UNE Tuition Increases

BY KATELYN KAULBACK
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This past Thursday, January 27th, the Board of Trustees met to discuss whether to raise student tuition rates. It resulted in the board voting to raise the cost of tuition by 4%, beginning next year. Currently, the cost of tuition for a full-time student to attend the University of New England is $28,300. With a 4% increase, full-time tuition will be approximately $29,432, an increase of $1,132.

The reason for the increase is due to the ever-rising operating costs to run the University. Recent inflation rates have caused utilities, such as heating and fuel oil, along with the general cost of living for faculty and staff members to increase. Fuel costs have gone up significantly in recent years. The University owns many utilities to increase. Fuel costs have gone up significantly in recent years. The University owns many heating and security vehicles, which constantly circle campus. Heating costs have risen as well. The new buildings that have been added to Please see TUITION, page 2.

Douglas A. Blackmon gives keynote for UNE’s 24th Annual MLK, Jr. Celebration

BY BRANDON HOTHAM
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On Wednesday, January 19th, from 12-2PM classes were cancelled for the 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrations here on the Biddeford Campus. Those who chose to make this a "day on" rather than a "day off" were no doubt pleased with their decision by going to this year's MLK Celebration Keynote, delivered by Douglas A. Blackmon. Before the keynote, however, attendees were no doubt pleased with the musical performance that was delivered by "Dreamer's Resound," a group consisting of UNE students: Paisley Richard.

Provost, Dr. Jacque Carter, "Steps Aside"

BY BRANDON HOTHAM
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As many in the UNE Community may already know, Dr. Jacque Carter, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at UNE, will be stepping down from his position as Provost and VP effective at the end of this semester.

The Nor'easter News had the opportunity to talk with Dr. Carter about his decision to step down, and he was quick to correct that terminology. Carter said, "I don't see it as stepping down...it's stepping aside." Dr. Carter is in his 20th year at the University of New England. Carter began at UNE as an Assistant Professor in the Marine Biology Department and was promoted and advanced to the title of Full Professor. Carter, once promoted, took a sabbatical leave to Belize to study coral reef fish for his research. While there, and in his absence from the University, he was elected to the position of Department Chair for Marine Biology. Carter was honored that his fellow faculty members chose him, so he accepted. Carter expressed the fact that he didn't originally see himself as an administrator. Carter brands himself as a biologist, and his desires were to teach and do research.

Carter soon found that the Department Chair leadership came naturally to him. Carter sees history and literature as the mediums to which he learned to be an effective leader. He expressed that the University model is not hierarchical, but more collaborative. "Yes," Carter says, Please see CARTER, page 3.

there are titles, but we work in collaboration towards goals. This model of structure and leadership is very different from the corporate model, and this is why I really love it here." Carter then found himself filling the Interim Dean position for the College of Arts and Sciences, he then applied in the national candidate pool for the position, and he was appointed. Though he took this position, he reminds us, "All this time, I was still thinking 'I'm a biologist.'" Carter had big goals as the Dean, and he worked within the college to re-structure the departments, majors, and minors, particularly expanding the offerings in the humanities at that time.

Then, the Vice President of Academic Affairs left, and he stepped in as the Interim VP. He also formally applied for the position, and was appointed by the new President of the University at the time, and our current President, Dr. Danielle Ripich. As the VP and Provost, Carter faced many new and exciting opportunities, both with the coming College of Pharmacy and the College of Dental Medicine. His current position oversees all the Colleges within the University. The Provost's Office also works closely with Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Carter says that about a year ago, he realized he had little time to do what he was trained to do: be a biologist. So, he decided it was time to do something different, and not long ago, he made an official announcement to the UNE Community that he would no longer be Provost after this semester. "I made the conscious decision to allow someone else the opportunity to try administration," Carter said.

So, what does this mean for Carter's future? Starting on June 1, 2011, Dr. Carter will take a full year sabbatical from the University to work on a book that he is currently writing entitled The Coral Reef Fishes of Belize. The book will contain profiles on 525 fish, describing their biology and scientific make-up. The book, Carter says, is meant to be a field guide for scuba divers, biologists, scientists, etc. His goal is for the book to

World News

BY KATELYN KAULBACK
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Tunisia Begins Wave of Political Protest

In the midst of protests over unemployment and corruption, Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali, the president of the African nation of Tunisia, fled the country on January 14th. Ali had been in power for the past 23 years. This event has led to neighboring countries also protesting their governments. Lebanon, Algeria, Jordan, and Morocco have all begun protesting. The strongest protests have occurred in Egypt. Protesters in Egypt would like to oust their president, Hosni Mubarak, for reasons of unemployment and poverty. Mubarak has been in power for 30 years. Protesters have found that social networking sites are the best means of communication during these protests, and have accused the Egyptian government of blocking the sites. The Egyptian government does not allow for protesting, so they are trying to stop the protests at all costs. The army has recently Please see WORLD, page 4.
Seville Course, Fall Semester 2011

BY MARC VITAGLIANO
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An ancient writer once wrote, "The air soft as that of Seville in April, was so fragrant that it was delicious to breathe." These written words can form an image in your mind about what type of city Seville is. Frequently labeled as an artistic and cultural hot spot, and also as the financial capital of southern Spain, Seville is a city full of history and majesty that can only be experienced with your own eyes.

Currently here at UNE, Seville is the first location for the new Global Initiatives program for the fall semester of 2011. UNE will partner with the very prestigious organization, Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), to offer UNE students the very best in acquiring educational skills during a study-abroad program in a culturally diverse world. This study abroad program, however, is very different from other programs normally thought of. The program is offering UNE students a very personalized course schedule where they will be able to participate in and complete courses that are required for their own personal majors through online courses offered by UNE.

Additionally, students will be able to choose from a variety of classes offered to them while they attend the Universidad Pablo de Olavide (UPO). UPO is a 345-acre campus located about 20 minutes from the center of Seville. The facilities offered by UPO are top of the line and offer the latest technological advancements, through video and audio centers, sports facilities and research centers. Students will not be required to have any type of Spanish prerequisite for the program, as they will receive lessons at the University. Students will also receive the added experience of living in a home with a native family during their 15-week stay from mid-August to early December.

Upon speaking with Trisha Mason, the Director of the Office International Education here at UNE, she had an abundant amount of information regarding the financial situation of the semester in Seville. "Students will be able to travel abroad and receive their education at the same cost of a semester at UNE," stated Mason. Students will also be able to keep all scholarship and financial aid money to go toward their semester in Seville. Since this is the first study abroad experience of its kind, the "pioneers" who attend this experience in the fall of 2011 will also receive a $750 travel stipend to go toward expenses.

