friend gave them one." The trend started from there. There are even more bracelets circling around with different messages inscribed on them.

Different-colored bracelets

circulating are symbols of awareness for diseases and different forms of cancer. There are pink bracelets for breast cancer, red ones for multiple sclerosis, blue for ovarian cancer and purple ones for cystic fibrosis. There are also ones for colon cancer, cervical cancer, lung cancer and AIDS.

Some of the red ones have the phrases "Red Sox Nation" or "Believe" on them and run for around \$10 a bracelet, and the money goes straight into the pocket of the seller. Although these are great for fans of the Boston Red Sox, the bracelets don't cost that much to make. Why sell them for that much if the money isn't even going toward a good cause?

There are even some websites that sell the bracelets and the buyer can choose the phrase on the bracelet, which is nice but still looks like people are trying to make money off of Armstrong's idea.

It's unfortunate that the public has to copy other people in order to make money. Good causes are losing money because other people feel the need to rip buyers off. I guess the bracelets are more for fashion now than anything else. Too bad.

And for your own opportunity, seize them. Yet, look deep inside yourself, and think about what *you* want. Not just the how to make life easy.

plied correctly. You can institute that change in your life.

Do not fall prey to the hope of an easy life. No life is easy, and certainly not ones that look it. Life is difficult, and a test every day. Be there. The job prospects out there are good in some ways, yes.

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lege students and people. It is not to become *well known or loved*; albeit, those are necessities for our personal health; simply, to be. But to be great. Aspirations can go far if ap-

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EU: Empire or Emporium?

By Ben Barkhouse
Staff writer

The European Union, an entity that comes from the humble roots of a simple steel and coal agreement, is now the supranational government of Europe, juggling its three hats of federation, confederation, and diplomatic organization. The EU currently consists of 25 member states, each bound to one another in matters of everything from economics to defense. The main function of the EU, initially at least, was to establish a "common market," consisting of a customs union, a single currency (the Euro), and common policies for agriculture and fishing. The Union is set to grow even larger in 2007 when Romania and Bulgaria officially join, not to mention that talks with Croatia and unbelievably Turkey begin later this year. The recent victory of the pro-western Viktor Yushenko in the Ukrainian presidential election is another step in the EU's eastward expansion, with Yushenko announcing his desire to join. But what does this continental union mean for America, if anything? The developments in Europe could have very serious consequences for Americans and indeed the world. This past October the heads of state of the various member countries signed the new European Constitution which will, if ratified by the countries, become the official document of the EU, replacing the previous treaties.

With its parliament in Strasbourg, Germany, its executive bureaucracy in Brussels, Belgium, and its Court of Justice in Luxembourg, the EU holds together a tenuous group of entities with deep and complex relationships to one another. But can the EU do what the Caesar, Charlemagne, Napoleon, and Hitler could not: create a single unified Europe? It would seem on first examination that the EU is a good idea, bringing peace, unity, and prosperity to a weary continent, but could the EU create the very condi-

tions it was founded to prevent? The EU might possibly be destined for all manner of unpleasant growing pains. Corruption and scandals would now affect Europe as a whole, creating a very nasty environment of passing the buck. Independence movements are bound to spring up claiming that their nation has been subjugated by the will of foreigners. Forced to work together, regional rivals might be hard pressed to play nice with one another, just look at the Balkans for an example. Will the EU nations agree on how to deal with the threat of Islamic fundamentalism on a continental scale, especially if Turkey joins? Will the richer nations like Germany and France (the de facto leaders of the EU) grow resentful at bearing the economic burden of the poorer countries like those in Eastern Europe? As the EU becomes increasing federal, will it implode in the same way our union did in 1861? A European "civil war" would be disastrous and most likely plunge the world into World War III. And lastly, can the EU keep the appearance of a republic if it must deal with so many factors at once?

Beyond the domestic issues are the foreign implications of this union. It has been widely speculated that the EU wishes to act as a counter-balance to American influence worldwide; the controversy over the war in Iraq perhaps foreshadows future EU ambition, sparking even more bitterness in trans-Atlantic relations. The EU will also have to contend with the powers to the east, Russia and China. Russia lost most of its former eastern bloc states to the EU and now Vladimir Putin wants Russia back as a major player on the world stage. The rising economic juggernaut that is China puts it well on its way to superpower. With all these nations vying for dominance, a situation much like that of 1914 exists. The EU will have many issues to face during its struggle for identity and only time will tell if the center will hold.

