USG Hold Deans' and Presidents' Forum

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On Friday, December 10th, UNE's Undergraduate Student Government held the Deans' and Presidents' Forum on the Biddeford Campus. It's the first Forum to be held in almost two years, says USG's President, James McGowan. McGowan started off the meeting with a welcome and introduction of all the members of USG who were in attendance, as well as all of the UNE officials who came to the meeting. The officials invited included the Provost, other Senior Administrators, and various Deans from Student Affairs, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Westbrook College of Health Professions.

Many questions were asked. Please see DEAN, page 2.

Observed Increase in Student Judicial Cases Disrupts UNE in More Ways than One

BY DANIELLE CROPLEY
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As of December 7, 2010, UNE has had 228 reported judicial cases for this semester alone. Compared to the Fall 2009 Semester, which was only 163, it can be seen that the number of judicial cases this year has undoubtedly surpassed those numbers in years past, and the numbers are still increasing. When asked why the change, Angela Shambarger, Student Affairs Operations and Judicial Coordinator, provided clarification on said issue.

Shambarger believes that the larger incoming class size is partially responsible for the increase in judicial cases for students. Not only are there more students who don't fully grasp the ideas and norms of the UNE community, but there are also a greater number of incoming first-year students who have had issues with drugs and alcohol in the past.

This group of students seems to be the cases that have run into judiciary problems since starting their first year of college, which Shambarger admits is a time to try new things and experiment, but these "traditions" are getting out of hand.

In general, the types of cases Shambarger has seen are almost all alcohol-related cases. However, this year UNE has also seen an escalated rate of abuse of police than ever before, which has resulted in more students being transported to the hospital as well as more cases of marijuana use. To curb and try to correct this behavior, the same measures are being taken by the Undergraduate Student Government to the administrators present. The questions came to fruition through committee work done within USG. Many of these questions were brought up by students, and brought forward to the government. Some questions included topics such as projected revisions to current majors/minors and new majors/minors within CAS and WCHP.

Please see JUDICIAL, page 4.

Creation of West Kitchen

BY KYLIE GALLIANI
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As many undergraduate students may know, West Hall is the only Residence Hall on campus that does not presently have a kitchen in the building. Currently, residents have access to East Hall’s kitchen, but have to walk outside with all their cooking supplies and into the other building in order to use it. This is also an issue for East Hall residents, because their kitchen is being used by both East and West residents. Toward the beginning of the Fall 2010 Semester, it was brought to the Undergraduate Council that something needed to be done.

The majority of this gift—seven million dollars—will be set towards constructing the new Harold Alfond Athletics Complex to be placed near the new turf field on the Biddeford Campus. The new Athletics Complex will total 105,000 square feet and will provide multiple services for the campus. A new ice hockey rink able to seat 900, a basketball court able to seat 1,200, along with space available for classes, a cafe area, and a new fitness center are some of the main highlights.

This plan will result in the largest multi-purpose gathering space on both campuses due to the total seating capacity of 3,000 and can be used for many different types of events and performances.

This gift, however, was given to the University with a challenge. As Greg Powell stated at the press conference, if UNE can manage to “get a shovel in the ground next spring and quickly raise the seven million dollars in cash” to match the seven million dollars donated, then the rest of the ten million dollars will be gifted to the University. That three million dollar sum will go towards supporting health care education here at UNE.

The Harold Alfond Foundation had previously given the largest donation to UNE fifteen years ago to build the Harold Alfond Center for Health Sciences. Now, once again, with this ten million dollar commitment, this foundation has gifted the largest amount to the University of New England in its history. As said by President Danielle Ripich on Friday, “Our life on this campus will be forever changed by this facility.”

World News

BY KATELYN KAULBACK
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WikiLeaks

WikiLeaks originated in 2006, when the creator of the site, Julian Assange, announced that he had over one million leaked military documents that he would soon post on his new website, which launched the following year. According to the WikiLeaks website, their goal is to “bring important news and information to the public. We provide an innovative, secure and anonymous way for sources to leak information to our journalists. One of our most important activities is to publish original source material alongside our news stories so readers and historians alike can see evidence of the truth.” The site was named “Wiki” Leaks because of its similarity to Wikipedia, although the two websites are not related.

The real controversy began in April, 2010, when a video of a United States helicopter opening fire in Iraqi civilians was posted. Please see WORLD, page 4.
BY ALYSSA FASTNACHT
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As a joint effort, adminis­
tration offices, individual depart­
ments, and students have been put­ting in a lot of effort devising a new Honor Code to take effect in the near future at UNE. While the academic departments are working on writing a more consis­
tent academic integrity policy and standard to which each student will be upheld, Student Affairs is working on the educational and promotional side of the program.

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tern, Ashley Walley, have been working together this year on some new academic integrity ini­
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Shambaeger and Walley have been working diligently on one specific project, which will be a promotional video competition for students to partake in next sem­
erster. The plan is to have groups of students make their own short video presentations on the issue at hand: academic dishonesty, or cheating. They are looking for the students to take initiative and educate their peers about how to avoid plagiarism and the conse­
quences of cheating. There will be prizes for the best video, but for now they are not sure what the prizes will be. "They'll be good ones, though," adds Shambager.

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The Mill at Saco Falls: A Rejuvenation of Downtown Biddeford

BY BRANDON HOTHAM
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On November 15th, an over­
cast Monday, the Mill at Saco Falls located off of Lincoln Street in Downtown Biddeford had its grand opening. Though an over­
cast day, the event was anything but cloudy. The gathering consisted of community members, future tenants, city officials, Biddeford's High School Jazz Band, state officials, and even the Governor of Maine, John Baldacci. Its opening being called, by many, a historic rejuvena­
tion effort of this old mill town. It is the first of Biddeford's many mills to be converted entirely into housing.

Many believe this is the effort needed to turn this city around, a larger residential populous within the downtown area.

The Mill at Saco Falls, once

The redeveloped Mill at Saco Falls.

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DISCUSSION AT THE FORUM

whether or not there would be an increase in the student activity fee, the future of other facilities' developments and the current demand for new dining spaces.

As far as the Student Activity Fee, which has been a consistent student concern, Nicole Trufant, CFO of the University, said that the fee has risen across the years to remain consistent with the in­
creases in tuition. Daryl Corts, Dean of Students, added that the increase in the Student Activity Fee, as it has been in the past, will be discussed with USG before a decision is made.

Academic space was a dis­
cussion that was brought up fre­
quently during the Forum. Bill Bolts, Vice President of Campus Services, said that there are plans for academic space in the new Harold Alfond Athletic Complex. He also said that UNE's most re­
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designated as Morgane, Pickus, and Marcil Halls. Conte commented on the stress on residential spaces (par­
ticularly kitchens, studies, and lounges in first year area housing), but said it was a good place to be, even though it was something that was developed in haste. "We are trying to build our way out of our own success. This is really a great place to be for us as an in­
sitution."