There are many programs set up to inform students about this new initiative. Informational sessions will be held in residence halls in the near future, and at dinner on February 2nd a trip to the Decary Cafe as a larger, more formal informational session will take place where applications will be available to fill out for acceptance to the program.

All of the staff of the Office International Education are extremely positive about this initiative, and hope that this is the first of many international trips. They are also very open to speak with anyone or help anyone who is interested in this program. It is safe to say that programs like these are a once in a lifetime type of activity to experience during anyone's college career.

UNE Library's 24/5 Service: First Semester

BY ELISABETH ZIEMBA
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At the beginning of the Fall semester, the UNE Libraries on both campuses announced that they would be moving to an extended, 24 hours/5 days a week schedule. With the first semester of the program now over, some evaluations of this new service have come in.

In December, forms were distributed to students studying in the library after 8pm. These forms asked students to comment on how useful, or not, the new 24/5 service had been. Student responses from both campuses indicated an array of reasons to say that this is in several different manners at UNE. The overall response to the program has been very positive, with the number of students who were studying in the library after hours growing as the semester progressed.

"The expanded hours have been useful in always having a quiet place to study," Cam Roach, a Medical Biology student said of the new schedule. A Pharmacy student on the Portland campus, reiterated the same sentiment, "I love it... even though I don't study all night, I still stay 'til 3am to study so that [the new service] really helps."

The accolades continued even into finals week, with such responses as "I never would have passed my finals if it wasn't for 24/5! Thanks" and "I like 24/5 because now I basically live in the library instead of Alford. It's great." These students were just some of the many that reported in the forms ranged from Social Work, P.T., Pharmacy, and Medical Biology to Communications, Business and English.

The students working late to support the service behind the desks also claimed to be pleased with how the new hours were working out. "I'm a natural night owl, so I love being in the library late at night," said Abby Weeks of the Portland campus, while coworker Krysal Lacome responded, "from a workers perspective, it's a wonderful opportunity to study quietly while making a little extra money... it's a win-win. Plus the patrons are very appreciative."

Few students had any complaints about the new service, but those that did appear on the forms were largely in regards to comfort and extra services, rather than complaints about the hours. "Can we get more comfortable chairs? Also a fridge to put our lunch in and a microwave," wrote one student on the Portland campus. "Turn up the heat!" came another comment from the Biddeford campus, while yet another request was that quiet study be enforced on the upper floor of the library. Other requests included expanding the hours of the food service in the Windward Cafe, though that remains the domain of Sodexo, not the library. Currently the Cafe is only open until 11pm.

One library put up new eco-friendly vending machines, which dispense a hot beverage for only a dollar a cup. Vending machines have also been added to the Windward Cafe study space for student use, in hopes that they will assist students studying with late night cravings. The library hopes that the positive response to the new service will continue this spring.

"All comments were taken from the forms distributed by the library."
UNE Receives Grant for Museum Course with Saco Museum

Possible New Programs for the Future

BY CONSTANCE GLYNN
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The process for developing new majors and degree programs at UNE starts with an idea. Any faculty member, or President Ripich herself, can present a possible new curriculum to the University's Strategic Planning Area, which presents the University's strengths and weaknesses and can show majors that should be there that would be in the best interest of the school and its students.

Provost Carter compares the process of developing new programs to airplanes on a runway. There is a step-by-step process and the programs are always in different stages, much like airplanes, he says. Some are merely there in the background as an idea, others are far along in the process, and some are already launched, such as the recently added pharmacy program and the College of Dental Medicine.

The first step is to present an idea and complete a Request for Plan. This form is completed by a professor, faculty member, or chair of a department. A committee is then formed, and a possible curriculum is built, which must include UNE's core curriculum requirements. From here, the committee will estimate their anticipated enrollment in this new program for upcoming years, and with this number they undertake a Feasibility Study. This study takes into consideration the amount of students we already have and whether or not there is room for new students to receive Student Life services, such as housing and dining accommodations. It is imperative to be sure UNE could fully sustain the number of students expected in order to make the transition go as smoothly as possible. This study then makes its way to a faculty assembly. Each separate college has its own faculty assembly and the University has one also. These bodies of people provide feedback and comments before it's presented to the President. Once cleared by the President, it goes to the Board of Trustees (which meets three times a year) for its final vote. Currently, there are a few programs in many different stages. In the College of Health Professions, there is a possible new Doctorate of Nursing Practice. If approved, this program would be an online program. Another possible online program in the College of Arts and Sciences is a Doctorate in Education. Provost Carter stressed the convenience of having online options available to students throughout all of the disciplines. A traditional program (not online) that's moving its way through the process is a Documentary Film Major. This BA program is in the very beginning stages and would be in the College of Arts and Sciences and would be an interdisciplinary program between Fine Arts, English, Communications, and Art. Other ideas surfacing are a Doctorate in Marine Science and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Science. All of these programs are possibilities for the University's future, which would add to the diversity of our curriculum and attract more students to the institution.

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have an interest that reaches a wide audience.

When Carter returns from his sabbatical, he will return as a Full Professor in the Marine Science Department. Some have asked him why he won't return in an administrative capacity, but Carter says that he has done all that and his desire is to now teach and research once again. Carter, in the end, says that he is grateful and feels good about what the University provides for him; that's why he's sticking around. Carter is not "stepping down," but rather "stepping aside."

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A look at the Saco Museum.

A $4000 grant has been received by UNE which will allow students from all different majors to participate in a new kind of Research Methods or Explorations course. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Dr. Elizabeth DeWolfe, Department Chair and Professor of the History Department, and Camille Smalley, Education Director of the Saco Museum and UNE graduate, students currently enrolled are being given the opportunity to actually create and present a museum exhibit to the community.

Applying for such a grant, which is titled “Voyages in the Great Age of Sail,” was a long process, ultimately resulting in a 15-page document to the Maine Humanities Council detailing the planned exhibit and course as a whole. Basing their information and research on the book “Voyages” by Alfred Hill, DeWolfe says that this course will be very involved, with a strong focus on the significance of evidence and interpretation.

This course, which mainly involves Smalley, DeWolfe, and 20 UNE students, has two main goals. One is to actively depict New England’s Maritime History, and the other is to show the UNE and surrounding communities how stories are told, with both written and visual interpretations. Comprised of a mix of students from all levels, this course is very hands-on, with the first half being mainly classroom and lecture-based, while the second half is spent designing and constructing the exhibit.

