BY JOCELYN KOLLER
Nor’easter Staff

The Heart of Biddeford, a nonprofit group that works to revitalize downtown Biddeford, has been utilizing the UNE community more than ever recently. The group, which is in its 8th year, is host to a number of student interns, as well as a board that consists of student Tim Stetson and staff member Jen DeBurro. The UNE student interns for the Heart of Biddeford include Tristian Rowe, Ryan Tauro, Dylan Thomas, and Brianna Chu. Other UNE students have also devoted volunteer hours to the program’s office, or served as short-term paid interns. UNE faculty and staff also contributed to the successes of the downtown Biddeford area by participating in many of the creative outlets the city has to offer. The art gallery, as well as the City Theater, frequently displays UNE art work and UNE Players productions. Dean of Students Mark Nahorney has been instrumental in developing this relationship. Heart of Biddeford has also worked to begin hosting “Pop-Up” business, which are run by students. This is a part of the Rising Business Leaders Youth Competition, and high school students from McAuley High School as well as college students from the University of Southern Maine have taken part in the competition. This has given youth the opportunity to learn about business ownership first-hand.

In addition to the “Pop-Up” competition, regular events including Music in the Park, Downtown Holiday Festival, Chalk on the Walk, and the 5K Run were successful in encouraging people to “get downtown.” Executive Director of Heart of Biddeford, Delilah Poupore, says that thousands of people came to Biddeford for these popular events.

Some upcoming projects that Poupore and her cause have planned include the Main Street Challenge and Cash Mobs, which are both incentivized for people to shop locally. The Main Street Challenge offers a $20,000 incentive for three businesses that will open by Thanksgiving 2012. There are currently 10 semi-finalists chosen to move forward to phase two of the competition, in which they are required to submit a full business plan. Winners will be chosen by June 4, 2012. Cash Mobs, meanwhile, take place on the second Thursday of each month and rotates among the twin cities of Biddeford and Saco. The program encourages people to spend their money at a local establishment.

Upcoming Biddeford events hosted by the Heart of Biddeford include An Evening of Original Acoustic Music at The Oak The Ar, which takes place on Wednesday, May 2, at 7:00PM. A trivia contest titled “So You Think You Know Biddeford” will take place on Saturday, June 9. This year’s La Keemee Summer Festival is also in the works. Poupore encourages UNE students to continue to frequent the downtown area as another means of helping Heart of Biddeford grow. She says about UNE students going downtown: “The more you show up, the more the businesses will cater to you, and the more that other businesses will come here. A big thing UNE students can do is help the downtown develop in a way that will appeal to you, simply by being present and shopping here.”

New USG President Wants to Increase Involvement

BY JOCELYN KOLLER
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On April 5, University of New England students voted for the new President of Undergraduate Student Government, or USG. Tim Stetson, a junior this year, ran unopposed and was elected by the student body.

Stetson has served on forms of student government throughout his college career. He ran for president of USG as a means of keeping up with these goals, but his main reason for choosing to run was the current status of the Undergraduate Student Government.

Stetson notes that, in his time at UNE, positions on the board of the government have typically been highly contested. The fact that he ran unopposed is just one example of a larger issue: lack of involvement. This year’s numbers for those running for USG election were especially low, although all board member positions have now been filled.

When asked what his goals for USG this coming year will be, Stetson makes clear that one of them will be increasing student involvement in USG, as well as increasing awareness about what USG does for the student population. “We want students to know that USG isn’t a bank. We are so much more than that,” says Stetson.

Other goals for his term as president include campus beautification and addressing some of the concerns that the UNE students are truly interested in. Stetson says that he would like to work on completing tasks that have typically only been talked about. He suggests adding granite benches in the quad and working on making the most of the campus potential to be a beautiful place for students to live.

Stetson feels that one cause of the low involvement in USG is the lack of recognition and understanding about what the government does. He says, “Last year, the student government worked diligently to have a kitchen installed in West Residence Hall, a complaint we had heard from a number of students.” But, part of the problem, Stetson says, is that many students don’t know that the kitchen’s creation was due to USG’s work. Stetson aims to designate a small plaque in the kitchen so that student’s will understand its origin.

In addition, Stetson notes that there are numerous causes throughout campus that USG funds, but students do not realize that these items are voted on each year. For example, Stetson mentions that the UNE shuttle bus is funded by the “Help of UNE Students” and the government votes on whether to continue this funding or not. The new president aims to make this known to current students in hopes that this knowledge will help grow the influence of USG and enable them to deal with even more important student issues.

