Noam Chomsky to Lecture at Westbrook Performing Arts Center

**By Constance Glynn**
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As part of UNE's Center for Global Humanities Lecture Series, Noam Chomsky will visit the Portland area on the night of December 12. The event, which will take place at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center, begins at 6PM, yet it is suggested one arrives early for a large number of spectators are expected. The event is free and open to the public. The lecture will also be streamed live globally, and it's accessible in high definition via iPhone. The accessibility of the lecture acts as a public service to the community and the Center is very committed to working with the community at large in encouraging reading, discussion, and debate.

The Center offers seminars and lectures by leading scholars from around the world who are doing innovative scholarship, and many lecturers precede Chomsky and the remaining of the year will take place at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center. However, the caliber of Chomsky's work and his widespread recognition as a prominent thinker of the past two generations makes him a noteworthy visitor.

Chomsky spent his undergraduate and graduate years at the University of Pennsylvania where he received his PhD in Linguistics in 1955. During the years 1951 to 1955, Chomsky was a Junior Fellow of the Harvard University Society of Fellows. He joined the staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1955 and in 1961 was appointed full professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics (now the Department of Linguistics and Philosophy). From 1966 to 1976 he held the Ferranti P. Ward Professorship of Modern Languages and Linguistics. In 1976 he was appointed Institute Professor.

Chomsky holds honorary degrees from dozens of institutions around the world. An author of over a hundred books, he is one of the most cited scholars of the past fifty years. Chomsky has written and lectured widely on linguistics, philosophy, intellectual history, contemporary issues, international affairs and U.S. foreign policy.

Chomsky's talk, titled "Arab Spring, American Winter" will prove a critique of the current conditions of the Middle East and America. Chomsky will reflect upon the irony of the people in the Middle East demanding the right to good education, health, and employment, while America, which was founded on the idea of democracy, is faced with an economic system that is outside most people's grasp. American people will not receive these rights that people in the Middle East are now demanding in the midst of their Arab Spring. The two are in different seasons and Chomsky will lecture on the causes of this and the future impact it will have on the two cultures.

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**By Gavin Kuns**
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This past Friday the Undergraduate Student Government held its annual Deans' Forum to discuss some of the recent student concerns on campus. The event was held with many of the University's Deans and Administrators from varying departments.

One question asked of the deans touched on the new positioning statement (An innovative Health Science University Grounded in the Liberal Arts), asking if it would affect the future of the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at UNE. The panel responded that they realized the concern current students are having and are working directly with students to create a positioning statement specific to the Undergraduate Colleges as well as statements for each of the Academic Departments. The panel also shared results from inquiries of prospective students, the data showing that all majors are still being well represented and the numbers are near or above average for all majors, including those that are not technically Health Sciences.

Other highlights of the Forum included the "in the works" projects of adding an Art Therapy Minor, as well as an Ocean Studies Major and Minor.

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UNE Students Receive Honors at Recent Events

BY JOCELYN KOLLER
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University of New England students Meghan McCann, Codi Riley, Briana Chu, and Howard Theberge are among those who recently received noteworthy awards while representing the school. In addition, Lauren Ball and Karl Pelliteri were acknowledged for their excellence in Sport Management.

McCaan, Riley, and Chu attended the Association of College Unions - International (ACUI) Region I Conference on November 19 and 20. Riley was awarded the Thomas Abern Scholarship, which will send her to one of two programs, Lead and/or Intern, in International Conference. Riley, whose hometown is in Pennsylvania, is a junior and a business major at UNE. Chu received the Student Employee Award. She was chosen for this award because of her excellence in her position as a Student Involvement Intern in the Office of Campus Life. Chu is a senior and an education major, who is originally from Maine.

Theberge were also a part of the Idea Exchange program, a part of ACUI in which students create a poster that illustrates their campus, including buildings and academic programs, and ties these ideas into the larger theme of the conference. This year's theme was "ACUI Rocks: A Granite State of Mind." McCann, Riley, and Chu won the Campus Gem Award for the poster they created.

The ACUI conference was held at the University of New Hampshire, and gathered over 200 professionals and students from locations throughout the New England area, as well as the United Kingdom. It is aimed at students and staff members that work in student activities, campus center operations, and leadership in their perspective colleges and universities. Codii Riley says about the conference, "The weekend is comprised of entertainment, educational sessions, social time, an awards banquet, and a silent auction that always provides a massive amount of entertainment. Throughout the weekend ACUI also provides an opportunity in which students can volunteer to be a peer for many areas of the conference. Volunteering also gives students an opportunity to connect with other students, graduates and professionals.

Howard Theberge, a senior and an athletic training major, attended the American College of Sports Medicine New England Chapter (NEACSM) conference, on Nov. 3rd and 4th of this year. Theberge was presented with the Undergraduate Student Investigator Award. Theberge's presentation, "Griin Wrapping and Its Effects on Skating Performance in Ice Hockey Players," was an oral research presentation. His faculty advisor for Theberge's research was Lara Carlson, an assistant professor who teaches applied exercise science at UNE.

The conference was held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, and Theberge was one of twenty UNE students who attended; other applied exercise science and athletic training majors also took part in the conference. In addition, UNE students organized and Academic College Bowl Team for the conference. Through this activity, the students answered questions in a jeopardy-like fashion on numerous topics, from anatomy to pharmacology.

Students Lauren Ball and Karl Pelliteri were named "Outstanding Future Professionals" by the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MAHPERD). The MAHPERD conference, held on November 8th in Rockport, is an invitation for institutions with sport-related professional fields to nominate students to attend. UNE has participated in the conference for the past five years. Ball and Pelliteri were nominated for this year's candidates. Ball is a senior and a Sport Management major with a minor in Business Administration and Communications, and Pelliteri is a senior and a Sport Management major with a Business Administration minor.

History Department Graduate to Graduate 16 in the Spring

BY JOCELYN KOLLER
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16 history majors and minors—the largest class to date—are expected to graduate from UNE’s history program this spring. These 16 students make up more than half of the current history majors and minors at the University. There are currently about 24 majors total at the university, and approximately 8 minors.

According to History Department Chair Elizabeth DeWolfe, only about 4 or 5 history majors typically graduate each year. DeWolfe also mentions that this year’s incoming class had only 3 majors, which is the lowest number in recent years. However, the history department ordinarily grows through internal transfers—each year they add a number of students to the program that have switched majors. They also gain a number of minors when students are in their sophomore or junior year, and may decide to pick up a minor in the humanities.