DeWolfe says that it is very rare that a museum would allow students to create their exhibit over the summer (the most popular season for museums); however, that is just what the Saco Museum has done. Opening on May 6th at 5:30 PM, the students’ exhibit will run through mid-September, giving the entire community the opportunity to see the work that’s been done and learn about the “Voyages in the Great Age of Sail.”

As this is the second time this course has been offered, (the first time was in fall 2007 with an exhibit during the spring of 2008), DeWolfe hopes that this will be a lasting collaborative program that will continue for many years to come. As for the exhibit that is currently being planned, DeWolfe “encourages everyone, both students and faculty, to come to this fabulous exhibit.” This course is providing UNE with a variety of hands-on opportunities and, according to DeWolfe, “this is what we do; we tell stories.”

UNE Receives Grant for Museum Course with Saco Museum
Biddeford Police Blotter

01/22/11
- Caller reports that a vehicle on Elm Street is stuck in a snow bank and is a hazard to traffic.
- Caller reports that her 17 y/o son, threatened to break things over a disagreement about him smoking marijuana. Juvenile is currently in possession of a jar of marijuana.
- Caller reports that one of his tenants just called him to tell him that the neighbor is snow blowing and the snow and ice is hitting the windows.

01/23/11
- Caller, an employee at Wal-Mart, reports that they have a female customer in custody for shoplifting.
- Caller is advising that she is in Awrendel and has no means to get to Biddeford right now. Her 5 y/o daughter told her that her father's girlfriend choked her.

01/24/11
- Caller advising that a male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt was walking his dog and did not pick up after his dog.
- Caller believes that she can see something, either a log or animal, in the water (Saco River).
- Caller reporting that someone is harassing her via text messages and cell phone. They have been engaged for 8 hours and her life is in danger.

01/25/11
- Reports that her two sons got into a fist fight and now her 16 y/o son has jumped out of the vehicle and is refusing to get back in.
- Received a call from an elderly female stating it was an emergency and that she needed to know today's date. Today's date was provided to her. When asked what the emergency was, she stated she had to know the date because she has to make an appointment.

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been sent to the streets to stop the protestors. As of printing time, 62 people have died, and an additional 2,000 people have been injured. Husseini in Tunisia, Mohab- rak is currently refusing to listen to the protesters demands of leaving office. He has, however, appointed a vice president, his first in 30 years of presidency.

Sudan: Set to Split into Two Separate Countries

Voters in Sudan have decided by nearly 99% that the southern half of Sudan should become its own country, to be named the Republic of South Sudan. The new country is set to become independent in July of this year, however, there are still many unresolved issues concerning the split. The issue was voted on without the citizens actually knowing what the split would entail. Matters such as how resources will be divided, how the two countries will agree to pay Sudan's current debt to other countries.ers, will be decided by the countries themselves. The border between the countries would be located, have still yet to be decided. The hope is that the two countries will leave each other at peace, but many fear that violent border wars will occur. Another large concern is oil. The majority of the country's oil is located in the south. Both countries have oil fields and pipelines are located in the north. Many also fear that this split is only the beginning of many splits that could possibly occur, which would change the geography of northeastern Africa, as nine countries currently border Sudan.

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Russia Approves Nuclear Treaty

Russia and the United States have both agreed to lower their nuclear arsenals from their current numbers of 1,700 to 2,200, down to 1,500. This was a key foreign policy goal of the Obama administration. "The arms race is a thing of the past. The disarmament race is taking its place," said chairman of the international affairs committee in the Russian senate, Mikhail Margelov. The Russian Parliament passed the treaty 350-56, with 1 vote to pass. It passed in the United States senate with a much closer vote of 71-26, needing a 2/3 majority. Both countries have seven years to lower their numbers to agree with the treaty. (www.nytimes.com, accessed January 26)
Dear Diva's Advice

BY ANONIMOUS
Nor'easter Contributor

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"Dear Diva, this time of year is always a struggle for money! Do you have any cash saving tips for this time of year? I would really appreciate it. Thanks, Brooke"

Dear Brooke,

It's hard to get a thing going ahead of time the damage is done with finances, but it certainly can be done.

First start by setting goals (how much do you want to save), then take a look at where you are spending your money. If it’s coffee four times a day, make it twice a day instead. Eating out! Hit the grocery store. You’ll be amazed at how much money you are throwing away.

But above all, set a plan so that you don’t continue to fall behind. Avoid the urge to get into a situation that will figure out how to get out of one.

History of the MLK, Jr. Celebration

(See Historic MLK, Jr. Pictures on Page 15)

BY ALYSSA FASTNACHT
Nor'easter Staff

This year marks the 24th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at the University of New England. Dr. King’s visit to St. Francis College in 1964. Unfortunately, many students are still unaware of his remarkable presence on our campus.

Years ago when UNE’s Biddeford Campus was still St. Francis College, the school organized a Civil Rights Symposium called “I Have a Dream” symposium, individuals in the state became much more active. Now, UNE celebrates the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.’s memorable visit each year with a multitude of events on both the Biddeford and Portland campuses. Much of the memorabilia including photographs, the student-made documentary, and publicity of past MLK, Jr. events are all archived at UNE.

According to Donna Gaspar Jarvis, the Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs & Diversity, the most important goal for the annual MLK, Jr. Celebration is to remember our history and Dr. King’s and other activists’ fight for justice and equality, but also to look at contemporary social issues.

"The annual MLK, Jr. Celebration is not intended for us to just dwell on the past, but to look at how Dr. King’s legacy still affects us today," said Gaspar Jarvis. "Dr. King is an iconic figure in American history and his courage and commitment to fighting for racial and economic justice are admirable and should be remembered. However, a movement is not made by one person, but by countless ordinary individuals galvanizing for a better future. The MLK, Jr. Celebration is intended to remember our past, but also to look at the social issues and the inequities that are still present today and to inspire individuals to think ‘what is my role?’"

The other keynote speaker was Dr. Frank A. Thomas, who presented “MLK, Jr. and the Health Care Crisis in America” on the Portland Campus Wednesday, January 26th, as well as a talk at the opening of the “Truth in Hope and Struggle: Civil Rights photography exhibit on display this spring semester in the Bush Center Art Gallery.

Over the past few years UNE has hosted many notable speakers such as Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, Kevin Powell, Carlos Munoz, Jr., and Bernice Johnson Reagon. Next year marks the 25th anniversary of the MLK, Jr. Celebration at UNE. Any students interested in participating in the MLK, Jr. Civil Rights committee to help plan this event should contact Donna Gaspar Jarvis at djarvas@une.edu. See pictures from King’s historic visit on page 14 of this issue.

