Undergraduate Student Government Elections

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The Undergraduate Student Government elections will be held on March 3, 2010. Each undergraduate student will be emailed a Survey Monkey survey at midnight on the third. The survey will stay open for 24 hours. This is the end of the school year election so every government position will be open. There are many seats on the government including president, vice president, financial manager, secretary, five senator seats and a variety of academic representative seats. All of the various seats ultimately represent almost every aspect of the undergraduate student body. It is through all of these seats working together that make the student government so successful.

When students receive the elections email, they will first vote for the executive positions which are open to all undergraduate students and therefore can be voted on by all undergraduates. This includes the president, the vice president, the financial manager and the secretary. It also includes all the senator seats. Academic affairs, student services, student affairs, student recreation and public relations.

The senator seats are very important to the government. Please see USG, page 2

UNE Expansion is on Track, says Housing

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The expansion of the UNE campus across Route 9 is on track, says Alan Thibeault who is in charge of overseeing the project. The construction site, which is easily viewable from facilities and from the student parking lots, looks nearly identical to the sketches drawn at the start of the project.

The completion of the new residence hall is scheduled to be mid-August, meaning the building would be up and running by the fall semester of 2010. The new building will be intended mostly for juniors, but also for those seniors who are looking to stay on campus for their last year, says Jennifer DeBurro, Director of Residential Life at UNE.

UNE’s expanding numbers are the cause of the move across the street. The large numbers of the latest freshman class forced many students into triples; the new buildings will hopefully prevent this from happening again anytime soon. In addition, the new housing will provide some on-campus living for seniors. Those who are able reap the benefits of being closer to the center of things.

The new residence hall will be four stories high and have a suite style setup. It will provide two options for suite living—either four single bedrooms, or two single bedrooms and a double. Both types of suites will have a small kitchen, a living room, and a personal bathroom. In addition, the plans for the ground floor include a lounge as well as a fitness area, and each floor of the complex will hold two study areas. The new dorm will have wireless internet throughout.

UNE’s expansion across Route 9 is much more in-depth than the construction of one new residence hall, however. The Please see BUILD, page 3

As UNE Expands, Food Services Searches for More Space

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On an average day, about 2,000 people eat in the Decary Dining hall; that is almost half the size of the entire university. In the twelve hours that the dining hall is open, that’s an average of 166 people per hour. With a maximum capacity of 350, 166 per hour doesn’t seem so bad. However, when there’s a rush of people after everyone gets out of class, it can be hard to find a seat.

“The cafeteria is most crowded during lunch time, especially on Mondays and Wednesdays,” says Dan Roy, general manager of Sodexo Dining Services at UNE.

The size of Decary is becoming a growing problem as more and more students come to UNE.

“Breakfast has also increased in size because of Tammy, she does such a great job with the kids in the egg line and has become very popular," Roy explains.

While this isn’t such a bad thing, it does still increase the number of people in Decary in Please see FOOD, page 2

“Safe Ride” Alternative to Take Effect

BY MANDY RANCOURT
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It is only February yet a staggering 5,101 students have already been transported by safe ride drivers during this academic year. A number that is already over last year’s number of 5,000 and will continue to increase over the coming months. Due to the problems the high volume of pickups has caused Security is conceptualizing a plan to alter the current Safe Ride program.

Although still in the planning stages, Don Clark from Safety and Security has stated that the safe ride program will be changing as soon as possible to become more of a bus service. Eventually, about fourteen stops will be established at different locations across campus for students to wait at, wait at and be picked up by safe ride.

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Academic affairs will help handle all major USG votes and situations. This seat handles the issues that overlap departments such as the finals schedule, teacher evaluations, the core curriculum, and other academic issues. The student affairs and student services seats deal with almost everything non-academic. This includes housing, food, security, judicial reviews, club policies, and a variety of other issues that arise. Student recreation deals with issues such as recreational space, the campus center, and the fitness center as well as advocating for club sports.

Students will then be asked to select their major and will be able to vote amongst the people running to represent that particular department. Students will then be asked to select their second major or minor, if they have one. This allows students the opportunity to choose who represents their other academic department. These representatives deal with any issues that students are having in their particular department. This means that they work with students, professors, and the department chair in order to help solve any trouble that all students within a department are sharing.

Lastly, students will be asked to select which graduating class they are in. Here, students will vote for their class representative. Class representatives work with other elected class members to help plan events, fundraise and deal with issues that particular class may be facing.

The Undergraduate Student Government is a great way to get involved at UNE. There are a variety of issues that every student must deal with. There are also many things that a lot of people want to change at UNE. USG is the opportunity to help make these changes. The Undergraduate Student Government is also great to add to a resume. It will help graduate schools and employers that you have leadership experience and the ability to work with a variety of people.

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STUDY LINKS SIDS TO SEROTONIN LEVELS IN BRAIN, DR. DAVID MOKLER FROM UNE INVOLVED

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This long-time faculty member has recently collaborated with a team of scientists on a breakthrough study, which was published in the journal of the American Heart Association. Mokler along with a team of 10 other scientists from places across the United States have found in the Central Nervous System that something is going wrong. It strikes during the night; a parent can put their child to sleep in the evening, and in the morning, the child could have passed. This scary disease has presented many questions; questions that don’t have many answers. However, due to the findings of a recent study, there is now an important link that connects SIDS with serotonin.

Our very own Dr. David Mokler is an important contributor to the finding of serotonin levels in infants that had died from SIDS, joining the team as a result of his ongoing, well-known work with this particular brain cell. Mokler explains his favorite part about his own research was, Mokler replied that he was glad to be involved in such important work. Dr. David Mokler explains his favorite part about this study does present a serotonin deficiency to be a biological cause for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, but other factors increase the risk of the disease. We know that an infant is sleeping on its stomach, subject to second-hand smoke, prematurity, and alcohol consumption by the parents during pregnancy. During this recent study of the infants that studied has passed away due to SIDS, 95 percent died with at least one risk factor, where 88 percent died with at least two. Mokler says it’s important to keep such things as this in mind, for the findings of the impact of low serotonin levels, may just be one part of it. He explains there could be another factor, and the serotonin deficiency could possibly be a partner with something else, something that remains unknown.