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College tales from a freshman coed

By Victoria Nedza
Copy Editor

Friday: A night of freedom and fun.

Picture a girl scrounging through her closet to try to find the perfect outfit. Regardless of weather, you've got to find the right top: halter, tube, fancy pink tank with sequins. Sweaters, turtle necks, even long sleeve shirts are no longer acceptable to wear to a party. Most leave their rooms without a jacket, bold to bear the winter chill of the long evening. Next, what jeans to pair with the shirt? Cut-up Abercrombies with holes on the butt and knees or tight hip huggers to accentuate your lean legs? Hair and then makeup. Hours of preparation, too much time deciding which eye shadow to choose and what color lip gloss to apply to your lips. After applying pomade and gel to your straight, most-perfect hair, you quickly put on your heels or fashionable Ugg winter boots to go and meet your girlfriends for a wild night, full of drinking and meeting the "hopefully right" one.

Party after party, you stand next to the Beirut table

and wonder how pathetic and boring these parties are, because no matter where you go, how many different drunk guys you meet, they are all the same. You try to mingle and not stand out while you slowly sip your Corona and move to the beat of "Lean Back" and Kanye West. You watch the girl who you've been standing next to most of the night quickly but surely be escorted to the next bedroom by the ambitious, young bachelor who is wearing the ever-so-famous Red Sox baseball hat and blue-and-white striped Abercrombie & Fitch button down, smooth with his collar raised. You leave with your girls to go to the next apartment. Outside, fights are broken up by the relentless Public Safety. You hide your beers in your coat pockets, trying to make the awkward bulge (making you look pregnant) less noticeable.

Mindlessly ditching your friends, you stumble back to your dorm, you change out of your beer-soaked clothes and you fall asleep. Another night of the same old parties and worrying if you look hot enough is awaiting in just a few hours.

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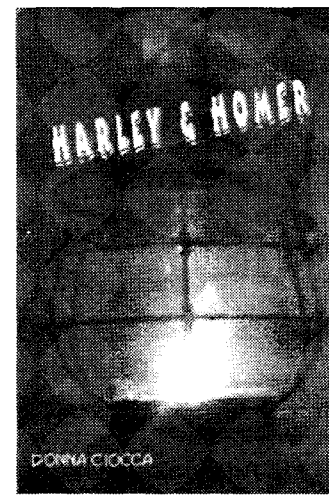
Come to a meeting on Thursdays at 1 p.m. in RF 302.

Harley & Homer review

By Liz Henley
A&E Editor

Harley & Homer, by SNHU adjunct professor Donna Ciocca, is a children's book about two young boys and the trouble they cause in their town and Catholic school. The book follows Harley and Homer from fourth to sixth grade and tells all sorts of wild adventures they take part in, in school and out.

This is a funny book, although it does end on more of a serious note. Unlike many humorous books, this one does not just go over the funny parts; you can actually see how the characters are growing and maturing during the course of the book. The characters are convincing and can be related to, instead of



A new book titled *Harley & Homer* was written by Donna Ciocca who is an adjunct faculty member of SNHU.

the two-dimensional characters that are found in some children's books these days.

Harley & Homer is a great

book for middle school students, especially boys who hate reading. There is enough mischief in here to captivate anyone's interest. I would even recommend this as a quick and fun read for adults.

Ciocca grew up in southeastern Missouri, which is evident when you read the book. There are many southern touches to the story, local dialect, and language. She is currently a seventh grade science teacher at Rundlett Middle School in Concord, where students gave her input on the book. Ciocca is also a professor at SNHU, teaching education courses through the College of Education at the graduate school. She has taught the graduate and undergraduate versions of children's literature.

SNHU Drama Club presents "Romeo, You Idiot!"