At UNE, a large number of history majors are in the Education program, too—some hope to become Secondary level history teachers. Many majors are also interested in going on to law school, or working at a museum. For majors, History 410 and History 450 are the two classes that emphasize their work within the field. 410 is a topics course that students must take. 450 is typically encouraged to take if interested; it is a seminar-style, and the topics change each time it is offered. Last semester’s topic was Sex and the City. History classes vary in size, but for these two upper-level courses the numbers are smaller.

The capstone course, 450, usually has only about 8 students. These students will have a choice of writing a traditional thesis, designing a history curriculum (for education students), or doing an internship.

The history department works closely in conjunction with a number of local organizations to allow students to gain hands-on experience within their focus. UNE students frequent the McArthur public library, local schools to complete their student teaching, and the Baco Museum. One UNE graduate had an internship at the Saco Museum, for which she was able to design an exhibit. Her hands-on work with other humanities majors is also encouraged to take if interested; it is a seminar-style, and the topics change each time it is offered. Last semester’s topic was Sex and the City. History classes vary in size, but for these two upper-level courses the numbers are smaller.

Beth DeWolfe has been a faculty member at UNE since it was Westbook College. She taught classes like American studies and anthropology before the college was divided into departments, as it is today. This is Professor DeWolfe’s 6th year as Department Chair. The department also has 5 full-time faculty members, and typically employs approximately 34-44 adjunct professors. Most recently, the department has added an art historian to the adjacent faculty. In addition, the department is offering a few new courses for the spring semester, including a course on the history of American musicals and another on modern China.

Professor DeWolfe acknowledges the many changes taking place at the University in recent years. She points out that, “We are the foundation,” DeWolfe says that the history department still plays a very important role in the University, saying, “History teaches content about who we are—important skills like writing and analysis.” Despite the large number of students graduating, DeWolfe is optimistic about the department’s future. The history department aims to continue to be the successful, student-driven department that it is today.

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World News

Carbon Dioxide Levels Experience Highest Jump Since Industrial Revolution

According to the Global Carbon Project, emissions of carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels rose 5.9% last year. Half of a billion more tons of carbon were pumped into the air compared to the year before. This is the highest amount increase since the industrial revolution, and the highest percentage increase since 2003.

This percentage is so high because in 2009, the recession caused emissions to fall 1.4%. Such a dramatic increase is not expected to last, however, as it is estimated that this rate will climb at a steady 3%. This is a very worrying number for scientists, who fear these rates will cause too much damage to stall or reverse global climate change.

Weather countries, such as the United States, have decreased their amount of emissions over the past few years. However, the emissions being produced from these wealthy countries still amount to more than poorer countries. (nytimes.com)

Pakistani Troops Accidentally Killed in Air strike

Last week, a NATO air-strike killed 24 Pakistani soldiers near the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. After this attack, Pakistani Prime Minister, Yousuf Raza Gilani, reported that he was rethinking the country’s relationship with the United States. President Obama and NATO said that this attack was completely unintentional. Obama called Pakistan’s president, Asif Ali Zardari, to give his condolences. The White House released a statement saying, “The president made clear that this regrettable incident was not a deliberate attack on Pakistan and reiterated the United States’ strong commitment to a full investigation. The two presidents reaffirmed their commitment to the U.S.-Pakistan Alliance relationship, which is critical to the security of both nations, and they agreed to stay in close touch.”

Since the attack, Pakistan has taken several hits against NATO. Pakistani officials just banned NATO from routing supplies through Pakistan in the future. Pakistan has been a vital route to Afghanistan for the past ten years. (cnn.com)

Scotland’s Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said.

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UNE Security Blotter

11/19/11

Room search conducted. There was marijuana and paraphernalia found.

11/20/11

Main entrance of Bush Center was not locked. Officer noticed latch at the top was not locked door. A work order was placed and issue is fixed.

Student reported bike stolen from outside Residence Hall.

11/21/11

While on patrol, security officer found female trying to sleep in Alfond Hall on the 2nd floor.

Caller reports smell of marijuana in Champlain Hall.

UNE Students Learn of a Quest

Pandas moved to Scotland

Two pandas, named Tian Tian (Sweetie) and Yang Guang (Sunshine) were flown from a Sichuan Province and brought to Edinburgh Zoo in Scotland. Pandas are seen as gestures of goodwill in Chinese culture, known as “panda diplomacy.”

“Scotland’s relationship with China is hugely important and the pandas represent a fantastic opportunity to deepen our business, cultural and diplomatic ties,” Scotland’s Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said.

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By Katelyn Kaulback
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World War II Bombs Discovered in Germany

On Sunday, German bomb squads were successful able to deactivate two bombs that were found in the Rhine River. These bombs have been sitting in the river for the past 65 years, placed there by American and British planes in the last few years of World War II.

The bombs were found because the river has reached record level lows, revealing the devices. The larger of the two bombs had planes in the last few years of World War II.

The capability of destroying the river for the past 65 years, placed evacuations when these bombs were discovered. It has been estimated that 257 bombs were placed just in the city of Koblenz. It is unknown how many bombs did not go off, and previously, only 3 had been discovered and deactivated. (con.com)

By Perrine Fine
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This past Tuesday, November 29, David Jourdan came to UNE to share with the community his deep-sea quest for Amelia Earhart.

Jourdan is the President and founder for Nauticos, a company devoted to deep-sea exploration that has already found numerous wrecks at the bottom of the ocean. Nauticos discovered four major wrecks: the submarine I-52 from World War II, one of the four aircrafts that were sunk in the Battle of Midway, Israeli submarine DAKAR in the Mediterranean Sea, and the deepest ancient Greece shipwreck ever in the Mediterranean Sea with four more vessels resting nearby.

Their quest continues to solve the mystery of the location of Amelia Earhart’s aircraft. Amelia Earhart and her navigator, Fred Noonan, were determined to circle the globe in her Lockheed Electra aircraft. However on July 2, 1937, their aircraft vanished without a trace in the Pacific Ocean while trying to reach their last foreign destination, Howland Island, before returning home to California. There was no oil slick, no debris, and no wreckage was ever found.

Jourdan presented his research on finding Earhart’s aircraft to the large crowd that gathered in the George and Barbara Bush Center. Jourdan explained, through simplified oceanographic techniques, how they would continue their search based on Earhart’s last static communication. Earhart’s last static communication with the base on Howland Island.

Jourdan seems hopeful that Nauticos will be on their last mission to finally finding Electra resting at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. Nauticos has already conducted two Deep Sea Searches for Amelia Earhart and has successfully mapped the search area.

Nauticos is deeply committed to continue the project with its next and hopefully final quest) to be starting soon.