Jaevee Carrer, Provost of the University, asked the students in attendance their opinions on cur­
tent UNE space issues. Carrer commented that it's important for him, to hear directly from students on the issue. He said there is often debate amongst administration over what spaces are necessary, and he wondered if students had the same discussion.

McGowan stated that an audi­
torium, dining space, and academic/ activity space frequently come up within the government as con­
cerns. McGowan then comment­
ed that even though it's a struggle, the University is doing a great job utilizing its current space.

If students are interested in learning more about the Forum, they should stop by the USG of­
ice to discuss it with a USG re­
presentative. At the end of the fo­
rum, McGowan commented, "I'm proud of the collaborative team­
work of the meeting on behalf of the students."
Alternative Spring Break: Morocco

BY ALYSSA FASTNACHT
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If a trip to a beautiful country in northern Africa with gorgeous beaches and rich culture sounds like something you are interested in, then get your applications in soon to be part of the Spring Break excursion to Morocco. Participants will be lodging in 4-star hotels and seeing some of the most beautiful architecture and landscapes in the world.

Students will be traveling to some of the more well known cities: Casablanca, Marrakech, and Essaouira. They will spend three days in each city exploring and experiencing the culture with Outdoor Recreation Coordinator and Assistant Resident Director, Zach Schmesser, who got involved planning this trip over the summer. Schmesser says, "I hope that students will have an opportunity to travel abroad and experience another culture, and upon return, be better educated about places other than their immediate communities." Casablanca is Morocco's economic capital with plenty of things to do and see. On a tour of the city, students will see the beautiful Hassan II Mosque, heart of the city Place Mohammed V square, Town Hall, the Corniche seaside resort, spectacular Notre Dame du Lourdes Cathedral, Central Market, and the new Medina (Habous) market. They will have the opportunity to see the most incredible sights, and travelers will never be bored in this city.

The next stop on the journey is Marrakech where students will see the beautiful and colorful Majorelle Garden, the sacred Saadian Tombs, Koutoubia Minaret and Gardens which stand in a square facing the Djemaa El Fna, the old Medina, El Bahia Palace, and the Souk of Marrakech. The Medina provides most of Marrakech's nightlife with plenty of bars, live entertainment, and street performers. Students must be careful on their travels, be aware that Moroccan etiquette says that you should not drink alcohol openly within view of a mosque.

The final tour will see the port city of Essaouira. Where the other two cities are more built around sight-seeing, participants will be taking part in a lot of different activities such as surfing at the beautiful beaches, horse and camel rides, watching the fishermen come in to the harbor and then picking a fish for dinner, bargaining for vegetables in the souks and a quad bike tour. After the few days in Essaouira, students will return to Casablanca and fly back to Boston.

Dean of Students, Daryl Conte, explained that to make the trip less expensive, the university is subsidizing about $1,000 per student so that the cost of the trip, including hotel stay, travel and food, will total about $2,400. Flights from Logan International Airport in Boston, MA, breakfast and lunch for the entire trip, all transportation in Morocco, and three pre-trip meetings will only be $1,000 each. Although, students should budget for an extra $300-350 for meals not included, souvenirs, and other travel costs. There may be some other scholarships available as well, but nothing official has been sent out yet.

To check for updates about the trip, visit https://sites.google.com/a/une.edu/morocco-spring-break/home or e-mail Zach Schmesser at zschmesser@une.edu for more information. Don't forget that applications are due by Monday, December 20th with a $150 deposit to Daryl Conte in the Student Affairs office in Decary Hall.
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-Caller (female) states that during the summer she and her sister were at the beach and met this male who stated he was a Massachusetts State Trooper. Trespassing out of the Worcester area. Male is in his late 40's to early 50's. Caller states male has been calling her ever since and keeps making comments that are making her very uncomfortable. She just received a call from him on Tuesday at approximately 1000 hours and he is continuing to call. Caller made an appointment to come to the station to discuss further.

-Caller reports his landlord's dog continues to run loose.

-Caller states her house was broken into sometime in the past 2 days while she was gone. States she returned home last night at 7pm to find the residence gone through. Her purse, med boxes, wallet and various 1D's were taken.

-Caller reporting that her son is out of control assaulting her and his little brother, caller reporting that he is threatening to kill himself. No known weapons present.

-Caller (from Hannaford) reporting he has one subject in custody for shoplifting.

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-Caller reporting a group of kids running around screaming. Unknown clothing or how many there are.

-Caller reporting a loud party, he states there are several subjects in the apartment.

-Lt. Parker received information a male was confronted for checking door handles and acting suspicious last night at approx 2130 while a function was going on at City Theater. The PD was not called at that time. Male was arrested for being in his 30's, smoking a cigarette. When confronted he stated he was checking his vehicle’s door handles, and was seen after on several other vehicles.

-Caller reports a suspicious person that is leaning against a telephone pole in the area and has been there for a while.

-Caller stating there is a couch on fire that was in the middle of the street. Subject moved it to the sidewalk.

-Caller states someone broke into her apartment and stole her laptop and rent money.

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-Caller reporting her daughter is missing. States she left the residence without permission, Juvenile was picked up by her friend and her friend’s mother.

-Caller reports four females in custody for shoplifting (Walmart). They attempted to flee.

-Caller states a car has circled her house three times, a gray SUV or minivan, Caller states her neighbor had told her they had seen the vehicle in the middle of the night. Caller is concerned it may be her ex, who she has a PFA against.

-Caller reporting that her vehicle has been stolen from the parking lot at Big Lots, vehicle is described as a 95 Chevy, two-tone Silverado. Caller reports the vehicle also contained their dog. Caller could not provide a plate. Caller further stated that the vehicle did have the keys in it. The vehicle had 3 bumper stickers, 1) YES on Biddeford, 2) I Dance at Brothers and the third is unknown at this time. Caller reported that the paint on the vehicle is chipped.

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**Regular Walking Traffic is Enforced**

BY HARMONY BELL
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It’s an epidemic. Irregular Flight Patterns (IFP) of walkers on common pathways between and even in academic buildings have drastically increased over the past four years on the University Campus.

Three misguided walking patterns have recently led to countless person-person collisions and awkward stop-side shuffle-mumble "sorry" occurrences. The administration, after hearing several complaints from the general student body, has issued a plan to move forward with the installation of new Regular Flight Pattern (RFP) encouraging pedestrian traffic signs to be posted around campus. One student commented, "I really hope these signs encourage pedestrians to walk more regularly. I have been very concerned with the increasing amount of pedestrian collisions. My friend was in one and a great-niece, were informed of the discovery. They were unaware that he had actually been missing in action, because he died 13 years before Wesner was born.