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Dr. David Mokler explains his favorite part about the actual experiment was being able to remove brainstem tissue from different infants through autopsy and being able to examine them further. He tells there were three different groups, including infants, in which he liked how he was able to study all three and make important connections. He went on to say that he liked having the opportunity to produce something new and ground-breaking, for which he liked how he was able to study all three and make important connections. He explained there could be another factor, and the serotonin deficiency could possibly be a partner with something else, something that remains unknown.

The researchers say that their findings reinforce the idea that SIDS (in the majority of cases) is a disorder of serotonin in the brain. However, as with anything, there are other risk factors included. This study does present a serotonin deficiency to be a biological cause for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, but other factors increase the risk of the disease. We know that an infant is sleeping on its stomach, subject to second-hand smoke, prematurity, and alcohol consumption by the parents during pregnancy. During this recent study of the infants that studied has passed away due to SIDS, 95 percent died with at least one risk factor, where 88 percent died with at least two.

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Food is the overall issue being addressed. The Food Service Committee and others are working to try and make dining services as efficient as possible. The food deals with issues such as recreation and a variety of other issues that every student wants to change at UNE. USG is the opportunity to help make these changes. The Undergraduate Student Government is also great to add to a resume. It will help graduate schools and employers that you have leadership experience and the ability to work with a variety of people.

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In order to decrease line size and increase food quantity in a sufficient amount of time, the problem goes far beyond size and capacity. One of the ideas being tossed around that will most likely be put into effect would make a cafeteria-like area in the Alfond Science building, where students can use their meal swipes.

“Aldorf seems to be a central point on campus, and it is also the least utilized food facility,” says Roy.

Dining services has also been offering surveys to students to find out what kind of food they like and what they may want out of another facility. If there is another cafeteria-type area put into Aldorf, they want to make food that not only students like, but also that students may be able to eat quickly or take with them. The food has to be easy to enough to cook due to the limited equipment that can be put into Aldorf. More employees also have to be hired or moved to run the food facility at Aldorf if it is to become more than just what it is now.

“Aldorf will hopefully bridge the gap between maximizing what’s on campus and making the best utilization of what we have,” states Roy. The Hang on any given night is usually busy, especially on the weekends, so that option is not be the most suitable place for more dining services. The Windward Cafe is also busy, and only has so much space to provide. However, Aldorf is underutilized and has enough space for students to gather as well as for more dining services to be put in.

As far as the new dorm being built right now, there will be no new food areas will be going into that. If Aldorf doesn’t work out, ideas such as the “Take 3” rule may be brought back which is where students are allowed to use a meal swipe and take a couple of items and a drink to go. Aldorf seems to be the next step in making the dining services more efficient and less crowded.

Study links SIDS to Serotonin Levels in Brain, Dr. David Mokler from UNE Involved

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**RIDE**

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Ride has to transport all of the students. This makes it impossible for them to do all of their duties because they have no time to do anything but drive students throughout UNE. The campus is therefore less safe, because instead of security patrolling the campus and buildings, security must help with Safe Ride.

The amount of students that need to be picked up keeps the safe ride drivers impossibly busy as well as security's phones. Because all of the students needing rides have to call in, the phone lines are tied up and someone with an important security issue may not be able to get through.

When a student calls in requesting a safe ride, security must then dispatch another phone to Safe Ride because of the numerous calls, which will only increase as the University continues to grow next year to include new students and the new residence hall.

Security does not deem this safe ride program any less safe than the current one and as it is meant to be a courtesy for students, security will always make sure students are safe. However, the program has become a too-service for some students and is simply not as effective as when it was first introduced. There will always be some sort of service, but adjustments have to be made to combat the growth of the University.

Even if it means walking students across campus as was done in the past.

Any suggestions or comments about the new Safe Ride program can be submitted by contacting Don Clark or Skip McGaw from Safety and Security.

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University also plans to build three more dorms to surround the pond and grassy area. This pond will contain two fountains, and be the center of a running and walking trail. The pond will also be frozen this winter and turned into a running and walking trail.

To help incorporate the new portion of the street (along with a "ground-level gateway" for the flood their residence halls.


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**Search for New Professors**

**BY MICHAEL CAMPINELL**

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With all the growth of the University, the College of Arts and Sciences, the UNE has also had to hire many new professors. Arthur Goldstein, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said that interviews are always occurring. The school is always looking to fill empty positions, which actually exist very often.

Professors leave for a variety of reasons including personal reasons, not getting tenure, poor evaluations or the end of a contract.

When a position opens at UNE, the school advertises the position in several places. First of all, it is online at the Chronicle of Higher Education. This is one of the most popular places to look for higher education employment. The school also advertises on the UNE website and in publications of certain disciplines.

This allows the school a great number of applicants from all over the world. Application numbers can range from 50 applications to over 200 hundred, depending on the position.

The first thing the school looks at is a potential professor's degree and where he or she earned that degree from. Most of the time, UNE is looking for professors with a PhD from a reputable institution. Next the school looks to see whether a potential hire has interest in both teaching classes and also conducting research. It is important that professors are able to do both.

If a department is looking to hire a new professor, it will form a committee for help choose who will be hired. They will review paper applications first to help weed out those who are not qualified. This will help narrow the field down to 20 or 30 professors. Next, the committee does phone interviews to help get a better feel for a candidate. This consists of several questions about the professor's qualifications, why they would like to work at UNE, what they can bring that someone else may not be able to and questions about their research. This step in the process will narrow the field down to three to five applicants.

The applicants who remain are interviewed by the Dean of Arts and Sciences and department head and the student evaluations that students fill out at the end of each semester. Dean Goldstein stresses the importance of these evaluations completed by the students. It is through these evaluations that help with choosing which professors should receive tenure. It also helps department chairs give appropriate criticism to the professors within their department.

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In the end, the hiring process can be a very long, hard process. This is very necessary though for the College of Arts and Sciences to make sure that it hires quality professors. According to Dean Goldstein, "the hires we have been over the past few years have been remarkable. I am very proud of the faculty at UNE."
Sam McReynolds: The Alias of the Adventurer

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"Boo... Boom... Boom... Boom..." the sounds of bombs drew the men out of the café only for them to discover that their jereps were converted to tall, metallic, metal shapped. To thes men, the thunder of the bombs drew little more than discern, so they returned to their steaming expres. This was normative behavior for Sam McReynolds during his graduate years. He was the star of his very own Sci-Fi film.