On other big issues such as the possibility of a smoking ban and the impending rise in tuition, Stetson says that he is ready to take a strong stance in favor of the students. He says that the smoking ban discussion is currently in the works, and USG officers will be officially meeting with RSLA on Thursday about the issue. The two groups will work together to create a stance for both the government and RSLA. In addition, Stetson says that he plans on discussing the possibility of capping tuition rates with Cynthia Forrest, Vice President of Student Affairs, sometime during his term.

Stetson has already transitioned into his role as USG president, and will run his first meeting on Friday, April 20 at 3:30PM in Alfond 205. Meetings last roughly an hour and are open to all students. Stetson says, “I would like to urge students to get involved in the government—to communicate with their representatives and to know that they do have an impact on this campus.”
What’s Up with the Weather?

TODAY
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.

Weather

mid 50s and lows in the 40s.

TOMORROW
Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s.

WEEEKEND FORECAST

Friday
Cloud. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 40s.

Saturday
Chance of showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 40s.

Sunday


On This Day in History...
1946
Nationally
“Call Me Mister” opens at National Theater in New York City for 734 performances

Internationally
League of Nations dissolves 3 months after United Nations starts

Pilot Commuter Ferry Receives Abundant Media Coverage

BY CONSTANCE GLYNN
Nor’easter Staff

Last week, on April 9, several local media outlets covered the much anticipated pilot of UNE’s commuter ferry. The ferry, which runs from Cape Ellis in Saco to the Biddeford campus, is underway in a three-week trial which is slated to end April 29. This venture marks the first time that there has been an active Saco River ferry since 1925. WCSH 6, WLBZ 2, WMTW 8, MPBN radio, the Portland Press Herald, the Kennebec Journal and the Journal Tribune ran stories about the first day of UNE’s pilot commuter ferry. This travel option allows Biddeford campus commuters traveling from the Saco-Old Orchard Beach area to save time, gas money, and parking aggravation, and acts as part of UNE’s Climate Action Plan signed by President Danielle Ripich in 2008. By eliminating many of the miles driven by cars to and from the University, the operation of the commuter ferry will reduce UNE’s carbon emissions by removing approximately 90 cars and commuters per day. It also provides an opportunity to be part of history, too. The trial is being funded by the Undergraduate Student Government. The 18-seat ferry will make two runs during two different time blocks each day—7:30 AM and again from 4:00 PM-5:30 PM, with each one-way trip taking approximately ten minutes. Riders on the ferry during this three-week trial will be free of charge for all UNE students, faculty and staff. Passengers will be required to wear a personal flotation device, which will be provided to them, while on the ferry and the UNE dock. To prevent too many phone calls to Captain Carl Lagerstrom, for emergency rides home, passengers will also be asked to sign up for GoMaine at gomaine.org, a program that offers carpooling and vanpooling options for commuters, as well as a Ride-Home Guarantee, which provides up to two free rides home per month or up to eight per year. According to Alethea Cariddi, the University’s sustainability coordinator, “UNE’s carbon footprint includes the emissions produced by our commuters and is the hardest metric to control as an institution. Helping our students, faculty and staff find an alternate means of transportation and shorten their commutes helps our greenhouse gas emissions.” The River Ferry is creative and unique and a true collaborative effort; we’re all very excited about this opportunity and hope our community takes advantage of it.” All participants are being asked to complete a survey at the end of the trial in order for UNE to gauge interest and acquire feedback. Depending on ridership numbers and the results of the survey, the ferry service may continue to run, though future funding sources have not yet been identified. Interested members of the UNE community should contact Alethea Cariddi in the Sustainability Office (acariddi@une.edu) to obtain an information packet and a liability waiver.

