H1N1: Precautions at UNE
BY AARON MITCHELL
Nor’Easter Staff

These days swine flu is on everybody’s minds. Whether you think that it is being blown out of proportion, or whether you are absolutely terrified, it is good to know what your options are in place at the University of New England.

The major plan on how to deal with an outbreak of H1N1 at UNE is to prevent the outbreak from occurring in the first place. If you have been watching the news lately, you have probably seen the methods used by the other Universities that have experienced outbreaks. These include quarantines of infected and exposed individuals, with food delivered to them and all of their access strictly controlled.

The question is, what would these measures look like at UNE?

UNE plans to send home all individuals displaying flu-like symptoms if they live within three hours of the University. If you’re within striking distance and you get sick, you can expect to go home. If you are not so fortunate, and live further away, you will be forced to stay in your dorm. Food will be provided and brought by the R.A’s and Housing Staff, who have been trained for this eventuality. Masks will be provided while walking to the showers in the underclassmen’s dorms, and while answering the doors.

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Statue of 41st President Makes Debut at UNE
BY MARISSA SIMOES
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On September 1, 2009, a marble replica of former President George H.W. Bush was lowered by crane through a large hole in the ceiling of the George and Barbara Bush Center on the University of New England’s Biddeford campus.

Two weeks later, on September 17th, the statue was unveiled to the public in a private ceremony. In attendance were President Bush and his wife Barbara, their dog Phoebe, sculptor John Andelin, and the local press. The ceremony was closed to UNE students.

The statue, now a part of the Presidential Legacy Library, stands a staggering 91” tall and weighs 2,700 pounds. Cut from the same rare stone as the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C., Colorado Yule Marble- the statue brings with it to UNE a new element of rarity and history.

Standing on the third floor of the Bush Center, the new addition to the Legacy Library is part of what Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs, Jacques Carter, calls UNE’s progression. Please see STATUE, page 3

UNE’s Suprising Gender Ratio
BY LYLE VINTINNTER
Nor’Easter Staff

The gender ratio at the University of New England has become a hot topic. Given the outstanding number of incoming freshman females this year, it comes as no surprise that it has been an especially popular subject among the male students of UNE. During the first few weeks of the 2009 Fall semester, scenes of an upperclassman guy nudging his buddy and saying, “Hey man, have you heard about the freshman class this year?” have become increasingly common. Naturally, that upperclassman guy is referring to the 462 first-year female students, who compose a whopping 70% of the freshman class. In contrast, there are only 198 incoming freshman males.

However, surprising the numbers on the gender ratio for the freshman class may be, such lopsided figures aren’t anything new at UNE. In fact, they’re quite standard. The female-to-male ratio of more than 2:1 found in this year’s freshman class is virtually mirrored in the sophomore, junior, and senior classes. Even the graduate students currently attending UNE represent a similar figure. This leaves the total number of full-time female students enrolled this semester at 3,000, while the male students only total 1,344. Therefore, UNE is composed of

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The overwhelming number of young women at UNE doesn’t just show through in the statistics. It can certainly be noticed everywhere on campus. When the door of a residence hall in the Quad opens, it would be a surprising scene for a group of young men to walk out unaccompanied by young women. Students are much more apt to witness the emergence of a group of three or four female students, possibly accompanied by one or two male students. The stories told by the Decary Dining Hall. At any given time one could walk into the upper deck of the cafeteria and blatantly see the outstanding number of female students enjoying their meals, compared to the miniscule number of male students. Similarly, such proportions of students carry through into the classroom as well. Very few UNE students have ever been in a class where the females are outnumbered by males, and it’s no wonder why. The dominant number of young women is dominant socially, academically, and in just about any other way at UNE.

Tayler Grenier, a freshman this year, says she had no idea there were so many more girls than guys at UNE before she arrived at school. She definitely caught on fast, though. She says, “I noticed there are a lot more girls in my classes, especially in my English Composition class.” There are actually only two young men in her English Composition class. She also said that she noticed a big difference in the number of girls compared to the number of guys when walking around campus.

Tayler is a commuter, but for those students who choose to live on campus this year, there have been some big changes taking place. For example, the fourth floor of Avila Hall, which was used for the 2008-09 school year, has now been transformed into an all-girl floor. Obviously, such changes are necessary in order to accommodate this year’s freshman class.

The gender demographic of UNE has certainly changed since it was first accredited in 1966 as St. Francis College. John Joseph Famiglietti attended St. Francis College and his grandson, Steven Famiglietti, is now a sophomore at UNE.

“I went to UNE the first year it opened and it was an all-boy school then,” says Mr. Famiglietti. He recounted having to find a way to the Windward, you can use your Nor’easter Dollars to pay for that much land the school is clearing for this project. In total, this is a 62 acre parcel. To help mitigate the wetlands that are being built on, the school is protecting about 170 acres on the land the school owns a little farther down Route 9. This mitigation plan means that the school will have to project wetlands that function naturally. This will be monitored by the Saco Valley Land Trust. This protected land will also be considered an outdoor laboratory for the environmental science and biology students of UNE.

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9 does not drive very slowly, so the school plans to have a gateway built underneath the road. The school is not calling this a tunnel because a tunnel makes people think about a dark, long, narrow tunnel. The gateway will lead from the parking lot near Marcil Hall right to the dorms that are going to be built. Many are curious as to how much land the school is clearing for this project. In total, this is a 62 acre parcel. To help mitigate the wetlands that are being built on, the school is protecting about 170 acres on the land the school owns a little farther down Route 9. This mitigation plan means that the school will have to project wetlands that function naturally. This will be monitored by the Saco Valley Land Trust. This protected land will also be considered an outdoor laboratory for the environmental science and biology students of UNE.

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EXPERT: CHELSEY MESZAROS, NOR’EASTER NEWS

An admittedly disproportionate group of students at UNE.

UNE Provides Students Off Campus Dining Option

BY ALYSSA FASTNACHT
Nor’easter Staff

Prior to this school year, off-campus dining was not a luxury available to university students. The only few options for students on campus have been the Dining Hall in Decary, the Windward Café in the lower level of the new Bush Center, The Hang in the Campus Center and on the first floor of Alford is the Café a la Carte.

Students have been pushing for access to off-campus options, and this year, students finally have what they have been wishing for. In an interview with Dan Roy, it was revealed that the new program that Sodexo and Dining Services are offering to all residents at UNE will be known as Nor’easter Dollars. In order to provide additional options to on-campus residents, Sodexo has been looking into the meal plans at other schools so that UNE students can have an array of dining choices.

The Nor’easter Dollars program is a way to not only give students more options, but also to give back to our community by increasing business to the local restaurants around Biddeford and Portland.

Some of the participating businesses in the Biddeford area are: Papa John’s, Run of the Mill, Buffalobears, Sea Star Market, D’Angelo’s, Belco’s Burgitos and Rapid Rays.

If you decide to use your Nor’easter Dollars, your student ID is used essentially as a debit card. Each business should have a sign acknowledging that they accept Nor’easter Dollars as payment and they will simply swipe your card. The money will then be taken directly out of your account.

Each resident is allotted 75 Nor’Easter Dollars at the beginning of the school year. This amount will carry through to the end of the academic year. If you run out of money, you can call Dining Services to add more onto that account. Maybe tell mom and dad that if they want to do something really nice for you, they can call and add a little on to the account as well! Though, I would suggest making sure your grades are up to their standards before doing that.

Nor’easter Dollars can also be used on campus in place of Flex Dollars, so if by the end of the semester you’ve spent all of your Flex Dollars or smooches at the Windward, you can use your Nor’easter Dollars to pay for that Mega-Energy booster you’ll need when finals come around.