By Chris Tucker
Contributing Writer

After last semester's successful return to the stage, the Southern New Hampshire University Drama Club will present its first production of 2005, "Romeo, You Idiot!" on April 28, 29 and 30. This spoof of Shakespeare's masterpiece can only be described as "Romeo and Juliet" meets "The Godfather," with flat-out hilarious results. When Romeo Montague meets

Juliet Capulet, their love seems to be eternal. However, one bitter mafia rivalry, one street fight gone wrong, and one blood-sucking vampire later, Romeo and Juliet are on a star-crossed path to literary infamy. Can these two teenagers in love use their street smarts to avoid the hand fate seems to have dealt them? There's only one way to find out! There's no reason to simply rely on what Shakespeare wrote. Come see the REAL story of Romeo and Juliet, live

in Robert Frost Hall's Wal Auditorium. Shows nightly at 7:30 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and feature several veteran members of the Drama Club, as well as lots of new faces. Most importantly, all shows are free charge to every audience member. Bring your parer, bring your roommates, leave your Shakespearean pertise at the door. This is your daddy's Romeo.

Untitled
by Rachel Croft

I've thrown myself into this new place
I look in the mirror and see my face
It's me looking back but I've surely grown
Into a woman who is still unknown
She looks confident, sure, steadfast, and strong
Though parts of her life may have gone wrong
There is sadness inside her, rooted down deep
But she is climbing to success though the road is steep
She puts the past behind her so it can fuel her ahead
She refuses to settle and chooses greatness instead
This woman and I will join our hands
Becoming one to tackle unexplored lands
The future is now and I refuse to sit still
Nothing will deter me, no evil or ill

Poetry Corner

Nevermind the fact that I was never loved at all
By Shawn Phetteplace

Never mind the fact that I was never loved at all
Nor acknowledging my bitterness that came with that fall
Despise you, detest, deplore you, I do
Forever you shall be my alibi for destroying my mood
God, forever you are my messenger, in stripes of lovely black
Transmitting your nonexistence to a smooth stab in the back
Love you? For what can I do? I am hopeless, without it, crawled into my own darkness
Lovely, loving hated hatred for it shall be the contradiction in terms, the flow of excuses, the contradiction in belief.
To hell with you God, you gave up on my weathered dream long ago
Bitter, ground up ashes on a summer's sun surmised
Without you, I would be grandeur
With you, I die.

Crossword and Comic

Mystic Stars Horoscopes

By Lasha Seniuk
KRT

ARIES (March 21-April 20) Potential lovers or recently distant romantic partners may ask for serious commitments. Concrete dates, times, facts or figures may all be key issues. Remain cautious but let loved ones know that important decisions will soon be forthcoming.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20) Wisdom, romantic insight and unexpected glimpses into the future will be a key theme. Closely study the recent comments, actions or promises of loved ones. If minor tensions or private doubts are evident, offer positive words: at present, friends and lovers may need active encouragement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Workplace romance or new business friendships may create controversy. Avoid direct questions, if possible, and opt for group activities or cheerful banter.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Family dynamics, last minute changes and revised schedules are highlighted. If possible, advocate calming influences or private encounters: rest and quiet reflection will prove invaluable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A close co-worker or friend may request delicate family or financial advice. Recently changed jobs, revised living arrangements or business expansion may be at issue. Provide a long-term perspective and wait for optimism to return: your past experience will be appreciated. Friends, lovers or close relatives may wish to travel or experience new forms of entertainment. Social curiosity is on the rise: expect sudden announcements.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A trusted friend or relative may reveal unexpected romantic information. Private attractions, emotional triangles or strained social relationships may be a strong concern. Avoid personal discussions, if possible: this is not the right time to act as mediator or advisor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Romantic partners may expect predictable responses. However, family conflicts or the emotional reactions of loved ones will not be easily contained. Spontaneity and

expression are now a top priority: remain active and avoid repeated or outdated patterns.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Business officials will avoid direct questions this week. Planned promotions, financial rewards or long-term advancement may soon require bold negotiations. Don't, however, expect clarity or active involvement from authority figures. Remain cautious: social tensions may be high.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Expect loved ones to choose isolation over group acceptance. No serious or long-term affects are accented, so not to worry. Do, however, watch for a temporary atmosphere of home activities and inward thought to eventually fade.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Financial proposals and key family discussions are accented. Lifestyle choices, expensive leisure activities and short-term travel plans may be on the agenda. Promises made will soon become firmly established; respond quickly to the creative suggestions of loved ones. Powerful romantic insights are available. Someone close may wish to dramatically expand a key relationship; carefully study the actions and comments of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Lovers and long-term friends will now actively seek your approval. Areas of prime concern may involve home adjustments, sibling relationships, complex family obligations or added expenses. Remain assertive but encourage others to make their own decisions; at present, a diplomatic or reserved approach is best. Refuse to be derailed: your insight and creativity will soon be recognized.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Friends or relatives may purposely provide misinformation or criticize your opinions. Traditional values in the home, family roles, long-term commitments and social ethics may all be key issues. Loved ones will be easily irritated by new ideas and strong emotions; offer no reaction to unusual comments and all will be well.

