Construction Continues Across Rt. 9

BY AHMED ELKADY
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Monday through Friday one may be wondering what those three air horns are, and then the explosion that makes the ground shake like a bridge in an earthquake. If you never get off campus then you wouldn’t have seen what they are doing across the street just yet, but take a walk up to facilities and take a look over there. It looks to be a vast terrain of nothingness with cranes that resemble the prehistoric dinosaurs... for now.

There has been many rumors around campus, about what is going to be built across route 9; ice rink, auditorium, new dorms, and another dining hall. With the help of the Director of Resident Education and Housing, Jennifer DeBurro, and the Director of Campus Planning, Alan Thibeault those rumors will be defied.

Housing has been a big concern for students and faculty at UNE. The first building that is being constructed now is a resident hall. Only one is under construction right at the moment; however three additional dorms are proposed for the future.

This one will have suites with either four single rooms—similar to East and West—or two singles and a double, in order.

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Maine Institutes Distracted Driving Law

BY MICHAEL CAMPINELL
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Everyone in UNE will have to be a little more careful if they decide to use a cell phone, mp3 player or practically anything else while driving.

Maine has recently passed a distracted driving law to help cut down on the numbers of accidents that occur because people are distracted when they are driving. The law was approved through the legislature in the spring and came into effect on September 12, 2009.

The goal of the new law is to punish drivers who commit other traffic violations while doing something—other than driving—according to Lt. Christopher Grotton of the Maine State Police Incident Management Unit.

According to Grotton, about 30% – 35% of crashes in Maine are due to people driving while they are also doing something else, such as talking on a cell phone, texting, changing a song on the mp3 player, eating, or anything else that can potentially distract a driver.

The new law now means that someone will receive an additional ticket for being distracted if they commit another sort of

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Air Quality of Concern in Petts Center

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The bottom floor of the Petts Health Center has been the cause of some concern for employees.

Air Quality of Concern in Petts Center

The air quality in the basement of the Petts Health Center, located on the Biddeford Campus of the University of New England, has been of some concern.

As the university began to grow over the past few years, changes needed to be made; different departments were shifted around to accommodate the expansion. The Financial Aid Office, Student Accounts and some Admissions offices were relocated to the bottom floor of the Petts Health Center.

In June, a number of employees began suffering from respiratory illnesses. A complaint was made to the university’s Environmental Health and Safety department. The employees believed it was their working environment that was causing their ailments.

According to Associate Dean and University Compliance Officer, John Tumiel, the university responded immediately.

“We’ve got employees that are concerned about their health and they think that their working environment is causing it. We are responding the way we always do,” assured Tumiel. “When the report comes in for something like this we have a process that we follow. We investigate and listen to the complaints. The procedures that we use are to make the employees feel as though they are being heard and that the university is working with due diligence to address the problem.”

Tumiel says that most of the time, issues like this can be figured out and resolved internally. “If you say 85% of the time our facilities people can fix the problem.”

This time, however, the problem could not be resolved internally. The university brought in a third party, the Environmental Safety and Hygiene Associates (ESHA), to run a series of tests and to thoroughly clean the area.

The testing investigated everything that could be causing the employees symptoms. Together with a university provided doctor, Dr. Susan Upham, facilities and ESHA began the search.

The first round of testing Please see PETTS, page 3

H1N1 Vaccine Clinics held on UNE Campuses

BY STEVE SCRIVENER
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Many students have been misled and have preconceived ideas about the H1N1 vaccine.

Some are adamantly opposed to the vaccine because they have heard that it can lead to death. There’s also been speculation that the “Swine Flu shot” has not been tested on people before being released to the public. However, that is false and the vaccine has in fact been tested on humans.

These opinions are not based on concrete sources. A probable reason for the belief among many is that there was such a long delay in production. And since this is such a new concern, there was not a lot of time to get H1N1 on the market, but it is completely safe and risk free.

For the rare cases in which fatality has occurred, it has been because the patient has had a pre-condition, such as pregnancy or illness. That’s the absolute extreme and choosing to get the vaccine is a smart decision. The next supply of doses will take a while to come in. Until then, students are encouraged to take certain safety measures. Health Services recommends all students practice good hygiene, keep a safe distance, dispose of all tissues and remember to use hand sanitizers.

The University of New England has done a tremendous job Please see H1N1, PAGE 2
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to allow students to save money. Each room will have a total of four persons per suite, and 300 beds in the building. The future residence halls have not yet been programmed to this level of detail.
This residence hall will have a fitness room, lounge, mailboxes, and a laundry room on the main floor. In addition, there will be study room on the other floors. There will also be a green space/recreational area and a pond large enough for ice-skating as well.

There aren't any dedicated academic or administrative buildings proposed for this site yet. However there is a field house being proposed, which would most likely have an academic component to it, as well as athletic and associated faculty offices. More academic space in the future may be created, but it would most likely be on the main campus. There will be no construction of an auditorium yet, however rooms in the new field house may be used for it. As for the Dining services any details developed on this but there hasn't been a great deal in planning the H1N1 clinics, in addition to providing public information to students and faculty, while accommodating safety precautions.

To this point, there have been multiple clinics; both at the Biddeford and Portland Campuses; which give students an opportunity to get the H1N1 vaccine. The planning process began in early June and for starters, the event organizer will be on hand and anyone, with high aspirations for the law and staff. But when supplies increase, the clinics will be open to everyone.

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Traffic violations. Grotton says that this is unique to Maine. Other states have laws that do not allow drivers to talk on the phone while they are driving at all.
In those states, someone can be pulled over for simply talking on his or her phone. In Maine, however, if drivers are distracted, it may help some to change their behavior. He has high aspirations for the law and hopes that it will cut down on accidents and traffic violations.

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The future plans allow for three athletic fields to be constructed on the site. They are anticipating construction of an artificial turf field to be ready for next fall as well.

To safely get people to the new site, they will be installing sidewalks along route 9 from Hills Beach Road to the Facilities Management Building and walkways will be installed at the intersections. Also, a campus gateway will be installed that will run underneath route 9 to make pedestrians' crossing easier. This gateway will allow students to leave the residence hall and walk at grade under Route 9 and into the heart of campus, via a walkway leading to the Gregory Parking lot. These will be completed when the first residence hall opens next fall.

The administration and students all over campus are excited about the new construction on campus. So don't mind the explorations just yet, it will be worth it in the end.

