Students in the News

Area Residents Earn First Academic Honors at Clark U.

WORCESTER, MA - Rachael K. Claborn, a resident of Amherst has been named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2010 semester.To be eligible for first honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.8 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

Area residents Earn Second Academic Honors from Clark University

WORCESTER, MA - Amherst residents, Sara E. Hutchinson and Kristin M. Withers were named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2010 semesterTo be eligible for second honors, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, of a maximum of 4.3 (all A+s).

Worcester Polytechnic Institute Announces Fall 2010 Dean's List

WORCESTER, MA - The following Amherst residents were among 1,004 students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) named to the university's Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2010 semester.

James Davison is a junior majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Samuel Petersen is a freshman majoring in Electrical & Computer Engineering.

The criteria for the WPI Dean's List differs from most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average (GPA). Instead, WPI defines the Dean's List by the amount of work completed at the "A" level in courses and projects.

Dean's List At Middlesex Community College

All students carrying 12 credit hours or more, who earn a 3.20 grade point average or higher, without D, F, I or IP grades, are acknowledged by inclusion on the Middlesex Community College Dean's List. The following students were named to the Dean's List: Andrew Barraford of Amherst and Michelle Donovan of Mont Vernon.

Amherst Student Named to Bates College Dean's List

LEWISTON, Maine - Stephanie J. Wesson of Amherst was named to the dean's list at Bates College as a result of her scholastic standing during the fall semester of the 2010-2011 academic year.

Wesson is a 2010 graduate of Souhegan High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey L. Wesson of Amherst.

Drew University Names Students to the Dean's List

MADISON, NJ - Drew University has named Christiana Carlini of Amherst to its Dean's List for the Fall 2010 semester. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or above, which is equivalent to a B+ or better.

Boston University Graduates Amherst Resident

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 1,550 students in January 2011. Among the graduates was Brett L. Shaver of Amherst who received a Master of Arts in Energy and Environmental Analysis.

Molly McNary named to Dean's List at Villanova

VILLANOVA, PA - Molly McNary from Amherst has been named to the Dean's List for the 2010 fall semester in the Villanova School of Business. McNary is a senior.

Every year, students with established outstanding academic records are honored by the dean of each college. To qualify for the Dean's List in the Villanova School of Business, one must be a matriculated full-time student and earn a semester grade point average of 3.5, with no missing or non-passing grades.

NH Students Named to Dean's List at Southern New Hampshire University

MANCHESTER - The following students from New Hampshire have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile an academic grade point average of 3.0-3.49.

From Amherst: Melissa Phillips From Mont Vernon: Bret Pomeroy, Business Administration; Cassandra Chouramanis, Game Design and Development; Jessica Higgins, Psychology; Kris Boutin, Marketing

NH Students Named to President's List at Southern New Hampshire University

MANCHESTER - The following students from New Hampshire have been named to the President's List for the fall 2010 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester. To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile an academic grade point average of 3.5-4.0.

From Amherst: Joseph Abis, Business Administration; Ryan Couture, Business Administration; Kaeli Elefsrud, English Language & Literature; Shaun Judkins, Business Administration; Landon Kowalczyk, Environmental Studies; Christopher Parks, Business Studies; Emily Stover, Business Administration; Michaela Thomas, Accounting & Finance

Sarah Regan Achieves Honors at Loomis Chaffee School

WINDSOR, CT - Sarah Regan a freshman from Amherst has recently been named to the Honor Roll for the Winter term at the Loomis Chaffee School, located in historic Windsor, Connecticut.

Local Residents Named to Simmons College Dean's List

BOSTON – The following local residents were named to the 2010 fall semester dean's list at Simmons College in Boston:

* **Anna Bolton, Amherst**
* **Marissa Soucy, Mont Vernon**

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

Amherst Residents Named to Dean's List at B.U.

Four Amherst residents have recently been named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the Fall semester. Students recognized for this honor include: William P. Carbery, Lisa Kellndorfer, Caroline H. Kimberly, Christopher M. Unger.

Local Residents Study Abroad Through Saint Michael's Program

COLCHESTER, VT - The following local residents, students at Saint Michael's College of Burlington, Vermont, are studying abroad during the spring 2011 semester:

Connor Foley, son of Daniel and Vanessa Foley of Mont Vernon, is studying in Barcelona, Spain, in a program at Pompei Fabra University. Foley, a junior political science major at Saint Michael's, graduated from Souhegan High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Cassandra Varanka, daughter of Michael and Sara Varanka of Amherst, is studying in Brisbane, Australia, in a program at University of Queensland. Varanka, a senior political science major at Saint Michael's, graduated from Souhegan High School before coming to Saint Michael's.

Amherst Resident Michael McGrath Receives Academic Honors

Northeastern University Announces Fall Semester 2010 Dean's List

BOSTON, Mass. -- Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. Amherst resident Michael McGrath, a Northeastern University student majoring in Economics, was recently named to the University's dean's list for the fall semester, which ended in December 2010.