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Mr. Can't Take a Hint.)



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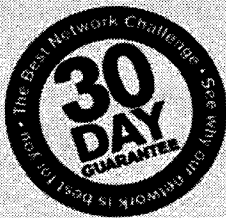
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Spring season in full bloom for women's and men's lacrosse

By Lindsay Frydryk
Opinion Editor

After nine long weeks in the small gym, the men's and women's lacrosse teams have both begun their season openers. Now is where all the practicing, conditioning and training are tested. The men are returning from last year's record of 6-7, while the women return from 0-10.

The men's team took over SNHU the campus during spring break this year. Their days consisted of more pre-season training with double seasons and a lot of running. The first game took place in Long Island against Dowling College on St. Patrick's Day. The men returned home with their first loss of the season, 22-1. On March 20 their home opener against Molloy College resulted in a 13-7 defeat. The men are now gearing up to face NE-10 conference teams such as Assumption College on April 2, both home games.

While the men were on the turf during break, the women's team took their first traveling trip to sunny South-



Members of the women's lacrosse team posing on Huntington Beach in California.

- photo by Lindsay Frydryk

ern California. Many hours and headaches went into planning this trip. A great amount of fund-raising was done in order for this trip to happen. The women were on the West Coast for five days. Four of those five days they played their season's first games. Each game required the team to travel at least an hour to the fields. They lost to Claremont-Mudd-Scripts College 19-3 and again the next day to University of Redlands 4-2. However on March 15 the

women recorded their first ever win in history against University of Puget Sound, 9-6. The final game before heading home was a scrimmage between LMU's Division One club team. The Penmen had their second victory of 9-8. Not only did the Penmen earn their first win, freshman Lucretia Joy was named to the NE-10 Honor Roll by scoring two goals and making three assists. The team's away game on March 22 has been rescheduled to April 25.

Tennis team opens spring season

Courtesy of SNHU Sports
Information Department

The SNHU women's tennis team opened its spring season with a 7-2 victory over The College of Saint Rose March 20 in a match played indoors at the Goffstown YMCA. The women, who won two of three matches in the fall, improved to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in the Northeast-10 Conference. It marked the season-opener for Saint Rose, which is in its first season of sponsoring women's tennis as a varsity sport.

SNHU prevailed in five of the six singles matches. Freshman Juliet Verhofstad (Plymouth, NH) posted a 6-0, 6-1 victory over sophomore Katelynn Sullivan at first singles and teamed up with sophomore Michelle Saggese (Armonk, NY) to post an 8-0 victory over freshmen Nicole Masciarelli and Katelyn Mockry at first doubles. Saggese posted a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Mockry at second singles.

Freshmen Amanda Nason

(Center Sandwich, NH), Jennifer Lyman (Guilford, NH) and Lindsey Stair (Bennington, VT) also posted singles wins for the host Penmen. Sophomore Ashley DuRoss posted the lone singles win for the Golden Knights, as she downed senior Erin VanCura (Gorham, ME) 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 6 spot.

Nason and Lyman teamed up for a win at second doubles for SNHU, while Sullivan and senior Lindsey Nevatt posted a win at third doubles for Saint Rose.

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Baseball ignorant on steroid issue

By Gary Peterson
KRT

In the end, after eleven brain-numbing, teeth-grinding, ear-punishing hours of tedium squared, here is what we learned by watching Congress beat the steroids issue to within an inch of its miserable life:

Mark McGwire isn't much of a history buff.

You don't want to consider jaywalking if Henry Waxman happens to be driving past.