Principal Charles and his wife Camilla had objects thrown at them, and was kicked by protesters. Neither person was injured. It is unclear whether they were specifically targeted, or if they had just happened to be traveling through the protest.

The decision lead to the most violent protests in years. In one occurrence, the royal car carrying Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, was shot at, and the driver had to be treated in emergency. Shambarger provided the following information. As a violation of National Security, and could present future federal employment opportunities.

(www.cnn.com, accessed December 9)

British Angered Over Tuition Increase

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Second-year students have had about 26% of the involvement with judiciary problems, which is actually a 6% decrease from last year's numbers. First-years, on the other hand, are responsible for nearly 50% of all cases handled thus far, which is approximately 4% higher than last year's first-year class.

The increase in judicial problems is affecting and impacting UNE in many ways. From a staffing perspective, Shambarger says that Resident Advisors, Area Coordinators, and Security are often the first to come into contact with said issues and the students at hand are often referred to Counseling Services and Emergency Medical Services if attention is necessary. Also, those staff members that handle the documentation portion are Shambarger, an Area Coordinator, Jennifer DeBarry, Director of Residential Education and Housing. The students themselves are impacted on a greater level because they have to live and work in an environment constantly under attack for negative impacts of other students’ behavior.

Both students and their parents have expressed great concern toward these problems. Shambarger sees this increase in judicial cases as a thoroughly disruptive element into residential living. Those making poor choices are affecting those students trying to make positive and successful decisions, and those two groups do not mix well.

Increasing judicial issues have become a problem nationwide, not just at UNE. Through speaking with other colleagues, Shambarger knows first-hand that other schools are dealing with the same types of problems, just on different scales and in different locations. However, despite the rise in her field of work at UNE, Shambarger says she would rather work here than at any other school she’s been affiliated with. According to Shambarger, “We have genuinely good students here and even though some of them are making poor choices, as a community we will continue to work to hold onto what makes UNE special.”
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Further information, the current RAs would love to answer questions. You can direct questions to the Housing Office on the first floor of East Hall.

Professor Spotlight: Dan Rothermel

BY MARC VITAGLIONO Nor'easter Staff

Whether you have seen him as a mad scientist, lazy high school student, referee, or a grandfather, Dan Rothermel has been the University of New England’s Education Department for eight years. During this time, Rothermel has been an Associate Professor teaching the Intro to Education, Literature, and Language Arts courses, citing Language Arts as his favorite. In language arts, Professor Rothermel likes to utilize an “experimental approach” and goes by the motto, “it’s easy to assign writing, but hard to show the students how to do it.” Through the use of writing workshops, perspective teachers learn how to write and strengthen their skills for the future.

Professor Rothermel is also a supervisor for the students who are interning at local schools. Through his observations, he enjoys seeing students apply the skills they have learned at UNE, especially outrageous teaching, in which various rules are used to strengthen learning.

According to Professor Rothermel, the use of outrageous teaching within the classroom “energizes you” as all witnesses of Dan’s vibrant demonstrations have come to learn is absolutely true.

Professor Rothermel was a “Jersey boy” born and raised in New Jersey under the influence of his father. Dan’s father was a school principal, while his mother was a librarian. He attended college at Arizona State University, where he received a B.A. for his studies and later a M.A. in physical education. Professor Rothermel did not always want to be a teacher; in fact he never wanted to be that at all. Since both his parents were educators, he did not want to follow in their footsteps, at least for the time being. Being a young man with a sharp wit and strong drive, Professor Rothermel aimed to become a card counter in Las Vegas.

Through many experiences, this occupation was not looking bright for the future; so Professor Rothermel landed his first teaching position at UNE. The University of New England is very accepting of all people that are a part of the community, there may be one group that is out doing treated as fair as the rest; vegans. I have several vegan friends who have informed me that their options at the Decary dining hall are limited to salad, vegetables and fruit. I have spent the last 20 years of my life climbing to the top of the food chain and have no intentions of changing my ways, but believe there should be a larger variety for those who choose to be vegan. Being a carnivore, my knowledge to the vegan world is quite limited; however I do know that there are many things that can be included in their diets. That is just something to put in the back of your mind before I jump to my next point.

It is that time of year again when we stay up until four in the morning stressing over finals. I have to credit the University for their recent decision to keep the library open 24 hours a day. Like many of my fellow classmates, I have devoted almost all of my free time to sticking my head in a book and practically living in the library, which seems to have a direct impact with my recent success. I don’t stand alone when I say that if my study habits in high school were the same as they are now, I probably would have been valedictorian and could have been enrolled in Harvard University.

But as most of you are counting down the days until you receive your diplomas and step into the real world, just remember that the grass is not always greener on the other side. For those of us

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Dear Diva's Advice

BY ANONYMOUS
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Dear Diva,

I was wondering what you thought of this likealittle.com/une site? There is this girl who I really, really like that always studies at the same time as me in the Windward. Do you think I should post something on there while we are both studying, or do you think I should just go talk to her?

Thanks!

Don't Know How to Approach
Dear Don't Know,

Go ahead; post something scandalous about her boots! For real though, with this crazy world of digital interaction, you will certainly get a girls attention by approaching her in person, without the computer between you and her. Get somehoots! Grab a coffee, go over there, and introduce yourself. Compliment her, and not in a sexual way, unless you know she is into that...Just introduce yourself! If it's meant to be, things will go from there.

Dear Diva,

I have this friend who confessed to me that she likes the same guy that I do. She doesn't know that there are different jobs such as recruiting in terms of all placement and posting job descriptions, benefit coordination in terms of resolving questions and clarifying financial issues, and project management in terms of training development and employee pay. While there may be many hats being worn in the HR department, there is always a focus on the main philosophies, which include attending to employees by showing trust, respect, and a continuous commitment to excellence and learning. Through these core values, Human Resources handles a myriad of important day-to-day tasks which, in one way or another, circle back to benefit all employees and students. One very important way that students are involved with HR directly is when they are employed through UNE. Human Resources sets up guidelines for student employment through verification of information and providing jobs as a whole. Also, by freeing up all other employees, HR helps to allow those faculty members to focus solely on students and not have to worry about paperwork or their benefits packages.

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I have been pursuing this guy for awhile. She seems so excited, but at the same time, I don't want her advances to ruin my chances with him. What should I do?

All Best,
Confused Girl

Dear Confused,

Get on that and don't let that flirty take your man! She doesn't deserve him, she doesn't know you! But, if you want to keep your friendship, it's best to be honest. Sit down and tell her how you're feeling and about your advances. Honesty is always the best policy. If she's a true friend, she'll stick around. But if you don't want to be a friend to someone you can't be honest with, Harsh, but true. If you need extra help, drop me the name to the mysterious girl and I'll give you some extra points on his rating scale.