In introducing the Nor’easter Dollars, Dan Roy states that they hope to be able to "provide additional services and venues to the students" as well as allow them to "utilize the convenience of one card.”

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with Pat Criggware at her ext. 2836.

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Comprehensive Site Plan

These plans have been approved by the town of Biddeford. However, these plans are not finalized and UNE is not committed to any/all of these plans.
Dean of Students’ Last Semester at UNE

BY MICHAEL CAMPBELL, 
Nor'easter Staff

Dean of Students and Vice President for Student Affairs, Barbara Hazard, will be leaving the University of New England at the end of the first semester. This comes after twenty-six faithful years to the University.

Dean Hazard was born in Ohio, but grew up long on Long Island in New York. She then attended Wesleyan Ohio to study psychology. After receiving her bachelor's degree, Hazard then moved on to graduate school at Bowling Green State University, also in Ohio. At Bowling Green, Dean Hazard achieved a degree in college student personnel with a minor in counseling. Before working at UNE, Dean Hazard worked for eleven years at the University of Akron in Ohio. Then she held many positions, including working with academic advising, advising community service groups, and work in the residence halls. She then took on the role of the Vice President for Student Affairs, a position similar to her current position at UNE.

The University of New England was a very different place when Dean Hazard started back in 1983. UNE only had 260 to 350 students total. At that time, there was no Portland campus and the College of Osteopathic Medicine had just begun the year before. The buildings on campus were also very different. There was the quad, Freddy, Decary, the library and Stella Maris. There was no campus center, no Champlain, East or West and no Alfond. Building until later. The only degree UNE offered was physical therapy, occupational therapy and a small number of liberal art degrees.

Dean Hazard has seen some giant changes over the course of her tenure at UNE. One of the most notable is the number of students. Watching the changes from about 350 students to today's 5800 was, for her, an amazing thing. Along with the increase in the number of students, there were also major changes in the facilities. One of the biggest changes Dean Hazard remembers was when the campus center was first built in 1989. She said that the campus was in desperate need of recreational space for students and faculty. Before the campus center was built, what is currently the human performance lab was to be used where students and staff played stuff. basketball, volleyball and other gym games. The problem was that there was not enough room for a full basketball court. People could only play half court games. The campus center was an enormous advancement for UNE. Dean Hazard added that it was quickly outgrown in only a few short years.

Dean Hazard's favorite thing about UNE, simply put, is the students. There is no other place that has such a strong feeling of community, engaged students and great colleagues who improve the university and energy in improving the students' college careers. Dean Hazard added that UNE is one of the only places where people are so friendly and willing to go that extra mile for each other. This is something that is truly unique about UNE that other colleges never get.

Dean Hazard does not want her leaving to be called a retirement. Rather, she is taking time off to travel and see places she has always wanted to, but never had the chance to. She wants to travel, spend time with friends and work with nature conservancy groups in several areas. She decided that this is one of the best times in her life to do such travel. She also hopes that her leaving after such a long period of time will allow a fresh set of eyes to come mankind and help to improve UNE.

Dean Hazard also has some important pieces of advice that she would like to pass on to the students at UNE. She wants us to be engaged. This is a rare opportunity in life where we have so many opportunities, both academically and socially. This is the best time for us to try new things and to push ourselves. She also wants to add that we should treasure the friendships we have here at UNE. There is no other point in life where all of your close friends live right down the hall. Later in life, it becomes harder and harder to see those who were so important to us during our time here at UNE.

Rather than end with a quote from Dean Hazard herself, I would like to end with what she calls her mantra, the words that she lives by and the words she encourages all of us to live by also.

"Things from now on will be more disappointing by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." -Mark Twain

Biddeford Police Blotter

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- Caller advising that there is a female on the sidewalk yelling and mustache, mid 50's exposed that appeared to be doing some sort of sexual act on the sidewalk.

- Women reports her daughter gave up custody of her children to the father's parents until they could get back on their feet. Now the other set of grandparents are asking the complainant for $100 if she wants to see her grandchild.

- Male wearing black shorts and gray shirt, shoes that won't stay on. Has gray hair and gray beard and mustache, mid 50's exposed himself inadvertently when his shorts fell down.

Bidsford Police Blotter

August 16-September 21

9/03/09 Suspicious occurrence in Alfond.

9/05/09 While checking buildings observed an individual in the computer lab in Blewett that didn't belong there.

9/10/09 Medical transport.

9/12/09 Found what appears to be blood spots on hallway floor in front of Lecture Hall 113.

9/16/09 Sierra hall theft.

9/16/09 Notified by dispatch of an argument outside South Hall.

9/19/09 Person acting suspicious in Safe Ride.

9/21/09 Vandalism to Zip Car sign.

UNE Security Blotter

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- Caller called and advised that people are shooting out the street light with a bb gun and have already broke the cover.

- Caller reporting two males fighting.

- Caller states she is at the residence trying to get her belongings but her boyfriend is refusing to let her.

- Attempting to ID a male subject acting suspicious. Subject keeps looking away and putting his hood up.

- Caller reporting a group of kids on the railroad tracks fighting.

- Caller states that she feels like ending her life.

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"To the stars on the wings of a pig," is how Marissa Simoes, Editor-in-Chief of the Nor'Easter News, describes her life. "I may not have been born with wings, but I plan on flying. And UNE has done nothing but help me get to that point," she says.

Entering her last year at UNE and her second year as Editor, Marissa had dedicated most of her time to the newspaper. "It has completely consumed me. It's a good thing I love every second of it," she says.

Aside from the newspaper, Marissa is double majoring in English and Political Science. She is the Vice President of the People of Politics club and interns at Senator Susan Collins' Office. Someday she hopes to be a foreign correspondent to the newspaper. "It has completely consumed me. It's a good thing I love every second of it," she says.

"This is going to be an amazing year for the Nor'Easter News. My staff is incredible. I'm so lucky to get to work with all of them."

Meet This Year's Editorial Board

Editor-in-Chief: Marissa Simoes

Features Editor: Alyssa Fastnacht

Hailing from Salem, NH, Alyssa is in her second year at UNE in the Occupational Therapy program. She started on the newspaper last year as the Features Editor, and will continue in that position again this year. In addition to the Nor'Easter News, Alyssa is also an R.A. on Assisi 3rd, and the PR Rep for Hall Council. She currently holds two work study jobs as a tour guide and a campus blogger. On the off-chance that Alyssa has a break, she enjoys spending time with her friends, listening to music, reading and walking around campus meeting new people. A lot of people refer to her as "Mom" because she spends a lot of her time making sure everyone around her is doing alright, and is always trying to keep the peace.

News Editor: Erica Hatch

Erica Hatch is a sophomore here at UNE. She is from a little island where she graduated in a class of five, including herself. Erica LOVES music and going to concerts. In fact, she has been to over twenty-five concerts and festivals. Erica's favorite show so far was last summer when she saw Sonny, The Sleeping, and Hollywood Undead. But her favorite festival, undoubtedly, is Warped Tour. She is extremely clumsy and tends to trip over flat ground. Erica also loves photography and actually spent a month in Cambridge, England for a month studying photojournalism and sports medicine. Erica's goal is to move to New York City and open a photography gallery.

Opinion Editor: Brandon Hotham

Brandon Hotham is a sophomore at the University of New England. He began working for the paper last year as a staff writer for the Opinions Section. He grew to love writing for the section, and when he was offered the editor position, he gladly accepted. Brandon is a double major in English and Psychology. He's actively involved on campus and a First Year Area Resident Advisor. He is also the English Department Representative for USG. Being so involved, he has a lot of opinions and loves discussing serious topics with fellow students. He would love to have you write for his section! So, if this interests you, contact him! He hopes you enjoy the section and the paper in general. He knows that the staff this year is set up to do an amazing job.