Nauticos teams up with other oceanographic organizations such as Sea World or SEA school for community outreach and a greater understanding of where Electra is truly resting.

Jourdan compiles all the information using historical facts and data from veteran pilot and navigator Elgen Long to further guide the Nauticos crew during deployments at sea. Teaming up with investors, analysts, researchers, engineers, and sponsors, Jourdan compiles all the information of this mystery into his novel, The Deep-Sea Quest for Amelia Earhart.

The zoo is hoping the pandas will procreate during their stay. This will be difficult, because female pandas are only able to conceive once per year during a two to three day window. (msnbc.com)
Meet Your Residential Student Life Association Delegates

By Christina Janssens Nor'easter Staff

Residential Student Life Association (RSLA) elects delegates for each residence hall on campus and their purpose is to be a resource for fellow residents, and bring ideas and issues to the general assembly meetings. These positions are open to any undergraduate resident that is not a resident advisor. RSLA is always looking for more motivated residents with new ideas that want to be a voice for their peers! To get more information on becoming a delegate, attend general assembly meetings held Tuesdays at 7PM in Featherman 121. You can find us on facebook at University of New England RSLA and twitter @UNErsla.

Haley Brooks
Avila 201
Dental Hygiene

"I hope to bring a better sense of community to my residence hall. I feel that it is very important for the students to have a delegate to voice their questions, concerns, and opinions to housing." 

Julia Reynolds
Siena 306
Marine Sciences

"I hope to be someone my building can rely on to bring any concerns the building has out in the open. I also hope to be able to make the building a more comfortable living area through fixing problems and upgrading things."

Renee Violette
Featherman 317
Nursing

"I hope to bring fun activities, and a sense of community. I will be receptive to questions, concerns, and suggestions." 

Sarah Roberge
Sokokis 445
"My main goal for Sokokis is to make the students living in this residence hall feel less secluded from the rest of campus. As we continue to work out unexpected inconveniences, I am trying to explore as many options as possible to make everyone’s living experience in Sokokis as enjoyable as possible."

Kelsey Kincaid
East 409
Medical Biology, Animal Behavior minor

"I plan to make sure the residents of East are heard and to make sure problems with the building are resolved quickly and easily. I want everyone to feel welcome to come by my room any time or shoot me an email if they have a concern. I am here for the residents and I hope to make East an even better place to live."

Student Health Corner:
De-Stress for a Healthier You

By Cherry Baker
Nor'easter Contributor

This is the time of year when stress really gets us. End of semester, finals, Christmas and the holiday break coming up fast. It really is possible and highly recommended to de-stress your life to prevent distress from taking over.

Stress can make you sick. In College Health we see many illnesses that are the result of too much stress and poor management of stress. Our bodies are designed to respond to stress in an emergency when we are threatened and we automatically go into Fight or Flight mode. When we are stressed continuously day after day, our brain and our body gets exhausted by it. We become more susceptible to illness, depression, sleeplessness, anxiety, headaches and other health problems. Here are some easy ways to help you manage the stress and reduce the effects:

1. Take a break from studying. While marathon study sessions may seem like the only way to go, your performance will be better if you take a break. Shorten your study sessions, renew your energy and focus by taking a brief walk, have a healthy snack, stretch, do yoga. All of these and others will help. Then go back to your studying. Take a break every hour or two.

2. Stay on the task at hand. Worrying about other exams or assignments when you are working on something else is a brain drain. Try some meditation to help keep your mind on one thing at a time. Mindfulness is a great skill to have in all aspects of your life.

3. Exercise moderately on a regular basis. 5 days per week or more is best. Make it something that you enjoy and look forward to.

4. Get enough sleep. Lack of sleep will decrease your performance, lead to exhaustion, anxiety and increase your stress and anxiety. Try earplugs or eye masks to help reduce ambient noise and light. Power naps for 15-20 minutes may help to refresh you.

5. Eat regular healthy meals to keep your energy level up. Avoid overeating or eating when you feel stressed as you are more likely to overeat. Keep healthy snacks on hand. Distract yourself with activities that don’t involve food.

6. Exercise moderately on a regular basis. 5 days per week or more is best. Make it something that you enjoy and look forward to.

7. Take time to relax each day even for a short period of time. Stress can be controlled and managed by recognizing it and taking action to prevent it from taking over your life.

Help is also available at the Student Health Centers or at the Student Counseling Services on either campus.

Kickin’ It With Kristin & Friends

By Kristin Robert
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I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving break and is well relaxed for our upcoming finals. Now I know that relaxed and finals don’t typically go well together, but it is important to try not to stress out too much about them. Before you know it, break will be here and for most of us we’ll never have to deal with that class again. But, for those of you who are nervous, especially about taking college finals for the first time, I have a few helpful pieces of advice:

1. Find a place to study where you know that you will get your work done and you can go to get your best work done.

2. Make a study group. Not having to study alone helps you talk about the material and goes you another chance to learn it in a more fun way.

3. Take breaks and do something to reenergize you. Go for a walk, go to the gym, take a break and go do something fun with your friends. Do whatever you need to do to be able to come back re-focused.

4. Finally, get a good night’s sleep before the exam and eat a proper breakfast.

Now I know that the majority of us were able to go home for Thanksgiving, but for those of you who that this will be your first time going home, don’t be surprised if when you get home the same rules as before you left still apply. You may not have the same freedom as you have here. Don’t worry though, you’ll be back here soon enough and over time your parents will adjust and give you more freedom.

Finally, grades will be posted on December 19 for those students who complete their course evaluations and on January 2 for those who do not. Now I know that course evaluations may seem like a waste of your time, but they really do benefit the professors. It gives them an opportunity to review feedback and change what students suggest. Without them, professors don’t know what they are doing wrong and what they should change. So I encourage you to do your part and help your university. That’s it for this issue, so have a safe holiday season and enjoy your break!
BY DANIELLE CROPLEY & CONSTANCE GLYNN
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It's getting to be the end of the year, and professors are losing their filters. Just like the students, they are tired, overwhelmed, stressed, and in need of a break. This results in some funny, refreshing and at times, awkward, moments in class. Moments that help ease the pain of the long classes, especially given that it is to drone on even longer than normal. As the clock ticks away, students patiently await their professors in famous slip ups (as these are the only things we care to write down at this point), and sure enough, they do. To save you from the end of the semester blues, the following is a collection of some quotes given by various professors that fellow students found noteworthy:

"For the first time ever, a generation is worse off than their parent's generation. Yes, we're on the tail end of the screwed generation...I am going to Panera on the way home. I'm going down with a scone in my mouth."

"You clearly don't understand bonding."