Rail Jam 2009 at North Dam Mill
BY MARISSA SIMOES
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Grab your skis and your boards and head to the North Dam Mill in downtown Biddeford on Saturday November 14th for Rail Jam 2009!

The North Dam Mill is hosting Biddeford’s first ever Rail Jam, in partnership with the ski/snowboard company, HEAD. The event is being put on to benefit Tucker’s Boardercross for Cancer, and the Maine Children’s Cancer Program.

The historic mill district will be transformed into a winter wonderland, with snow being hauled in from all the local ice arenas. The brick courtyard behind one of the main mill buildings will be equipped with a full out jam course with retrofitted urban handrails used by freestyle skiers and snowboarders.

Riders of all types and skill levels are encouraged to sign up for the competitions that will take place.

There will be both amateur and pro categories for both skiers and snowboarders. The registration fees will go toward the Maine Children’s Cancer Program and a cash prize for the winner of the competition.

After all of the outdoor activities have concluded, the festivities will be moved into the mill to screen the films, “Recession Proof” by 1 Heart Snow Productions, and Transworld Snow’s “The Airbaster.”

The rail jam series was started five years ago by two local teens, Jordan Sanford, son of the developer of the North Dam Mill, Doug Sanford, and Jackson Tupper.

The two boys decided and, in addition, will receive a distracted driver ticket.

The fine for this ticket varies. The standard fine is $119, but it can range from $25 to $500 if it is contested in court.

This new law can have effects on members of the UNE community. After talking with several students who asked to remain anonymous, they all admitted to driving while distracted in the past. Although how distracted they are varies, one admitted to driving into other lanes or almost rear ending other drivers while looking for songs on his iPod.

He said, “It’s a bad habit, but something I probably won’t change. He then added, “How will they know I was distracted anyway? If I’m in an accident, I’m obviously not trying to admit that I wasn’t paying attention.”

Another student, Travis Smith, a sophomore said, “It may be hard to enforce, but it does sound like a good idea.”

This could be where the law runs into some trouble. Officer Grotton admits this is a weak spot for the law, but it may make a difference. If people know the police will be keeping an eye out for people who are distracted, it may help some to change their behavior. He has high aspirations for the law and hopes that it will cut down on accidents and traffic violations.

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revealed that there had been mice and other rodents in the area. Rodent urine and feces, as well as a number of rodent corpses, were found. Testing was then done to see if there was mold or Mouse Urinary Proteins (MUPs) in the air and in the dust. Nothing was found and the air seemed relatively clean. This eliminated the rodents as the culprit, but the university decided to move onto the process of thoroughly cleaning the area before the next round of testing could begin. Among other things, the ceiling tiles were removed, trees were cut down to allow more sunlight into the offices and the HVAC systems were reevaluated.

However, according to William Bola, Vice President for Campus Services, a mistake was made that kept the university from performing a necessary test. When administrators heard the employees' complaints, the people were immediately removed from the building. The indoor air quality test could not be done with the offices uninhabited.

"The air is obviously different when people are in an office. We can't test for certain things unless the offices are as they would be when people are inhabited," explained Bola.

Tumid believes the first move of the employees out of the area was unnecessary. Although the university was striving to maintain open relations with the employees, pressure was put on the university to remove the employees and the university. According to Tumid, the employees felt as though the university knew that the situation was much more serious than they were letting on.

"There wasn't any evidence that they absolutely needed to be moved," Tumid said, "but all of the moving was done in good faith."

In early July, the employees were moved back into the area and the symptoms continued to persist. The indoor air quality test was then done, as well as a VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) test. It was found that there were elevated levels of the chemical found in Dust Off cans. Both Tumid and Bola assured that all Dust Off cans were removed from the area and further testing was done.

Once the Dust Off chemical was removed from the air, the employees were still symptomatic. Employees were growing increasingly frustrated and the university had no answers.

"We find a lead, a clue, and then we follow it and exhaust it," Bola explained, "Now we're at odds until we have another lead. How do you find out what's wrong if you're finding nothing is there?"

Tensions continued to grow between the employees and the university as the problem persisted. Although Tumid and Bola claimed that all information was shared with the employees, the employees claimed that they were not being told everything.

Tumid claimed, "It was just a sex of data. Some people made decisions to trim the data and put it into a presentable format that people would understand. When people found out they didn't get to see all the raw data, they were thinking that we must be hiding things. There was no intention of doing that at all. I was involved in all the discussions."

Tumid repeatedly assured that there was no cover up going on and that the university had nothing to hide.

"The employees obviously felt otherwise. One employee, whose identity is not known, reported the problem to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The situation was resolved once the people were provided with the information they requested and the case was closed without any further investigation.

The university has done another round of testing recently and is on to another round of clean up. The latest testing found a trace of bacteria on the carpet and, according to Bola, a lot of "stuff" was found in the wall cavities that could be causing the conditions. The testing showed that there was "possible fungal activity" in the walls.

The third party conducting the tests advised the university to seal up the walls and do nothing, because as long as the walls were plugged, there would be no problems. However, the university decided that with the information they had, they could not just do nothing. They are currently in the process of cleaning out up to 4 feet of organic materials out of the wall cavities. This process is scheduled to be finished by November 30th.

The air quality issue has affected more than just the health of the employees. The financial aid department is still without a permanent residence. According to Bola, "The issue with the Potts Center is still a bizarre mystery. The symptoms are not confined, the people are really affected. For some people looking for comfort and will exhaust every option until we find what it is."

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### Biddeford Police Blotter