Taking a Look at CIT 400

BY SEAN DOYLE
Northeast Staff

There are four major themes at UNE as a student, the fourth and final one being the Citizenship requirement. As a first-year everyone comes in and meets their environmental awareness credits by taking Introduction to Environmental Issues, ENV 104. Then it's onto the Human Traditions courses. Next, during junior year the advanced studies come along. Then, and only then, one can find themselves really being plugged in the pleasures of Citizenship.

Sam McReynolds, the Coordinator of the Citizenship program explains this to say on the importance of Citizenship. "We believe that CIT 400 is very important towards the development of the student individually and socially. For the latter, it helps them understand what community life in the broadest sense is all about. While they don't get an in-depth look in both views, it really helps Citizenship provides an idea of how communities work, what issues are important, and how best they can become engaged in this. It's a personal belief it helps them in several ways. Most important, it gives them a sense of their own skills and abilities and that they do have the power to offer the rest of the world. It also helps students understand citizenship as it is reflected back through the experiences community members have with them. Finally, it gives them a chance to apply their knowledge from UNE in the array of courses they take."

"Citizenship isn't a new thought or idea to UNE it has been around for a while. McReynolds adds "Citizenship was first offered to students about 11 years ago. There was a major curriculum development process that went on during the 1990s and came to fruition in citizenship in 1999. Maryann Corsello was the first coordinator and laid a good foundation for me to work with when I took over as coordinator eight years ago."

There are many aspects of Citizenship that are vital to the success of the class, but McReynolds calls the importance of realizing the opportunity a college student has as being the most important. This is a tough question because there are many. I think the most important and simplest to communicate is that students in colleges are an elite group that gets to experience things 3/4 of our population does not. With these experiences and knowledge, they have an obligation to give back to their communities so other people can prosper.

As a prospective student of the class what can students expect? "They (opinions of the class) are mixed, as I would expect of any course. Some students are simply not oriented toward community involvement or have no experience with it in their lives. More frequently, however, I think the vast majority of students are positive about their experiences. Many continue to be civically engaged and some have even found jobs that have come from their community service experience. I know you can't always take student evaluations at face value, but they've been very positive things to say about their experiences. And, even if they don't, we still believe it is an important thing for students to be exposed to." McReynolds offers this to students who will be taking the course in the near future. "There are several things to say. First, embrace it. It is a way to learn more about yourself and your community and it is going to be a good experience. Second, think about what you want to do with your community service hours. Do you want to extend your knowledge in a new area, or do you want to build upon what you know? What is it you want to get out of it? Then match this interest with a need area in the community, and there are lots of these. Finally, consider doing an alternative experience. We have sections in leadership and we have taken groups to Mexico and Brazil. In the end, you get out of it what you put into it. And this is a great chance to put in a lot and get back even more." When it comes time for senior year, Citizenship can often be more than just a requirement to graduate, it can also be an engaging and rewarding experience.
It is just about that time again—the time where we all want to gouge out our eyes Oedipus style and drown ourselves in the Saco River. For good reasons—Yes, all due to FINALS WEEK (dam dam dam)! This is the week where staying up until three am is a choice—it’s a must, where gorging yourself with raw cookie dough is a good life choice and necessary to survival when you have to practically live in the library to actually find a spot to study there. As the semester comes to a close, levels of stress increase—sky rocketing to an all time high as our professors throw assignment after assignment on top of us—making it nearly impossible to see all of our future adventures during winter break over the mounds and mountains of papers and printed power points in our possession. No need to be discouraged, at least our professors have been providing us with little quips and knowledgeable insights in the mean time... Here is my week in quotes, because my professors say the darndest things...

"Doesn’t it smell like coconut in here? Yes...yes it does."

"Can’t you think of anything more interesting than going to Walmart?"

"We see his whole body, except for maybe his knees...his photograph was definitely scandalous."

"If you spill your chew on somebody, I am withdrawing you from this class."

"If I am Christ—hypothetically—because I’m not."

"And that’s when people are like ‘You think too much, you’re weird’"

"We’ll do this Sratzi style."

"French and German language meets, and then you get English. It’s really a bastard language."

"Sheep and Catacombs! Wouldn’t that be great!"

"Just read this aloud in the cafeteria and see how many people move away from your table..."

"If only I could unscrew it and punt it."

"It’s like vampires when the sun comes up ‘scratch noise’."

"It’s like me trying to read a chapter of chemistry—OH MY GOD—then there are 27 more after that, and the final is cumulative."

"Her roommate is a ‘hugger’.

"I’m used to people running out of the room when I start talking."

"We’ve been seeing each other for a while now, how about a blood and urine sample?"

"That image disturbs me on many levels, so...thanks for sharing."

"Don’t fall for the ‘If we don’t hook up the fate of the species is on the line’ line."

"Dodge ball can be pretty vicious if I remember correctly from second grade..."

"Her roommate is a ‘hugger’."

"Oh...what was my point...?"

"Happiness and joy will be all around you—will it get to the point where when you step on the quad, squirrels and deer will come up to you—I don’t know."

"I’m not the youngest either, but maybe you’ve noticed that."

"Women don’t really seem to do the trash talking thing—unless its mud wrestling—which there is nothing wrong with."

"Think of this as ‘Game Boy’..."

"There are thousands of possibilities—like ‘Game Boy’."

"Don’t you want to fight for awesomeness?"

"Now here are some of what your professors said:"

"We’re brewing! Let’s get it on!"

"There was a large market of people’s heads, and"

"... besides things that are riceless."

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**Professors Say the Darndest Things!**

As students we spend hours upon hours in the classroom, listening to our professors lecture about what we need to know. At any point during these hours have you thought to yourself that you just couldn’t believe what came out of your professor’s mouth? Do you often find yourself wondering exactly what they said was relevant to the lecture? If you said yes to at least one of these questions...It is likely that your professors say the darndest things and you should write down these random and obscure things and send them to: lcarter4@une.edu. By doing so, your anonymous professor quotes may appear in the next Professors Say the Darndest Things in the upcoming issue of Nor’easter News. Don’t pass up the chance to share something funny that your professor said these things are priceless.

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**Rothermel**

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Dan the very best in his future endeavors. Although he will no longer be physically present at the university, he will not be forgotten, as he has rightfully earned a place in everyone’s heart here at UNE.

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Women's Swimming

BY ANGEL JARMUSZ
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Women's swimming at UNE is halfway through the 2010-2011 season and is currently on a three meet winning streak. While the team faced an unfortunate loss to Assumption their first meet of the season back in October, they have only looked impressive since. Big Blue was able to out swim Regis, UMass Dartmouth, and Husson in points while coming in second at both the Regis and TCCC Invitational.

The Roger Williams University Aquatics Center hosted this year's TCCC Invitational and the home team was able to capture the number one spot for the sixth consecutive TCCC Invitational title. Earning a total of 543 points, RWU was victorious in eight of the first eleven events.