Sports Editor: John Michael Cascio

John-Michael Cascio, who is in his final year here at UNE, is starting his third year on the Nor'Easter News and his second year as Sports Editor. He is also in his fourth year on the Men's Varsity Soccer team and will serve as captain for the Nor'easter squad. Cascio is also Senior Class Representative for the Undergraduate Student Government and President of Radio UNE. He is a Sports Management major and Business minor and enjoys it greatly. "I can't wait to get out into the business world," said Cascio. "Especially considering sports are constantly growing." He has cherished three years here at UNE and is greatly looking forward to his fourth and final.

Managing Editor: AJ Fredette

AJ is coming back for his second year on the Nor'easter News staff. He will be changing positions one more time by becoming the managing editor, after serving as the news editor for half the year last year, and bringing a sports writer before that. He is looking to finish up his career here at UNE while working on his communications degree. AJ also participates in Radio UNE serving as the Vice President, and is also playing in his final year for the club baseball team. "I'm looking forward to the upcoming year" said Fredette "and also to the future to see what life will bring me."
Lacresha is a junior medical biology student. She has been on the newspaper since her freshman year at UNE. Lacresha is from Shaker Heights Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland (Woo go Caves, Browns, & Indians!). She plans on going to medical school after UNE and aspires to be a reconstructive surgeon. Lacresha is handy with a sword because of her background in fencing. She also enjoys volleyball and knitting. She loves to travel and has been to China and Italy. When she retires she’s moving to Italy and becoming a farmer.

Amidst the chaos, Brooke studied at the University of New England. Allow me to reintroduce myself, my name is Ahmed El to the ka-ky.

Most people know Ahmed El, as Med med. He tells people that is his name is Med med because it saves him the time of answering the questions of “so how do you say your name correctly?” Med med is from Stamford, Connecticut, which is about forty-five minutes from the greatest city in the USA, New York City. He is a business major, and communications minor the one and only University of New England. Currently he holds the position of class of 2013 President, and is the Business Manager of the Nor’easter News. He played lacrosse for UNE here his freshman year and part of his sophomore year.

UNE Bids a Sad Farewell to UNECOM Student, Brooke Baxter

BY ERICA HATCH
Nor’easter Staff

University of New England COM student, Kathryn Brooke Baxter, known as Brooke, tragically passed away after a bus accident this summer while in Kenya.

Brooke was from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she graduated high school. She was interested in a number of things as she entered college which included maternal health, emergency obstetric care, infectious disease, tropical medicine, and mental health.

She first attended the University of Florida at Gainesville where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology and African Studies. After that, she went to Tulane University to receive a Master in Public Health. But she wasn’t done there with her education. Between the years of 2003 and 2007, Brooke studied at the University of Pennsylvania, Villanova University, and Temple University.

In addition to all of her studies, Brooke spoke fluent Kiswahili, Spanish, French, and Sierra Leonese Krio. She was also commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army’s Medical Corp.

It could be clearly seen that Brooke was fully committed to raising awareness about important international issues and dedicated to changing lives. Because of her commitment and dedication, she earned the F. Edward Hébert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program that was made possible through the US Army. She was studying at UNE on this scholarship.

Once she got to UNE, she quickly became a very active member of the community. She was a member of a number of groups, including the Global Health Council, International Federation of Medical Student Associations, Public Health Student Caucus, Golden Key National Honor Society, and Lambda Alpha National Anthropological Honor Society.

Brooke was the recipient of a UNE Student Government Association Carman Pettapiece Student Research grant which allowed her to travel to Kenya to conduct research. Once in Kenya, she volunteered at the Luvah Clinic where she participated in a Safe Motherhood program. The program aimed to improve the outcomes of preganncy by providing their services. During this time, Brooke was on her way to visit friends when she was involved in a bus accident that took her life.

A celebration of Brooke’s life was held in Philadelphia on August second and another on the Biddeford Campus of UNE on September twelfth. Brooke is survived by her father, Ret. US Navy Lt. Cmdr. Harry Baxter, her mother Jeanette Baxter, her two sisters, and her two brother-in-laws.
Teacher Spotlight: Professor Mina Sabir

BY AHMED ELKADY Nor'easter Staff

When was the last time you saw snow?

Up here in Maine it was just a few months ago. But the last time new Arabic professor, Mina Sabir, saw snow was eleven years ago.

Professor Sabir was born in a small village in the northern part of Morocco, where it snows every winter. One of her favorite childhood pastimes was playing in the snow; making snowmen similar to most of the New Englanders. Sabir says that she is very excited to experience it again to refresh her memory and bring her back to her own childhood winters.

Professor Sabir received her baccalaureate in Modern Arts, then joined the Ibn Zohr University in Agadir, Morocco, where she got her Bachelor of Arts in General English Studies. She pursued her interest in the English language and acquired many different practical and theoretical trainings in Teaching English as a Foreign Language.

She was living in Agadir, which is a coastal growing city in the southern part of Morocco. It's a beautiful touristic city; the city's optimal weather attracts tourists year round. Before coming to the United States she worked as an English teacher in an American Language Center. When asked about her daily itinerary, she said, "My day starts at eight o'clock. I usually don't work morning except on weekends which is nice. With my morning time, I have the opportunity to teach the Arabic language here for the year. As a recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship, Sabir and other Fulbright Scholars hope to link the large gaps between cultures of their native countries and the host countries.

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The Future of River Lot

BY AHMED ELKADY Nor'easter Staff

"In so weird to see basketball hoops instead of cars in River Lot, the past two years I have been there that lot has been like a gold mine," says junior Travis Peace. After making that trip to Wal-Mart residents pray that they can find a spot in River Lot so they don't have to make the walk with all their groceries, not anymore! As most of you have seen they have changed it to a more recreational area, where students can go play basketball and other outdoor activities.

You have heard it once, and you will hear it again Big Blue is going green. Once again Resident Freshman have been offered the opportunity to receive a free LL Bean bicycle, lock and helmet or 28 free hours in the ZipCar program if they choose not to bring a car to campus. Freshmen register for these options during their orientation sessions. This year we are pleased to offer Resident Sophmo- mores 28 free ZipCar hours if they choose not to bring a car to campus. In addition, they have increased the price for underclassmen car permits substantially.

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New Outdoor Recreation Programs

BY SEAN DOYLE
Nor'easter Staff

If cool water rushing beneath
an earmuff or canoe, the sound of an
early morning bike trip, or the
fog burns on the horizon or the
crush of a broken twig along a
hiking trail calls to your heart, then
the opportunities of UNE's out-
door recreational programs are a
must see for you. With such close
proximity to beautiful landscapes
and outdoor recreational space
UNE offers a lot of activities to
do around campus.