- 66-year-old female is having difficulty breathing. She is conscious and breathing at the time. She has been ill for the last few days, she does have a history of breathing problems.
- Delivery truck hit water hydrant. The cap fell off and no water came out.
- Caller advising there are 10 juveniles in the parking lot pushing each other cannot tell if they are playing or really fighting.
- Caller advising that his girlfriend called him to advise that she arrived home to find the apartment had been broke into. States hinges were off the door and the apartment was ransacked.
- Caller states someone is throwing eggs at passing cars in the area, near where they are building some new houses.
- Anonymous caller from an unpublished line reports hearing gunshot from an apartment. States this is the same apartment where there was a stabbing a few weeks ago.
- Fight between multiple people. Six juveniles are being detained by security at this time. Caller reports ice skates were thrown. One nose is hurt.
- Caller advising she was at Wal-Mart and overheard a female say how drunk she was. Caller states female could barely walk and has left driving her vehicle.
- Caller states her ex is contacting her and she believes he is intoxicated.
- Caller states 3-4 subjects fighting with baseball bats.
- Black male in the parking lot was there last week and pulled a box cutter on one of the bouncers.
- Called to report a male subject intoxicated getting ready to leave in a maroon Dodge Ram. He is wearing a baseball hat.
- Called to report a male subject intoxicated getting ready to leave in a maroon Dodge Ram. He is wearing a baseball hat and threatened to kill the caller. Male left in a blue car.
- Caller reports a male subject drove by and was calling her names. Male was driving a brown pickup truck with an antenna on the truck. Caller reports this male has been hassasing her for sometime now.
- Caller reporting that her brother was found outside with no shoes, he is now inside yelling and screaming that he wants to go back out.
- Caller reports vehicles are parked on both sides of the street making driving hazardous. Also reports kids are running all over the place and feels that someone is going to get hurt.
- Caller reports her daughter is out of control and hit her again. Caller also reports her daughter trashed the counters.
- Caller stating that a male was in a verbal argument with a female. Male became upset and punched out the window to the car. Left in a mini-van.
- Cab driver dispatch reporting two intoxicated patrons in the cab won't get out, threatening to assault driver.
- 28-year-old male began seizing when he stops drinking alcohol.
- Caller reporting that her fence has been ripped down and left beer cans all over the place.
- Caller reports that a female living below her has been pounding downstairs for the last hour and a half. Reports this has been an ongoing issue. Female requests the officer hang around outside to listen to it.
- Caller believes she found two stolen car stereos in her daughter's room belonging to her daughter's boyfriend. Does not know his name just advised that he is a black male 33 years old.
- Subject advised that her engagement ring was stolen out of her vehicle. Caller advised that someone had broken into her boyfriend's vehicle to take the ring, however there was no damage to the vehicle.
Teacher Spotlight: Robert Alegre

BY ASHLEY POWENSKI
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Dr. Robert Alegre has lots to be thankful for this November: from having a child, moving to Maine, and finding the perfect job, his life has changed significantly over the past few years. He is currently the Asisstant Professor of Latin American History at the University of New England, but two years ago he was living in Brooklyn, teaching at a nearby college and dreaming of building a life in Maine. He and his wife have a tradition of spending Thanksgiving with family in southern Maine and have always loved the Portland area. When they found out they were expecting a child, they looked into moving and were happy to find a position was available at UNE.

Dr. Alegre said, “It was a dream come true that there was an open position in Maine, there are very few jobs in Latin American History.” UNE seems to be a perfect fit for Dr. Alegre; in his short time here he has already become a vital part of the UNE-Mexico program, and he is a member of the university’s InterNational Education Committee. Dr. Alegre grew up learning the history of Chile through family stories; both of his parents are from the South American nation. He was born and raised in New Jersey surrounded by relatives who fled Chile during the political turmoil of the 1960s and 1970s. He recalled from childhood, “While most kids heard stories of Vietnam or World War II from their parents, my parents told me stories of Chilean history; it’s family history so it has always been more interesting to me.” The stories they shared inspired him to pursue a career in the history of political movements and working class culture. As an undergraduate he majored in history, and later earned his master’s degree in history and political science ultimately specializing in Latin studies for further graduate study. He earned his Ph.D. at Rutgers University, with a dissertation on a segment of modern Mexican history.

Dr. Alegre shared that he enjoys studying Mexico, but he never intended to do so. Many universities in the United States with Latin American programs study Mexico because of our shared border. His research on Mexico has sparked interest in his field and he will be presenting the “Great Railway Rebellion that Rocked Cold War Mexico” at Harvard University’s David Rockefeller center for Latin American Studies in December.

Dr. Alegre earned each of his degrees in five years and had little time for employment. He has however held a few interesting positions throughout his years of school; he stocked shelves at a department store, interned at a probation office, and worked as legal tech at a firm. His favorite job was working at a video store.

New Club on Campus Sounds Tasty

BY JOCelyn Koller
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The cooking club is a brand-new club, created this year by Claire Varner, a senior history major with a serious love for food. She wasn’t new to the club-starting process, as she also started the History Club in her sophomore year born at UNE. Varner, who is also minoring in education, seems to have the culinary skills and the teacher’s patience to make this club successful.

Varner says, “I’m the kind of person who will write a 10-page paper while making homemade chicken noodle soup—I’ll write for an hour while the chickens bake, take a break and write for another hour, take a break and create a pretty topping, keeping up the process until both are finished.” Sounds like a pretty tasty accomplishment.

The Cooking Club’s first event took place on October 18th from 4-6 p.m. at Varner’s house. Seventeen UNE students showed up to make dishes, but some guys, too. October’s cooking theme was apples, and students cooked a number of dishes. They made apple sauce, roasted potatoes, pork chops, salad, and apple crisp (with ice cream on the side, of course). Students get to help cook, but host all of them get to help eat.

The club needs are paid for by AF&P, and Varner’s house is used as the cooking space, mainly because she has all the tools necessary to get the cooking done. Future events may be located elsewhere, especially as more students begin to attend.

Cooking Club’s next event will take place on November 12th between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m., although students will only need to spend about 20-30 minutes cooking. The theme of this event is pies, and instead of actually baking pies, students who are interested will be brought into the house to make the pies. Students will have the option of taking their pies with them to cook or offering them to their families. Students will then be brought home to their families on Thanksgiving.

Students can make multiple pies and choose to make a-declination apple, blueberry, cherry, peach, pumpkin, raspberry or strawberry pie. Interested students should email Varner by November 9th, to attend this event.

Website Home In

BY TRISTAN ROWE
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For the very first segment of Website of the Month, I pondered as to which website would be an appropriate choice for this special occasion. YouTubes, Facebook, etc are all outdated. Surely you are vastly used and visited daily by millions of people worldwide, but how many interesting new websites do most people find daily? Two? Three? Maybe none. So for the first segment of Website Home In, I present to you:

StumbleUpon

StumbleUpon is not just a single website; it’s a link to thousands of websites across the net, which makes it in my opinion one of the best websites one can go to. To use StumbleUpon, you go to the website and register. While registering you check off your interests in boxes under the tabs, some of which are Action Movies, Ambient Music, Hiking or even Nightlife. Some of my interests ranged from Action Movies to Nuclear Science. Once you have your interests checked off, an add on is installed to Firefox or Internet Explorer (it doesn’t support other browsers). This add on toolbar will be one of the greatest additions to internet experience. The toolbar will have a few buttons that can be clicked. The main button is the “Stumble” button, which when clicked will direct you to a random website based on one or several of your interests.