"Before too long we'll talk about Texas. That's the state I'd like to give back to Mexico."

"Oh, I saw Newt Gingrich by the way. He's shorter than I thought."

"Herman Cain should give up. On everything."

"What's up with those people covered in tattoos? Do they think they look good? I don't know what to think about that."

"UNE invites you to...break rules."

"From Bangor north to, well, I don't know where..."

"I'm not a girl but I'll go along if there's chocolate involved."

"He makes me look like Howdy Doody."

"If I was building a model airplane and it came out looking like a hamster... (you can fill in the blank)"

"I thought that was a liter of beer in your hand. I was like, 'Is that for me?'"

"Heidi Waitney was the best part about the Red Sox. I might have to start watching the Lakers."

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 do you find yourself wondering how exactly what they said was relevant to the lecture? If you said yes to their filters. Just like the students, their professors are trying to entertain a productive conversation for the final five minutes of class, he instructed us to break up into small groups and brainstorm potential solutions to the ongoing parking problems that inevitably frustrate us on a daily basis, so it's fresh on my mind.

Upon further examination, let me take this opportunity to point out that once upon a time, the river lot which is located adjacent to Featherman Hall was actually an available parking option for residential and commuter students. However, the University of New England's President Danielle Ripich made the decision to ban parking in the river lot so that it could open up the beautiful waterfront view for the rest of campus. Now don't get me wrong, I am completely aware that the view that we have here at UNE is one in a million, but let's be real, we pay too much money to go to school here to not have a place to park. And not to pick any bones with those of high authority; particularly the institution's President, but I find it inappropriate nonetheless that she can make such a decision that affects a large portion of the community, especially when she is on campus for barely three months out of the entire year, whereas some of us are here for the vast majority of those 365 days.

Oh, and in addition to the tuition costs that are through the roof, I don't think that is can be stressed enough that parking passes are unjustifiably priced way too high. Aside from whatever costs the passes are expected to cover, how can we support the extreme rates to park on campus when there is a shortage of spots, while there continues to be no limit as to how many parking passes can be purchased? But I digress. Back to the point of this article: potential solutions to the parking situation. After several minutes of brainstorming with my classmates, we came up with several reasonable solutions. First, since our institution seems to have caretaker funds and donations flowing in through the roof, why hasn't anyone come up with the great idea to build a parking garage? Now a big connotation towards expanding parking around campus is the limited land that we have. However, if there was to be the construction of a parking garage we would efficiently use the vertical space which would substantially maximize the limited horizontal area that our university has to work with.

One other reasonable solution to the parking problem would be expanding the campus center parking lot throughout the soccer fields. This is not an effort on my part to suggest that parking is more important than soccer; I'll leave that to my critics, but in reality, we just spent millions of dollars on a blue turf field, which quite frankly does indeed makes a perfect spot for competitive soccer matches, so why all the fields?

I am sure you are tired of reading about a never ending problem that authoritative figures could care less about, but until the problem gets fixed, it only makes sense that we as members of the UNE community keep it atop the topics of conversation. Maybe then someone will hear us. And let me remind you; this problem binds faculty and staff as well. It's not just students talking.

According to Scrivs

BY STEVE SCRIVENER
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Although I am sure I have already covered this issue in prior rants, I feel that as long as the it does not go away, I still have full reason to complain about it. The issue is parking on campus. Now I am sure that to some of you this is simply a broken record, but the other day one of my professors was trying to entertain a producive conversation for the final five minutes of class, he instructed us to break up into small groups and brainstorm potential solutions to the ongoing parking problems that inevitably frustrate us on a daily basis, so it's fresh on my mind.

As finals come closer I'm becoming more and more concerned with the fact that I'm going to fail some classes. This isn't my first semester, but it seems like this was the hardest semester I've had so far and normally I'm a pretty good student, so this would be the first time I'm at risk for failing, ever. I've talked to my professors and there's not much I can do to reverse the problem, so how do I continue on when I know that no matter what I do I'll still only get a D at best? Not to mention, what will my parents say? Please tell me that I should do.

Sincerely,

First-Time Failure

Dear First-Time Failure,

Diva has a pretty good idea as to what your parents will say. How about something along the lines of

"Do you know how much we are paying for you to attend UNE?" - This wonderful institution. You are paying us back for your education still? If you keep this up you will be purging gas and serving Dean Cone Big Gulps at the local 7-11.

Get your blank, blank, blank...to sight into where you went wrong. Diva wishes you the best of luck!

Love,

Diva

Don't forget to send your burning questions to Diva for her to answer next semester!

Email eic@norceasternews.com!

Divalicious Advice

"If I was building a model airplane and it came out looking like a hamster... (you can fill in the blank)"

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Hope you make it through the last week and a half of Fall 2011. Just remember, no matter how funny these quotes are they won't be on your cumulative final.
SPORTS

Men’s Basketball Has Slow Start

BY DEANNA BAUMERT
Northeast Staff

November proved to be a difficult month for the men’s basketball team but with a group of talented newcomers, this year’s team is surely expecting to see improvement in the months to come.

The home opener against the University of Southern Maine was the first in a line of losses for the Nor’easters. A jumper put USM loss against Castleton State, an ECAC opponent. Starting off the match was a successful shot by Castleton’s Dan Bell only 18 seconds after Jarryd Rossignol on defense against USM heat things up on the ice.

UNE’s hockey team is starting to snow, including losses against some UNE senior Brian Jones less than followed by a blocked shot from mate Marcus Winn put in both the visitors stayed on top for the University of Southern Maine was on the scoreboard first and was the ment in the months to come.

The third period was rough for the Nor’easter’s against Skidmore in the last 20 seconds brought the margin up to nine before the home team took over and went from a two point deficit to their own nine point lead within five minutes. The margin was at it’s widest with 7:47 left in the game, which was when the Mustangs had a layup that put them 13 points ahead of UNE. A three pointer by Ferreira in the last 20 seconds brought the scores closer but with an eight point gap, there just wasn’t enough time for the team to make a comeback.

The last day of November brought yet another loss for the team, this time against Wentworth. Ferreira contributed a team high of 17 points to add to his seven rebounds and six steals. Jones was 100% on shoot­ing and posted nine points for the Nor’easters.

The second home game and second conference matchup of the season for UNE took place on December 3rd and the opponent was Salve Regina. The team takes a break from competition until the 21st when they head Spring­field College’s Naimsmith Classic. Even with the slow start, the team looks promising. Players and coaches (and of course, fans) anticipate a turn­around very shortly given the talent and work ethic of everyone involved in this year’s team. November is behind them now, and there is still a couple months left to rack up the ties and wins, so no one is even close to giving up in any way.