There are times when a barrage of Buick, Budweiser and Levitra commercials isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Jason Giambi must have spent part of St. Patrick's Day proclaiming himself the luckiest man on the face of the earth.

To this we can add what we all ready know (steroids are bad; Donald Fehr has a way with 15-letter words) and what has recently been disclosed (Jeremy Giambi didn't slide because his butt was throbbing from all those injections.)

And from this we can conclude:

We won't be seeing Jose Canseco at many old-timers games in Oakland.

Oh, the House Committee on Government Reform checked in with the requisite fuss, bluster and obligatory outrage as it questioned four

panels of witnesses on the issues of steroids in baseball. Those witnesses described the full range of human emotion.

The parents of one teenager and the father of another described in agonizing detail their sons' descent into performance-enhancement hell; both sad stories ended in suicide.

Baseball Hall of Famer-turned-Senator Jim Bunning recalled a more genteel era when only Mickey Mantle could launch a baseball 420 feet to the opposite field.

The panel of five current and former players who appeared in Washington (Frank Thomas read a statement via teleconference; Jason Giambi was excused after being summoned to testify) were alternately insincere, slippery, ignorant, indignant and overly compliant targets. McGwire's voice broke as he read his opening statement, which concluded with a pledge to have his foundation for abused children focus on educating those children on the evils of steroids.

Later, McGwire repeatedly refused "to answer questions about the past," referenced his status as a retired player, and offered sarcastic "anything that helps would be great" answers to questions from the Committee.

The final panel, featuring commissioner Bud Selig,

baseball executives Rob Manfred and Sandy Alderson, players union chief Donald Fehr and almost-ignored San Diego Padres general manager Kevin Towers, who wasn't nearly as defensive or contrite as the Committee would have liked.

For its part, the Committee offered precious little substance beyond, "Thank you for coming today," and, "You watch your step." It was far too busy preoccupying itself with a syllable-by-syllable breakdown of baseball's steroid-testing policy, a pointless quest for 1990s-era details of steroid use, the perpetuating of the idiotic myth that athletes are role models, and endless prefaces to vague questions.

Selig, for example, was badgered by Committee members wanting to know why he didn't address the steroid problem in real time. He might as well have turned the question back on his inquisitors. The fact is, everybody downplayed the anecdotal evidence and failed to follow up on the whispers.

A simple stipulation that baseball has had a steroid problem for more than 15 years would have sufficed. But no, the congressman from Missouri just had to ask McGwire why he took Andro back in 1998 ("I'm not going to talk about the past") despite the fact that the congressman

from New York had done the same thing just minutes earlier.

One Committee member after another had to assail the either/or clause in the testing policy (either a suspension or a fine for offenders) even after Manfred admitted it was a drafting error, and Selig and Fehr agreed the language could be removed from the final document.

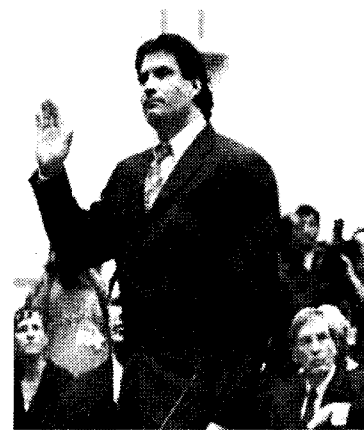
Several threats to repeal baseball's antitrust exemption had to be issued, even though it should be obvious by now that such a bold stroke will never occur.

That didn't leave nearly enough time for the more pertinent issues:

Why do baseball's punitive measures pale by comparison to Olympics policy? In this area, Committee members were far too quick to accept Fehr's odes to industry standards and progressive discipline.

Why no blood testing, given that it is currently the only way to identify human growth hormone? Manfred contended that such tests have yet to be verified, and that no test kits are available. Oddly, 300 such kits were good enough and available enough to be used at last summer's Olympics.

Why not help establish Federal guidelines that all athletes and organizations



Former Major League Baseball "Bash Brother" (with Mark McGwire) turned author, Jose Canseco, is sworn in before a recent House Committee meeting discussing steroid use in the Majors.

- KRT Photo

must follow?

Why does baseball continue to assault its paying customers and tax-paying subsidizers with its collective arrogance on this, any every, touchy subject?