Student Health Corner:
What Exercise Can Do for You...

BY CHERRY BAKER MSN, FNP-C
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Want to have more energy and perhaps even live longer? Numerous studies conclude that exercise and avoiding inactivity is the key. Old fashioned exercise can provide health benefits such as promoting weight management, promoting healthy sleep patterns, improving mood and relaxation, and increasing your energy level.

Not to mention the fact that exercise may combat chronic health conditions! Many sources concur that physical activity is a modifiable risk factor for the following chronic health conditions:

- cardiovascular diseases
- diabetes mellitus
- obesity
- hypertension
- certain cancers such as colon and breast
- depression

So what is the recommended amount of exercise needed? Well the jury’s out on that question, but many sources agree the simple measure can really make a difference. Take the stairs versus the elevator, take a walk at lunch, do jumping jacks during study breaks. Yes, doing some physical activity that increases your heart rate & breathing are beneficial, it but all adds up. So pick something that you like and get moving!
Step into my SAFE SPACE!

BY ROXANNE LONGORIA  
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Have you ever seen the letters LGBTQ or even LGBTQQA and wondered “SMH???”

That’s “scratch my head” in laymen’s terms. And LGBTQQA, or Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, Questioning, Queer, Intersex and Ally. However, for some even those words may still need further definition.

That’s why the Office of Multicultural Affairs & Diversity unveiled and updated the Safe Space program last semester. Safe Space is a program dedicated to raising awareness of LGBTQ issues as well as providing resources for supporting the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community (LGBTQQ).

Although there have been similar programs in the past, such as the former UNE Safe Zone program, the new Safe Space includes an updated ally manual and resource guide to train UNE faculty, staff, and student leaders to become Safe Space members.

“I think it is of utmost importance to train faculty, staff, and students about sexual and gender identity because with knowledge comes acceptance…with acceptance, comes safety and less discrimination for LGBT individuals. Most people do not recognize heterosexual privilege and institutionalized homophobia and transphobia. However, LGBT people live it every day. The only way we can change the institution is to educate people on an individual level”– Aviva Wallace (2nd yr, COM student).

Safe Space members can be identified by the Safe Space placard found outside their office or residence hall room. Participants attend a three-hour workshop that covers topics regarding terminology, available resources, and situations the LGBTQ community might face. Safe Space is designed with the intention of helping members of the UNE Community become educated about issues particular to the LGBTQ community as well as provide support for all members of the LGBTQ community.

“Seeing a Safe Space sign lets me know that there is an Ally behind that door who I can speak freely in front of without worrying about receiving a negative reaction. While I would like to think that I don’t filter anything out in reference to my sexual orientation no matter where I am, it’s extremely reassuring to know that I am in a comfortable, supportive setting, rather than just hoping that I am”– Keith Egan (1st yr, COM student).

By becoming a Safe Space member, individuals are not expected to be counselors but rather be resource supports that show respect and care.

“I was able to take away more than I ever imagined possible. The training was informative, yet a lot of fun with activities to learn about current issues and others’ personal experiences coming out. As an administrator, I can now proudly showcase my Safe Space sign and know that I have the knowledge and resources to share with my students”– Jessica Fortin (Assistant Director, Community & Student Life FC).

Tara Connell (3rd yr, CAS student) stated, “With the rate of suicide of young people within the LGBTQ community rising, this is my small effort to lower these numbers of tragedies.”

“I was really proud to be Safe Space certified when the course was over. I hung my UNE Safe Space sign outside my dorm door and outside of my room. Safe Space inspired me to be an ally for the gay community and proud that I was able to share knowledge with my friends as well”– Amanda Zannoni (2nd yr, CAS student).

For more information regarding Safe Space and/or to learn when the next training is being offered, contact Roxanne Longoria in Multicultural Affairs at rlongoria@une.edu.

Get to Know Your Leader Scholars!

BY BRANDON HOTHAM  
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So what exactly is a “Leader Scholar?” A Leader Scholar is a full uniform member of the UNE student that is selected by the Office of Campus Life to receive the Leadership Scholarship. Each year, the Office of Campus Life awards 4-6 students with this scholarship. This scholarship is a part of UNE’s ULead program, which the chosen scholars work to promote.

The Leader Scholars work throughout the year to promote, educate, and support leadership across campus in all aspects. The Leader Scholars each year host and run the annual Fall Leadership Retreat, support and advise the first year Leadership 1-Pod, run an Executive Leadership Retreat in the spring, and run the ULead Award Ceremony in the spring, and do various programs and outreach activities to various clubs, organizations, and departments across campus.

So, what does this mean for you? They are a resource! Are you an executive member or a basic member of a club or organization? Are you an advisor to a club or organization? Do you work with student leaders or employees? If you answered yes to any of these, and even if you didn’t, the Leader Scholars can probably assist you in some way! They offer various workshops and programs centered on various areas of leadership. These areas include but are not limited to: team development, communication, difficult conversations, increasing membership and involvement, and many more!

If you would like more information about the Leader Scholar program and/or ways in which they can help your department, club, or organization, please email one of the Leader Scholars. You can also contact Tim St. John, Assistant Director of Campus Life, at tstjohn@une.edu.
Welcome back all to the snowy and frigid weather of Biddeford! This first week of classes has been utterly incomplete and lacking “classes” — which is definitely fine for those of us who are still wishing that it was winter break. With a new semester underway, we all have had at least the majority of our classes at this point, and met the professors that will be in control of our lives for the next four months. Though we haven’t been in classes for too long, the group of new professors that I have acquired this semester have brought their own unique and bizarre sayings to the table, and I am looking forward to hearing what they say in the future. For now, here are some left over gems from last semester, because my professors say the darnedest things...

- “Oh demons be gone! You mixed the streams!”
- “You can’t eat in here when we’re not on break—this isn’t Wendy’s.”
- “It’s an unadulterated dance party.”

And now for the new crop of education...because this semester my professors say the darnedest things.

- “Do people do like—athletic exercises during lecture? Because this is just so much space!”
- “We do other freaky stuff with dead bodies...”
- “Say something when you’re feeling awkward—otherwise it’s just annoying.”
- “I go back to my 16 year old poetry and it’s just devastat­ingly horrible.”
- “Our speaker of the house is this odd tan guy who likes to cry.”

As students we spend hours upon hours in the classroom, listening to our professors lecture on 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? I was 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 darnedest 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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**The Internship Course:**

As an Interview with Krysten Belanger, a Student Intern

BY CYNTHIA SIMON
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CYNTHIA: Hi Krysten, tell us why you took an internship course.