In third place was Western New England Championships. With a typical meeting having two diving events which UNE cannot compete in, Big Blue is forced to make up points in other events. Coach Kate Roy sees such a disadvantage would seem to hurt recruiting for the team, however, UNE has been able to bring in seven first years this season. These freshmen joined the team knowing UNE did not have diving, but could offer a number of other positives. Coach Roy describes her team as "a family that works hard together to go fast, have fun, and win meets." And that is exactly what the Nor'easters seem to be doing.

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Women's Basketball Starts Season with 5-4 Record

BY DEANNA BAUMERT
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The UNE women's basketball team opened their season with a 10 point win, scoring 89 points during their contest against USM in Gocham on November 15th.

Going into the second half, UNE was leading USM by one with 37-36. USM took the lead early in the half and held onto it until Kari Pelletier pulled the Nor'easters ahead with a three pointer. UNE held the lead right through to the end of the game.

Highlights of the game included several career bests. Guard Kelley Paradis scored a career-high of 30 points while teammate Liz LeBlanc contributed her career high 13 points to the victory. Forward Margo Russell scored 10 points from the free throw line and had eight rebounds, a team-high.

The third next game was the Nor'easters most anticipated game to face the Golden Bears who are 1-3 overall.

The Nor'easter's first loss of the day gave the Nor'eastes a chance to take lead throughout the entire game and "a team effort to overcome a deficit that can be up to 32 points."

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**Men's Hockey**

First year, Sean Sullivan, sophomore, Scott McManaman, junior, Ted Fabian, sophomore, John Melancon and first year, Matt Del Giudice.

The Nor'easters broke in their home ice with back to back home games on December 3 at 7pm, and December 4 at 4pm. On December 3rd, they faced Williams who is ranked number 5 in the conference. This was an 0-7 loss for the Nor'easters. On December 4th, the boys lost to Middlebury College, 1-7. Junior, Kyle MacLennan, scored UNE's only goal to avoid a shutout for the Panthers.

After talking to Coach Holt, he stated that the ECAC East is probably the best league in the country! This means the boys have a big season ahead. He has been very impressed with senior goalie, Mike Roper and sophomore defensemen, Russ Franey. Coach said, "Franey has been our best player so far this year. He is doing great, especially as he is only a sophomore."

The Big Blue has had a rough start, but the team is hopeful. Mike Roper said, "This season is going to be a real tough test for us this year, we suffered a few bad bounces in the off season that the boys are reacting to very well. Right now we're going through some challenging adjustments, we have Ty Flarentz and Jos- tin Miner, who are both forwards, playing defense. Our team has a lot of potential, and once things start to click I believe that we can be a very competitive team in our league, which right now has 3 teams ranked in the top 5 in the country." Sophomore, Scott McManaman says, "With a couple of key players missing from our lineup from the off season, a couple of rookies have had a chance to step in and make a difference. We have had some tough games this semester, but I feel like we are learning from our mistakes. All the boys are ready for a big game against USM and we are hoping to enter Christmas break on a winning note. Christmas break is short, but the team is planning on entering the second half of the season with something to prove. Expect big things next semester!"

"The Nor'easters are wrapping up their season play on December 11, at 4pm. They are going to be on the road facing the Huskies of The University of Southern Maine who have a record of 2-1-4.

**Men's Basketball Starts Slow**

Men's basketball team had the start of the season that they would have hoped for.

UNE has struggled through the first 9 games of the season with only two wins and seven losses. Coach Mulligan on the two wins, "The key to victory was us playing together as a team for 40 minutes. We have had a very difficult schedule and the early losses hurt our confidence. In the 2 wins we showed a lot of heart and believed we could win. We need to continue bringing that energy every game."

However, Coach Mulligan had this to add about the losses the team has suffered, "This first semester has been unusual in that the guys that are playing are all either new to the team or new to their roles. The fact that we have played virtually a new starting lineup in each game due to injuries also adds to the inco­ n sistency. We keep telling the guys that as the season goes on we will improve more than other teams because of the time it takes to gel as a new team. We are hoping that our

two teams fought hard but in the end, Christie's Crew was the winner and the champions of the night.

Next up was the Outdoor Soccer championship game between Jiminy Kick It led by captain Giulia Dutra and The Operato­ rers led by captain Mike Light. Each team cruised through the bracket with relative ease to meet in the championship game on the frigid night of November 14th. Jiminy Kick It tried valiantly to stop the opposition, but it could not be done. The final score of the game was a rough 6 to 3, the win going to The Operators to take the title of Outdoor Soccer Champions.

Next up was 3v3 basketball, which finished its season Tuesday night (12/7) with a championship game between Fireworks and Could Care Less. After playing a tremendously long semi-final round, Could Care Less, led by captain Gavin Kuns, was immensely exhausted and could not stop the Fireworks, led by captain Ben Ingersoll, as they cruised to a win in the championship game.

Intramural indoor volleyball is one of the last sports to finish their season and will be playing their championship game on Sunday, December 12th. The two teams will battle their way through the semi-finals that will be played at 1:00 and 1:45 between teams Bump versus Black Magic and Smoking Kills versus Sets on the Beach. The winner of each of these games will converge at 2:30 to determine who will win the championship title.

In other news, the fall soccer league has a record 9 par­ ticipants, down from 10 last year. Dave O'Connor is leading the league with an un­ defeated record of 7-0. Playoffs for soccer will be starting soon!

Keep an eye out for registration deadlines next semester for broomball and pond hockey, and indoor soccer which are all due by February 1st.

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**Intramural Update**

**BY MARY MAYNARD**

Intramural sports have always been a great way for UNE students to get active, stay healthy and have fun. There are a great variety of sports offered from flag football and soccer to volleyball and the usually unknown sport of broomball.

There is generally always something going on and information on upcoming events can be found online on the ath­ letics web page. Here are some highlights from intramural sports from the fall semester.

After flag football, the next sport to complete its season was the first year of Ultimate Frisbee. The championship game was played on a frigid night in November and it came down to the Aristocrats led by Patrick Broderick and the IT Spreaders led by Daniel Piesky. It took IT Spreaders two games to beat Aristocrats as the tournament was double elimination format and the Aristocrats had been undefeated. Ultimately, the IT Spreaders prevailed against the previously undefeated Aristocrats to become champions.

On Friday November 12th the Intramural staff joined forces with APB to co-sponsor a one night dodgeball tournament.