If you're an outdoor enthusiast, like
our own Zach Schmeser, then
he is the man you want to see these
days here on campus. Schmeser is
the new outdoor recreation coor-
dinator at UNE. Schmeser who
was an employee for Outward
Bound, which is an outdoor rec-
recreation program that has provided
various forms of outdoor recre-
action; has plenty of trails and kayak
trips under his belt. Zach has also
worked at a camp on the
waterfront where he assisted in outdoor
life during his collegiate
level, Schmeser worked at Unity Col-
lege right here in Maine, so at
the very least he experienced the joys
or at least the excitement of an
outdoor camp. His plans for UNE are more ex-
than a few bug bites and
smores by a campfire. He plans on
offering a kayaking trip that was a huge
hit among the faculty. He took them
out on the Saco River after work
one fine afternoon as co-worker
Surely Larned of International Af-
airs commented, "I've worked at
UNE for three years and always
would it be great fun to
kayak on the Saco, but never get
around to it. Thanks to the em-
ployee kayak trip, I had the op-
portunity to venture onto the river
on an afternoon that couldn't have
been more perfect for paddling!
All the equipment I needed was
provided, as well as a ready-made
group of really wonderful people.
I made new friends and will cer-
tainly go kayaking again!" To find
the schedule of events offered and
when you may log onto www.une.
education_likelihood/onec.asp.

Another way to keep in contact
with UNE outdoor recreation is to
become a fan of the facebook page
which is University of New Eng-
land Outdoor Recreation.

Book Review: House of Leaves by Mack
Z. Danielewski

BY AARON MITCHELL
Nor'easter Staff

Halloween is right around the
corner, and if you're like me, you
will want a scary read for the scary
season. While books about Zom-
bies and Ghosts may be a popu-
lar choice, if you want a read that
grasps the true sense of terror, do
I have the book for you. House of
Leaves, by Mark Z. Danielewski is
a psyche-thriller of ambitious pro-
portions. Danielewski throws the
standard narrative structure to the
wind, choosing to tell a story within
a story within a story. At times this
makes it a confusing read, and it is
not a good choice if you're looking
for something light. That said, the
book's style is as hectic and confus-
ing as the story itself, and helps to
inspire a genuine fear of the events
occurring in the book.

We are introduced to a wide
cast of characters, including a bar
hopping, hard rocking tattoo artist,
a blind old school, and one of the
greater photo-journalists that ever
lived. As their stories progress we
follow their experiences with the
House on Ash Tree Lane, a strange
and shifting maze which our her-
oe are left to explore. Unlike kill-
ing a vampire, or exorcising a ghost,
the House's inherent resistance to
reason or explanation inspires true
terror in both the characters and
the reader.

The only major criticism to of-
fer is that the project itself might be
too ambitious. In providing us with
a sense of cosmic ambient horror,
the author provides us with a mys-
tery which genuinely cannot be
solved. While the character's stories
may reach a conclusion by the end
of the book, we are still left won-
dering, what exactly is this House
on Ash Tree lane? We can all have
our own conclusions in this regard,
but if you are willing to put the
time to read this experimental
horror/love/mystery/thriller, then
you will be rewarded with emo-
tions which few books these days
manage to inspire.

Doony Tunes

BY BRIAN MULDOON
Nor'easter Staff

Do you remember the feeling
you used to get when you were a
kid the night before school start-
ed?

A feeling of excitement to be
reunited with your "in school only" friends that you were out of contact
with all summer long, mixed with
a few nerves about how tough learn-
ing curv e was going to be. That
feeling kind of went away during middle school, I claim because
no one likes middle school. But that
anxiety came right back be-
fore your first day of high school,
probably with a few more nerves.
Questions like "Is my lunch going
to be stolen? Am I going to be the
only one that still has braces? Have
I hit puberty yet? were run-
ning through your mind.

But the feeling you get before
your first day of college is a feeling
that you never have experienced
before in your life. Your excitement
level is at an all-time high; dream-
ning of all the huge parties, the
girls or the guys, and the freedom of liv-
ing on your own is enough to stim-
ulate your mind for months. Then
you throw in figuring out what you
want to do with the rest of your
life and you find yourself being bored
from the first week or so, the classes are
too easy, the college is
too small, the university
is too self conscious of itself, the classes are too boring, you barely have
time to think about anything
everything else. Everyone entering the
college is a feeling
that you never have experienced
before, but more of a conversation
now and then is not there. Club
members play their own
corporate cornies, the
campus is not
the same here at UNE and it all started with
FEAR, there are many of those
things still lingering in many
heads on this campus.

Freshman year, if you play your
cards right can be one of the great-
est years of your life. And now that
you have a couple collegiate weeks
under your belt, you have gotten a
taste of what college is like. In
the first week or so, the classes are
pretty pointless.

Mostly it's roll call and the "let
me know if you want to be called
something else" or the "I don't want
this class to be a straight lec-
ture, but more of a conversation" B.S. which every professor gives it
make it sound like we're going to
be less boring, but by week three you
will see right through it. Also, you
have the power to skip class when-
ever you want to. I have
received no repercussions. I am not suggesting
doing so, but once in a while never
hurt anyone.

Just remember it's a lot easier
for the GPA to go down than up.

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Center for Global Humanities

BY JOHN MILLER
Nor'easter Staff

I caught up with Professor Majid, the head of the Center For Global Humanities at UNE, and asked him some questions about the seminar I was about to begin this semester. I am excited about the new department and the series of lectures starting on September 28th.

The seminar is a set of eight monthly lectures with a book related to each lecture assigned to be read beforehand. I decided to enroll because when I looked at the topics of the lectures, they seemed to provide an opportunity to explore issues facing humanity today in an academic setting as opposed to what is offered through biased media sources.

Q: Professor Majid, What exposure has the program had at UNE and in the public sector, and what has the response and interest level been?

A: Please, call me Amour. The Center for Global Humanities is new, but students are already enrolled in our course and main seminar. Many people in the greater Portland and Biddeford area are aware of our existence, either through word of mouth, an op-ed piece I wrote earlier this year, or through advertising.

Q: Are there other programs at other schools that directly include public involvement as the Center for Global Humanities does?

A: I am not aware of a comparable program that allows matriculated students to share the classroom with members of the public, including faculty and staff. I also don't know of any seminar that is as broad and multi-disciplinary as our main CGH seminar. I think our center is pretty innovative.

Q: How were the topics of the lectures decided?

A: I asked faculty from all our colleges to design a lecture with a humanities focus. I wanted them to translate their scientific and medical jargon so that we may all get a sense of the significance of their work and cause. That's why we assigned books that everyone can read.

Q: How can people participate online?

A: They may watch the lecture live on the Internet, submit questions via email ahead of time, during the lecture, or afterwards.

Q: Where do you see this program going in the future?

A: I would like to develop five or six seminar sites in different parts of the world and have UNE students be part of them. Of course, I'd like to offer more courses and seminars on campus. If our experience turns out to be successful, I will develop a graduate program based on it.

Q: Why should UNE students be involved with the CGH lecture seminar, and how can it give them a competitive advantage after they graduate?

A: Our students could get a lot out of the global and multi-disciplinary focus of the Center. Their status as CGH Scholars, which will be reflected on their co-curricular transcripts will give them an edge in our global economy. I'd say it's a wonderful opportunity.

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Fall 2009 Sports Preview

BY AJ FREDETTE
Nor'easter Staff

Starting in the horrible August heat, UNE's athletic program is looking to build on the very successful past year, hoping to keep it moving for yet another amazing year. The teams reported for pre-season this September and got right down to work. The men's soccer team looks to improve on last year's season and they are doing all the right things. They recently beat Concordia, who they have not beat since 1997. Their record as of September 22 is 5-1 and 3-0 in The Commonwealth Coast Conference. The men were picked to finish 11th in the pre-season poll and are clearly a lot more improved than thought. They have had a number of close games and then they have had games where the score shows how much they have improved from just one season ago. The team is led by its four captains; Brandon Gormley, Ryan Tan, John-Michael Cascio, and Elias Di Nittis. The team is off to its best start in 20 years and is looking to make the conference playoffs. The women's soccer team is looking to build on another successful season. The ladies are looking to improve on their season from a year ago when they made it to the ECAC finals. The lady Nor'easter's are also 5-1 and 2-1 in TCCC as of September 22. They recently had a blow out win against Regis winning 8-0. They are playing behind strong offensive play from Maggie Mahoney, Sarah Richardson, Kristin Meta, and Ali Troftin. The lady Nor'easter's are also getting strong leadership from captains Nicole Ward, Sam Reid, and Kate Pemberton.