KRYSTEN: I’m a senior Marine Bio major and I wanted the experience of doing an internship in the field that I love, animal caretaker. I wanted experience and credit.

CYNTHIA: Great, tell us about your internship.

KRYSTEN: I was accepted at Mystic Aquarium in their California sea lion husbandry department. Working alongside trainers, I did food prep, exhibit cleanup, basically everything under the sun. I worked with Sekari. I gained experience in animal training and public speaking. It was amazing; at the end of my internship I presented Boomerang, a young male sea lion. It was hard work but I learned so much about training and the field that I want to get into.

CYNTHIA: What are some of the things you learned from your internship?

KRYSTEN: A major one that all facilities look to hire you is public speaking. To get the experience on mic and talk to guests was a major highlight. It’s something I was very nervous to do but they helped me work through it. They taught me different techniques and skills, different tools, the basics of how to train an animal step by step. Working alongside trainers and with the animals was the major highlight. I’m a very hands-on person, so doing training sessions with Sekari and the other sea lions was a huge highlight and so much fun.

CYNTHIA: What a powerful learning experience, has it impacted how you study?

KRYSTEN: It has definitely impacted what courses I chose to complete during my college career. I’m going to the Galapagos Islands this spring because I didn’t want to choose a BIO 400 just to get it over with. I want it to apply to my field and bind off my internship, and in the Galapagos we’ll see animals, and California sea lions. At Mystic Aquarium they’re captive animals but they still present a lot of wild characteristics, so I have structured learning about the species and now I’ll be able to apply that in the spring. I’m very excited; a strong base off my internship and knowing exactly what employers look for in hiring a trainer, I wanted to base my courses off that.

CYNTHIA: What’s next?

KRYSTEN: I looked into the training field to learn what is required, and even emailed facilities like Marine Land. So, now I’ll need to get more experience and do another internship.

CYNTHIA: It sounds like you’ll have the right courses, a good education, and experience coming right out of college. What would you like to do after your internship at Mystic? I’m thinking of applying to your academic and professional career. The academics involve transforming the experience into deep learning. This entails regular communication, homework, reflections, learning outcomes and professional preparations. The course also provides a safety net, support structure, and professional protocols to work through issues that may arise on the site. There have been a lot of success stories where a student implements such learning at their host site and comes out a superstar for handling it well and having solved problems. That’s impressive.

CYNTHIA: A fringe benefit is that you’re making new friends.

KRYSTEN: Yes, many, and many connections, which is another great thing about internships: getting those connections in the field you love. I’m still in contact with the senior animal trainer and she agreed to be my reference.

CYNTHIA: Congratulations! Are you available to students who have a question about internships?

KRYSTEN: Definitely, you can contact me at kbelanger@une.edu.
Women's Swimming: Walking on Water

BY SEAN DOYLE
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At 6-2 Coach Roy's team has all but walked on water this season.

After losing the first meet of the year, the women then went on to win six meets in a row while taking second place finishes along the way. At the Regis invitational they took second out of six teams, and at the TCCC invitational they also took the silver medal. As any coach does Roy expects success and this season has been fortunate enough to enjoy it. "The season is going very well. We stand at 6-2 heading into our final dual meet this weekend against Colby-Sawyer College. We have also done very well second overall at two invitational meets," said Roy.

Swimming is often called an individual sport but Roy attributes the team's success to their ability to work together as a team and identify themselves as a team.

"All our swimmers are valuable, and I cannot/will not declare one athlete more important than the rest. Despite swimming being classified as an individual sport, we are a team that wins and loses together. Each member of the team has contributed to every win, and each member has scored points for the team. Having said all that, juniors Lizzie Wareham, Sara Shea, and Jessica Sweeney currently top the high-point list." Wareham set three meet records at the Regis Invitational and won three races against Umass Dartmouth. She also won the 50-yard free against Assumption, while Shea captured the 100-yard breaststroke. Sweeney helps the team by swimming strong in the 1,650 yard freestyle among other races.

All good teams can't always look back, they must look ahead and in this case it's to the end of the season's New England Championships from February 18th to the 20th. The meet will be held in White River Junction Vermont. Roy's expectations are optimistic, "I am very excited for New England Championships at the end of February. We are taking the most women we have ever had qualify to the meet, and I am excited to see how fast we can go. There is no secret trick to success, it's all about putting in time and effort, mentally and physically. The women have trained hard all year, and are set up very well for a successful taper and fast times!"

UNE Swimmers competing at their home meet.

UNE will look to swim faster and faster as they have all year long and as always will be led by Coach Roy. The team has high hopes for the end of their season and with any luck will continue its success.

11-6 Record for UNE Women's Basketball Team

BY DEANNA BAUMERT
Nor'easter Staff

In their last game before the break on December 11, the women's basketball team beat the University of Maine Farmington with a final score of 87-37.

Eden Cianciolo scored the first two points for UNE with a layup and by the end of the first half, the Nor'asters had a 16 point lead. The margin continued to increase in the second half and reached its peak of 50 at 1:12 left in the game with the final two points made by Cianciolo. Margo Russell contributed 17 points and made all five of her field goal attempts from outside the three point line. Teammates Kari Pelletier and Beth Suggs totaled 15 points each for the team.

The Nor'asters held onto the lead for the majority of their next game on January 3 as well but their competition, Bates College, made a comeback in the end that led to a 57-56 loss for UNE.

UNE widened the point gap to 17 times during the second half. The first came at 10:56 left with a layup by Kelley Paradis. Bates scored two seconds later but Carrie Bunnell increased the margin back to 17 points with a layup at 10 minutes in the half. Bates fought back over the last 10 minutes to tie the game with a free throw with two seconds left on the clock. One more successful free throw put Bates one point ahead of UNE for a final score of 57-56.

The team's next contest ended in an 80-61 win for UNE over Husson University on January 6. UNE took the lead early but Husson came back with 10 points to take a two point lead. UNE went on to dominate the rest of the half, ending with a score of 53-30 for the first half. Top scorers for UNE were Bunnell with 16 points, Paradis with 17 points, and Suggs with a career high 18 points.

Another win came at UNE's first conference game on January 8 against New England College during which the Nor'asters scored 80 points to NEC's 41 points.

The first half ended on a high note for the Nor'asters, with a score of 43-14 for UNE. Bunnell scored 18 of her season high 22 points to contribute to this lead. April Mroz scored a career high 13 points to the win and Paradis scored 12 points.

The game against Curry on January 11 was the third straight win for the Nor'asters and improved their conference record to 2-0.