The websites are judged and rated by other users that enjoy the same interests as you and have “favored” the website (which is done by clicking the thumbs up button on the toolbar). Website or you and others that don’t like it are automatically classified with your stumble account and user.

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name. This way you can see what websites you visited and liked, and quickly get back to those that will interest you in their categories of interests. One of my favorite stumbles was http://www.lookbook.com. It’s a website made to show off this book that was sent between four artists that never met each other before. Each artist had 5 days to make a design on the book covering two pages, and then they would send the book out again to one of the four. They repeated this for months, until the book was finally full. The website shows each page of the book, and a story can be picked up between the artists if pages are closely looked at. When I first stumbled across this website I found the book that was created to be really interesting, full of very unique art with every turn of the digital page.

Every website that is stumbled upon has the chance to be a unique experience, depending on the user in some way whether it be a humorous youtube video, an interesting quote about a new bioluminescent sea creature, or the top 25 Film Noir movies, http://www.stumbleupon.com/is a website to check out.

New Club on Campus Sounds Tasty
BY JOCELYN KOLLER
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So it’s about 5:30 p.m. It’s been a long day on campus, you know. So you head to dinner with your roommates. You enter Decary, get your card clipped, grab a plate of food, head over to the ramp up to the larger dining room. Then, you see, THE DESSERT TABLE.

If you’ve ever walked the ramp up to the larger dining room, you know that it is impossible to pass by the dessert table without looking. And it seems like almost every day there’s a delicious-looking pie, brownie, or cupcake...not to mention the dredged soft serve machine. The point is, the temptation to eat unhealthy foods is all around us.—whether we’re in our dorms snacking on leftover Halloween candy, at the dining hall downing ice cream cones, or in the Windward picking up dinner, we’re all aware of it. Between this and, are we stressing ourselves out too much about what we eat?

Trying to be healthy is a great thing, and I’m not discouraging it in the slightest. However, letting yourself or your weight or appearance be a determining factor for eating healthy foods is all pretty significant.

The survey was taken mostly by girls, which is partially due to and partially UNE’s gender ratio. But of those girls, only a few were on a diet at the present or within the last month. Many thought, confused to feeling guilty after eating, or expressed feeling some need to work on their weight. The amount of people that felt guilty after eating was always higher than usual, especially when the numbers were on a diet. About 42% of the 35 people I asked said they felt guilty after eating, including some people that I know that’s only a small chunk of the school— but it’s still pretty significant.

Here’s the thing: yes, it is a good thing to try to be healthy. But NO, it is not a good thing to feel guilty about the foods you eat. Guilt causes stress, and the absolute last thing a busy college student needs is something else to worry about. Here’s my idea.

When you eat something you feel you shouldn’t have, or more than you feel you should have, just say to yourself “I’ll do better next time” and forget about it until next time. Think about it: we eat about three times a day every day for all of our lives. We’ve got plenty of time to make up for all the crap we ate on Friday night. While I’m not encouraging overeating or unhealthy eating habits, I think everybody needs to relax. One piece of chocolate cake ISN’T going to kill you, or make you gain ten pounds. In fact, a lot of foods that we typically consider bad for us contain good things, too. Forbes. com says: Dark chocolate has antioxidants in it. Olive oil is great and can be difficult for most people to get enough of. Potatoes (gasp! not carbs?! ) have high amounts of carotenoids, which can help protect against lung cancer, heart disease, and diabetes. And you’re telling me this one: coffee has been said to end headaches, prevent cavities, and decrease your risk of getting Parkinson’s disease.

Keep in mind that it’s much healthier to eat healthy foods in healthy amounts than to completely cut back your calorie intake, or limit your eating to only one or two low-calorie foods. This causes you to miss out on the great benefits of a variety of foods have to offer. Like one student wrote on her survey, when I get hungry I’m not a picky eater. I will eat any of the foods that we typically worry about our reputation with: the food or not these people deserve some gratitude.

The point is, I think everyone here at UNE, guys and girls alike, should appreciate themselves for who they are outside of what they look like. Going to the gym twice a day might make you skinny. Eating nothing but cereal for every meal might make you look better in those black leggings. However, neither of those things will make you a nice or approachable person, nor will they make your successes more meaningful. Not to mention, eating healthy can mean eating a variety of great foods and having that little piece of cake at the end of the meal.

Fenix Theatre Company Performance

As part of an initiative for The Arts at UNE sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs and the College of Arts and Sciences, the English and Language Studies Department has invited Portland’s Fenix Theatre Company to offer a performance and presentation to the UNE community. Fenix is a terrific local theater company that has offered free “Shakespeare in the Park” performances during the past couple years in Portland’s Deering Oaks Park, including performances of Twelfth Gentlemen of Verona, The Taming of the Shrew, and A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

The event will take place in the MPR’s from 7-8pm and will be followed by a reception and refreshments. RSVP requested, email eziemba@une.edu. Subject: FENIX RSVP. Hope to see you there!
We Goin' to the Ship, What?

BY SEAN DOYLE
Nor'easter Staff

As October closed so did the books on another intramural flag football season. The men’s final seeds were sewn as follows, in the North division Team Bio-Hazard was the top dog, followed by Virgin Surgeons, DB, and still on the podium in fourth was All Business. While in the South bracket, Buff Check was the one seed, followed by the Formaldehyde Munchies, Dutchmasters and JR pulled up the rear as the fourth seed. In the women’s bracket the final seeding was Show Me TD’s, followed by Spastic Blitzers and the miracle on grass as the only winless playoff team X-LinkedDominance.

The game action got cooking with a playoff appetizer of Team Bio-Hazard vs. JR. Team Bio-Hazard won in stunning fashion and was on to face the winners of the Virgin Surgeons vs. Team Bio-Hazard. On the other side of the bracket, the Virgin Surgeons prescribed a loss to other side of the bracket, the Virginia Surgeons opened a two seed playoff team X-Linked set.

Unfortunately for this Cinderella team the pumpkin chariot ride was over and clock struck twelve on their fairy tale season. So this paired the Blitzers vs. Show Me TD’s in the Wrestlemania of flag football. Eventually Show Me TD’s came out victorious and also ended their season undefeated.

Winning Intramural Football Team, Bio-Hazard.