McReynolds is the director of the sociology Department here at UNE. He received in Doctorate in sociology having never taken a sociology class. In fact, he has never taught a class he took. All of his foundations in sociology comes from field research and applied sociology. Despite his educational background, McReynolds teaches one of the most popular but advanced studies: Societies of the Future. This class uses sci-fi films to analyze and exploit social and political issues along with the state of the human condition.

McReynolds enjoys sci-fi film because they send such strong social messages like "suspcion bears confidence" or "don't suppose in for half the day. While at dinner the guy was engaged in what the person is. "I am privileged to be a teacher."

Despite his undying dedication to his students, there is on person who takes presidency over his work: his eight-year-old daughter. When not working and grading the copious amounts of papers he is known for assigning, McReynolds is dedicated to his daughter's school. He manages to find time to read to her for 30 minutes a night every night. Having a child, McReynolds had to reevaluate his identity. Instead of watching the Sci-Fi films that he loves, he watches the "insidious cultural terroristic Dinsey." On a side note, McReynolds was thought to be a terrorist inspector. Working with the partners of the Americas back in 1981 he was sent to do developmental work in Honduras as part of a cultural exchange. One of the guys he was working with had a family friend who was the consultant to the general of El Salvador. The consult smacked them into the warning El. Salvador was being drafted to do something. While out taking picture, McReynolds was stopped by the military and asked to turn over his camera. He was arrested and brought into a dank room, where miltias surrounded him for 4-5 hours. At even his slightest movement the machine guns were directed at his head. Finally, he was able to get his camera, but decided to stay back; that was one of his best decisions, because that afternoon the data guy was shot to death.

In 1990, while finishing up their field research in El. Salvador, McReynolds and his crew once again started to get a bad vibe. They decided to head back home immediately. That afternoon gunfire broke out in their hotel as the gorillas once again took over. McReynolds once again found himself in the middle of conflict, and with a stroke of fair he managed to escape.

Despite McReynolds action pact life he does not want conflict. He just doesn't like it, but any student who has been in class with him knows that he will stand up for what he believes in.

McReynolds doesn't agree with the overly excessive medical direction at this school. He has been pushing for, and will keep pushing for, a true commitment to the building of the social sciences and the humanities. He wants students to have the chance to learn experiementally, like he had.

"His advice to anyone is, "Go out and experience what you can. UNE students get to specialized in what they do. [I] by experiencing a broad range of things in life so many good things can happen. They could have a richer and fuller life. [I] by experiencing the world in a broader way they enhance their the ability to do better work and be more fulfilled by the work they do."

So, in the words of Sam, "Go do something meaningful."
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Brendan and Chris while they sorted through trash and saw how devoted they are to figuring out why people waste as much as they do, and how they can dwindle this amount. Over the next eight weeks, "Recycle Mania" is going to focus on paper waste. A huge portion of the paper waste found at UNE comes from our use of paper towels. Tim Desoncourt and Chris Dracoules embody the "Paper Towel Dispenser Pilot" group in the GLC. By teaming up with the housekeeping staff and doing some re­search, Tim and Chris are investigating ways to reduce the amount of paper towel and battery waste that is generated from our paper towel dispensers. The answer may lie in a new form of hand drying equipment. Their efforts will likely reduce the amount of paper and batteries wasted on campus, but until then the whole UNE community needs to cut back on their excessive use of paper towels. If you use two pieces of paper towel instead of one, consider cutting back. If you use roughly two packs of paper towels (200 sheets--http://www.cdf.org/paper­calculation/) a month then you are costing the university $58 a year and the earth a tree. Cutting back on hand towels in the bathroom in the residence halls can help our budget, the earth, and your conscience. Stay tuned for the next issue of Sustainable UNE.

Doony Tunes

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The twenty-first Winter Olympic Games got underway on the twelfth in Vancouver. Personally, I love the Olympics; you get to see sports that you hardly hear about, get introduced to athletes that you have never heard of, and most importantly, root for the United States.

These Olympics, however, have been a lot different than all the rest. First of all, the NBC family of networks is blowing it. Their coverage does not start until 8pm! The Winter Olympics happen every four years, I think you can blow the last five hours of the Today show for three weeks to open up some space for a little Curling action. Days of Our Lives can take the backseat so we can learn about the Biatlon, and Access Hollywood should just be off of television completely. You would think that NBC might want to work on repairing their reputation after they pretty much murdered it when they got rid of Conan O'Brien, but apparently network Eeats think differently.

Additionally, NBC really needs to nix some of the commentator/analysts for some of these events. I understand that not too many of your average sportscasters have a ton of knowledge about the nuances of snowboarding, but that bro Johnny Mosey needs to stick to the slopes. NBC does not have room for his ski bum opinions; where is the professionalism? These are the Olympics, after all, and "harry" is not a good term to describe a Gold Medal Champion.

On another note, why is figure skating on for three hours every night? Blame it on the generations, I guess. The complaint because my parents love to watch it, but I am going to go out on a limb that not too many of us out there are really excited about a rink skating. They think it is a little too old-fashioned. Americans are obsessed with going fast, massive spills, and big hits. We don't want this low-down mixed pairs of figure skating. We want the bolded, the downhill skiing where athletes fall going 80 mph, the hockey where the Americans may actually have a chance. This is not rocket science -- there is a reason why figure skating and cross country skiing go completely unnoticed for four years. And seriously NBC, where is the converter to calculate from kilometers to miles per hour? You are really dropping the ball here. You know that we Americans have absolutely no clue how fast 120KM really is.

On top of that, how about a little bottomline telling us how much the non-traditional sports work or the rules we may not know for internationa.hockey. All I can tell you about curling is that: a) it looks like a ton of fun, b) it seems a bit like boccie ball, and c) I don't know a single rule. How about telling us how much each ring on the target is worth or that you refer to it as "the house?" I apologize for my lack of knowledge in the curling, but I don't deny my chance to learn about it.

Why does NBC even have the contract to cover the Olympics? As far as I am concerned, ESPN is the "Worldwide leader in sports" and NBC is "more colorful." What does that even mean for a television network? NBC's contract for Olympic coverage ends after the summer games in 2012, and I really hope that it does not get renewed. I find it hard to believe that no other networks are interested or believe that they can do a better job because NBC is absolutely ruining my Olympic experience.