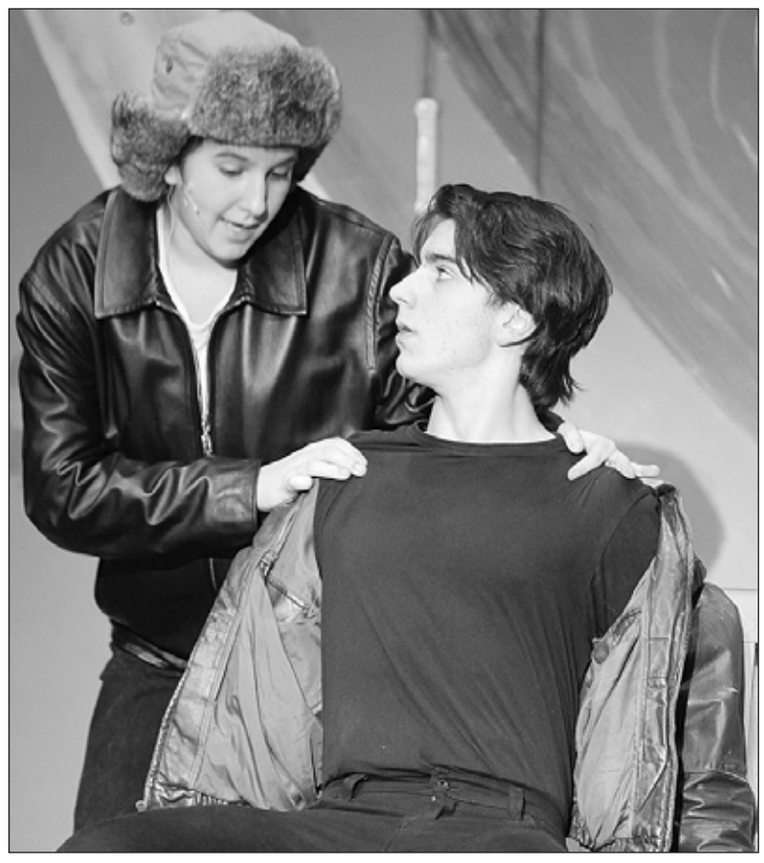
In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Michael McGrath is a member of the University Honors Program, which offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests.

DeForest to Attend Summer Seminar at West Point

Bertrand H. DeForest Jr. Souhegan High School has been selected to be among 1,000 attendees at West Point's prestigious Summer Leaders Seminar (SLS) in June. More than 4,000 juniors nationwide applied to SLS, which offers outstanding high school juniors the opportunity to experience life at West Point. SLS attendees live in the cadet barracks (dormitories), eat in the Cadet Mess, and participate in academic, leadership, athletic, and military workshops. The oneweek seminars are designed to help juniors with their college-selection process, while giving them an idea of the importance of leadership and sound decision-making in their education, careers, and lives, in general.

All SLS attendees participate in virtual-reality war simulation, and military and physical fitness training, and, in addition, each student selects three of the 15 workshops offered: Leadership and Ethics, Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Systems Engineering, History, Physics, Electrical Engineering, Human Behavior, Social Sciences, Geography/Environmental Sciences, Chemistry, Mathematics, Legal Trial, Computer Applications and Programming, Foreign Language, and English.

West Point is a -four-year, co-educational, federally funded undergraduate college located 50 miles north of New York City. A preeminent leader-development institution, West Point was founded in 1802 as America's first college of engineering. Since then, West Point has grown in size and stature, but remains committed to the task of producing commissioned leaders of character for America's Army.



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The Derryfield School's Rachel Moss and Alex Michaud in the lead roles of "All Shook Up" musical.

The Derryfield School Musical *"All Shook Up"*

BY KATRINA HOLMAN

MANCHESTER – Top-notch singing and fine comedic acting by the 29-member cast wowed the audience of this year's upper school musical at The Derryfield School for three shows, Feb. 11-13. Senior Rachel Moss of Amherst rocked in the lead female role of "All Shook Up," a romantic comedy musical built around songs made famous by Elvis Presley with a bit of the plot borrowed from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

"This was my best experience at Derryfield so far – so high energy and fun for everyone," said Rachel, who has performed annually in musicals at Derryfield since 8th grade. Her favorite song from this show was "Fools Fall In Love," which she had sung in public even before she used it to audition for this show.

One girl's dream and a surprise visit from a leather-jacketed, guitar-playing stranger help a small, you-never-heard-of-it town to discover the magic of romance and the power of rock & roll in 1955. Unable to win the heart of the roustabout, played by junior Alex Michaud of Manchester, Natalie, played by Rachel Moss, disguises herself in a hunting cap as "Ed" and dresses in black leather jacket and blue shoes to become his best buddy. Rachel's second favorite song was the belting-type "Little Less Conversation" from this scene (see photo) in which – oops – the roustabout falls in love with "Ed." (Remember Shakespeare's gender-bending roles?)