Our goal this year is 10,000 pounds.

The LAST DAY to donate is Wednesday November 12th in Decary Dining Hall from 8am-5pm!

If everyone brings in a can or donates just $1 that day, together we can help so many families! Not only do we have our collection boxes around campus and throughout the community, we are also doing the following to raise money to buy even more food!

-Selling Cash Donation Hands at the Decary Dining Hall Register for $1
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-Bon Appétit
-York County Shelter
-Preble Street Resources

Thank you all for your generosity!

Women’s Swimming Preview

BY LYLE YINTWINNER
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After five successful seasons as a varsity-level team, the UNE women’s swim team looks to start their sixth season off right.

Just from her initial reactions as to how the team is performing thus far, Head Coach Kate Roy says, “Everyone is working hard and having fun. As long as we continue to do both, we will have a great season.”

Despite the fact that the team is slightly smaller in terms of numbers this year, Roy maintains that they have a lot of talent. Of the many strengths possessed by the team, a high level of commitment and dedication are among those that are most valued. Team time trials were conducted within the first two weeks of practice. After observing those, Roy says that she expects her swimmers to swim faster than ever. Obviously, she has very high hopes for her team.

Roy has been Head Coach since 2004, when the team first made the transition from a club team to a varsity-level team. She has much experience as a swimming coach. She started coaching when she was a junior in college and had the privilege of coaching the USA Swim team as a senior.

Roy went on to coach another USA Swim team for four years before being hired as the UNE women’s swim coach. She also has experience in both competitive swimming and water polo.

Besides the fact that all of the swimmers appear to be starting at a good place, there is a great team dynamic this year. The team chemistry is palpable. All of the swimmers come together to contribute to an environment where unconditional love and support are advocated and highly valued. Perhaps, the emphasis on team goal-setting has something to do with the construction of such a phenomenal atmosphere. Roy says their goal for this season is to "achieve peak performance while maintaining personal and team well-being." The team really wants to be an Academic All-American team for the 11 consecutive semester, which means they would have to maintain an average overall GPA of at least a 3.0. Also, they hope to set new team and personal records along the way to winning meets.

Lucrately for UNE fans, the first two meets were at home. They took place on October 24 and November 7. Upcoming swim meets include an all day away event on November 14, the Reggie College Invitational and a home event on November 18 against Assumption College. Be sure to check the UNE Athletics website for news, results, scores, and updates.
Player of the Week: Ryan Tarr

BY MATT PENET
Nor'easter Staff

Four seasons, 62 games. 62 starts. Senior Ryan Tarr has been an integral part for the University of New England Men’s soccer team. The senior back has netted six goals in his career, a good number for a defensive player. He has missed just five games in his career here at UNE after sustaining a knee injury late in the 2008 campaign. Tarr has been a key to the Nor’Easters’ success of late, the team has made the playoffs twice in the past three years after an eight year absence.

Tarr’s defensive skill has been a crucial part to UNE’s success this year. With his help, they secured their first ten-win season in 12 years, in the process doubling their goals for and cutting their goals against in half. Ryan has played almost the entire 90 minutes or longer in approximately 95 percent of his 62 starts according to Coach Andy Biggs. But his leadership extends past the playing field.

“Each off-season, he put in the time to get stronger and more fit, so that when we started to play in the Fall, he could simply focus on the game rather than having to worry about his fitness level,” Biggs said in “Training, he was always competing to ensure that he and our team improved. In games, he handled opposing attackers with superior athleticism and a determination to help our team win,” Tarr’s determination and drive is above and beyond what some players are willing to put forth. Ryan was a captain the last two seasons due to his leadership and his willingness to do what the team needed him to do. He would change positions if asked, and would treat practice like it was a championship game.

There’s a side of Ryan you don’t see on the field however. He is highly involved with the academic community here at UNE. He maintains a 3.75 GPA in his Medical Biology program, a very difficult task. In addition to being captain of the soccer team, he is President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, is a tutor both for teammates and the Learning Assistance Center. His success in the classroom earned him The Commonwealth Coast Conference’s Senior Scholar Athlete award. What may seem like a full plate for most students, Ryan has managed to go above and beyond that and add more to it. And he still proved how successful a student can be, on and off the field. Congratulations Ryan, you have been a great role model for everyone here at UNE and you will be impossible come next fall. Best of luck to you, wherever life takes you.

Hockey Fashion Show

BY AHMED ELKALY
Nor’easter Staff

Stunning hockey players, in suits and casual wear? Who doesn’t want to see that? Well, here is your chance! Come on November 14th, 7pm-9pm to the multipurpose rooms in the Campus Center, free of charge, for the first ever UNE Hockey Fashion Show.

This event is sponsored by the UNE Hockey Team with special thanks to Alphie’s in Saco, for their contribution and support of the University of New England Men’s Hockey Team during its upcoming 2009-2010 season. It is going to be a Black Tie Event. The participating models include members of the hockey team who want to show their appreciation as well as non-athletes who are eager to enjoy the intriguing fashion that Alphie’s has to offer.

Some of the outfits will be casual name brand clothing, while others will shock off some of the high end suits that Alphie’s store sells.

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Senior Games: Last Games on the Field

BY A.J. REDETTE
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It’s a crisp fall afternoon, stands packed with students, parents, families, and fans, all cheering for their seniors who will be appearing in their last home game. The school band is playing the fight song, and the crowd is screaming at the top of their lungs to show the support for their team.

For someone who goes to a school with a homecoming game, this is what the environment might feel like. Homecoming games are usually the focal point in a weekend full of tradition and school pride, where alumni come back and visit their cherished university or college. The seniors get to step on their home field one last time and get their hard work over 4 years to be cheered on.

Our athletes here at UNE don’t get to experience something like this. Instead what our student athletes get is something that is not broadcasted to the student body that well. It would be their senior games. UNE works in alumni weekend, and has home games all weekend, and at the same time the games that are taken place during alumni weekend are all to early in the season to be the seniors last home game.

The senior games are something that every student-athlete looks forward to, and is something that a senior take serious pride in. You always want to win the last game that you will play on your home field, but at the same time you want to be able to enjoy that last sacred game.

Friends of the players go out and support the seniors as they have all season long, and show their support to not only the team but also to the select group of players that will be playing in their last home game.

This can be an emotional time for players, but more emotional for their parents. The have spent numerous amounts of hours watching their child grow up and love the sport that they are playing. It is also a time for the crowd to show their respect for the athletes that have practiced, put in hours on end for the games, and also worked through the school work to succeed on the field but also off the field.