Representative Jose Serrano of New York made an eloquent appeal on that last subject. "You are not just normal, regular people," he told the players' panel. "Please save the game."

The game is fine -- it's the people who pretend to regulate it that make you want to turn the channel.



The Observer

Sports



Penmen rally falls short in NCAA showdown

Courtesy of SNHU Sports Information Department

Junior Sean Cooke (East Windsor, CT) scored 24 of his game-high 26 points in the second half to lead top-seeded Bentley College to a 90-84 victory over fourth-seeded SNHU March 13 in semifinal round action of the NCAA Division II Tournament Northeast Regional.

Bentley scored the first 11 points of the game and later took a 14-point lead, 18-4, following a three-pointer by sophomore Danny Lawson (Lexington, MA) with 15:11 left before halftime. A three-pointer by senior J.J. Harvey (Albany, NY) moments later sparked the Penmen in a 14-3 run over the next four minutes. A three-point play by junior Miguel Gonzalez (Jamaica, NY) with 10:33 left before intermission capped the run and cut the lead to three

the game at 28-28 following a rare four-point play by senior Matt Wiesinger (Pittsburgh, PA) with 6:52 left before the half. The game was tied at 30-30 with just under five minutes left in the half and Bentley took a 39-34 lead into the break.

After SNHU scored the first three points of the second half, the hosts put together a 16-6 run. An inside bucket by senior Greg Lacasse (Rochester, NH) with 13:53 left capped the run and gave the Falcons a 55-43 lead. The Falcons later took a 61-45 lead following back-to-back three-pointers by Cooke, and Bentley upped the lead to 17-points, 64-47, following two free throws by Cooke with 10:06 remaining.

The Falcons appeared to be in control after Cooke's fourth three-pointer of the second half gave the hosts a 75-61 lead with just over six minutes to play, but the Penmen

fight. SNHU answered with a three-pointer by junior John Baiano (Staten Island, NY) and later trimmed the lead to five points, 75-70, after junior P.J. Young (Boston, MA) canned two free throws with 4:36 left. SNHU would come no closer though, as the Falcons answered with five-straight points, including a three-point play by Cooke, and made 10-of-12 free throws down the stretch to secure the win.

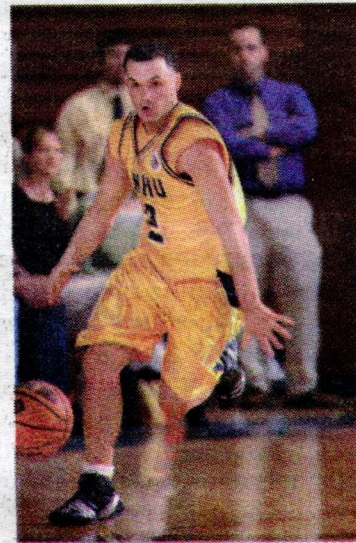
Young finished with a team-high 17 points and seven rebounds for SNHU, while Gonzalez added 13 points. Harvey added 11 points off the bench, while Baiano finished with seven points, six rebounds, nine assists and three steals. SNHU starters Allen Gould (Grand Rapids, MI) and Sam Carey (Manchester, NH) were both in foul trouble early in the game and saw limited minutes. Gould fouled out in



Allen Gould (left) and John Baiano (right) were key members of the Penmen's offensive attack during their recent loss to Bentley College in the semi-final game of the NCAA division II basketball tournament.

-Photos courtesy of the Sports Information Department.

totalled 10 points in 16 minutes before fouling out. A total of four players fouled out of the game for SNHU, which was whistled for 33 fouls. Bentley took advantage by hitting 31-of-39 free throws. Bentley, which was without



leading scorer Tim Forbes (ankle injury), got 19 points and nine rebounds for Lacasse. The Falcons were charged with 24 fouls and the Penmen converted 27-of-34 free throw

Baseball, softball play in Florida over break

Baseball splits with NJIT

Courtesy of SNHU Sports Information Department

The SNHU baseball team capped off its one-week stay in Fort Myers, Fla. March 19 by splitting a doubleheader with New Jersey Institute of Technology. The Penmen posted a 3-0 victory in game one, before NJIT answered with an 11-3 win in the nightcap. SNHU closed out the week with a 3-5 record, while NJIT stands at 2-6.