Pelletier had the first point with a free throw 21 seconds into the game. She went on to score 17 points in the game, matching her career high and had a game high seven steals. Paradis had a game high 19 points to contribute to the victory. Liz LeBlanc had the last point of the game with 34 seconds left in the half, putting the final score at 86-45.

The team suffered a loss four days later against Salve Regina in Newport, RI where they fell 63-71.

UNE did maintain the lead for most of the first half and with a layup by Paradis, they ended the half with a 33-29 advantage. Salve took the lead at 8:50 left on the clock and held it to the end. Paradis and Russell led in scoring with 16 points each.

The Nor'asters came back from this loss with a win over Eastern Nazarene College on January 19, bringing their record to 10-6 and making this the 22nd season in a row to have their winning record in the double digits.

Russell scored the game high 14 points, with 9 points in the first half to contribute to the 64-29 win and had four assists. Eastern Nazarene didn't score until almost five minutes into the game and never managed to come within 11 points of UNE. Lauren Forti made a last successful free throw with 43 seconds left in the game to put the Nor'asters 35 points ahead of Eastern Nazarene.

UNE improved their record to 11-6 in a 94-51 win over Anna Maria in Paxton, MA on January 22nd.

Paradis scored a game high 16 points and fellow teammates Bunnell, Pelletier, Russell, and Suggs also contributed double digit points to the win. UNE reached a double digit score early on in the game and continued to increase the gap till the end.
Men's Hockey: Out but not down

Men's ice hockey may be out of any kind of trophy or glorious playoff success, but the team hasn't given up their high spirits. Although the team's record isn't very impressive, only at 2-13, the team refuses to get down on itself and still maintains an optimistic mindset by looking for small victories. Coach Brad Holt says, "In general we feel we are doing very well and improving all the time. It certainly is a challenge to be in the best D III league in the country when nearly every weekend we are facing a top 20 team. Because we are struggling, we tend to look for our "victories" in other places breaking down games to smaller parts and looking to compete shift by shift or period by period. We certainly have a lot of fun at practice as the atmosphere is light, fun but hard working. We also play a lot in practice as we work hard to get our very young team competition ready." The team does have a very rigorous schedule, with four teams ranked inside of the top ten in the country for division three men's ice hockey.

That strength of schedule has a tendency to hurt them two fold because the penalties they commit are then amplified because the talent they are playing is that much better. "I think a big challenge that we are still struggling to overcome is our penalty problems. These seem to be two fold in that the teams we play are so good we tire or get beaten and try to make it up and draw penalties. The other part is that everyone here has been in a winning program before and even though we know we will need more than two years to compete in this league, our players have a fairly high level of frustration and tend to draw penalties that in their old junior leagues wouldn't be such a big deal but here with a short 25 game schedule it plays a much more costly role." The team has committed 300 penalty minutes in just 15 games, which boils down to 20 minutes a game or an entire period that UNE has to play shorthanded.

The other teams that UNE has been playing in the ECAC, include some of the best competition around. Some of the best teams are #3 Norwich, #9 Williams, #5 Bowdoin, and Vermont showing its worth more than maple syrup with another powerhouse program #4 Castleton State. UNE has looked to some players all year long, including their leading point man Sean Sullivan. Sullivan has tallied four goals, and team leading 10 assists. Other standouts have been Scott McManaman who has eight points on three goals and five assists. Tyler Florent is leading the team with six goals to go with one assist on his way to seven points. In net the Nor’easters have relied upon senior Mike Roper for the majority of the work but Connor Brogan, and Cody Violette have also seen some action this year for the boys in blue.

A loss against Eastern Nazarene College and Curry College in the first two games of The Commonwealth Coast Conference season. Chas Rentrope and Winn scored the team high in points for both teams respectively against Curry.

The next two games against Salve Regina and Eastern Nazarene College ended in losses as well but it was not for lack of effort. In the game against Eastern Nazarene, Former contributed his career best 25 points, including four three pointers in the first half. Winn, Rentrope, and Nevin Lessard also contributed double digit points to the game.

The Nor’easters were unable to get the win in their contest against Anna Maria on January 22 where they lost 94-85. The team managed to end the first half with a deficit of only 9 points and was then able to close a 23 point gap in the second half back down to nine points by the end of the second half. Marcus Wison, Fenner, and J.D. Winn were the top scorers for UNE with 24, 21, and 13 points respectfully against Curry.

In the midst of the losses though, two UNE players have received recognition for their hard work. Junior Marcus Winn was able to shine as UNE’s December Athlete of the Month. His 16.2 ppg and 36 three pointers are the highest on the team so far this season. First year Charles Fenner was named Rookie of the Week by the Maine Men’s Basketball Coaches and Writers Association.

The team will try again for a win at their next home game against Regis on January 27.

New Intramural Activities

Intramural sports are on with a new semester after the fall semester has come and gone. UNE enjoyed a terrific and wonderful fall season, but expects the new semester to be even better

Intramural staff says, "This semester we have broomball, pond hockey, and indoor soccer to start the semester to be even better. Each night of the week we will discuss. Since the arrival of Patty Williams and her staff to the UNE recreation scene, participation has dramatically increased, and the depth, and number of programs has also benefited." Among other programs that the UNE Intramural scene is providing is a recreation schedule that is available on the myUNE webpage. Each night of the week has been dedicated to a different recreational event. The intramural staff wanted to add this, "It is a way for students to find programs and events around campus and become more physically active and get hours for the student fitness center challenge." Some of the upcoming events as broomball might need more explanation. Broomball is a game played with "brooms" or lacrosse style sticks with a plastic head that acts as an implement players use to strike a soft kick ball turreled ball. Once equipped with their "broom" the game is played on ice without skates. Players use just their own sneakers to maneuver the slippery ice, generally there are a lot of slips and falls but it’s what makes broomball, broomball.

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For more information about intramural sports please be aware of e-mail alerts, myUNE announcements, LCD screen messages, as well as posters and flyers.

As always specific questions can be emailed to Patty Williams the intramural director at pwil­liams2@une.edu.

Rough Season Continues for Men's Basketball Team

The men's basketball team is still having a tough time capturing wins.

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A loss was also suffered in the Nor’easter’s next game against WPI during the Jim Beaudry Classic hosted by UNE on January 2. Three days later, Bates proved to be a challenge as well but the Nor’easters had reason to be proud of their players. Charles Fenner made the game high 22 points in his second collegiate game while teammate Jordan Stinnes had a career high 10 rebounds to contribute to his double-double in points and rebounds.