Sophomore Meg Huckaby of Amherst, in the 19-member ensemble, was one of a group of five stronger dancers for whom extra bits of dancing were choreographed. One of her costumes was, of course, a poodle skirt.

Three other girls from Amherst were in the production crew. Senior Charlotte Walters and junior Cassie Bryan were among the stage crew. Cassie drove an hour-and-a-half right after racing in the ski championship to join a tech week rehearsal. Sophomore Sarah Porat helped with hair and makeup.

SHS Music Programs Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisers

AMHERST – Please join the SHS Music Department for their second annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisers to support the Souhegan High School Music Programs on Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 from 5:30 – 7 pm in the Souhegan High School Cafeteria.

These fundraiser dinners coincide with the SHS Spring Musical Production of "Fiddler on the Roof". So join in the fun of Dinner and Theater to support the band and choral programs at SHS.

The Souhegan High School Music Programs are under the direction of Patricia McMullen, Choral Director and Carl Benevides, Band Director. The Music Programs include the Concert, Pep, Jazz Band as well as the Concert Choir, Acapella Singers and Handbell Ensemble. Many of the music students are involved in the production of "Fiddler on the Roof".

Tickets for the dinner are $5 each or $20 for a family (immediate family only). These tickets can be purchased in advance at Moulton's Market and Homestead Grocery.

AMS 6th Grade Winter Breakfast

The AMS "6th Grade Winter Breakfast of Giving" was held February 24. This is an AMS tradition which gives the children a chance to give back to their community and to those in need. It is an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, while enjoying the simpler "joys" of a breakfast with their classmates. We will be working with the Nashua Children's Home, SHARE and Child and Family Services of Nashua/Souhegan Valley.

Breakfast was donated by parents through product and monetary donations.

The "Giving Part". Children were encouraged to bring into the cafeteria that morning, either a gently used outerwear garment (coat, hat, mittens, scarf, sweater) or a food pantry item (nonperishable/non-glass, i.e., canned good, powdered milk, boxed cereal ,diapers, wipes, etc.

Kevin Fredette and Jake Ignaszewski enjoy breakfast with their classmates.

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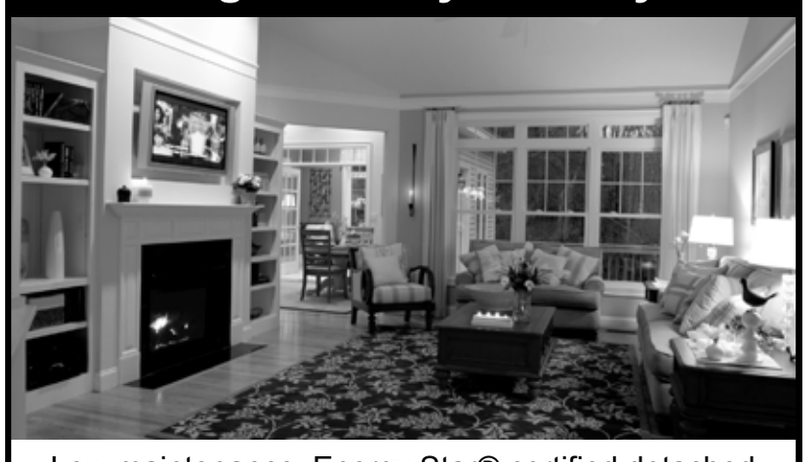

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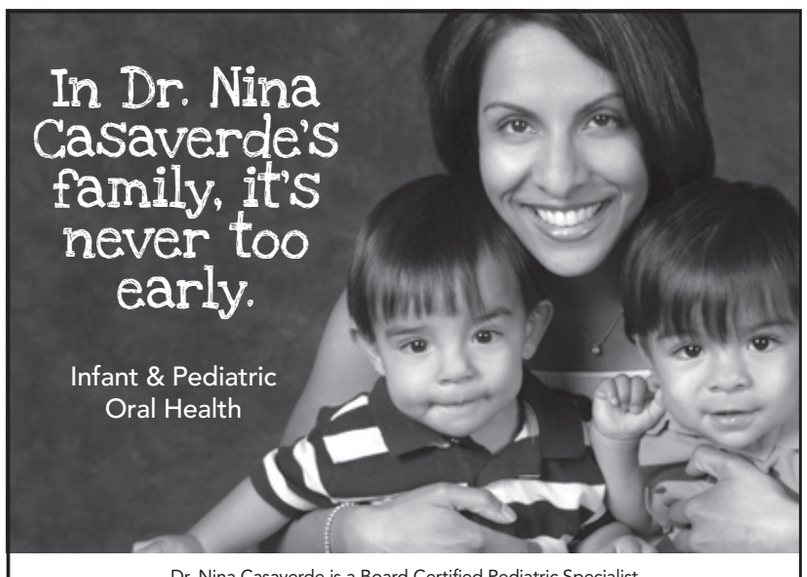

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