Put a Little Love in Your Heart

BY AMANDA SIMMONS
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February 14th is the day in which we give our hearts to others. Images of Scoobie­Doo valentines, and cut-out pais­ley hearts speckled with glitter and bedazzled with jewels are pumped into our thoughts. And yet, the organ that these symbols represent is often overlooked. It is a month in which we tend to neglect our heart, rather than love it. The single day, February 14th, overpowers the entire month of the heart. Instead of giving away our hearts we must embarrass them. That's why February is dedicated American Heart Month.

The heart does not allow us to love, it's an organ. The heart lets us live so we can experience all of the chemical reaction that we perceive as love. In order to live as long and vibrantly as possible we must take care of our hearts. After all, cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women, responsible for about 450,000 million female deaths a year. That's approximately one death a minute.

Cardiovascular disease is a broad spectrum of diseases affecting the cardiovascular system. It can range from what may seem like little problems including high blood pressure and angina, to major problems like congestive heart failure, a stroke or even a heart attack.

In honor of our hearts, Costal Healthy Communities Coalition (CHCC) sponsored the Go Red for Women day on Friday the 5th. By wearing red we acknowledged the importance of our hearts and the impact of cardio­vascular disease on women. CHCC also put on a lunch-in educating those who went about the signs and risk factors of cardio­vascular disease, along with ways to decrease the likelihood of becoming just another statis­tic.

Something as simple as smoking, stress, lethargy or poor diet can increase ones chances of developing cardiovascular dis­ease.

One of the most effec­tive ways to improve ones heart health would be simply making better choices when eating. Our diets don't just affect the size of our pants. The nutrients in the foods we eat can help prevent and repair cell damage. Fresh produce like broccoli and asparagus that contains properties that are higher in antioxidants. They have a greater capacity to decrease the amount of free radi­cals that travel around your body and cause damage. Antioxi­dants prevent vascular inflammation, which increases ones chances of developing cardiovascular dis­ease.

Other heart healthy foods include fish and tofu. Foods that are rich in Omega 3's and low in triglycerides increase heart health by lowering blood pres­sure and preventing clots. The omlets that we eat in the morn­ing can be made heart healthy by adding some mushrooms that help regulate blood pressure.

By just adding some healthy al­monds and walnuts to our bran oatmeal, we can lower bad cholesterol (LDL) and increase the good cholesterol (HDL) that allows our blood vessels to re­main healthy and elastic making it easier for our heart to pump blood throughout the body.

Don't be stressed out over Valentines Day. Take time to re­lax. High levels of stress can lead to increased levels of cortisol, a hormone that increases one's blood pressure and actually inhib­its ones immune response. Stress can actually make you sicker in the long run. So relax, and have a glass of red wine at night. A glass to a glass and a half of red wine can actually improve the amount of good HDL cholesterol in our body.

The chocolates that many of us receive over the past few days, or will be buying on clear­ance during the next few days does not have to be just a load of calo­ries that will land somewhere between our hips and our thighs. The cocoa in dark chocolate can be a healthy source of nutrients that helps lower blood pressure. Though eating an entire box of dark chocolate can hardly be healthy for you. Of course, every­thing is in moderation.

February, is no longer a month in which we must give gifts to others; it is a month that we should be selfish. So for this month, and the months hereafter I ask that you put a little love in your heart!
The Black Jews Visit UNE

BY VERONICA SMITH
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Slavery, persecution, and bigotry; there's nothing like ingrained prejudices and hatred to bring a group of people together. While the idea may sound ridiculous, this unconventional approach is exactly what the Black Jew Dialogues relies on to convey its message. Starting in 2006, Larry Jay Tish and Ron Jones have toured the UK and the US in the hope that adding a little humor to the serious topic of racial and religious prejudices will be able to reunite cultures.

Combining improvisation, fast-paced sketching and multi-media, this production uses humor to educate.

From the opening announcement to turn off all pagers, cell phones, and prejudices, it was clear that this performance was not going to skirt around the tough issues and personal questions. Starting from the common history of slavery and working through to modern struggles of minority status, the dialogues pulled back the technical differences between blacks and Jews and unveiled the endless similarities. Whether it is the stereotypes of criminal behavior, lack of education and uncontrollable sexual behavior that surround the black community, or the obsessive eating habits, guilt patterns and large noses of the Jewish population, there was no topic too sensitive for a joke.

Audience involvement seemed to be a copilot for humor during the performance. From the unexpected lap dance with the poor gentleman in the front row, to the interactive round of "Jew or No Jew," every person in the room was a part of the act. Brief bouts of singing, a break dancing session, short movie clips, and men in women's clothing; there's no question that the focus of the dialogues was as much on entertainment as it was education.

Yes, perhaps the only downfall to the enjoyable history lesson was its length. After almost two hours, even the convincing disguises of comedy and amusement can no longer conceal the true identity of an educational lecture. Nonetheless, the Black Jew Dialogues provided a fresh perspective on the overworked topics of bigotry and hate, and included some laughter and lap dances along the way.

Three of the many UNE seniors that were auctioned off at the Senior Date Auction on February 13th.

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As the last semester for the seniors commences, they are busy trying to figure out what it is they are going to do with the rest of their lives. Or are they? Nope, they are busy having fun, and making memories that will last the rest of their lives. There are many senior events that will be happening in the next few months. On Saturday, February 13th the annual Senior Date Auction in the MPRs will start at 8pm. If you are looking for a date on Valentines Day or want a free meal, stop by! The senior date auction is where the seniors auction off over 20 of their fellow classmates, and its all for you. There is a $3 cover charge, but it is all worth the show. When you arrive, you will receive a paddle, like any auction, and let the fun begin as the seniors are auctioned off to the highest bidder. If you in fact are the highest bidder, you and your prize will receive a gift certificate to a local restaurant for a nice dinner. Junior class president, Ahmed Elkady and senior class president, Alisha Tondo will host the show. Just to name a few of the seniors being auctioned off are, Cat Sken & Ashley Taylor, JM Cascio, Brian and John Pecchia, Ryan Tar, Kelly Willard & Amanda White, and Ahmed Elkady. These seniors will give you a Valentines Day you won't forget, so make sure you bring your money!