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Movie Review: No Strings Attached

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After much anticipation, I was able to see No Strings Attached starring Ashton Kutcher as Adam and Natalie Portman as Emma. Before I begin spoiling the plot, let me start by mentioning this will be an exciting movie for both males and females, despite the typical plotline. Kutcher's abundance of (near) nudity will give the girls something to daydream about while Portman leaves little to the imagination for the guys. The movie poses the question: can two people have a strictly sexual relationship, without any risk of falling in love?

Adam and Emma meet at a young age while at a summer camp and immediately become friends. The characters are introduced as a tough, strong Emma comforts an emotional Adam after his parents divorce. The scene flashes forward and every several years, Adam and Emma run into each other as Adam struggles his way through broken relationships and Emma focuses on her medical career, avoiding every potential relationship that comes along. Eventually, after a particularly tough night for Adam (after finding out his father is dating his ex-girlfriend) and a one night stand with Emma, they decide to become casual sex partners.

As in any typical romantic comedy, feelings do arise for both parties, as Adam struggles to accept that Emma has no interest in a relationship and Emma runs in fear at the prospect of true love. This movie, as I have already stated, is a typical romantic comedy and highly predictable. It follows a couple who tries to avoid the complications of love while maintaining a strictly physical relationship. Although typical in many ways, there was a surprising gender role as Kutcher chases after Portman, who ran from the thought of love. The chemistry between Kutcher and Portman was strong and the relationship itself was believable and enjoyable to watch. Overall, the movie was worth seeing as long as you aren't looking for a movie that involved much thinking or a surprise, shocking ending.

Spring Un-Involvement Fair

BY DANIELLE CROPLEY
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Apparently all those students that want to be involved at UNE have already chosen their paths to do so. On January 22, 2011, the Office of Campus Life put on another Involvement Fair for the spring semester. Organized by the Student Involvement Interns, Ashley Walley and Briana Chu, this event was geared toward helping students to get involved and make those connections that are so imperative for their college years. In total, 37 clubs and organizations and five departments were actively represented at this semester's fair located in the Campus Center Gym, which is the go-to space for this event due to its size. And, even though Student Involvement Intern Briana Chu deemed this event a success due to the increase in the number of clubs/organizations and departments represented, I'd have to argue a different point.

I "worked" the fair from 2-4 PM (at least that was my scheduled time), but due to a complete lack of people, the event was shut down one-hour early. However, this didn't stop other clubs from closing shop even earlier and leaving before I even got there. Even though there was a great effort put into this event by the Office of Campus Life and the Student Involvement Interns, I found this event to be poorly publicized (although it was advertised on the Student Involvement Facebook Page, posters, and myune.edu page) seeing as I didn't know anything about it until two days prior. Also the raffle prizes that were made to entice students with drawings every 20 minutes, were the same old water bottles and backpacks plastered with the UNE logo. Basically it seems to me that this was more of an Un-Involvement Fair than anything else.

I suppose I shouldn't rag on the fair so much because the winter ones are usually more low-key and have lower attendance. Yet, I can't help but wonder where all the students are. I hear people complain all the time that there's nothing to do on campus, but somehow I didn't see any of those faces (if any) at this semester's Involvement Fair. So it seems to me that it is not a lack of involvement from the Office of Campus Life or those pre-existing clubs, it is more those students who don't want to make the effort to get out there and do something!

Yes, this event probably could have come at a different time when everyone had settled back into school. And, yes, this event probably could have been better advertised with a little more upbeat tempo as a whole, but plans are being made to improve the
This season of “Jersey Shore” mixes a little new with a lot of old. Ronnie and Sammi? Yeah, they’re still breaking up every other hour. Snooki? Yeah, she’s still having trouble keeping her privates private. And JWoww? Yeah, guys will still spend just as much time trying to inconspicuously figure out how the laws of gravity don’t apply to her, as their girlfriends will spend coining new four-letter words to describe her.

But this is what “Jersey Shore” fans have become accustomed to, and, quite frankly, it’s what we look forward to every week. That being said, what makes Jersday’s this season different from Jersday’s last season?

The new season brought a new face to the house, but this has done little in the way of change. Deena is like Snooki in every way, shape, size and sound, but brings nothing to the table. It’s like buying a second parrot to go with your first one; the second will not be that much more annoying than the first, however, now they can have frivolous conversations with each other and share glimpses at shiny objects.

M.V.P. (Mike, Vinny, Pauly) are still up to their typical antics, but have recently developed a monumental invention that will soon be taking the world by storm: the grenade horn. This miraculous piece of life-saving equipment is sure to grace the neighborhood of Seaside Heights many nights — especially if the guys keep up at the rate they’re going.

So with all this on the table, what’s going to make this season so distinguishable? Well, the short answer is probably nothing, but that’s what makes this show so great. It’s a chance for people everywhere to leave the real world behind for an hour, and be able to kill a few brain cells without waking up with a splitting headache the next morning.
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BY DEIDRE DICKER
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Hate. If you dictionary.com it, you find that it is "intensely dislikable; extreme aversion or hostility." On paper, words are just a combination of letters, and its meaning, simply a scrabble of strong words. It's when people accommodate those words by offering them room in their hearts that they take shape, turning into violence. Hate is like a dangerous chemical that, when mixed with others, like drugs or mental instability, can become lethal. This was the case with Jared Loughner, who shot Arizona representative Gabrielle Giffords and 17 others in Tucson on January 8, 2011.

According to a recent Mother Jones article by Nick Baumann, Loughner's issue with Gabrielle Giffords was that he thought she was "a fake." Obviously her political views were not in sync with his, and because of this, a grudge began to grow. At an event about a year ago, Loughner asked Giffords a political question when, at an event where she was speaking, the floor was opened for queries. His question was: "What is government if words have no meaning?" He considered the answer that Giffords gave him to be unsatisfactory. Instead of blaming it off slightly, he would not have found another way to hurt Giffords? The hate was there. Hate is what drives people to hurt other people, and then the grudge grew into hate, turning into violence.

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New Years is traditionally a time when people resolve to change their habits, or their bodies, in the upcoming year. Popular resolutions are to save money and to lose weight. Yet the question that follows the thought of these resolutions comes to me: how many people will actually stick to their resolutions in the New Year?

Now I'll admit to having made resolutions in the past, but like many Americans out there, I failed to stick to them past January. I'd resolve to save money, only to see a new book I was dying to read, or have my favorite blockbuster movie of the winter come out on DVD, and the inevitable deployment of my willpower. And then it happens, this one event, which would mess with my other popular resolution: eat less junk. Not that that ever really works out as a college student, right? After several years of making and then breaking my resolutions, this year I chose to make one resolution I know I can stick to: no more resolutions for New Years. If I plan to make a resolution, I'll make it at some other point in the year, but past events have convinced me that there seems to be no real advantage in making a New Years Resolution.