Award winning Native American recording artist and cultural speaker J.J. Kent visits UNE campuses

PRESS RELEASE:
April 11, 2012

J.J. Kent, an internationally known Native American cultural speaker, singer, songwriter, and NAMMY Award winning Flutist of the Year, will be bringing his multi-media presentation the Oglala Lakota Nation (also known as Sioux) to the University of New England on April 17th and 18th. He will conclude his presentation with a performance on the traditional Northern Plains flute, also known as a Native American courting flute. Kent, whose Lakota name is WicaHni Yo Waste, or “Good Voice Mass,” spent years living on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. He began receiving instruction in Lakota ways from traditional elders, including his grandfather, as a young boy, and he was taught how to play the courting flute by uncles and other elders at the age of ten. A gifted storyteller in the ancient ways of the Lakota, Kent performs at universities, libraries, schools and festivals throughout the U.S. and Canada. His presentation consists of a professional and artist-illustrated PowerPoint, which serves as a backdrop to his story-telling. Kent covers such topics as the diversity of Native American tribes, the significance of the buffalo, the Plains tipi, the oral tradition of story-telling, and, of course, the courting flute. The presentation also includes a short video that captures the majesty of the Plains and includes footage of a lightning storm, running buffalo, and pictures of warriors. Kent, himself, performs a war dance on stage, and throughout and following the presentation he performs flute music.

This event is sponsored by the Provost’s Office at UNE. Kent’s presentations will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Campus Center on UNE’s Biddeford campus on Tuesday, April 17th, 12:00-1:00 p.m. and in the Wing Lounge, Alexander Hall on the Portland campus on Wednesday, April 18th, 12:00-1:00 p.m. The presentations are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information on J.J. Kent, view his website at www.jjkent.net.

UNE in the News:

Looking for something NEW to do on campus? Why not write for the Nor’easter News?

Have your voice heard at the next GENERAL STAFF MEETING, TONIGHT (April 18th) at 7 PM in Marci 202!
**World News**

**BY KATELYN KAULBACK**

Nor'easter Staff

**Spanish King Criticized for Irresponsible Spending**

With Spain suffering from the European financial crisis, King Juan Carlos is being criticized for his lavish spending and vacations. Recently, the royal household said they would disclose their income and how money is spent after accusations of corruption. This past week, it was discovered that the king had taken a trip to hunt elephants in Botswana. This trip would have remained a secret, but the king tripped and injured his hip, requiring him to return to Spain immediately for surgery.

A local news source said, "It was an irresponsible trip, taken at the worst possible moment. The image of a monarch hunting elephants in Africa at a time when the economic crisis in our country creates so many problems for the Spanish people is a very poor example." (msnbc.com)

**Attacks on Afghan Capital**

On Sunday, suicide bombers and gunmen attacked Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan. They also attacked three outside provinces in an organized attack designed by the Taliban. There were three attacks in Kabul alone. The bombers focused on major government and foreign buildings.

The spokesman for NATO, Daniel King, said, "This does have all the hallmarks of Haqqani. They have to understand how we could move forward with any assistance," (msnbc.com)

**North Korean Missile Launch Fails**

On Friday the 13th, North Korea launched a long-range missile, which broke apart a few minutes after launch. The United States pulling their previous agreement to launch a missile in response to their pre­

**Remarks on the Titanic**

On Sunday, Taliban mili­
tants attacked a prison in Paki­
stan, setting nearly 400 prisoners free. At least 20 of the freed were described as extremely dangerous insurgents. Over 100 militants attacked the prison, and it is presumed that the 380 newly freed prisoners will join in the fight.

The attackers used automatic weapons and grenades to break in to the prison right before dawn. Prison superintendent Zahid Khan said, "They were carrying modern and heavy weapons. They fired rockets." Once inside, they went straight towards death row, where the most dangerous pris­
oneers were being held. The fight lasted nearly two hours.

Pakistanis have been arrested by the Taliban, but the Taliban have been carrying out suicide bombings and other at­
tacks in the country as acts of re­taliation. (Chicago Sun Times)
Take Back the Tap

BY HANNAH BIELECKE
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If you saw the bottled water display outside of the library on March 9, then you already know that UNE consumes a vast amount of water from plastic bottles each week. Put together by senior Nick Cornetta and Take Back the Tap, along with UNE’s Eco-Reps, the display raised awareness of water justice and consumption at UNE and the state of Maine. With the entire bed of a pickup truck filled with plastic water bottles, the display appears to have made a significant impact on the Biddeford community, for 159 signatures were collected supporting the use of tap water instead of bottled. Of those who showed support, approximately half of them volunteered to become further involved with Take Back the Tap’s campaign. If the amount of bottles in the pick-up was surprising to you, then you may be shocked to discover that only 1 in 5 water bottles actually makes it into a recycling bin; in perspective, those four bottles in the dumpster could instead be conserving enough energy to light a 60-watt light bulb for an entire day! Plus, plastic bottles can be recycled into a variety of products other than new bottles, such as carpets, outdoor decks, park benches, clothes, and plenty of others. Through organizations such as Terracycle, plastic bottles, wrappers, and other products can be collected by you and donated to make upcycled products, along with donations to a charity of your choice. Recycling your plastic bottles is important, but even more crucial is to rid of their use altogether.