UNE Hockey Wins PAL Cup in Shootout

BY DEANNA BAUMERT
Northeast Staff

2011-2012 UNE Ice Hockey Team

After a rough start to the season, including losses against highly ranked conference teams, UNE’s hockey team is starting to heat things up on the ice.

The team started off their competitive season with a 10-3 loss against Castleton State, an ECAC opponent. Starting off the match was a successful shot by Castleton’s Dan Bell only 18 seconds into the game. UNE junior Russ Franey evened up the score a few minutes later with a shot into the upper right corner off an assist by senior Ted Fabian and sophomore Matt DeGiudice. By the end of the period UNE held the lead 2-1, thanks in part to seven blocked shot attempts by first year Craig Ryan. The third period was rough for the team though with 25 shots on goal from Castleton to a mere two from UNE, resulting in a 10-3 loss for the team.

Two more losses were in store for the Nor’easter’s against Skidmore on November 5th and then against top ranked Norwich six days later in the first home game of UNE’s season. UNE started off the scoring against Norwich about a minute into the game with a goal from sophomore Zach Lokey assisted by first years Nick Kibb and Mike Chase. Norwich allowed UNE three more goals over the course of the match, all made in the final peri­od, but with a total of seven goals against sophomore goal keeper Ian Edwards, UNE had to suffer yet another loss.

UNE’s first win came against St. Michael’s the very next day. After a scoreless first period, senior and captain Scott McManus­man made a goal on a power play and was assisted by Lokey and Edwards. UNE held their lead till the very end, only al­lowing the Purple Knights two successful shots on goal. It was a big night in terms of scoring for Lokey who made three goals of his own to add to the final result of a 7-4 victory.

Bowdoin College was next on the schedule and UNE fell hard. Trailing by three in the first period, the Nor’easters were unable to make up any ground in the next period despite having two more shots on goal than the Polar Bears, who gave themselves a 7-1 lead going into the final pe­riod. Junior Tyler Ferreira made the second goal of the game and his fourth goal of the season with about six minutes left in the pe­riod and Lokey and Chase had the assist. Chase had put in the first goal of the game for UNE in the first period with help from Lokey and first year Mathieu Provencher.

The PAL Cup hosted by Southern New Hampshire University brought two wins for UNE. The team played against their host in the first round of the tournament and won 6-3 to advance to the finals against UMass Boston the next day. First year Zeth Zielinski tied up the first period after UMass got a goal past Ryan on a power play. The second period ended in a tie as well with Kibb and McManus­man putting in two goals past UMass goalie Alex Scala which were answered with two goals from UMass player Andrew Burke. The Beavers out­shot UNE during the third period with 13 shots on goal to the Nor’easters six but neither team was able to come up with a goal. The victory was to be decided by a shootout after 63 total minutes of play, the Nor’easters were named tournament champions.

UNE and UMass will face each other again later in the season. The boys look forward to keeping the wins coming, and this victory has done a lot to bring positive recognition to the program.
Women's Basketball Starts the Season Off Right

BY DEANNA BAUMERT
Nor'easter Staff

The women's basketball team has been racking up the wins during the month of November. In fifteen days' time, the women basketball team has claimed three victories and suffered one loss, kicking it all off with their home opener against USM on November 15. USM started off the scoring with a three pointer and from there the teams went back and forth with several lead changes and ties. Thanks in part to good free throws from captain Margo Russell, UNE took the lead near the end of the first half and then maintained it going into the second after points were scored by UNE forward Beth Suggs and captain Kari Pelletier. Suggs chipped in a career high 18 points and Russell put in 15 to contribute to the 65-63 victory.

The second contest for UNE was against Rhode Island College on the Nor'easter's home court and was decided by a free throw from Suggs in the last seconds of the game. The hosts held the lead throughout most of the game and at one point had a seemingly comfortable 23 point margin until about six minutes into the second period. Then RIC made a comeback and with 14 seconds of play left, the visitors put in a layup to tie the score at 62. Suggs went on to make her game winning free throw and the Nor'easters came out on top 63-62.

The first loss of the season came on the 22nd against a high-ranked Bowdoin College team. UNE trailed by 20 about halfway through the first period and had a difficult time closing the gap, eventually ending with a 16 point loss. Captain Kelley Paradis and rookie Kelly Coleman combined double digits to account for 31 of UNE's 53 points with Paradis making the team high of 17 and Coleman posting 14 in addition to her nine rebounds, making her just one board away from a double-double.

Paradis received conference recognition as the CCC's Player of the Week for the week ending November 27. This was after her performance at Bowdoin where she had the team high in points to add to her seven rebounds and four blocks. The senior guard is one of three captains for the team this year.

The next outing for UNE was the conference opener against Wenworth during which the Nor'easters overcame the Leopards 76-36. UNE reached their first double digit lead about halfway through the first period when Suggs brought the score 17-6 off an assist from Kendra Dawless. Their biggest lead came with a minute and a half left in the game when Megan DeRaps made a successful three pointer to push the gap to 41. Four players scored double digits for the Nor'easters with Liz LeBlanc tallying 17, Suggs making 14, and Russell and Paradis making 13 apiece. The team faces Wentworth again in January.

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**Diedre's Pick of the Issue:**

**Kennebunkport's Christmas Prelude.**

BY DEIDRE DICKER  
Nor'easter Staff

It's that time of year when I can't stop humming and I catch myself making snowflakes when there are papers to be written. I cross my fingers for snow every night and smile every time I see a twirly light. Christmas on the coast is an experience that I look forward to. And the best way to kick off the holiday season and get into the Christmas spirit (that is, if Black Friday didn't do it for you) is to visit Kennebunkport during its Christmas Prelude.

Christmas Prelude began in 1982 as a way for the small business community in Kennebunkport to thank local residents for their support. So, following the lead of Nantucket and Marblehead, who had already developed their own Christmas events, Christmas Prelude was created with dreams of bringing the Kennebunk and Kennebunkport business and resident communities together into a festive, familiar celebration of the Christmas season.