The field hockey team started of this season 4-1, as of September 22, and are 2-0 in TCCC, where their season continued to finish fifth in the conference. The team has had strong play and leadership from their captains Taryn Flagg, Giselle Giroux, and Anne Cowles. The team is also getting strong play from Junior Michaela Franey and solid goal tending from Junior Ayla Nelson. The new players are fitting in great, Franey said. "We would not be doing as well as we are now without them. The team looks to continue their success this season with the new players and hopefully ride the momentum to the playoffs.

The women on the volleyball team are looking to put together another solid season. They were Please see PREVIEW, page 10

There's a Flag on the Field

BY SEAN DOYLE
Nor'easter Staff

As the elite of the NFL began to take the field this afternoon so does the elite of UNE's intramural flag football teams. With names like the "Skeeters," "Dutchmen," "The Nubbas," and "Bio-Fellas," it is clear that the title of "Intramural Flag Football Champion" is more than just a title. It involves the clear definition of "Over there" and "Over here" all in this league that's what it's all about.

On any given night, one can stroll by the packed stadium, also known as Alumnae Lawn. With capacity crowds of nine on some nights, the fans cheer on their favorite eye blacked and sweat band covered All-Pro as they run the field on their last breath. As some fans snicker at the peanut gallery is well represented, and refs are usually friendly but as arguments between players can never be overlooked. So next time you find yourself with some spare time, the laughs silence and the band covered All-Pro as they run the field on their last breath. As some fans snicker at the peanut gallery is well represented, and refs are usually friendly but as arguments between players can never be overlooked. So next time you find yourself with some spare time, the laughs silence and the score shows how much they have improved.

Flag football is a pairing of the guys came into the season fired up," said McCarthy. "There is a lot of enthusiasm in the gym this season, specifically working with the UNE Club Baseball Starts Taking Swings

BY JIM CASCIO
Nor'easter Staff

As the days grew shorter and the nights get colder, one dedicated club sport is about to take the field here at the University of New England. Club baseball, which has only been growing over the past few years, has been very busy so far in the first few weeks of school.

Starting with a meeting on September 8, the numbers were looking promising for the upcoming season. As many as 22 players showed up with an interest to get on the field. With some discussion and questions about the season, Coach Pat McCarthy presented the team with the schedule, showing them that they had a busy fall season approaching. With as many as two practices a week and upwards of three games a week, the team was ready to prove their dedication.

"The guys came into the season fired up," said McCarthy. "There is a large group of upperclassmen looking to end on a high note as well as a bunch of newcomers who should add a spark to the team."

UNE Club Baseball is a member in the New England Club Baseball Association, or NECBA, North Division. The NECBA is broken up into three divisions; south, central, and north. The south division consists of the University of Connecticut, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield University and Yale. The central division includes Boston University, Emmanuel College, College of the Holy Cross, Northeastern University, and Tufts University.

The Nor'easter's opponents, and members of the north division, include two games against the University of New Hampshire, two games against Bridgton Academy, two games against Merrimack, two games against the University of Maine, four midweek scrimmages against the Frozen Ropes AAU team, and a club baseball showcase in Lynn, Massachusetts.

Unfortunately it has been a slow start for the Nor'easter's who have lost one game due to a rain out and dropped three in a row to Bridgton, Frozen Ropes, and Merrimack. The first game of the season at Bridgton was a tough loss for UNE, letting them score 16 runs while they only produced six hits. As the great league game was a week later, again away at Merrimack College. The team had a solid turnaround, unfortunately still losing but this time the final score was a lot closer, 8-4.

"I felt the team responded well in the second game. We kept it close with Dan Root pitching a great game and he had solid defense backing him up," said fourth year starter AJ Fredette. "The team came up with timely hits when needed and we couple that out with a good defense and it would have been a different outcome."

The team squares off against Bridgton Academy tonight at Saint Louis Field in Biddeford. I encourage you to head down to the field and show your support for UNE Club Baseball. First pitch is thrown at 7:30pm.

Andy Biggs, New Mens Soccer Coach

BY RYAN TAURO
Nor'easter Staff

UNE men's soccer head coach Andy Biggs is in the midst of his first year as a full-time staff member at the university. An assistant coach from 1995-99, Biggs is in his fourth season as the Nor'easter's head coach.

In addition to his responsibilities with the soccer team, Biggs serves as a member of UNE's academic support program, specifically working with first-year student athletes.

A 1993 graduate of Middlebury College in Vermont, Biggs played professional soccer in New Zealand for current University of Notre Dame men's soccer coach Bobby Clark.

"It was a great experience."
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picked to finish fourth in the pre-season TCCC poll. They started off strong beating USM, but then lost three straight tough matches. The ladies rebounded to win their sixth match against Regis College, but couldn’t manage to get the sweep of their double header, while losing to Colby-Sawyer in the second match. As of September 22, they are 3-4. They are getting strong play and leadership from their captains Ellen Choinisk and Claire Varner, and are also getting strong play from Angil Gust and Freshman Lindsey Cashell. Junior Meg Flynn said “I feel like we are actually getting better.” There are still a few kinks that need to be worked out, but that’s with any team and it is definitely getting better. "Some time goes by,” Flynn continued saying, "the freshmen class is very strong and has a lot of important players coming in this season." 

Sports Summaries

BY JAFFREDDETA
Northeast Staff

Field Hockey

September 5, 2009

Forward Taryn Flagg led the lady Nor’easters scoring two goals and adding an assist to top USM. Sophomore Michelle Oswald broke a scoreless game in the 39th minute off of Flagg’s assist. Sophomore Forward Brianna Tenopir added a goal in the 44th minute before Flagg added her two goals. Molly Hallett had the scoring assist on USM scoring her first goal. The Nor’easters had solid goal tending from Junior goalie Ayla Nelson.

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also served as Director of Soccer Coaching and Player Development for Soccer Maine. In 2007, Biggs led the Nor’easters to their most wins since the 2000 season.

“It’s a terrific place to work, I’ve really enjoyed it,” said Biggs of his time at UNE. “It’s been nice seeing the school grow.”

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**Around Town: Biddeford & Saco**

**BY LACRESHA JOHNSON**

Nor'easter Staff

Biddeford and Saco are small, picturesque cities. People are aware of their natural beauty and vivid history, but never get to truly know them. They’re like the little old lady you pass by every day, you see her but you never take the time to introduce yourself or realize how charming she is. Many believe this is a dead area without much to do, but the truth is Biddeford and Saco are like most cities they’re not loud, brash, or boisterous. They’re shy, reserved, and only speak when spoken to. Biddeford and Saco are cities that you have to explore before you realize that they’re diamonds in the rough.

There are vast amounts of things to do in Biddeford; you just have to find them. There are local restaurants with cuisine varying from the Far East to New England favorites, the City Theatre, Saco museum, the museum in the streets, local antique and clothing shops, tattoo and piercing parlors, kayaking on the Saco River, art galleries and dance classes in the North Dam Mills. Local shops and boutiques are the best to explore. Before you get to Main Street you hit Water Street, where there’s this cute eclectic store named Lacava. The purple and green overhang lures you in and the unique antiques and knick knacks keep you there. Lacava has an array of interesting items that range from piggy banks, vintage art names like Jessica McClintock, Kosrie, and Mac & Jac.