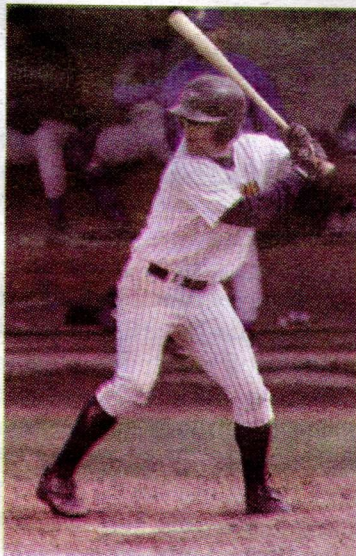
Junior Casey O'Brien (Newmarket, NH) tossed a complete-game one-hit shut-out for SNHU in the opener. He allowed just a second inning double and retired the Highlanders in order in every inning except the sixth from the third inning on. SNHU plated two runs in the bottom of the first inning, as senior Jon Babcock (Auburn, NH) lined a two-out two-run single. The Penmen tacked on another run in the fifth following an RBI single by senior Chris Hart (Waterville, ME). Junior Chad Lawrence (Manchester, NH) went 2-for-3 and scored a run for SNHU, while senior Mike Bernard

(Derry, NH) singled, doubled and scored a run. Senior Zach Porcello went the distance on the mound for NJIT and struckout six.

NJIT opened up an 8-1 lead following a four-run fourth inning in game two. The Highlanders got a solid pitching effort from junior Robert Forbes, who scattered seven hits and struckout nine over seven innings. Senior Phil Resciniti paced NJIT at the plate, as he delivered a three-run double in the fourth and finished 3-for-4 with five RBI. Hart and fellow senior Ray Flowers (Stoneham, Ma) both had two hits for the Penmen. Sophomore Rob Hennessy (Westford, MA) started on the mound for SNHU and dropped to 1-1 on the year.

Chris Hart (top) and Nikki Cote (bottom) take at bats for their respective teams while both the baseball and softball teams were in Florida during Spring Break.

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Softball drops final two during trip

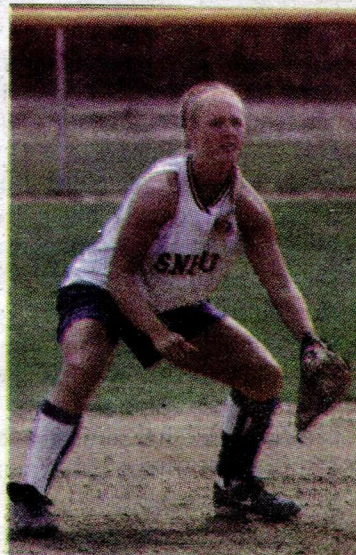
Courtesy of SNHU Sports Information Department

The SNHU softball team capped off its one-week stay in Orlando, Fla. March 18 with losses to nationally ranked Caldwell College and Minnesota State University-Mankato. Caldwell, which is ranked 11th nationally among Division II schools, posted a 6-2 victory over the Penmen and Minnesota-Mankato downed SNHU 1-0. SNHU is now 1-9 on the year.

Sophomore Tara Moriarty (Randolph, MA) paced the Penmen against Caldwell, as she went 3-for-4 and drove in a run. Junior Nikki Cote (Bristol, RI) added two hits for SNHU, while freshman Alyssa Speno went 3-for-4 with three RBI for the Cougars.

Minnesota-Mankato scored the only run in its 1-0 win over SNHU in the bottom of the first inning. Freshman Lynndi Decker reached on a one-out bunt single and later scored off a single up the middle by junior Mandi Geis. SNHU's best scoring chance came in the top of the fourth, as the Penmen had runners at first and second with no outs,

but MSU pitcher Kim Howell retired the next three batters in order to end the rally. Sophomore Sandra Lawton (Woburn, MA) paced the Penmen with two hits, while Decker had two hits for the Mavericks. Howell allowed just two hits and fanned six in the complete-game victory. Sophomore Ashley Smith (Franklin, MA) went the distance on the mound for SNHU and scattered six hits. She did not allow a runner to advance past second base after the first inning.



Maggie Nugent
- photo courtesy of the Sports Information Department