What began as a single tree-lighting ceremony, luncheon, visit by Santa via lobster boat, night of caroling, and Christmas concert has 30 years later grown into a massive, two-weekend celebration that draws people from towns surrounding the Kennebunkport area. This Friday, December 9, the second weekend of Christmas Prelude will kick off with an all-day Annual Caribbean Show, which will feature the wares of local artisans. Holiday shopping in all the sponsoring shops and galleries in Kennebunkport will begin at 10 AM and continue until nighttime. When the sun sets, the tree-lighting ceremony will start! At 5:30 PM the magnificent lobster trap tree will be lit to the chorus of Christmas carolers and will be followed by fireworks at 6:30 PM. Live entertainment provided by the River Tree Arts and local musicians will be happening free throughout the day. And if you like free, I should mention the continuous free cookies, hot chocolate, mulled cider, wine, and other snacks that the local shops and galleries offer throughout the Christmas shopping days. Saturday will follow in the same festive fashion, while featuring more holiday shopping, a Christmas play called Mrs. Coret - A Tide at Christmas and buffet luncheon at noon in the Nantucket Resort and Ocean Ave, holiday wine tastings at Down East Wine Imports, and a chance to meet sportswriter Michael Holley and talk about his new book War Room. The Legacy of Bill Belichick and the Art of Building the Perfect Team. Patriots fans: be there. On Sunday you can have breakfast with Santa from 8 AM - 12 PM, finish up your Christmas shopping, take a historic trolley ride through the Maine woods, and gear up for the big final event: Santa Claus arriving in Cape Porpoise by fire engine for pictures and free cookies and candy canes. What more could a kid want?

Oftentimes at the end of the semester, it is difficult to think about anything besides finals, projects, and filling out the course evaluations that are nagging in the back of your mind. Do yourselves a favor and leave campus for a day to go to Christmas Prelude in Kennebunkport. This December Prelude was voted the #2 Christmas town in all of America by HGTV. I have not been to all of the Christmas towns in America, but from my experiences with Prelude, I do not know how it could get any better. Free steaming hot chocolate, a massive lobster trap Christmas tree, thousands of jolly people, and an excuse to drag my boyfriend into all the local jewelry shops? Now that's priceless.

**Res Hall Recipes**

BY DEIDRE DICKER  
Nor'easter Staff

Let's face it. Ramen gets old. Even if it is only $0.18 a meal, it's now time to let your late room study snack evolve into something more lively. That's what this section is for. We want to give your old recipes some jazz and your pick-me-ups some pizzazz. So send us your recipes that can be made in the dorm room or in the dorm kitchens, and all your Easy Mac exhausted classmates will thank you. Bon appetit!

* Feel free to improvise and experiment if you don't have all the ingredients!

**Breakfast in a Cup**

(Eat breakfast before your finals - with a recipe this quick and easy, you don't have an excuse not to!)

**Ingredients**

1 slice bacon, cooked (optional)
1 cup of milk
3 tablespoons of instant hot chocolate
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 pinch of cayenne pepper
2 eggs
2 tablespoons of milk
2 cups of water

**Directions**

1. Place butter in 12 oz. microwave safe mug or small bowl. Microwave on High 30-45 seconds, or until eggs begin to set, stirring with fork to break apart until blended.
2. Microwave one egg on High 35 after half of the time.
3. Add egg(s), milk, salt and pepper.
4. Stir or whip with a fork.
5. Microwave one egg on High 35 to 45 seconds two eggs 75 to 105 seconds, or until eggs begin to set.
6. Stir with fork to break apart after half of the time.
7. While eggs are standing crumble bacon and add to eggs. Eggs will firm up while standing. If desired sprinkle with shredded cheese during standing time.

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**Mayan Hot Chocolate**

(Give your regular blend hot chocolate a little Mayan kick!)

**Ingredients**

1 tablespoon butter or 1 tablespoon margarine
1 tablespoon milk or 1 tablespoon water
1 - 2 dashes of cinnamon
1 pinch of nutmeg
1 pinch of cayenne pepper

**Directions**

1. Heat milk in microwave safe cup on high for 2 minutes or until desired drink temperature is reached.
2. Microwave for 2 minutes or until desired drink temperature is reached.
3. Enjoy!

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**Santa Visits Heart of Biddeford’s Holiday Fest.**

BY CONSTANCE GLYNN  
Nor'easter Staff

This past weekend, on the night of December 2, Santa and all his glory descended down upon the little town of Biddeford. Old St. Nick managed to take some leave from the North Pole and support The Heart of Biddeford’s Holiday Fest. The Heart of Biddeford is an organization that founded in 2004 and is devoted to revitalizing downtown Biddeford. They put on many events throughout the year, and the Holiday Fest proved to be a very successful one.

Santa arrived in City Square to the music of UNE TABS singing Jingle Bells. However, this was practically drowned out by the masses of little kids chanting his name as if he were a rock star. It was also seen that many UNE students were right alongside them chanting, reliving their childhood days, hoping to see Santa and add their own wishes to his list. The mayor of Biddeford welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Clause to the stage, where all three proceeded to light the Christmas tree. After the lighting, Santa made his way to the studio for pictures.

On Friday night, downtown Biddeford celebrated the Christmas holiday with a traditional Christmas tree lighting and holiday entertainment. The staged events included performances by the Biddeford High School Jazz Band, Ben Fogg, UNE TABS, Joyful Harvest Children’s Choir, Head to Soul Dance Troupe, Sisters of the Sun Belly Dancers and Nicki’s Midtown Music. The Biddeford High School Jazz Band performed many of the holiday classics, and this was complemented with the original songs of Ben Fogg. Ben Fogg does children’s music and he performed some of his own songs, included a rap about Christmas.

Try these recipes out, and let me know how you like them! I would love your reviews, and I’d love your dorm room recipes even more! Send all recipe ideas to se@northeasternews.com to see your recipe in the next issue of Nor’easter News!
Album Review: “Blue Slide Park” by Mac Miller

BY COURTNEY GOULET
Northeast Staff

Rap music was never my thing. Yes, some songs appealed to me, but overall, the genre was not one I had a vast quantity of present on my iPod. When I came to UNE last year was when I finally started hearing rap almost every day (the boys next door made sure of that). While my new friends listened to Wiz Khalifa, I was still staying in my comfort zone blasting The Office soundtracks in my dorm room. Even when Sam Adams performed for the Spring Concert, I decided I’d rather attend a CD release party for a local band instead. While I listened to more alternative music, the world still held rap up fairly high in comparison. So over the summer while listening to Bing’s Top 100 Songs of 2011, I was not surprised to hear quite a few rap songs. Normally I skipped over them, but one day I let all the songs play. And I was amazed by how many I found myself enjoying right when it comes out.

So, to mix up my usual album review I decided to step out of my comfort zone and listen to Mac Miller’s new album “Blue Slide Park,” which dropped November 8, where it promptly shot to #1 on the Billboard Top 200 within the first 5 days.

Nineteen-year-old Malcolm McCormick, better known by his stage name Mac Miller, is a young American rapper, hailing from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a self-taught musician and lyricist who has been playing piano, guitar, drums, and bass since the age of 6. With an array of musical talents and tricks, it’s no wonder Mac’s album reached the top so fast. So this is it kids, my review of Mac Miller’s 46-minute album “Blue Slide Park.”