As you head into Biddeford and Saco you find an abundance of local restaurants that are always crowded. Everyone loves chain restaurants, but nothing compares to service and hospitality that a local restaurant can give you. Restaurants like Buffleheads, Qua Huong, Rapid Rays, Jewel of India, and Pizza by Ales are just a few.

Local restaurants have a certain “Je ne sais quoi” the ambience they have cannot be duplicated. Many of these restaurants have been around for years and are family owned. Some are fresh and new just starting in the last few years. The best thing about them is they’re all unique and you’ll never find another like it. For instance, the Oh Baby! Baby’s & Catering has only been on Main Street for a year. They have great pizzas, wraps, delicious soup, and main entrees. It’s an inviting café with a comfy couch at the entrance and walls adorned with unique art work and photographs.

Across the Saco Bridge the first thing you see is Run of the Mill that serves everything you would ever want with Chinese food. The lunch specials start you off with your choice of either vegetable fried rice or noodles, the noodles change weekly from Pad Thai to Lo Mein. Then, you get to choose two from the six specials that are different daily; any personal favorite is the sesame chicken and the stir fried teriyaki chicken (yum!), along with an appetizer of egg roll or crab rangoons. Oh my Buddha! I can’t stop now the crab rangoons come up. I have eaten Chinese from almost every restaurant and I can say for sure that you will never find better crab rangoons anywhere else. Oriental Table’s rangoons are made to perfection with a moist and meaty filling on the outside flawlessly fried, then in the inside you find warm creamy stuffing of cream cheese mixed with chicken, along with a crispy golden brown exterior. Everything is delicious, but Please see ALVIN, page 12

**Alvin’s Appetite: Oriental Table – “A Place You Can Rely On”**

**BY ALVIN LAM**

Nor’easter Staff

It is true, if you need some true oriental food with friendly hospitality, Oriental Table is the place you can rely on.

Walking down upper Exchange Street, you’ll see the restaurant with a bright red roof with hazy yellow lettering that says ORIENTAL TABLE on it. But, if you have never been there before and haven’t heard about it, you may not know that this place even existed. Owned and run by Van Nghi, this family business had been in Portland, Maine for almost 15 years now.

This Chinese restaurant has been voted ‘Best Chinese Cuisine’ of greater Portland by readers of the Portland Press Herald, Maine Sunday Telegram, and most recently, the repeated recognition by the Nor’easter for Best Chinese. Now, how can we clearly see why this restaurant is a community favorite.

Walking inside the restaurant, the first thing that strikes you is the service. Someone promptly comes to greet and seat you. Once you are inside, with the nicely dimmed lights, you get this homey, relaxed feeling in a people-friendly atmosphere. Now, the first choice you get to make is whether you’d like a booth or a table (or half of each), then wait staff would ask you for your drink and immediately deliver that to you. If you are a tea person, I’d recommend the ginger tea; it come out steaming hot with wisps of ginger spice scents with a little sugar and calorie-free water.

Now, let’s get to the good stuff: dining with the bunch. Oriental Table sets itself apart with their daily luncheon special where you would be packed with a meal that consists everything you would ever want with Chinese food. The lunch specials start you off with your choice of either vegetable fried rice or noodles, the noodles change weekly from Pad Thai to Lo Mein. Then, you get to choose two from the six specials that are different daily; any personal favorite is the sesame chicken and the stir fried teriyaki chicken (yum!), along with an appetizer of egg roll or crab rangoons. Oh my Buddha! I can’t stop now the crab rangoons come up. I have eaten Chinese from almost every restaurant and I can say for sure that you will never find better crab rangoons anywhere else. Oriental Table’s rangoons are made to perfection with a moist and meaty filling on the outside flawlessly fried, then in the inside you find warm creamy stuffing of cream cheese mixed with chicken, along with a crispy golden brown exterior. Everything is delicious, but Please see ALVIN, page 12

**Album Reviews**

**BY EDDIE BALDASARO**

Nor’ester Staff

During a phase of mainstream hip hop that consists of repetitious lyrics, image driven artists, and recycled material comes something that’s different, experimental, and unique. It’s rare nowadays for a hip hop artist to come along demonstrating innovation and still get airtime on MTV and the radios, but Cleveland born Kid Cudi is without a doubt the exception. His debut album, Man on the Moon: The End of Day, while not amazing and genre shattering, does create a sense that mainstream hip hop may be kicking after all. Maybe hip hop does still have the ability to create something new.

Now, Kid Cudi’s lyrical tenacity may be lacking and he may not be able to “spit it” like the Eminem’s and Nas’ of the world, but his style doesn’t call for amazing hooks and lines. His words are filled with deep introspective thoughts and ideas that have been missing from pop music in general. The storytelling taking place throughout the album, though at times highly confusing and out there, is definitely an added bonus. Storytelling is an aspect of hip hop that has been long thought forgotten due to the popularity of overplayed party music. Kid Cudi comes along to remind us that: there’s still room for a good story. The album’s narrative by the true “king of swag”, Common, (sorry LL Cool J) who could easily become the Morgan Freeman of hip hop narrators, is definitely a plus.

Another aspect of the album that really jumped out at me was the varying emotions displayed while roaming from song to song. You were relaxed via “In My Dreams”, uplifted by “Up Up & Away”, and even haunted by “Solo I Olo”. With the exception of “Make Her Say”, it almost felt like Kid Cudi was ambitiously trying to become the Pink Floyd of hip hop through fantasy, spacey beats, conceptual music, and various attempts to capture your mind as well as your ears. Sadly, he won’t accomplish this for a lot of listeners, but he does put up a respectable attempt that can only foreshadow what his future endeavors have in store for Please see ALBUM, page 12
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you cannot go to Oriental Table and not have crab rangoons. Back on topic, served between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., the wallet-friendly lunch special costs only $7.75 including tax! Almost forgot, not only do you get all this food for that one small price, this special also comes with your choice of soup or drink too!

Oriental Table has an extensive menu that is served all day, even through the deal of the luncheon special. The menu has everything from a variety of soups, meals with chicken, pork, beef, tofu, and even light and vegetarian dishes too! So, for dinner, Oriental Table has specials that they serve, some include: Shrimp in Chili Sauce, Boneless Duck with Ginger, Szechuan Delight, etc. The specials are special for a reason, they are sooo sinfully delicious! The Szechuan Delight is a stir fry with chicken, beef, and shrimp mixed in fresh vegetables include peas, bell peppers, and all kinds of deliciousness in a desiring brown sauce served with white or brown rice. Most of the dishes at Oriental Table come with a variety of vegetables and are served with rice, that way everyone gets something for all their food groups. If you aren't too into the specials, I would recommend the Pan Fried Noodles. This noodle dish come with three different meats including shrimp in a sea of mixed vegetables. All this is piled on a crispy noodle layered on a dark sauce.

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Although Kid Cudi's new album, Man on the Moon: The End of Days, shows promise of change, there are still so many underground hip hop artist out there who are even more talented and just waiting to emerge in order to change the music scene. But unfortunately there's just not enough demand for any extreme alteration at this point. People are still too indulged in the Soulja Boys of the world to really be ready for any kind of radical movement. Thankfully, with Kid Cudi's hit song, "Day 'N' Night", comes something catchy yet deep. Something mainstream hip hop has been in need of for so long. With this entire album comes something even better. Something new.