Watching numerous amounts of senior games, one would notice the emotion that players go through as they step onto their respected battle ground for one last time.

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Lax 4 Life Huge Success

BY BRENT BOURGEOIS
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On Saturday, October 17 the University of New England men’s lacrosse team hosted its annual Lax 4 Life Invitational, raising approximately $4,000 for the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center.

This was the third year that UNE raised money that in the previous 90% of the proceeds, over $10,000 in all, have been donated to the hospital.

Donations came from many different sources. Each of the five teams invited had to pay an entrance fee. The City of Portland Parks & Recreation, Sping Builders, Harvard Hand­ yman, Donutos Pizzo, Atlantic Sports­ wear, LaxPros, and Copy-It were all sponsors in the event Donations ac­ cepted at the gate, concession sales by the UNE Woman’s Recreation, and support the seniors as they

Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital was a great place to give back to after the care the hospital gave to his cousin after she was born.

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and flavored with garlic, and to leavened bread made from fine tikka, boneless pieces of chicken the my favorite the garlic nan, soft side the Biddeford location you curry and spices; bright tapestries and art work ordain the walls, and are teased by the delicious scent and taxidermies. The art collection started with the donation of portraits from George Emery and began to expand as the years past. There are an abundance of interesting exhibits at the Saco Museum right now. My favorites are the Faces of Literacy Voices of Courage, the mill girl, and a treasure ten exhibit.

The Faces of Literacy Voices of Courage is a traveling touring exhibit. The exhibit was organized by the Literacy Volunteers of Maine. It features forty women who were employed by the Southern Maine Literacy Volunteers. The Maine Literacy Volunteers is an educational program that helps adults whom are illiterate or struggle with reading. With 200,000 Maine adults struggling with reading this is a needed program. The exhibit attempts to take away the negative feelings associated with poor reading skills. The exhibits demonstrates that 1/7 Maine adults struggle with reading. This exhibit is captivating and informative revealing the reality of a serious issue. A Treasured Tea is an exhibit after the Face of Literacy exhibit. It has been at the Saco Museum since July 5. It displays artwork that has been in the museum since 2000. It displays the painting Deer in a Forest Landscape by Albert Bierstadt, a carved eagle by Bernier the Lumberman, a cowherd in a sunburst pattern, and a few other great pieces that you can see until November 15.

There is a new exhibit illustrating the rooms and apparel of mill girls. The mill girls’ exhibit has a set up of the typical bed rooms that the mill girls would live in and the clothing they use to wear. Mill girls were among the first women to enter the work force and are a large part the history of the Saco Biddeford area. It gives you a view of how period. Visitors are able to dress in the mill girl attire and get a feel for what being a mill girl feels like. On the top floor there is also a doll collection. The Once upon a time doll collection has a variety of porcelain dolls from the 1800th century.

In the basement of the museum is a collection of the taxidermies, rock and mineral collection, fossils and the children.

Jewel of India Restaurant Review

Jewel of India is one of the many, many new restaurants of Biddeford. It's a small local restaurant with an abundance of charisma, charm, and excellent Indian cuisine. The Sharma family has owned the restaurant for the last ten years on Alfred Street in Biddeford and has just opened a new location in South Portland on Western Ave. As you step inside the Biddeford location you are teased by the delicious scent curry and spice; bright tapestries and art work adorn the walls, and the Indian music playing in the background giving you a taste of Indian culture. You select a seat at your leisure and are immediately greeted by a member of the Sharma family. To start off dinner there is an array of appetizers. I ordered the Chaat with the grilled, soft leavened bread made from white flour baked in a Tandoor and flavored with garlic, and to try something new the chicken tikka, boneless pieces of chicken marinated in a special sauce. The garlic nan is delectable and served with a sweet sauce, a mint sauce, and a spicy onion spread. The combination of the spicy onion and mint sauce is the perfect blending of sweet and spicy.

Selecting an entree is a predicament because of all of the fantastic choices they have lamb, chicken, seafood, and vegetarian dishes. Each entree can be made mild, hot, or spicy depending on your preference. Feeling daring I selected the hot chicken mango curry; its boneless chicken sautéed in garlic, ginger, and mango sauce with broccoli, served with an unlimited amount of rice. The sweetness of the mango, spiciness of the curry, and garlic are amazing. Having an Indian best friend I've eaten a lot of Indian food but none as good as this. The sauce of this dish are not for me, it's excelling with flavor and spiciness. The garlic nan cuts the spiciness and compliments the garlic in the sauce. For only 15 dollars you can get an entree with an chicken appetizer, which leaves you with plenty of leftovers. There is also a small variety of Indian desserts like Kulfi, homemade Punjabi-style ice cream from reduced milk, pistachio, and cashew.

If you're too busy for dinner, there's always lunch. Jewel of India has great luncheon specials from 11am to 3pm that are all under seven dollars. Jewel of India also caters and does take out so if you are in the mood for Indian food and you want to eat in the privacy of your home or cater for your floor you can. Along with having excellent Indian cuisine at a reasonable, Jewel of India offers a fantastic quality of service that can only be found at family owned restaurants. The Sharma family is kind and extremely hospitable. Jewel of India is a great restaurant that gives you a taste India and hospitality. It's a restaurant everyone should try. They've been around for ten years and the new Portland restaurant has been open for two weeks so let's support them for ten more years.

Jadalakiss is back after a five year hiatus. The Last Kiss is the follow up to his 2004 album Kiss of Death, and it features 18 tracks of melodies and hooks.

The album showcases Jadakiss’s hard street background, with a mix of some inspiring R&B tracks as well. The title of the album makes some believe it will be Jadakiss’s final album, but that is quite the contrary. The title only represents the end of a trilogy using the word “kiss” in his albums titles.
**Hogfarm Studios: The New Sound of Biddeford**

**BY TRAVIS MCCAFFERTY**

NOR'ESTER NEWS

Anyone with a love for live music knows that Biddeford is not on many musicians' radars. Aside from a few shows at the City Theater every now and then and small performances in restaurants like Mulligan's or Bebe's, Biddeford has been seriously lacking any sort of regular musical showcase for quite some time. However this is quickly changing due to the efforts of a bunch of artistically-inclined and concerned people. Two of these people are Gil and Coco Corral, who own the Hogfarm Studios, the newest venue/listening room in Biddeford and many artists have begun to seek Gil and Coco about to play in their barn. Promoters and venues that actually appreciate the music know that Biddeford is not typically new endeavor; Gil and Coco have watched with rapt attention. Every event at Hogfarm is a special occasion and attendees realize this.