The first song of the album sort of made me mad. “English Lane” had lame verses and rhymes that made me remember why I don’t like rap. It was very lack luster and made me dread playing anymore of Mac Miller’s music. Not a good start, Mac.

“Blue Slide Park” was definitely an improvement, and with a bit more edge and some better lyrics, I did enjoy the song. The more I listened to the album, I found that Mac has some very good lyrics. However, most of them centralized around the idea of getting rich (bit of a cliched topic of the industry, don’t you think?)

Around song number six, I finally found a really good song that I do recommend everyone listen to. “Smile Back” is catchy and had some really good verses. Overall, it’s a message from Mac to the world, that frankly he doesn’t care what anyone thinks; he’ll keep doing what he does. Which, even if it does come across as a bit egotistical, was a very well written song.

For the entire album I couldn’t decide what else to say other than, yes, Mac Miller is a good singer. But his lyrics are very far from where they could be. A good voice is not enough if the song is sub-par.

This review is very short this time only because I would be repeating myself for most of the review. If Mac Miller were to expand his subjects beyond money and living the life of a rapper then maybe his second album would be even better. I have faith Mac has the ability to produce something better. I have listened to his “K.I.D.S.” mixtape and I cannot deny the fact that Mac Miller does have talent, he just didn’t shine in this album (in my opinion). “Blue Slide Park” wasn’t terrible; but it wasn’t fantastic. Sorry Malcolm, maybe next time. I will keep an ear out for it.

No Regrets: A Book Review

ACE FREHLEY

BY STEVE SCRIVENER
Northeast Staff

Several weeks ago after reading the summary on the back of this book, I could not help but open up the autobiography of Ace Frehley called No Regrets. For those of you who are not aware, Paul “Ace” Frehley was the lead guitarist in one of the most successful rock ‘n’ roll bands of all time: KISS. Like most of us on the outside who are completely naive as to what goes on behind the scenes of a music group, I was completely stunned, yet at the same time extremely fascinated to learn that rock ‘n’ roll is not just fame, fortune, glitz and glamour.

In reading No Regrets, I quickly gained sympathy for the millionaire style that often overwhelms successful musicians and celebrities.

When most of us think of KISS, the first thing that comes to mind in addition to their most famous songs, Rock ‘n’ Roll All Night and Detroit Rock City, is lead singer Gene Simmons and his iconic long tongue. Whether it’s a result of our naive attitudes or our lack to put ourselves in the shoes of the rich and famous, we often fail to realize that just because you have fame and money doesn’t mean life is perfect. However, the preconceived notions are wrong. There are stories behind the music, dark and disturbing stories of relationships, addiction, and downfall. Frehley comments on the side of fame throughout the entire book.

In his tell-all autobiography, Ace Frehley shares his life story from the time that he was just a young kid from the Bronx who resisted parental authority up until he became one of the key ingredients for one of the most influential rock bands that helped revolutionize the entire music industry. To much of my surprise, I was surprised to learn that aside from the million dollar yachts, expensive cars and never-ending women, there is a lot of pressure, anxiety and depression that can come with being a public icon and superstar. Frehley enlightens his readers into something that he considers to be his biggest kryptonite not just as a musical performer, but as a lover, a father and a friend; his cocaine addiction. Although Ace does not make excuses for his addiction, he does suggest that his cocaine addiction was a major contributor to his eventual downfall as a member of KISS.

Aside from what has been documented by Ace Frehley in regards to his role as member of KISS, his book No Regrets offers readers with new insight into the lifestyle of a small portion of our population, in which society has unknowingly created false views towards.

With that, I strongly recommend you to grab a copy of this book, for no other reason than that its content is very interesting and enlightens you into a seemingly unknown world.
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OPINION

Thoughts on Fall 2011

BY SHARRA PAQUEREAU
Nor’eastern Staff

Over the course of the semester there have been many things that I have considered writing an opinion article on. However, not every passing thought has enough substance to fill up a full article so it gets shoved to the back of my mind until it pops up during a moment of boredom or insomnia. At the close of the semester I figured these thoughts deserved to be printed, so bear with me as I accept my advanced apologies if this does not flow as coherently as a traditional opinion piece. After all, the only thing that all the following has in common is that they all came from my mind.

The first thing is this: We as students, and maybe just as humans, are easily agitated by minor changes in our daily routine. I am sure you have noticed that the soft serve machine in the Decary Dining Hall has been broken for the majority of the semester and that the hot beverage machine had been out of service for several weeks. These two malfunctions of machinery have been the topic of several lunchtime conversations that I have overheard as well as participated in. I know it is obscure to get so agitated over something so trivial, but I was annoyed every time I could not get my hot chocolate and I know several people were disappointed each time the soft serve machine failed to produce frozen deliciousness. It was as though the whole eating experience was utterly marred by the loss of a few side items. So what was our deal? I think it comes down to expectations and habit. We expect that we will have certain things when we walk into lunch and when they are not there we feel cheated, and while this may seem like an irrational reaction to have to the absence of ice cream and hot chocolate, I think it is something we can all relate to.

Something else I think we can all relate to is the experience of being a first year student. This is my first year at UNE and I have noticed myself particularly aware of the fact that the number of people I knew on campus was dwindling, the fact that my greatest concern was how registration works, I am not saying that first years have it easy (adjusting to life in college is a big transition and can be difficult), I simply wish that I could go back to the more carefree days of the quad for just a few hours. It has not escaped my notice that many of the things that crossed my mind this semester have also crossed the mind of many other students at UNE. Some of these students have chosen to share their thoughts and observations in the form of an addition to the UNE section of quickmemes.com. According to the dictionary, a meme is a characteristic of a culture that is passed on from one generation to the next. However, a meme in the online sense is a way to express feelings on a matter or to share an observation in a way that is often humorous and extremely entertaining. I personally enjoy memes when they are done right and some of the additions to the UNE memes have been quite funny. However, there are some that I either don’t understand or consider to be pushing the limits of what is acceptable. For example, memes featuring the names of actual people can be very funny, but more often than not I find them to be a little bit inappropriate in the way that they mock some aspect of someone’s personality or appearance. Overall I really enjoy memes and I think they have a fun way to make a point, but I think a little more consideration in some cases would not be uncalled for.

I realize that this has not been the most traditional of articles and I appreciate that you have stuck with it this far. I have really enjoyed writing and sharing my opinion this semester and look forward to doing it again after winter break. As I am sure you have noticed it does not take much to write an opinion piece and I encourage all of you to consider taking the opportunity to share yours (no matter how crazy or random they seem) whether it be in class, with a group of friends or maybe even in print.