Thirteen teams participated and the event drew many spectators to the gym to watch the excitement. Teams played each other in round robin style games before enter­ ting the tournament part of the sport. At 11:00 that night, it was time for the championship game. After battling their way through, two teams succeeded in making it to the finals; Christie's Crew and Gen Chem Repeat Offenders. Each dodgeball game was played as the best out of three and so the championship game came down to the tie breaker third game, Christie's Crew winning the first and Gen Chem Repeat winning the sec­ ond. During the final game, the
The musical version of *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens opened the weekend of December 3rd at Biddeford City Theater. The production runs until the 18th, and if you have a chance, I highly recommend seeing it. Tickets are available online at citytheater.org, at the Campus Center Box Office, and at the City Theater Box Office. I attended the performance with some friends on the evening of Saturday the 4th, and it was an amazing way to not only start off my Saturday night, but my holiday season as well.

One thing that this production has that many other programs performing this play doesn’t is music! Most of the other productions in the Southern Maine area of this show are the non musical renditions. This was the first time for me seeing this classic done as a musical, and I don’t think I will ever see the non musical rendition again.

The first thing I noticed upon taking my middle balcony seat in the beautiful, historic Biddeford City Theater, was the amazing set that had been put together for this production. By far, out of the numerous sets I have seen at Biddeford City Theater (which includes, *Hair, Blood Brothers*, and *The Odd Couple*, just to name a few), this one was absolutely the best. The attention to detail was remarkable. The use of the small space of the stage for this large production was not hindered by the set at all. It was very functional for the stage, and the scene transitions ran smoothly between acts.

Another mention needs to be made to the costumes for this production as well. They were very fitting for the time period, and well executed. No actor seemed overpowered, and everything aligned beautifully. Much like Set Design, Barbara Kelly and Carol Thurston, Costume Designer and Assistant respectively, deserve a very honorable mention for their work.

One thing that always comes as a worry in large musical productions (and this production was certainly large for the theater, with a crew of 39 and a cast of 53!) is the management of children in the production. There were numerous children, and although I worried about how their performance would be, they acted just as professional as the adult and teenage actors. They added a great light to the show, and really made the performance over all. Not to mention, they were a clear crowd favorite; this could be easily deduced by the crowd’s reaction whenever they graced the stage with their presence.

Bob Gautier was perfectly cast as Ebenezer Scrooge for this production. His character

Dance Review:

**UNE’s Annual Snow Ball**

**BY LAURA CARTER**

Nor’easter Staff

On December 4, 2010 a semi-formal dance, aptly named the Snow Ball, was held in the Multipurpose Rooms in the Campus Center. Held as a fundraiser for the sophomore class, tickets were sold for three dollars a piece in the Box Office; over three hundred tickets were sold.

The dance began at eight, and few people (minus those staffing the event) arrived right at the beginning. Slowly as the night really began, more and more people began trickling in and soon enough there was a packed house.

The set up was great for dancing, and similar to dances that have been held in the Multipurpose Rooms in the past. All three rooms were open and two additional mini stages were set up for people to dance on. It was dark, but strobe-esque lights provided enough to be able to see who you were dancing with and make you wish you couldn’t see who was dancing around you; since the doors remained open, light from The Hang shone through as well.

Decorations of snowflakes, tinsel and other wintery items adorned the wall and according to one attendee “really made all of the difference.” It was simple, but not in a negative way. There were also snacks of cookies and cheese, along with water and lemonade provided as refreshments and drinks were available to have while taking a break from dancing.

Music was lacking a little in the beginning, but one student thought that "it was better than the music at the Dance of the Damned." Throughout the duration of the evening there were only two technical difficulties that put a halt on the festivities briefly. After those problems were fixed, however, people went right back to what had been going on before the music stopped. Luckily, it only happened twice.

At a little past midnight the final song was played, the dance was over, and the few people that had remained gathered their shoes that had been thrown across the room, or their coats that were stored conveniently (by members of the class of 2013) on a coat rack right outside of the entrance door.

There has been some buzz around campus, but mainly positive things revolving around the dance as a whole; things like: "the music was good—and the iPod dock works a lot better than a DJ" and "It was a nice way to have fun with my friends." The only negative thing revolving around the Snow Ball that clearly sticks out in my mind is the ridiculous amount of underwear I saw that evening. If you want to wear a skin-tight dress, go for it—but please—I didn’t pay three dollars to witness some homely drunken girls with dresses up to their knees grinding on their "boos" and impregning themselves on the dance floor. I like to think that UNE’s student body has more class than that.

The dance overall was a great, cheap way to have fun with your friends. It was also nice to have a dance that was semi-formal attire and to not have to wait until the actual semi-formal dance in the spring. The music was good, the water dispenser was always full, and it was a great way to spend a Saturday night on campus.
Movie Review:
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part I

BY TANYA LAWRENCE
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As I sat down to watch the long awaited beginning of the final chapter to the Harry Potter saga, I knew I had to be prepared for the darkest and most adventurous of them all. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part I has said goodbye to the typical days Harry Potter series would turn out, I was incredibly impressed with the results. The director (David Yates) did a decent job getting the facts from the book onto the big screen and the actors, no longer the ten-year-old children who began the movies nine years ago, have grown and become a critical part of the films. The movie was without a doubt a huge success and left fans eagerly anticipating the final installment, which will hit theaters July 15, 2011.

The movie begins with the Minister of Magic (Bill Nighy) stating “These are dark times, there’s no denying.” This sets the tone for the remainder of the movie as Harry is immediately separated from his family and whisked away to hide with the Weasley family. After several days of captivity and an attempted escape from Harry to protect the ones he loves, the trio runs off after the attack and so begins the hunt for the formidable Horcruxes, the only way that can lead to Voldemort’s demise.

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Restaurant Review:
The Run of the Mill

BY ALYSSA FASTNACHT
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An old mill in Saco renovated by owner, Geoff Houghton, The Run of the Mill is well known for its hand-crafted beer and delicious homemade pub fare. The 14-barrel brew pub and eatery is a favorite among UNE students.

The Run of the Mill is in a prime location for students here in Biddeford, right next to the North Damn Mill. A 5-10 minute drive from the University Campus, it is well worth a visit.

The pub and eatery style of the restaurant creates a very warm, tavern feel.

The staff was very personable and friendly; making sure everything was going well. The wait was not long at all for a Friday night and we got there around 6:00 for dinner, but it definitely was filling up by 6:30, so keep that in mind. I was surprised at the setup of the restaurant, but pleasantly so. There was plenty of space between each table; I didn’t think of how it looked like I was sitting on top of anyone else, and you could actually talk at a normal decibel without having to yell over everyone else. It is rare to find a pub and eatery restaurant I like that.

The menu at The Run of the Mill is well worth a visit. Monday nights are trivia nights, Tuesday is open-mic night, and on Thursdays and Saturdays there is live music. They are open from 11:30 am to 1:00 am daily, and if you haven’t checked it out already, it is definitely a must-see. Whether you are 21 or not, the food itself is very reasonable and in my opinion you get a lot of value for your dollar.