Gil's recent album, "Something Else," features Lil Wayne and "What If" featuring Faith Evans. "Something Else" is the second one to add to the collective public and media, giving hardworking musicians an opportunity to showcase their unique musical musical. But even that is not always the case, as Gil and Coco contacted the legendary group Lyrиск Group to perform at their very first barn show. Unfortunately, the performance didn't happen, but Gil and Coco both stated that it was exciting enough just to be in contact with people working with the band. For a group of their size the fact that he is no longer a big star is a tear jerker if you're a fan of Biggie Smalls. Especially because Jada says goodbye to his long lost home barn ever since moving to their barn and were promoted only by word-of-mouth. Word spread quickly among musicians that something special was happening among musicians that word-of-mouth. Word spread quickly among musicians that something special was happening quickly among musicians that world.

The middle of the album is "Death Wish" which features Lil Wayne, and "Letter to B.I.G." featuring Faith Evans. "Death Wish" is the hardest song on the album it embodies the has been showing people live all over America, and how problems can arise in the streets with the exchange of just a couple words. "Letter to B.I.G." is how Jada says goodbye to his long lost industry friend the Notorious B.I.G. who brought him into the music business and helped him get to where he is today; the song is a tear jerker if you're a fan of Biggie Smalls. Especially because Biggie's late wife Faith Evans

The entire album is solid and is listenable. It also poisons some tracks with very strong lyrical power. With this album Jadakiss is not outshined by any of his well known featured artists he stays strong on every track, and proves that he can rap with the best of them, if not better than them. This album definitely shows Jada's potential and also embodies the fact that he is no longer a diamond in the rough.

D-Money's Track List:

- "Pain and Torture"
- "Something Else" Featuring Young Jeezy
- "Smoking Gun" Featuring Jasmine Sullivan
- "What If" Featuring Nas
- "Letter to B.I.G." Featuring Faith Evans

**PHOTO OF THE MONTH**

A puppy gets into the Fall Spirit.

TRAVIS MCCAFFERTY, NOR'ESTER NEWS

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**HOGFARM STUDIOS:**

Hogfarm Studios is not an entirely new concept. Gil and Coco have been booking shows in their home barn ever since moving to Biddeford four years ago. The first 19 shows they booked sold out and their band and were promoted only by word-of-mouth. Word spread quickly among musicians that something special was happen
The Un-Americans

BY DIANE FITZPATRICK
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I am a heterosexual gal with seemingly nothing to lose or gain from the outcome of Question 1; even still, I am outraged and deeply saddened by how the majority have chosen to vote. To be honest, the strong feelings I felt the morning of November 4th surprised me.

It wasn't that I was indifferent to the cause in any way, only that I had, in my ignorance, disregarded the fact that this issue affects not just the gay community and their loved ones, but everyone and anyone who ever gave a damn about that thing we call the Constitution. I know—our founding documents do not explicitly grant homosexuals the right to marry...it's only that one would assume that it's implied. If two heterosexuals can marry, why not two men or two women? It's an issue I would think we shouldn't even waste our time arguing over, but yet, here we are.

Of all the initiatives Mainers voted on this election, Question 1 was, by far, the most important decision we had to make, in arguably, the last decade. And we voted wrong. Now, you might be thinking how it could be that someone/the majority could vote wrong. As Americans, we are all entitled to our opinions and perspectives, and voting gives us the opportunity to express our views in a way that determines the course of government. It's meant to be a beautiful thing...this democratic process. A majority vote is how things are decided...and in court cases, in government, and in elections. The 'Yes on 1' folks believe that because the majority of Mainers voted to repeal marriage equality that they are right, justified in their cause and beliefs. Often we assume that if a majority is in agreement, that majority is right. To this I would encourage one to remember that the majority once believed the earth was flat; that the majority once believed blacks weren't worthy of basic human rights; the majority once believed women should be nothing more than second-class citizens; the majority, throughout history, has been wrong time and time again. A majority-rule can lead us into mob rule, and that is precisely what has happened with the rejection of the equal marriage law. And this majority, this 52%, should be stripped of their voting rights as to vote against equality, to vote against basic rights, is to be un-Ameri­can.

Usually, I am able to see both sides of any argument—political or otherwise. I try to respect the beliefs and political ideologies of others while remaining faithful to my own perspective. I enjoy participating in the democratic process, and although I might not always be pleased with its outcome, I always try to respect its existence and purpose.

That said, I can in no way re­spect the fact that Mainers chose to repeal the gay marriage law initiated by Maine's lawmakers. I've heard the arguments against gay marriage, and frankly, they're founded in fear and hate, and are based on illogical ide­als. Know before proceeding that within this article my words are not to offend someone, and for this I could apologize and ratio­nalize my choice of words, but that would be dishonest of me as what I have to say needs to be said, specifically in the manner in which I've chosen to convey my opinions.

Allow for me to go through the most popular of arguments against gay marriage, and let us see whether or not elements of truth exist within them, or rath­er, the arguments are founded on fear and perpetuated by igno­rance.

SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

The most obvious explanation for why some Mainers voted 'Yes'on Question 1, is not an argument at all, but rather can be chalked up to religious sentiments and beliefs. The Catholic Church and the Evangelicals were the most notorious groups that encour­aged their respective congregations to vote 'Yes' for the veto. Apparently, according to them, homosexuality is a sin and God does not condone nor does He bless the union of any two men or any two women. Because of this belief, many Mainers felt it was their godly duty to vote against gay marriage. To them I would ask: when did your God give you the right to punish those different than you? Where in your scripture does it explicitly say that you must defend homosex­ual marriage as the only kind of marriage? This belief comes from interpretation of scripture, and interpretation is something man does, not your God.

I don't mean to offend reli­gious folks, it's just that it's all quite silly and misguided to make all of your decisions based on the words of the Bible and a book that was written by men who lived some time ago.

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Be We Wholesome, Or Be We Advertis­ements?