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UNE Players to Return to the Stage with Grease
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Our very own UNE Players are now collaborating for their production of the classic musical Grease. Performances will be held on November 19, 20, and 21 at the Biddeford City Theater in downtown Biddeford. Indeed, it is the 1978 movie version that gives Grease its fame today. Adults recollect the songs and spirit of Grease, while teenagers are encountering it for the first time. Grease is still the word.

Promotional efforts for a musical began last spring, and ultimately the interest sessions held were beneficial. A great deal of conversation arose among students regarding the upcoming musical. In fact, over eighty students attended auditions and brought about an exceptionally skilled cast.

Grease is the first musical that our university has staged in an incredibly long time. The members of the UNE Players demonstrated their revival with two nonmusical performances last year, which proved to be a success in both the local and UNE community. The group, as a matter of fact, was given the Phoenix award, which was presented to a club that had reestablished itself. Brandon Hothman, the assistant director of Grease, explains "that a musical would be a fun change of events" for not only the cast and crew, but also for the audience members.

Additional performance opportunities will take place on campus for anyone who is interested or has any suggestions. For more information, you may contact the president of the club, Harmony Bell, at hbell@une.edu. Don't miss out on this timeless performance!
The Dangers of Misinformation and Fear Propagation

BY DIANE FITZPATRICK
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Healthcare—it’s on the minds of most Americans. The media were everywhere talking about it, and some are inclined to believe every little misinformed thing some hack spews out, without considering that some so-called commentators might be distorting the facts to favor their own personal opinions. Yes, it’s true. Commentators don’t have to report facts to the public in order for them to adopt the facts they choose to include in any given argument. Reporters don’t always report the whole truth, so what makes such a commentator, then, says Dr. Robert Kuenzi, a psychology professor at the University of Illinois, is that he or she is a political activist. That is, he or she is seeking to influence public opinion using the media as a forum.

Bottom-line: healthcare reform is too important to the future of our country for us to be sidetracked by lies and falsehoods. This summer many were duped into believing that the government would form death panels, illegal immigrants would receive full benefits, and/or abortions would be mandated if health reform passed. People were frightened, without really knowing whether or not their fears were founded in truth. Nor’easter News is committed to publishing a community newspaper that is founded in truth. I don’t understand how people can allow themselves to get so worked up and frightened, without really knowing into whether or not those fears were founded in truth. Nor’easter News is committed to publishing a community newspaper that is founded in truth. I don’t understand how people can allow themselves to get so worked up and frightened, without really knowing whether or not those fears were founded in truth.

Say what you will, most congressmen are quite busy. For a person of Washington to take the time to discuss with his or her constituents an important bill that affects every American, is quite extraordinary, and, at least, is an amazing opportunity for the people. However, most people did not see the town hall meetings as an opportunity to learn certain truths about the healthcare bill. Instead, fear-driven sheep bombarded these forums with outrageous claims and misguided rage. Yes, politicians do lie, and we citizens should hold to task any elected official, but most questions that were asked were not founded in truth. Rather, the objections I heard were merely extensions of some previous writing by a boffin/Democrat from Alaska. Nothing was accomplished, no consensus was reached. Shame on them for wasting an opportunity to question elected officials! Ahhh... it makes me feel sick inside...

But good for you, Barney Frank! In case you didn’t catch it, Massachusetts representative, Barney Frank, responded to some wing nut’s assertion that Obama’s health reform plan is a “death panel” by comparing her to a dining room table. This woman obviously had no idea what she was talking about. At least Barney Frank had enough cojones to respond appropriately to such absurdities. In any case, this particular woman was echoing this fear many Americans had of government death panels. Somehow or another millions of Americans actually believed that the government wanted to form death panels that would decide whether or not your grandma would get to live or die. I’m not sure what people imagined... that the government would force its elderly citizens into a terribar if they cost too much money? Perhaps this was the thinking. Seriously though, let’s talk death panels. Insurance companies have entire departments of personnel devoted to end-of-life decisions. If they don’t want to pay, the government should just fire them. This is what people mean when they say they don’t want to pay, and why would they? What fiscal interest do they have in maintaining yours, mine, or grandma’s life? Please see Health, page 14.

Historical Relevance: UNE’s Alleged Progression Towards Something Greater

BY BRANDON HOTHAM
Nor’easter Staff

It started on a warm day’s walk to the cafeteria. Suddenly my interest was sparked. One of the things I love about attending UNE is its ability to catch me off-guard. I was walking in front of the Ketcham Library and the Bush Center, when all of a sudden an unknown object caught my eye. The sun glinted off this unknown object through the large sparkling windows of the center as I strained my neck to stare up at it. It was very large, and I just found myself in slight awe of it. What was this shrouded figure that had taken residence on the third floor of the George and Barbara Bush Legacy Center? I asked a passerby if they happened to know what this object was that had found a new home on our campus. They told me that it was a statue of "Bush". At first, I didn’t really think much of it, I mean it’s a statue, it’s of "Bush", and it’s in a place called the George and Barbara Bush Legacy Center. It makes sense...or does it?

As the days progressed, and I walked by it numerous times throughout the week, my curiosity about the object began to increase. Why, in fact, was it here? What was its purpose? Why is there a huge 2700 lb statue taking up space on our campus that is already far too crowded and in need of space? The questions began pouring in like some sort of intrigued fountain. My first question was who paid for this? I was pleased to find that the University did not actually pay for it with University dollars. Ok, so now that this was out of the way, how did it get into the center? I mean, this isn’t something that can just be walked through front doors and up the stairs by a few of the sweaty facilities men. Then, I pieced some pieces of the puzzle together in my head, so to speak. I remembered a few days prior seeing a large, yellow crane down by the river, and I remembered wondering why this machine would be... Please see CENTER, page 14

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None. They deny coverage for pre-existing conditions, even if perhaps lifesaving treatments, and they are well known for denying people coverage if one forgets to fill in meaningless forms on their own, on a freebie form. It’s no joke, it happens every day, and something has to be done about it. And it’s not just insurance companies. It’s other precious institutions and private hospitals as well.

Healthcare is a business and they perform as such. Why should the government not place regulations on the practices they implement? Healthcare affects more than just health; it affects the economy, the family unit, and the overall vitality of the American people. Reform is absolutely necessary.

We are the best, the greatest, the most generous of the species in the free world. There’s only one! Those colors don’t run! These phrases describe what comes to mind when many Americans think of their country. But we do not rate #1, doesn’t make it true. While we may have more freedom than most countries, we fail when it comes to healthcare. The real question is not why we are not #1, doesn’t make it true. While we may have more freedom than most countries, we fail when it comes to healthcare. What is the matter is that the United States spends more on healthcare than any other industrialized nation (as a percent of GDP) and yet, overall, we fall short with a ranking of 37th for our overall healthcare performance. That doesn’t sound like the best to me. Perhaps the ranking of 37th doesn’t concern you. But even if you don’t care about healthcare, for other reasons, you should care that we spend more than two trillion dollars on healthcare every fiscal year. With all this money we are spending, shouldn’t we have something to show for it? The truth is that healthcare reform is likely to save taxpayers money. Those millions of Americans who are uninsured do, in fact, raise the cost of healthcare for those of us who are insured. Another point worth considering is that while we might pay more in taxes to stay to pay less money to insurance companies in premiums, deductibles, and co­pays. Healthcare reform is about more than just the overall healthcare. Healthcare reform is perhaps most importantly about regulating insurance companies, as just as we realized that banks and Wall Street need regulation, so do insurance companies and with them pharmaceutical companies.