In addition to the great food, The Run of the Mill also offers plenty of entertainment. Monday nights are trivia nights, Tuesday is open-mic night, and on Thursdays and Saturdays there is live music. They are open from 11:30 am to 1:00 am daily, and if you haven’t checked it out already, it is definitely a must-see. Whether you are 21 or not, the food itself is worth the trip and the entertainment is great.

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Robert Frost ends his poem The Road Not Taken with the lines, “Two roads diverged in a wood, and I -
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.”

Reflecting upon this concept, how would you distinguish the road you are currently on at UNE.

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Finals-On the Weekend?

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A second complaint is about the exams that are scheduled at 7:45am on a weekend. Many students like to sleep in on a Saturday, and those with 7:45am exams are concerned that they will not be awake enough to pass a chemistry exam, but there are solutions for this. Try going to bed at a reasonable hour before the exam, don’t be hung over on the morning of the exam, and get up early enough so that your body and brain have enough time to be fully functioning. And for those of you who like to use caffeine to wake yourself up, a morning cup of coffee after you wake up will most likely be better than a late night bottle of caffeinated soda.

Yet another complaint concerns scheduling conflicts with work and other activities. Yet if you look at the school’s calendar, which has been available for months, you will see “Final Examinations” bolded with the dates “Dec 16-20” clearly printed on it, not to mention that the exam schedules have been up since the beginning of the semester. You are given an ample amount of time to work out any possible scheduling conflicts between work and exams. If you did not take the opportunity to do this, learn from your mistakes and next time exams come around be sure to plan ahead.

Additionally, having finals on the weekend benefits the students. Compared to other colleges, UNE’s term starts late and in order to keep this later start date, some sacrifices need to be made at the other end of the semester.

The first option is our current schedule with weekend finals, which allows students to leave for the break earlier.

The second option is to have no weekend finals, which would cause finals to go until Wednesday and finals week to be extended to a full week, including the reading day. The prospect of having a whole week with nothing to do but study and take exams seems much less appealing than the two evils when the option to have weekend finals is on the table.

So next time you feel like complaining about weekend finals, remember, it is not the end of the world. There was and will be more weekends during which you can relax and party to your heart’s content, so you can afford to spend one weekend on exams.

Where has all our Money Gone?

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You order that $5.00 Starbucks coffee, not taking into account that 5 more dollars learning your bank account. You’re too focused on that glorious caffeine that is about to enter your body and get you through the morning or let you make it through a long night of homework. You swipe your debit card or your flex cash and merrily walk away with your fantastic beverage. A few days later you check your bank account and find it so dangerously low you feel like crying. Where has all your money gone? That’s when you remember everything else you need or want to spend money on. This is when you also realize it’s that time of the year again, the holidays! So I guess I should say Happy Holidays.

It’s the time of the year when people rush to stores that begin playing holiday music practically the day after Halloween. It’s pretty hard to remember they can’t even wear the pants until post Thanksgiving anymore! The corporate world showers us with advertisements. The pressure to spend, spend, spend is everywhere, encouraging us to spend all our hard earned money. This brings me to my main point, college and money.

We already know that tuition at UNE costs a pretty penny, and it just keeps going up. However, there are those who are lucky enough to have scholarships and wonderful parents, who have enough to pay for the right money times. However, one way or another, we all have some kind of financial woes. Whether it is over owing on your credit card, balancing a checkbook for the first time, or having to pay far less. There are of course other areas where college students come to an end. This is where you all have some kind of financial woes. Whether it is over owing on your credit card, balancing a checkbook for the first time, or having to pay far less. There are of course other areas where college students come to an end. This is where you all have some kind of financial woes. Whether it is over owing on your credit card, balancing a checkbook for the first time, or having to pay far less.

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The next problem is how to actually pay for all the food to allow my family to survive. The attempt is then made to save up, but when you find $300 a bit excessive, since I know people who pay far less. There are of course other areas where college students struggle, and one of them is books. We pay hundreds of dollars at the beginning of every semester, or maybe a little less if you can snag some deals online, only to realize half way through the semester that the book has been cracked open once and the professor hardly reads from it at all, or that the tests don’t correlate with the book what so ever. The attempt is then made to save up and sell back a perfectly untouched book that only took up space and collected dust on a probably already crowded desk. That’s when you get the devastat-
Merry Christmas!

BY DEIDRE DICKER
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I went Black Friday shopping for the first time ever this year. I was delighted as I stepped into WalMart, my first destination, and took my first cautionary look around. The atmosphere was perfect: decorations filled the store, festive music blared everywhere, and bustling women, willing to do anything for a good deal, were clipping each other's heels with shopping carts. I took a deep breath, and then dove in with my first grade school girl friends by my side in hopes of completing our own Christmas shopping lists. I found a lot of good deals and was satisfied with my first Black Friday experience. When I went to check my treasure out at the cash register, however, I was confronted with the new American battle: political correctness. The big P.C. My friendly cashier bagged up my items then said, "Happy Holidays!" Sure, she didn't mean any hard feelings with her vague well-wishes, and is probably paid by WalMart not to say Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, or Merry Christmas, but as I walked away from the store, I couldn't help but feel slightly miffed. Those two words, the ones that I bring constantly during the holiday season, rang in my ears, and the more I thought about them, the more meaningless they became. The way I see it, today's world has become so concerned with making itself politically correct, because they feel the need to be different and hollow. In a society so interested in celebrating diversity, America has inversely dimmed creating terms like "Happy Holidays." Sure, that term is offensive to no one, but it's also meaningless to everyone. I celebrate Christmas and I'm proud that I do, because celebrating Christmas is a way of showing that I'm a Christian. In doing so, I'm commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. A person who celebrates Hanukkah represents the Jewish population, and does so as a way of rejoicing in the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. And the person who celebrates Kwanzaa is observing many aspects of different African harvest celebrations. Whose place is it to tell any one of us, or the handful of other groups that celebrate a different holiday, that we shouldn't advertise our beliefs? Saying Merry Christmas is a way of showing up Americans' beliefs, but a way of sharing with others how important mine is to me. And I understand that other holidays hold precious value for different people, as well. For instance, if someone were to say to me, "Happy Hanukkah!" I would not be offended. Instead, I'll just know that they celebrated the Jewish holiday and they wanted to share their joy of what they were celebrating with other people. Though I may not hold the exact convictions to be my own and vice versa, it (through some seemingly spurious point from the P.C. police) would be overwhelmingly possible to still respect their holiday and their beliefs.

No, America cannot choose one single holiday to commemorate because the country is not a single being with a single mind — it's a living, breathing representation of the citizens. These citizens descend from a variety of faiths and therefore celebrate a multitude of holidays. America can forget about being so politically correct, however. By trying so hard not to offend anybody, people like my cashier in WalMart are inadvertently mitigating the meaning of Christmas, Hanukkah, or Kwanzaa, or any other holiday during the winter season. Political correctness can have adverse effects when it begins to diminish diversity instead of celebrating it.