On Monday night, February 15th, the 99 Day Bash will be held at Run of the Mill at 8:30 pm. Come celebrate the last 99 days of senior year. There will be free appetizers and the amazing Ben Kilcollins will be there playing as well. Tell all your friends and professors to come earlier in the evening between 5 and 9:30 because 10% of the cost of their meal goes to the Senior Class. Make sure to bring the coaster with the UNE sticker on it too!

The Senior Etiquette Dinner is on Wednesday, February 17th at 4:30 pm. The seniors will watch a presentation in Alfond first, and then come back to the MPRs in business formal attire, and learn the correct etiquette at a formal dinner, with some great food choices such as chicken piccata, baked haddock, and a veggie dish. So if you ever wondered why do I have three different size forks, come and enjoy the company of your fellow classmates!
Superbowl Entertainment Review

BY STEVE SCRIVENER
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"Whoaaaa are you, who, who, who. Whoaaaa are you, who, who, who." Just admit it, that song was stuck in your head for at least a week after the Super Bowl. And how could it not be after that awesome halftime performance by the Who? Not to mention that insane light show that they put on. Who knew these old guys could still kick it? Not bad for a bunch of grandfathers who used to trip on shrooms and LSD. Even if you're not a fan of The Who, or any rock music for that matter, you must admit that their performance last Sunday was better than the Backstreet Boys and Aerosmith, or Janet Jackson's infamous strip tease. Well, maybe not the strip tease.

If you are reading this right now, then most likely you didn't care all that much about who won the Super Bowl this year. Aside from watching Patton get denied of his second Super Bowl ring, or the inspirational story of the New Orleans Saints, it was just another hyped up Super Bowl with some entertaining commercial ads. Who knows, maybe you decided to book your 2011 spring break trip to New Orleans, cause you know they will still be partying hard down there on Bourbon street.

Yeah, it was cool to watch the Super Bowl, the New Orleans Saints took on the Indianapolis Colts. But being a Pats fan doesn't make it as much fun to watch the big game when you can't watch Brady throw for five TD's and win another MVP, So, like most other Americans whose team wasn't playing last Sunday, why don't you decide to watch the big game? Obviously it was for the commercials.

It has become a recent tradition to expect the best commercials to air on Super Bowl Sunday. Companies know that this is the most watched sporting event in America, so they spend tons of money every year to advertise their products or services. In fact, reports have estimated that this year's price was approximately $3 million dollars for just a short 30 second add. However, if you happened to miss this years big game, you missed several brilliant advertising campaigns. You probably heard at least one or two ads talking about wearing no pants. Dockers Pants Company sponsored a commercial that had a bunch of middle aged guys walking through a field in their underwear singing, "I wear no pants." This catchy ad ended when Dockers guaranteed to give away free pants as part of their promising campaign.

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Islam On The Train!

BY CHEIKH SAAD SIDI HAIBA
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It was a very dark winter night in Biddeford, Maine. It was like I had never opened my eyes. It had been snowing for four days, and the electricity had been off for 48 hours. The dim glow of the hazy moon lighting the sky was the only thing I could see. I walked along a dark road hoping to see: nothing! I saw nobody! Was a man in his forties sleeping in front of me. Sporadically, this was a man who was walking along and I was the only passenger waiting for the train to Boston. The train came just on time, and all passengers—only I—got on board. I sat on the fourth left hand seat, and there was a man in his forties sleeping in front of me. Sporadically, this gentleman would open his colourful, bright eyes. Thinking that only he and I were on the train, my heart was hammering inside my chest as if it were trying to escape, and I was fighting back the urge to scream.

At that exact moment, I remembered that it was time to pray. Muslims are required to pray five times a day. It’s a ritual for Muslims of their location. I pulled my prayer rug out of my bag, put it in the dark aisle and started praying. Actually, part of my mind was still thinking about the last commercial. A Demomon gave me, and my beating heart had slowed a little! I could easily feel that! When I sat down to finish my prayer, the gentleman strongly hit my left shoulder with the palm of his hand and said, "What the hell is wrong with you Muslims? Why do you pray?" I explained that this is the most watched sporting event in America, so they spend tons of money every year to advertise their products or services. In fact, reports have estimated that this year’s price was approximately $3 million dollars for just a short 30 second add. However, if you happened to miss this years big game, you missed several brilliant advertising campaigns. You probably heard at least one or two ads talking about wearing no pants. Dockers Pants Company sponsored a commercial that had a bunch of middle aged guys walking through a field in their underwear singing, "I wear no pants." This catchy ad ended when Dockers guaranteed to give away free pants as part of their promising campaign.

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again and so did the conversation between Joe and me. We were having such a great time! Joe asked me one of the most difficult questions I’ve ever had to answer. He asked: “So you believe in Allah or God. Can you give me one evidence that Allah exists? Can you have him call me and say that he’s Allah and what that Mauritian guy is telling me is true?”

I looked at him and said, “Again, Joe, I am not from Mauritius, I am from Mauritania, Joe.” In fact, it took me some time to think what kind of evidence Joe would most likely accept from me, and, accidently, I started bombarding him with what I think is evidence of Allah’s existence.

I explained to Joe that by using simple logic, I could prove that Allah exists. For example, how do we prove that an earthquake has just hit a place? We can prove that by looking at what the earthquake has done to the houses, roads, train stations and so on. Following this simple logic, we can prove that God exists by looking at everything around us, and the greatest balance of science, chemicals, and gravity. So I asked him if he knew that the length of blood vessels in the body adds up to 100,000 miles. I also asked “Who could possibly have done such thing? If I tell you that the laptop you have with you was made by itself, would you believe me? My experience as one who has explored this question in my own mind tells me that our existence in itself is proof. Joe, you and I, have intellect and are aware of too much of our own mortality and limitations for it to be an accident. Then, I asked Joe if he could prove that God doesn’t exist.”

He answered “God is not tangible, and that’s enough evidence! Nobody has ever seen God! Nobody has ever lived next to God’s house! Nobody ever spoke to God! God is nowhere!”