The Opinion Question of the Issue:

What is the most valuable lesson you have learned this semester, inside or outside of the classroom?

Please email responses to spaquereau@une.edu

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BY DANIELLE CROPLEY  
Nor'easter Staff  

Every professor has his or her fair share of pet peeves. Perhaps it's no food or drink in class, or perhaps it's whispering to your friend next to you (even though you're probably just talking about whatever your professor is trying to lecture you on). No matter what the issue is, most professors have valid reasoning behind their classroom policies, and generally I agree with and comply to these policies, with one exception.

Texting in class, while not something I find to be a necessity, can be helpful at times. Yes, while it does provide unwanted (and unwarranted) distractions, it can be a source of stimulation that is often vital in those long classes where I have to sit for hours at a time. No, I'm not on of those people that drops all form of note-taking or attending—paying to reply to a professor is trying to lecture you on). However, I'm not asking for professors to magically lift the ban on texting because, frankly, I don't foresee anyone agreeing with my logic behind texting in class. What I am asking for, however, is a little more equality in the treatment of students causing potential distractions in class. If I'm a distraction due to a tiny cell phone, then the vibration set off from an incoming message doesn't disturb anyone then I think that all spoons of crafting material should be nearly incinerated as well.

Now, I should clarify that I do not have a problem with anyone who knits in class. I get it; you probably are a great aural learner. In fact, I'm envious of the fact that I have to rely on my cell phone for absorbing information like a sponge; not brushing you off. Sometimes I need something extra to keep me focused (and sometimes there is even someone that needs my help despite my class schedule).

The problem that I seem to have is how is it not okay for me to text in class as it is "disrespectful and a distraction" but other students are allowed to participate in other activities while completely neglecting the lesson being taught. In particular, the students who knit and crochet in class are completely in the clear, but if I even look at my phone to check the time I get the icy stare of a departed professor. So, what gives? What makes knitting any more okay and less of a distraction than texting? At least I put my phone down to take notes; most students who knit don't put their needles down for anything.

It's not just the knitting in class that I must question either. It seems most knitters in class are also accompanied by spools of two or three multi-colored friends that take up extra space that could be used for people who actually paid to learn in the class. If I have to take my phone off of thing, but shouldn't the rules be the equal for all players? Just some thing to think about.

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Voices in the Crowd:

What are you most looking forward to over winter break?

BY SHARRA PAQUEREAU  
Nor'easter Staff

"Going to Disney World!"
- Caitlin Tetreau, Class of 2013

"Not being here..."
- Anthony Marcoux, Class of 2014

"Hanging out with friends and sleeping."
- Jeremy Jason, Class of 2013

"Getting to see my family."
- Jared Rosen, Class of 2013

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Every professor has his or her fair share of pet peeves. Perhaps it's no food or drink in class, or perhaps it's whispering to your friend next to you (even though you're probably just talking about whatever your professor is trying to lecture you on). No matter what the issue is, most professors have valid reasoning behind their classroom policies, and generally I agree with and comply to these policies, with one exception.

Texting in class, while not something I find to be a necessity, can be helpful at times. Yes, while it does provide unwanted (and unwarranted) distractions, it can be a source of stimulation that is often vital in those long classes where I have to sit for hours at a time. No, I'm not on of those people that drops all form of note-taking or attending—paying to reply to a professor is trying to lecture you on). However, I'm not asking for professors to magically lift the ban on texting because, frankly, I don't foresee anyone agreeing with my logic behind texting in class. What I am asking for, however, is a little more equality in the treatment of students causing potential distractions in class. If I'm a distraction due to a tiny cell phone, then the vibration set off from an incoming message doesn't disturb anyone then I think that all spoons of crafting material should be nearly incinerated as well.

Now, I should clarify that I do not have a problem with anyone who knits in class. I get it; you probably are a great aural learner. In fact, I'm envious of the fact that I have to rely on my cell phone for absorbing information like a sponge; not brushing you off. Sometimes I need something extra to keep me focused (and sometimes there is even someone that needs my help despite my class schedule).

The problem that I seem to have is how is it not okay for me to text in class as it is "disrespectful and a distraction" but other students are allowed to participate in other activities while completely neglecting the lesson being taught. In particular, the students who knit and crochet in class are completely in the clear, but if I even look at my phone to check the time I get the icy stare of a departed professor. So, what gives? What makes knitting any more okay and less of a distraction than texting? At least I put my phone down to take notes; most students who knit don't put their needles down for anything.

It's not just the knitting in class that I must question either. It seems most knitters in class are also accompanied by spools of two or three multi-colored friends that take up extra space that could be used for people who actually paid to learn in the class. If I have to take my phone off of thing, but shouldn't the rules be the equal for all players? Just some thing to think about.

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Voices in the Crowd:

What are you most looking forward to over winter break?

BY SHARRA PAQUEREAU  
Nor'easter Staff

"Going to Disney World!"
- Caitlin Tetreau, Class of 2013

"Not being here..."
- Anthony Marcoux, Class of 2014

"Hanging out with friends and sleeping."
- Ariel Evans, Class of 2013

"Getting to see my family."
- Jeremy Jason, Class of 2013

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MEET ME AT JAKE'S!!
Jumpin' Jake's
Cafe & Bar

Celtic New Year's Eve Celebration with Celtic Harp & Flute 6-10 December, 31st Serving an Elegant Four Course Dinner

Menu for New Year's Eve
- Cream of Asparagus Soup
- Crispy Lobster Potato Cake
- Choice of the Following Entree:
  - Herb Roasted Prime Rib
  - Baked Seafood Pie
  - Crispy Lacquered Duck
- For Desserts, Homemade Tiramisu

$30.00

Jake's Upcoming Events

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Random Thoughts:

- Jeremy Jason, Class of 2013
- Ariel Evans, Class of 2013
- Caitlin Tetreau, Class of 2013
- Anthony Marcoux, Class of 2014

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PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Photo of the Issue!

Florence, Italy, overlooking water from a bridge.

PERRI FINÉ, NOR'EASTER NEWS

Remembering John Lennon, decorated memorial in NYC's Central Park.

JACQUELINE LEWIS, NOR'EASTER NEWS

What is it?

Washed up lobster trap along the shores of Southern Maine.

MEREDITH CULLITY, NOR'EASTER NEWS

Last issue's "What is it?" was a polka-dot blanket.

BRITTNEY MASSEY-LABBE, NOR'EASTER NEWS