So during this holiday season, don't be afraid to let people know what you celebrate, but also remember that not everyone will be at WalMart and am bombarded with all those bland, "Happy Holidays," I'll make sure that I don't join in because that's what the "politically correct" thing is to do. Instead, I'll turn to my friendly cashier and gladly show her that I don't celebrate vague holidays, but that I rejoice in celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ by firing back a hearty, and in the very least, sincere, "Merry Christmas!"

BY DANIELLE CROPLEY
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Texting is quite literally the most common, most widely-used, and most accessible form of communication for our generation. I'm sure most, if not all, students at UNE can attest to the fact that texting gets you there faster than any other way. And we can thank the way we live in, meaning our little corner of the globe known as UNE, is a fast-paced, hard-hitting environment, that since we have, like many student or even faculty members, we either can't get help or wait to hear back or wait to hear back, and by that time it's too late. Is that a fair trade when students are expected to be something and Polite? I think not. I'm not trying to imply that faculty and staff members aren't busy with their jobs and the real world is. I'm simply trying to bring up the idea that we are. I'm also not completely in thinking that UNE is the real world and that everything is fast-paced with no time to relax. However, it seems to me that the communication is very much the opposite.

I have you all noticed how difficult it is to get a hold of people at UNE? By people, I don't just mean students, although students are definitely guilty of being nonresponsive, I mean all faculty and staff members. It is one of the most difficult things to get questions answered at this school. One person tells you to go here, and that person tells you to go there, and that person tells you to go to yet another location to ask yet another person who probably doesn't have a definitive answer to your question either. Not to mention the fact that whenever we try to make connections, faculty members, we either can't get help or wait to hear back, and by that time it's too late. Is that a fair trade when students are expected to be something and Polite? I think not. I'm not trying to imply that faculty and staff members aren't busy with their jobs and the real world is. I'm simply trying to bring up the idea that we are. I'm also not completely in thinking that UNE is the real world and that everything is fast-paced with no time to relax. However, it seems to me that the communication is very much the opposite.

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Lost in Translation: Communication is an Issue at UNE

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Money

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Despite all of these new holiday trends, the only book I was ever happy with was chemistry. Believe me when I say I trust and respect this institution for all that it is. UNE tries very hard to be something and accomplish things that other schools don't, and while it is very successful in many areas, communication is not one of them. It's difficult for students to reach a level of comfort with faculty members because they either seem unapproachable or students don't know who to approach at all. UNE has too many cooks in the kitchen and I don't think all those cooks recognize that students are busy too, but we make time to seek out our answers. Why can't the same reaching out be put into effect to meet the students at least part of the way?

So sometimes when we have a big goal, we don't always see that the addition of multiple stepping stones really divides and divides the path instead of narrowing and focusing. While I support the growth of our school, I think someone needs to take a step back and recognize that it's really not that hard to devise a system of who answers what question or who answers students' email. The gaps that leave students hanging must be closed or the student body is going to be as jumbled as the faculty. When there is a situation in which no one knows what's going on but just assumes that there's some one out there that does, it is not a good situation, but it can be rectified.

I may not have a solution to this problem, but I certainly feel frustration toward it and know that something has to be done. I commend all faculty members for what they do for UNE, students in particular, but I think that with a little direction and clarification, as far as communication goes, things could run even smoother than they already do. I'm not saying everything should be as quick and candid as a text message, but there's got to be a better way than the current system in which UNE is being run. As always, there's the chance that I'm the only one feeling the frustration of living in a constant state of ignorance, but then again there's always the chance that at least one person agrees that UNE needs to improve their communication skills and soon. Just something to think about.
Shame on me. Shame on me for thinking that UNE students would not sink any lower on the homo sapiens scale. However, UNE surprises me once again with the recent phenomenon known as likealittle.com/une. If you haven’t checked it out yet, don’t. Seriously. It’s possibly the most disgusting attempt at human interaction that I have ever witnessed in my entire life.

The site’s premise is meant to be a way for people to “flirt.” A domain was created for UNE, and people in the site can enter information about someone else (their sex and hair color) and what their location is. Clearly, some of these posts are disgusting. It’s not what they are saying, but the fact that there are no way they would have the “courage” to say those things to someone else in person. For two reasons: one, they would likely get smacked across the face or commented on; two, they would probably have someone file a case against them for harassment. So, instead this occurrence is allowed to take place, just because it’s written online for the world to see. It’s as if putting something online makes it more acceptable. Maybe people view it that way because it’s not the same thing as person to person. They are right. It isn’t the same thing. It’s absolutely pathetic.

Another problem that arises with UNE students and their abundance free time to peruse and post on this site is that people aren’t using it anonymously. People posting on the site are starting to use people’s names, room numbers, and other definite identifiers. It doesn’t seem fair for others to call one another out on this site. There also seems to be a room numbers, and other definite identifiers. It doesn’t seem fair for others to call one another out on this site. There also seems to be a particular target towards RA staff. Clearly, some of these posts are inconsiderate. They are merely being done to get attention, and are not really serious attempts at flirting. I feel it unnecessary for me to even explain the problem behind this; grow up. So, we are adults (supposedly) and now we are going to become proponents of cyber bullying like pre and early-post pubescent teenage girls? That’s great for UNE’s majority student population. Again, you never cease to amaze me with your inadequacies and incompetence. This, of course, goes back to the larger problem of online communication in the first place. We are all victims of it (texting, Facebook, Twitter, email, just to name a few). This is why professors complain about students not being able to write, and not being able to talk in person; because what students write in papers is how they write online (lol, haha, c u soon, etc), and by talking online, students are inept when it comes to talking in person. They act passive, weak, and unsecure of themselves. It’s something that can be changed; most students are just out of practice. Try talking face to face with someone sometime, it will help.

There is also something that angers me even more than the idea of an incomplete interaction. When I first was introduced to this site by someone I knew, I couldn’t look away. I instantly saw problems with what people were saying, but my internal, very open, self decided that people should be shown their interactions. Then I saw people’s names, and bullying, and really vulgar comments about very obvious people. The site had become, in many cases, no longer anonymous. Then it was like watching a car crash; I thought it was gruesome, but I couldn’t look away. For all of you out there, who feel this way, look away. I finally pulled myself away, and I’m refusing to look at it, until someone informs me that people are actually using it anonymously. For those of you unconvinced, enjoy your incomplete life, and the other invisible person you randomly communicate with on the other side of the computer, which I remind you could be anyone. That gorgeous girl or hot guy could be nothing more than a middle aged creepy man (and even if it’s not, people like that could be viewing your interactions). Think about that the next time you post. Enjoy, oh ingenious ones.
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