Take Back the Tap, a component of Food and Water Watch, is conveniently working with UNE and other Maine universities to encourage the consumption of tap water over bottled options. It is easy to get involved in UNE’s efforts or simply support the cause by liking the Take Back the Tap Maine Universities Facebook page. UNE’s Blue Reqs, the one and only subdivision of UNE’s Eco-Reps, work for sustainable water practices on campus, and with success—UNE has developed a new Bottled Water Resolution, in which President Rapich has declared UNE in support of options other than bottled water, the recycling of water bottles, and the availability of tap water at all catered events. The cost of bottled water can be up to 1,000 times the price of tap water, leading to this welcome financial and sustainable change. As the Blue Reqs have concluded from their Blind Water Taste Test held in December, most students prefer the taste of filtered tap water followed by tap water. The study conveys that students least prefer the taste of bottled water, which is encouraging for UNE’s efforts! Make an effort to contribute to UNE’s support of tap water and purchase a reusable water bottle, along with a Brita filter, if it suits your taste. Join the Blue-Reps and UNE in ridding the campus of bottled water and check out the next “Mound Event” coming up this semester to win prizes and learn more about taking back the tap!

BY PERRI FINE
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The Children’s Festival was held on March 30 from 9AM-2PM in the transformed gymnasium. The UNiEd Club hosted this event for 250 fourth grade students from CK Burns elementary school. The purpose of this event was to introduce students to the rich cultures of international countries.

Members of the UNiEd Club and volunteers created a Global Village where different stations were set up to represent a particular international country. Each student was given a passport to travel around the world and experience the rich customs of each country. Janise Swiatk created an amazing six foot tall Eiffel Tower, Michala Huffman and Kathlene Pangilinan made the Papel Picado that hung above the crowd, which was a great colorful addition. Backdrops that represented a particular country’s style of artwork or culture completed the transformation. The decorations were also part of the annual International Festival that was held later that night starting at 8PM. There were over 300 people that attended the show. The festival was so successful that it was too big for the MPRs and needed to turn some people away from attending! The show focused on countries like Tanzania, Hawaii, Kenya, Nigeria, China, Philippines, Greece, India, Jordan, Sri Lanka, and many more. Our amazing hosts Melissa Hie and Conner Michalak entertained us with an amazing J&K bachtas number. There was a modeling portion of the show featuring ethnic clothing representing a country. Singers were also showcased from Japan; Shelby Brame and Philippinees; Kathlene Pangilinan. Big dance numbers included Bollywood led by Bailey Booras and Tara Boog, Korean Pop led by Kathlene Pangilinan, and Haku Relations Kathlene Pangilinan. The UNiEd Club worked on preparing dance rehearsals for a month and a half to make a successful cultural show. UNiEd members would like to thank President Veneranda Kirway, Vice President Amanda Brathwaite, Secretary Bailey Booras, Treasurer Caroline Kinuthia, CAO Ping Wang and Public Relations Kathlene Pangilinan.
According to Scrivens

BY STEVE SCRIVENER
Nor'easter Staff

So I just watched the Scooter Bob, the Happy Friday Guy video on youtube and needless to say, it got me wicked pumped up for the weekend, especially since it was like 75 degrees outside at the time of me writing this. After I watched the video, did a few elaborate moves and tried to figure out how I intended to spend the day, I thought to myself, what is it about Friday that gets everyone so fired up?

It seemed like an obvious answer but I couldn't come up with a simple answer. Before I get into this, let me just say that I have lived in Maryland and Atlanta, and the people down there are completely lame compared to New Englanders, so I am not going to include the entire population here. But in New England everybody, and I mean everybody, gets super pumped up at about 2PM on Friday. From 14-year-old high school students to hard working laborers to wealthy stockbrokers, something in the air seems to transform everyone from the 'ugh, I hate work mood' right into the 'It's Friday, let's get out of here a bit early and go grab a beer' mentality.

Now I understand that after a long week of behaving ourselves, we all like to go do something a little less relaxing to get our minds off of the things that stress us out during the week. But what is it about Friday, not Saturday that gets everyone so eager to stop their lives and get the party going earlier? I mean, Saturday is a day off in the business world and just like Friday, you can go out and celebrate and it won't matter if you have a hangover the following day.