We arrived at the train station in Boston, yet Joe and I were still interested in talking to each other despite the fact that we agreed only one particular thing: that we disagree about everything! Generously, Joe invited me to his apartment, and we spent the day talking and talking and talking! Fortunately, he had the internet, and I printed him the flag and map of Mauritania, not Mauritius! Joe and I are best friends now, and he knows that I am a Muslim and that being a Muslim doesn’t necessarily mean being a killer! Joe asked me to pray for the soul of his lost girlfriend’s friend, and I promised him to do that, but not in my sixth prayer!

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Hockey Wraps Up

BY SEAN DOYLE
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"This has been a great year for us. We have had the chance to bring a team of young talented players into the best D3 league in the country. We have played six top 20 teams in the country and shown that the future is bright. That's how UNE men's ice hockey coach Brad Holt summed up this year's season. While many would call it a disappointment, disheartening or downright lousy, not the battle tested warrior coach Holt.

UNE has had its rookie season and it was not great, but hope is not lost, the ever optimistic coach continued to emphasize the successes of his team. "We have had three one goal losses, three empty net and one OT loss so we feel we are in most games, just need to learn how to win those close ones."

Next year and the following seasons look very promising for UNE hockey. With just three upperclassmen and only one senior UNE had a very young team that promises to skate into next year with a season under their belts. "Our biggest drawback has been our young age. Only time will rectify that. We only graduate one senior and only have two juniors so we are very prepared for next year if we can get the recruits we need."

UNE has had some stand out players this season including Jack Nolin. Nolin is the team leader in points with 13, including five goals and eight assists. Jake Moscatel has also lit the lamp for five goals to go with four assists.

In goal UNE has relied on two stoppers, Dallas Ungurian and Mike Roper. Ungurian played in 14 games while allowing 54 goals and tallying .452 stops. Ungurian had a save percentage of .890. Roper also had another hand, played in nine games, his best coming in a 59 save effort against Babson College.

The recruiting class for UNE men's hockey is the best in years and for next year's team. UNE has three forwards coming in: Tyler Fleurent, a junior from Massachusetts; and Scott McManaman. The other two goals were added by Tyler Fleurent, and later an open slot was added by MacManaman to give him two in the contest.

The UNE men's team is closing out their season and looks to do so on a positive note. Either way the season was great to next year's plans with great recruits and many returning players.

Club Volleyball

BYJOHN-MICHAEL CASCIO
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As the second semester is under way, club volleyball is in full swing. Beginning in December and comprised of 13 players and a first year coach, things are looking good for the team.

"Overall, it's going well," said fourth year player Michael Campbell. "We have strong players who played in HS, one who played at RIT as an undergrad, and several who played on the club team last year."

Participating in a tournament on February 6 at Bowdoin College, the team put forth a solid effort and excellent team play. With three teams to play, UMass Lowell, Brandeis University, and Bates College, the team was looking to gain some momentum throughout the day. Unfortunately the Nor'ester's had a tough day only being able to beat Bates two games to one with scores of 25-27 Bates and 26-24, 15-6, UNE.

"Our biggest challenges right now is getting more practice time and getting used to playing with each other. I think that both will work out for the best in future seasons."
Player of the Week: Anthony Johnson

BY MATT PENET
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As the season starts to wind down, the University of New England men's basketball team has begun to heat up. After Tuesday's win over Endicott College, they have moved to 7-3 in the conference and have a winning record for the first time since early in the season when they were 2-1. The outstanding shooting of sophomore Anthony "Papa" Johnson has been a huge part in this recovery from a rough start.

The six-feet-one-inch tall guard from Austin, Texas, has been a scoring machine over the past few games. Scoring in double figures in six of his last seven games, including back-to-back games, Johnson has been contributing to the team's more consistent performances and a career-best thirty point game. The scoring has been something the team has been working on all season, averaging fourteen and a half points per game. Johnson has also contributed at the defensive end, grabbing five rebounds and two steals in a game—thirty-five swipes in eighteen games.

Johnson has been one of the team's more consistent shooting options, which has helped in his recent hot streak. He leads the team with ninety-one field goals made, and is shooting forty-two-point-five percent. Johnson has also shown that he can step up in big games, as he has been having on the court has led the Nor'easters to an 81-76 over Dean College 61-58. The game was a match up of the top two teams in the conference, and for sole position of first place in the conference. The ladies improved their record to 18-4 and 9-1 in TCCC play. The Nor'easter to a 68-51 victory over Regis College for first place in the conference. The ladies improved their record to 18-4 and 9-1 in TCCC play.

Women's Basketball

BY STEVE SCRIVENER
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Coming down the final stretch of the 2009-2010 season, the Nor’easter women’s basketball team hopes to finish strong heading into the postseason. As of January 27, the Lady No'earsters sit tied for the Commonwealth Coast Conference with an impressive overall record of 18-4. But what is more impressive is the team’s pure heart that they continue to play as, they are currently unbeaten against TCCC opponents with a mark of (9-1.) However, the team still has 8 very tough games left. Their remaining schedule will determine their seeding heading into the playoffs. They are also vitally trying to keep their tempo, helping the team reach their ultimate goal of hosting the conference tournament.

Regardless of how the season ends, Head Coach Anthony Ewing will have a lot to be proud of. With only one senior on the team, Coach Ewing has a solid team to build on. Kadare Brown tied his career high, hitting six of his 11 points in the Nor’easters battle arguably one of the most talented and sure winners of their biggest strengths. As the Nor’easters battle arguably one of their biggest strengths. In addition to their defense, they have a very strong and highly skilled team. The team’s four freshmen are all seeing consistent playing time. Make sure to watch the women’s basketball team as they head into the final stretch of the 2009-2010 regular season. All season long the ladies have worked tremendously hard and have shown a lot of grit and team togetherness, so the final 8 games will undoubtedly be no different.

There is only one remaining regular season game as the women's basketball team will face-off against Colby-Sawyer on February 13. Look for some big performances by Diggins as she approaches the final regular season game as the women's basketball team will face-off against Colby-Sawyer, and the ladies improve their record to 18-4 and 9-1 in TCCC play.

Men's Ice Hockey

BY AJ FREDETTE
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Higher Education?