Which is not to say that there are not things I'll choose to change in a new year about my personal habits or myself, but I won't make it a formal resolution. The tradition of the New Years Resolution is a trap. To make a New Year's Resolution is to set a new point in the year, but past events have convinced me that there seems to be no real advantage in making a New Years Resolution.

I have a friend once that said, "People are people before anything else." And I think that he was absolutely right. People are human before they are conservative or liberal, or rich or poor, or straight or gay. So maybe you don't respect one of the titles they are given. If you strip away all of those titles, then-as a human-being, in my opinion, I don't think it's unreasonable to ask for people to respect others for the simple fact that they are human, before anything else. Humanity deserves a certain amount of dignity. Even though people like Jared Loughner bring disgrace to its name by killing innocent people out of bitterness, do not blame guns for this disrespect for humanity, because guns are mindless, mindless objects. Blame hate, the most powerful weapon. And blame the people that let it get the best of them.
Can I Take Your Order?

BY DANIELLE CROPLEY
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"I'll take a non-fat, no-foam, taste-free Chai latte.”

"Will that be cash or credit?"

"Here."

"Thank you."

Preparation of said product.

"Here you go.

"Incomprehensible mumbling."

"Have a nice day!

Person walks away.

Perhaps you've experienced a conversation like this. Maybe you were that perfectly polite cashier working a job just to make rent, pay student loans, or have a little fun fund. Or, maybe, you were the coarse customer with specific and direct instructions as to how you would like your beverage/food/ tap water prepared. Or, maybe, you've been both of these people.

Working in the food industry, or any customer service avenue, is a tough, thankless job. Sure, it's not construction or plumbing or teaching children not to pick their noses, but nevertheless it's hard work. In fact, it's hard work that no one, especially the consumer, appreciates, no matter how hard you try to put on a good show, smile, and say "you're welcome" and "have a great night." Working for others to please others is like running around with scissors blindfolded; you're going to get stabbed in some unfortunate area and you won't even see it coming.

Okay, so maybe it's not THAT bad, but preparing, selling, and cleaning up food is not all it's cracked up to be. You run into all sorts of people who all have other places to be and don't really understand what it's like to work for another person, let alone meet the needs of hundreds, daily. Usually, there are three types of people: the Ingrates, the Gratefuls, and the Here-and-nows. These categories are probably fairly self-explanatory, but each one has their own personalities that can make or break a food service worker's day. To start off, there are the Ingrates. These are the people who, as it is most likely evident from the name, want what they want, how they want it, and aren't going to say thank you no matter how much they mentally beg them too. The Ingrates can come in all shapes and sizes, but their one defining characteristic is their face. The face of an Ingrate is one of "I'm going to make this as complicated as possible because I have some special kind of circumstance and whatever addition I make to this food product will be crucial to my dietary needs and if you mess it up I will complain and you will get in trouble," or something along those lines.

The Here-and-nows are the typical, on-the-go Americans who need their food or hot beverage to go because they clearly have somewhere more important to be at that particular moment in time. You know, the ones who are on their Blackberry and you never know if they're actually talking to you or the person on the other line. However, when you do actually speak to them, they usually act as though you are "eating" into their day and how interferes with their precious time.

Finally, there are the Gratefuls, who, unlike their consuming counterparts are far more appreciative, and patient. So much so, that sometimes it can get a little too much to bear. These people are usually those who appreciate a sprinkle or something along those lines. They are usually those who say please and "thank you" to the extent that you want them to be a little rude. I mean, just because someone is serving you does not mean they are your servant, nor does it mean you can order something and then make every substitution possible. Food service workers and customer service representatives are not slaves and yet, they do get paid to please and serve with a smile, but they are not put on earth to be treated like scum.

Next time you are in front of or behind the counter, think about placing yourself in the other person's shoes. None of us know where the other is going and none of us know just how important this stop of the day for a coffee, sandwich, or pair of shoes might be. Whatever the case, people need to recognize that everyone is equal, and wearing of a nametag, apron, or uniform should not change the way we are treating each other. Maybe these are just the grumblings of an underappreciated employee stuck behind the register, or maybe someone out there is recognizing that they need to be a little more patient the next time they wait for a Panini (which by the way does take more than five minutes if you want it hot). Just something to think about.

Sprinkle of This, A Sprinkle of That (Literally)

BY ROYALE HARDENSTINE
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I tend to be rather childlike and one of the things that can really make my heart smile is sprinkles. Those wonderful little toppings for ice cream and various other desserts make my day whenever I see them gracing the table at Decary. I literally check every time I walk by in hopes of seeing their brightly-colored wonder. I mean, they usually will have the chocolate sprinkles out, but those just aren't good enough; rainbow sprinkles are the way to go!

This brings me to a brief tangent: why does Decary never have rainbow sprinkles anymore? They finally got the soft serve ice cream machine fixed and running on a regular basis, but now there aren't any sprinkles to go with that ice cream. My despair, however, is rather short-lived because I'm from the name, want what they want, how they want it, and aren't going to say thank you no matter how much they mentally beg them too.

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Voices in the Crowd:
What do you think about the Alfond Complex being built on campus?

BY DANIELLY CROPLEY
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"Well, I could go both ways. Sure it's a good thing and will provide opportunities, but at the same point in time there are other places that money could be used."
-Jeremy Jason

"I think it's completely useless. The money should be spent on things that actually matter, like academic buildings or parking."
-Vernon Chan

"The sports complex is great for student athletes, but I feel like the money could be put into better use, like fixing things around campus."
-Royale Hardentine

"I think the complex will provide more opportunities for students and athletes, as well as grant students access to better facilities. This will also allow more people to go to games, which will increase attendance."
-Mike Murphy

Photographs of Martin Luther King Jr. Visiting St. Francis College in 1964, as a Part of the College's Civil Rights Symposium Entitled "I Have a Dream."

For more information on this historic event in St. Francis College History, and now the University of New England's History, see Managing Editor, Alyssa Fastnacht's article, "History of the MLK, Jr. Celebration" on page 5 in the Features Section of this issue of the Nor'easter News.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."
PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

A mountainscape in Ecuador.

Photo of the Issue!

Birdhouse in the snowy months of Maine.

What is it?

A northern Maine sunset.

Last issue's "What is it?" was a picture of a cow. Check out the next issue for this week's answer!
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