I’m for health care reform, obviously. But I’m for universal health care, as well as regulating the practices of insurance companies. And I think the government should oversee the pharmaceutical industry, because really, who else can do it? Although I will not waive in my support for health care reform, I believe objection can be both productive and reasonable. Reasonable, pertinent objections have been raised in regards to the healthcare proposal, and these objections can help us solve the healthcare problem. Americans have the right to know how much a possible healthcare reform will cost them in the short and long term. We have the right to know how such a social program will impact our everyday lives—for the good and bad. We have these rights, and it’s nothing wrong with questioning our government, but should we not be informed citizens when we make such inquiries? Obviously, we do not research for ourselves instead of relying on the media and political commentators to make up our minds for us? Furthermore, why should we expect that the first bill to pass and go forth will be without fault? Aren’t most things in life worked out through trial and error? Perhaps we should be more patient, expect that progress takes time and is not without mishap, and most importantly, we should get off the couch and educate ourselves for a change. Trust in our ability as human beings to think.

As Americans we do have something that most other groups of people do not, and that is a low tolerance for inadequacies in government. Well, we did put up with Bush, but that fools aside, Americans are used to distrust their government, and this distrust sometimes pays off. I’m not saying that people shouldn’t be weary of healthcare reform; I’m only suggesting that if we truly do want success that we be more careful about what we believe. Regurgitating the lies perpetrated by blowhard extremists does no good—it only makes one look ignorant. If you don’t believe in health care reform, ask yourself why. Are you against it because you don’t support anything the Obama Whitehouse wants to implement? Or are you against it because you feel as though it will cost you more money in taxes? Do you believe those less fortunate than you don’t deserve access to healthcare, for whatever reason? Is healthcare a privilege and not a right? Have the courage to question your reasoning. If you are to raise an objection, make it an intelligent one, otherwise keep your opinions to yourself and stop propagating misinformation. Healthcare reform is why we should not research for ourselves instead of relying on the media and political commentators to make up our minds for us.

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Upon doing some further digging, I found that a hole was cut in the ceiling and that the crane was used to drop the enormous Bush into the center. This was the only cost that the University supplemented, as well as the cost of labor and the extra lighting.

I have to say, the lighting rubs me the wrong way. It looks as if some “godly” light is shining down on him and he’s staring up into it. It’s really quite disheartening, especially bittersweet when I walk by it late at night…enough said.

Ok, so the logistics are covered, but still, the question of “why?” remains. Upon some further inspection, I found that the statue was accepted and put on campus as a part of UNE’s effort to uncover “American heritage of history”. The University is collecting historical collections to keep around campus. Of course includes the other art and items in the Bush Legacy Collection. It also includes the Maine Women’s Writers Collection, a project that should make this institution proud for being located in the beautiful state of Maine. The Art Gallery on the Portland campus gives students an opportunity to step out of their professional science oriented tracks, and absorb some much needed art. The Osteopathic Heritage Collection shows the history of one of the oldest colleges of this institution. The Bush Legacy Center should make this institution proud for being located in the beautiful state of Maine. Perhaps a collection about Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (a poet from Maine) to give us a sense of our past, the people who have landed in a spot near the University (South Resi­dence Hall was renamed after him). I just don’t get it. Why? Wadsworth Longfellow is just what he claimed it to be: a ridiculous and frankly ironic choice.

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Voices in the Crowd

BY BRANDON HOTHAM
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No on 1: What’s This Fight Really About?

BY BRANDON HOTHAM
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“Same sex” use to be a phrase that just simply meant two people of the same sex. However, when I define it for you, it means so much more. Every time I hear the phrase, I find myself leaning towards whoever is talking to listen to what they are saying. I lean in because I can almost always be reassured that whoever is talking is discussing same sex partnership, or civil union, or civil marriage, or domestic partnership, or... marriage.

People often ask me if they have any idea of the forefront of many prominent events in modern history. Most notably, and recently, it was the Supreme Court’s decision for the presidential election. It was an issue that everyone seemed to be discussing, which also meant that everyone had an opinion. This seemed to be one of those issues where people were not afraid to express how they felt, and People still seem to feel this way.

So, my question is what’s all the uproar? I really just don’t get it. What do you think? Why do you think this idea of a marriage is still so big of a deal? People still seem to feel this way.

As an opinion writer for the Nor’easter, I want to bring up the question of same sex marriage. Same sex marriage is a hot topic in modern society, and it is something that is constantly being discussed.

By definition, marriage is a union of two people of the same sex or of two people of opposite sex. In recent years, same sex marriage has become a contentious issue in many places around the world.

Supporters argue that same sex marriage is a fundamental right that is essential for equality and human dignity. They believe that it is unfair to deny same sex couples the same rights and benefits as opposite sex couples. Opponents argue that same sex marriage goes against traditional family values and that it is contrary to religious beliefs.

The debate over same sex marriage is complex and multifaceted. It involves issues of human rights, religion, and culture.

In conclusion, the issue of same sex marriage is not an easy one to resolve. However, it is important that we continue to have open and respectful discussions about this topic in order to find a solution that works for everyone.

Travis McCafferty

“Bush was too 1988!”

We Will Rave

BY AMANDA SIMMONS
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To rave means to engage in a de facto manner; it’s full of noise and excitement. To rave means to dance through the night. And here at UNE, we will RAVE!

To the students, the thought of the Rave brings up images of dancing and laughing. It is a chance to dress up in crazy outfits and paint the halls. It is, in essence, the ultimate student tradition. We get to let our hair down and have a blast. It is what we expect out of college once the books are done. It is an all-night party with a great atmosphere.

The images that the staff see, when they hear the word RAVE, are dark and malady much like the spirit of Halloween. The image of the Rave in the weathered eyes of the staff is full of frightening images. It is a bode of haunting house bordering on a death trap filled with half eaten, glowing bodies. They see the narrowed dim-lit faces, and dread the images; the blood and the fear of what they are saying. I lean in because I can almost always be reassured that whoever is talking is discussing same sex partnership, or civil union, or civil marriage, or domestic partnership, or... marriage.

By attending the Rave, students will get to dance "to music that arises is that the best way to reduce the amount of other suggestion to dance" rule in order to reduce the number of divorces. This is important because of the current divorce rate in Maine. According to the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, the divorce rate in Maine has increased by 40% over the past 10 years. This is a concerning trend, and it is important that we work towards reducing the number of divorces in Maine.

In response, the Dean of student life, Mark Nahomey collaborated with the staff and the members of the Rave. They decided to eliminate the one junior even suggested a new name for the Rave. This idea of eliminating guests because of noise hazards is something that should not be the biggest piece of a school’s tradition.

People who are against same sex marriage argue that allowing same sex couples to marry will ruin the "American family," clearly you have not taken a look at what an American family is. You will be hard pressed to find the family model of one mother and one father that is a typical norm. It’s just not the case anymore. Whether you can recognize that or not, is anyone else’s fault but your own. Your inhibitions towards the change should not hold up the advancement of our society. The idea of the supposed "matrix" should not rule for the minority.

Finally, this bill has already passed. It is currently legal in the state of Maine for same sex couples to have a legal and civil marriage that comes with the same rights as opposite sex couples. The referendum that is on the ballot for this November was put forward to repeal the law. So, if you are in support of marriage equality, vote for the right of same sex couples to have the same rights as everyone else; please vote No on Question 1. If you would like more information about the referendum, or information about voting early, please contact the municipal office, or visit http://mainefreedomtomarry.com/.

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- Berlin Wall Exhibit

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- Resume Workshop

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9/30/2009:
- The Maine Women Writers Collection: The First Fifty Years
- Multicultural and LGBTQ Luncheon and Open House

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- Study Abroad Fair
- Career Services GRE Q&A

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