BY BRANDON HOTHAM
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The way in which our soci­ety is structured has always in­terested me. There have been so many times where I just sit and question the events and happen­ings that occur around me. At times I will find myself lying awake in bed thinking over the grandiose world we live in. How­ever, if I think about it too much my brain feels like it’s about to explode, literally. After moving the thoughts of our society and human nature to the back burn­er, I realized that they are slowly, but surely always find their way back to my present state of mind. Some things are just so ludicrous, so illogical! How can we sit here and think this and do nothing? Sometimes I wonder if my ab­surd views are simply mine or could be related to a larger popula­tion.

Enough of my broad babble on the misgivings of the world it­self. There is one particular idea that I would like to focus on. Let me start bluntly. It is just me, or have we become walking, enormous, and absurd billboards that work for the mass consumer driven culture that is reconnised for today? Wow. That's a strong state­ment...

Seriously, we are all walk­ing advertisements. Unless we do not acknowledge it or not. When we look at others, myself included, we instantly look at what they are wearing! It’s so true...
The COURTEOUS SUPREMACIST

There are some gay marriage oppositions who will say, "I think gays and lesbians should have the same rights, but they shouldn't be allowed to call it marriage." Well, how considerate of them. How selfless these folks must be... or so they must think. I challenge anyone, not only gay and lesbian activists, but anyone with even "discretely obtain birth control." If you don't agree, consider this: if you have a law that prevents you from eating certain foods because they are from another country, you would never be considered equal to the people who can eat those foods. It is the same for sexuality. If we are not allowed to practice our sexuality in a way that is comfortable to us, we are not considered equal. This is why sex education is so important. It is a way to explain to the children that they are allowed to look at sex with open and honest discussions with their parents do in the privacy of their bedrooms.

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What's even worse about our perception of others is that we are afraid to talk about sex. God is sure to shun his eyes from you—if this, we are to follow the example of the innocent ignorance. Just as the innocent children do in the privacy of seedy hotel rooms, how low can we define "disenfranchised since is conception, choose not to know that our children would never be explicitly exposed to homosexual sex?"

Parents don't want to discuss sex with their children that are suddenly confused about sex, not because homosexuality exists. If it's not the religion, it's not the fear, then I'm not entirely sure what the reason behind opposition of gay marriage is. Is it the fear? If it's the sex one is afraid of, then they should just not voting, as if one is so blinded by their own sexual preferences as to vote against equal rights, they don't deserve the right to vote.

But it can't be the sex, for all of such people. Some of those "Yes on 1" folks have committed adultery, had sex before marriage, and most likely have been divorced and perhaps remarried. This sanctity of marriage they protect doesn't exist, and perhaps preventing gays and lesbians from marrying makes them feel better about their own failings in life and in love. If this is the truth, then they shouldn't vote.

America is meant to be a place of opportunity, of freedom, to be a place where you are not as naive as to think that freedom and equality exists but it's the idea of all—theirs? It is not? Should we not at least try to do the same thing we did with the children. The cycle is so frustrating! I wish, with all the sights and sounds all around me, I try to stop and think for a moment about how much we consume in a day. I'm not just talking about the things we wear, the things that硌es and are bound by their own sexual preferences as to vote against equal rights, they don't deserve the right to vote.

Parents don't want to discuss the birds and the bees with their children, and they most certainly don't want a guidance counselor or nurse equipped with diagrams of sex organs and condoms meant for bananas to teach children anything about anything. At best, children learn of menstruation cycles, the potency of sperm, and where they can go to discretely obtain birth control. Even if sex education were presented in a more progressive manner, children would never be explicitly exposed to homosexual sex positions, so more than they would be exposed to the dirty little things their parents do in the privacy of their bedrooms.

Politics of Fear

BY AARON MITCHELL
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About a month ago I spoke of the politics of race, and the use of minorities as pawns in grand political games. After the recent series of elections it seems appropriate to talk about another sort of political tactics, of grander and deeper consequence.

In this country there are three races: the white, black, and what we call the mestizo, an offspring of the two races, and perhaps, preventing gays and lesbians from marrying makes them feel better about their own failings in life and in love. If this is the truth, then they shouldn't vote any more. They mean what I'm saying, and what looks appealing is just what they want you to think is appealing. Hell, if some billboard went up tomorrow with a famous celebrity or model wearing a potato sack, it would be all the rage. It wouldn't be slowly or seem weird; it would be "bohemian" or "indie." I used to think I knew the meanings of these words. I just don't think so anymore. They mean what I'm conditioned to think they mean. I know this is deep, but just try to hang on with me.

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If you don't agree, consider this: if you have a law that prevents you from eating certain foods because they are from another country, you would never be considered equal to the people who can eat those foods. It is the same for sexuality. If we are not allowed to practice our sexuality in a way that is comfortable to us, we are not considered equal. This is why sex education is so important. It is a way to explain to the children that they are allowed to look at sex with open and honest discussions with their
Breaking News (A Love Story)

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Breaking News: Angelina Jolie to Adopt Balloon Boy. That statement is completely unsubstantiated information that I made up. But the way things are nowadays in the news, anything will get published and anything becomes breaking news.

A boy supposedly set afloat in a balloon that traversed the state of Colorado. Suddenly all news channels and the entire United States of America decided to dedicate all their time and resources to covering the story and making sure the boy was returned to safety. As if that was not enough, stories and then for taking those stories. But really, we journalists with a small responsible for promoting those stories. But really, we sited frivolous stories to meet who send short-term classifications of America decide to Breaking News as breaking news. Some random family's quest for fame. What is most astounding to me, however, is how whole nation played the point of where a line should be drawn between breaking news and a bizarre human interest story. With a re-cression, rising unemployment, healthcare reform and multiple wars, there is no lack of fodder to make news. Breaking news are things with consequences for an enormous amount of people. Stories of natural disasters, international level security threats and pandemics classify as breaking news. Some random family in Colorado and their ludicrous antics does not classify as breaking news.

Where are the Role Models?

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There seems to be a lack of decent role models in the world right now, especially in the world of sports. I thought that when I was younger, I would spend hours outside pretending to be Cal Ripken Jr. playing baseball or Dan Marino throwing the game winning touchdown pass to win the Super Bowl. It went until about ten years ago when things started getting bad.

Mark McGwire, fresh off a record breaking seventy home run season with the Cardinals, was accused of steroid use. As a young kid I had no clue what that was, but now that I am a little older, I know what it is and my view on steroids has changed completely unsubstantiated as good news. Breaking News (A Love Story) is all a farce.

I know of others who were outraged that their time was wasted following the story only to find out that the boy was hitting in the attic and that this was all a farce.