One of the biggest things that I have noticed that separate New Englanders from the deep South is the mentality of everybody, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity. The close knit culture, the universal love for sports, family and commitment to excellence is certainly something that should be cherished up here. Everyone understands that 'We're all fighting the same battle,' so we must work together, not against each other, to work towards the things that we want and need, then we celebrate.

Friday seems to be that light at the end of the tunnel, that big mac and the end of a 5k, or most importantly, that night where we do not have to worry about getting to bed early so that we can get up to our alarm the next day. Let's not forget that the North East heritage is centered on the Red Sox, Bruins, Pats, and Celtics, and when our teams are doing well, we love to show our support. At the time of writing this, the bruins are 1-0 in the series with the Capitals after an epic 1-0 overtime win, and hopefully by the time you get a chance to read this they will be closer to next round. So don't over stress with finals week, internships, and trying to find a job. Just enjoy the feeling of the community you live in, cheer on the B's, and remember that no matter where you are in life, Friday is just around the corner.

Website of the Week

BY THE TECH GUY
Nor'easter Contributor

Tech Guy here with another dose of ideas and thoughts for you all regarding the new and trendy things out on the internet, basically I spend a whole lot of time finding interesting websites so that all you have to do is read this column and see something new. In light of how everyone is getting real busy with tests and final projects I thought that it would be interesting to talk about some of the websites out there that help you stay organized and on task. The theme of Tech Guy this time is organization and showing how technology can work in advantage for you.

One of the biggest things that Tech Guy thinks about when we are talking about organization and technology is how to use your technology smarter but not let it use you. Too many times Tech Guy hears of people that spend hours trying to do various things with their technology and they end up doing something with the technology the long way. I always encourage people to read the guide and ask for help. What they can actually do with their technology. I am always surprised to find things like mail merging and sorting data that many times I would have just done myself manually but the computer will do it for me. I just have to be smarter and remember to use that source.

The first site that I am going to talk about is actually a program that you can download but it something that I am quite fond of and it is called Evernote. You can access it at www.evernote.com.Basically you can be on the internet and decide that you want to clip a photo or a resource and have it save to your Evernote. It can literally be any information that you want to save and you can bring it up that way. Also Evernote has branched out and it has developed apps for iPhones, Windows Phone and Android. Tech Guy uses it to do lists, literally I can be out at the store and remember that I have to do something and add it to my master list and then open it up on my home computer and remember that I have to do that task. I really enjoy it because I never remember all of my tasks when I have my notes easily accessible and I like that I have access to the information across platforms, which is really helpful. It is funny because when I was younger I used to use a notebook to keep track of all of this information but I am slowly moving more into the tech world and trying to upgrade my notebook a bit.

Another pretty nifty website is something called www.join.com. With this site you can share your computer desktop with others. How many times have you needed to work on a presentation collaboratively and wanted to have access to the same information? Through this website up to 250 people can share the same computer screen and desktop. I am thinking back to the amount of times that I been working on a group project and we have all had our laptops lined up and been trying to email and share information back and forth, but if we had had this it would have been so much easier.

Lastly, Tech Guy wants to remind all of you in theUNE community to use the tools that are present as well that the University provides. Within the myUNE portal there are many technologi­cal tools that are available to students including creating google docs that you can then go and share, utilizing google calendar, and creating tags for your email. Any of these different tools can help you be a bit more organized and make your day go smoother. Take some time and look at what is out there to help you keep on top of things.

Professors Say the Darndest Things

BY DANIELLE CROPLEY
Nor'easter Staff

The warm weather got you in the mood to skip class? Well, unless you're legitimately sick and potentially on your death bed, I would refrain from playing hookie for the rest of the semester. As we have officially entered the aptly nick­named "cruise time," attendance, participation, and paying attention are at peak importance. Now is the time to pack up all the slack we let slide at the start of the semester and remind our teachers that we actually DO belong on their attendance roster. Now, this is not to say that going to class is any better than an afternoon of loung­ing in the sun or playing frisbee, but the following quotes collected over the past couple weeks are certainly reasons to never miss a class.

"Now I'm not saying I like Justin Bieber, but I do have his brand of toothpaste."