BY BRANDON HOTHAM
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College: It's about the experience. This is the impression I get from a lot of older college graduates whom I talk to about their college days. When I pose the question of what college meant to them, they start back with bright eyes as they think back to what it is, for most, a pleasant experience in adulthood development. No matter who I ask, they always answer keenly and sincerely. They seem to be anxious to share the things they learned and how important it was. Almost all of those responses are positive. Most meet their best friends at college, a lot meet their significant others, and a lot still talk and have great relationships with their first college roommate(s). The experience was grand. My experience has been great so far. I'm almost half way done, and I have grown considerably and I have certainly learned more about myself as a person. I am more confident, more self-aware, more responsible, more thinking, more understanding, and more open. I have a logical process to solving both problems that occur in my life every day, and problems that could take years to solve. I'm more well-rounded, and I do feel that when I'm done I will view the world in a different perspective than what I did when I started. College seems to have a lasting positive impression.

There is a problem in this "great experience" part of our development: the future after college becomes non-calculable. Many years ago, this experience was less expensive and more affordable. Newly discovered students could enter college and major in the liberal arts. They could explore their options and enjoy the experience of a higher education. Some would major in science: biology, chemistry, biochemistry, etc. Some would major in the social sciences: psychology, sociology, political science etc. Some would major in the liberal arts: English, history, religious studies, philosophy, etc. Many years ago, graduates from any of programs would be guaranteed two things: an experience that would last a life time, and a better stance in the job market (usually with a higher likelihood of direct job placement). Today, college graduates are guaranteed the same experience, if not better. However, the job placement is a different story.

Many years ago, there were also not as many people going to college. Over the years, the increase in the number of those in higher education has been astonishing: more and more people are going to college. In the year 2000, there were not many aspirations of higher education. At face value, this seems great. Our generation has grown up and been told to go to college to make something of ourselves. However, with a lack of jobs and more and more people in college, it's becoming more about the experience and less about making something of ourselves. Too many people are going to college. Bottom line:

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that every individual should not have the right to go to college; however, there are some in college that just shouldn't be. Either one: because they aren't ready, or two: because college isn't for them. It seems that in our present society, college-aged students are being pressurized to enter higher education. Is this really the right thing? What's so bad about vocational schools or associate degree programs? I don't think a lot of these people have things that a baccalaureate program simply doesn't have. Oh, and dare I say aren't some of those students who would be better suited for a vocational or associate degree program bringing down the quality of the bachelor's degree program?

I'm not saying that those who would be better suited for other programs are bringing down the bachelor's program due to their intelligence; it's because of their lack of drive and initiative. A lot of students are in college, and they don't want to be. They are forced to be by the constraints of their parents and our society. Why is college always the next step? They should have other opportunities. Frankly, they do. They are just made to believe that they don't have other choices. We have been brainwashed to think that only about 25% of the current U.S. population held a bachelor's degree. Clearly, this is not the majority approach. (87% held high school diplomas).

So, what are these people without degrees doing? Our societal model would tell you that they are struggling because they do not have the opportunities that those who went to a four year institution have. I do not think this is the case. There are plenty of people who are doing well without a college diploma. The world for us, be it, if only 25% of the population has

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"Hello, Goodbye"

BY DANIELLE CROPLEY
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Everyone has their place in the world: their niche, their home, their "thing." Sometimes you can find where you belong with little difficulty, and it's easy for you to feel a sense of belonging. Other times, however, this is not the case, and for some, finding where they belong is hit or miss. College is one of those things in life that is truly hit or miss. Sometimes you get it right and find that school that fits you perfectly: perfect program, perfect people, and an overall perfect atmosphere. But, other times, finding the "perfect" college just isn't that simple.

There are many instances where a school isn't ideal for someone. Sometimes the price isn't right and the school you love isn't affordable. Sometimes the people around you just aren't your style and would rather do their own thing, even when they should. And, sometimes, everything seems to fit except the academic program you want to pursue just isn't feasible. The first year of college is the best time to figure out what you want and where you want to be, and sometimes that comes with making some not-so-perfect decisions.

Opting to transfer schools is a hard decision for every party involved. Surely, the choice is most difficult for the transferee, but there are many other variables involved that the transferee considers in their choice for a little change in scenery. The first people that a transferring student probably thinks about are the "rents" going to say. Most kids want to please mom and dad, especially if they're paying for their education. Finding a way to explain to parents why they don't belong at a certain school can pose a problem for some. Now, the next group of people that the transferee is going to think about is their friends. Most kids don't want to leave the friends they've made because that first year of college is essential; essential to making friends and connections to last a few years to come. Ultimately, the transferee needs to think about what they truly want, where they want to be, and what they want to achieve in their life. Some people just decide they don't like a school and want to get out as quick as possible. Many and dad probably won't be too happy and they may even question your choices in life, but deep down we all know we'll get over it if they really love you and want you to be happy. Telling the friends poses somewhat more of a problem and can cause the transferee to feel really guilty for leaving everyone. However, the most difficult one to tell is when the transferee is closest to, because even though they probably already know on some level, hearing the words makes everything a reality.

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them. Chances are, these individuals are working in a more focused career. If they are in my age bracket, some are probably just finishing up their training to keep or get the job market. Certainly, they are struggling like I will be at the end of my four year program in this economy, but at least they have training for a specific field. It’s not like those of us that do not have an advantage, which is how our society makes them feel for attending a two year program.

Tonight I was telling someone to go to a four year institution simply for the experience isn’t cost effective anymore, if it even ever was. If you are going to a four year institution, make sure you are doing your best to make your experience worth it, but for those a little bit less optimistic, this is when it becomes more cost efficient. Maybe then students can go “just for the experience.” My final thought: “experi- ence” doesn’t pay the rent.

Things I Wish I Knew as a Freshman

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So, how many of you have already decided that UNE is boring and there’s nothing to do? I know way too many people that at their in rooms, constantly comment on how they can’t stand them. Well, that’s the problem right there…you are sitting in your room!

It was no secret when you choose this school that it was located in Biddeford, Maine and not in a city. This school is small, so there is not a lot of effort into hosting events for students. There is almost always a comedian or musician on Thursday nights in The Harg. We have a new skating rink where River Otter used to be, and there is a lot of money going into this to put a lot of effort into hosting events for students. There is almost always a comedian or musician on Thursday nights in The Harg. We have a new skating rink where River Otter used to be, and there is a lot of money going into this to put on events that anyone can attend in this little city outside of Alfond when they bored one night. There are also 21 mammal species you can join, listed on the UNE website under athletics. For you advertising buffs, such as the Surf club and the Outdoor Club sponsor daily and weekend getaways to try out things like surfing and zip-lining, and it’s totally FREE. Even if you’re a beginner, you can ask to go with someone or anyone in the surf club about group and individual surf lessons. In the box office, you can pick up $4 tickets to see a movie, $5 tickets to rock clinics or bowl, $10 tickets to go meet your friends (K-12) and other seasonal happenings such as corn mazes, skiing/snowboarding and river kayaking (which is actually REALLY fun). Plan and go with others to have a nice weekend getting tickets to see a big star like Carrie Underwood in Portland for only $35.

That brings me to the next fountain of entertainment, Portland. For less than $20 a weekend, you can walk around the Old Port and visit the boutiques, bars and ice cream shops. The cobblestone streets of the Old Port are home to Condom Sense, a sex toy shop, The Mermaid Bikini Bar, and a Karaoke bar. Flatbread Pizza, an organic stone-fired pizza eatery, and bars such as 31 Wharf, Big Easy and The Stadium. The Old Port also is home to the Civic Center, site of the Portland Pirates and concert arenas for many famous and local bands. In fact, Three Days grace and Breaking Benjamin are playing there right now as I write this article. Incase you’re in the lug- gage room and need to talk to your girlfriend, the Portland har- bor has many sunset and dinner cruises. Junior, Heather Rusk, remembers that it was a great time and she would definitely go again. Portland is a pretty great sized city with so many things to do that I can’t even list them in one article. I know of some who don’t have care, but there have been plenty of articles in the Nor Easter News advertising the new Zip Car and the free bus.

If you’re still bored after reading this article, my only other suggestion is to take a look out your window and notice that we live RIGHT ON the ocean! Try taking a walk down the beach and ponder why your life is so boring. Special thanks to Michelle Franco, who has lived more way more about this campus than I do.

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around the transfersee should be as supportive as possible. You shouldn’t sit around and walk or make wise remarks to (good faith try) and guilt them into staying. You should really look at the situation from their eyes and see that maybe there are other options that truly are better for them. It’s often harder to be the start of a new life and having to do that more than once can’t be an easy thing to do, for anyone. Let’s face it, everyone knows someone who probably isn’t 100% happy at UNE or any other school. Whether you’re the transfer see, the friend, the RA, or the best friend, you should just accept it. No, you’re probably not going to be jumping for joy that your friend is leaving, but that’s okay. You just have to be overjoyed about it, but there’s also no need to just hate the person because they’re trying to do the right thing for themselves. Transferring is a hard decision. If you know someone who’s considering transferring or has already made the decision to do so, ease their mind and know that it’s okay and that you’ll be there for them. True friendship is about letting your friend fly on their own, but being there to catch them just in case they fall and hurt themselves. If your friend wants to try again, maybe I’m not. Just something to think about.

Jesus is a Sox Fan

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Jesus is a Sox Fan, this woman informed me from the comfort of her rusted Toyota pickup. I was behind her, you see, at a red-light (but only thirty) (an offensive), than read the statements projected from her car’s bumper. I was interested, slightly. Why a person would casually pick up such a bumper sticker is unclear, but out such a manufactured state- ment of sporting proclamation was beyond me. But I got me think- ing. About those sorts of foods or events, where you can picnic or go to front-end in banners of such a nature. Like this very woman who in the slender span of the bumper of her truck was able to exclaim to the world that Jesus is a Sox fan, the Yankees Sukk, she’ll give the middle finger to anyone who dis- agrees, she’s a 100% bitch, and, of course, the fake Calvin (from Cal- vin and Hobbes—yes the boy was not designed by sports and Ford truck loving folks) likes to piss on New York. And I bet she’s proud. A sort of maniacal cristal with every other thought and even though she was a woman in a truck, there was always a towel hanging in the back, so there was just enough room you can tell the world exactly what is important to her. We all know what the thinks about, what consumes her. That same woman was able to spend money on plastic bits and paper with adhesive backings. And she cared. A lot. It’s worth noting—and exploring—I should say, this fascination with the game sus­ ects affecting society and our own lives. It’s a distraction. If we are to be concerned all week with the upcoming game’s who’s to say that we will find the time to think about war, health care, unemploy- ment, hunger… the list goes on, you know. You might be inclined to say that you don’t really care about what goes on, that you have no affect on the government’s doings or proceedings, or even that you are so fortunate enough to have the luxury to not care. Sure. But know—that is precisely the intent of organized entertain- ment. I’m not suggesting that the government has a task force as­ signed to controlling the minds of the working classes through sports, no, I am not a conspiracy theorist, only that I know there are many who benefit from the mindlessness of the masses at the expense of the individual.

So the Saints won the Su­ per bowl. And? The big deal, this year, was that the Saint’s win gave hope and faith to the New Or­ leans community, a community riddled with hardship and woe. And there was a boy with cancer, or some incurable disease. This boy, his chance of living de­ pends on the Super Bowl. I see the connection. If only the Saints win the Superbowl… the boy will be cured of his incurable dis- ease and New Orleans will rise glorious from a pile of make shift trailer ruins. I have news for this boy, and for New Orleans: The outcome of the Super bowl didn’t change a goddamn thing. The boy will still be in the hospital. The place is still in shambles. This hope people, the dreams will not be realized just because some guy in speedo and a goofy helmet scored a winning touchdown. So sorry to disappoint. But it makes no sense. This isn’t ESPN corresponding someone to talk about, something tangible in the real world to connect to this game of frivolity and excess. This is not the way to keep American. This is a day of heart-string’s; they almost have us fooled, at least until commercial break.

So put on your Red Sox hat, allow that enterprise to one day infiltrate with you a receding hair line. Spend your hours assem­bling your Fantasy Football Team. Follow the Celtics from pre to post season, because the ability to shoot a basketball into a hoop is something worth revering. And all that crap that really matters—it doesn’t matter because your team didn’t win the game. But go, be a good, upstanding member of the cradled working class, oblivious to the white-collar man who is more than happy to stick his enterprise up your rear- end for the rest of your god-awful existence. To his advantage, and his advantage alone, I might add. Long story short—there are more important things worth paying attention to.

CORRECTION:

The name of new Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Cynthia Forrest, was spelled incorrectly in the last issue of the Nor Easter News.