As students we spend hours upon hours in the classroom, listening to our professors lecture on about what we need to know. As any point during those hours have you thought to yourself what came out of your professor's mouth? Often times do you find yourself wondering exactly how 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 these random and obscure gems down. By doing so, any anonymous profi­table information could appear in upcoming issues of the Nor'easter News. Don't pass up the chance to share something funny that your professor said; these things are priceless. If you would like to add a quote to this column, contact EIC, Danielle Cropley, at eic@northeasternnews.com.
Sports

Women's Lacrosse Breaks UNE Record

BY DEANNA BAUMERT
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As of last Wednesday, the women's lacrosse team had eight consecutive wins on the season, enough to break the record of seven that had remained intact for the 12 straight seasons.

The Nor'easters, unbeaten in conference play and with only two losses on their record this season, were coming off a 15-9 win against Nichols College that had them tied with the record setting team of the 2000 season. The first ten minutes of play saw back and forth scoring starting with a free position shot from UNE first year Gina Newsome. 10 scoreless minutes after sophomore Hannah Tavella had put in the fifth goal of the game, junior Cara Cole added another point with the first of three goals that she would end up making during the contest. The Fighting Scots managed one more goal with less than four minutes left before the end of the half. The Nor'easters then took the final two minutes of the half to up their score by three. Gordon's Anna Knaus brought her team within a point of breaking even with Big Blue. Senior Jesalyn Dvorak followed up with a couple of her own shots to push the Nor'easter's advantage back up to three points. Gordon then put in a three point effort with 18:09 left on the clock to bring the teams to a 10-10 tie that remained unbroken for the next two minutes.

Warren broke the tie at 16:06 off an assist from Tavella to make the second of her three goals and then followed up with her third point about eight minutes later with a shot that once again put the Nor'easters above the visitors by three. Gordon's Anna Blomberg put in one final goal for the visitors with 15:37 left of play and then the last minute of the game was left up to UNE's Cole and Tavella. Cole put in her third marker of the day and Tavella notched the final goal of the game with just 12 seconds left, bringing the final score to a winning 15-11.

In goal for the Nor'easters was sophomore Samantha St. Pierre who made seven saves during her 60 minutes in the game. Top scorers for UNE were Tavella, Warren, and Cole. Tavella brought her season total goals to 32 thanks to her four goals on the night and also had two assists during the game giving her a game total of six. Warren and Cole each had a hat trick for the night to contribute to the record-setting win.

As the season comes to a close, the fans are sure to see more from this impressive 2012 team.

Softball Falls Behind Salve in Conference Standings

BY DEANNA BAUMERT
Nor'easter Staff

UNE's softball team dropped behind Salve Regina in the Commonwealth Coast Conference but are still in conference play and with only 10 scoreless minutes after sophomore Jess Potter and classmate Lauren Rousseau who were batted in by senior Margen Johnson. Salve then had their turn at bat and tallied up four for the inning, enough to win them the first game of the double header. The next game also went to Salve Regina. Neither team was able to score till the bottom of the fourth when the Seahawks' Marissa Simpson ran home. This would be the only point of the game, thanks in part to pitching from the Nor'easter's Julie Bigelow and Salve Regina's Jen Cruber who pitched the scoreless innings. UNE also had a total of eight players left on base at the end of the innings, including three during the top of the seventh. Bases were loaded and it looked like the Nor'easters might have a chance at a comeback but the inning ended with the runner at third base being forced out. On that day, the Nor'easters had six hits during each game and four runs all coming from the first game. Salve, however, umped them in hits by three with 10 in the first game and five in the second.

Roger Williams was next up for the team, and they were able to make a comeback with a couple of wins.

Math Problem of the Issue!

A rubber ball bounces back two-thirds of the distance it falls. It is dropped from a height of 12 feet. The ball is caught at the apex of the bounce after the ball has bounced from the floor five times.

How many feet has the ball traveled in all?

Express your answer as an exact fraction.

To submit your entry, e-mail thenorweater@une.edu only your answer and a line Problem Submission in the subject line. The winner of the Gift Card will be selected at random from all correct, initiated and submitted by e-mail.

One submission per person only. Please, entries from students only! The winning entry will be selected Monday, April 30th at 4 p.m.

Win a $10 gift card to the Windward Cafe!

The Math Club at the University of New England Presents...

Dr. Sat Gupta

Analysis of the Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster

Monday, April 23, 2012
DeCrey Cafeteria Function Room 2

Purpose: Fosters a discussion of the 1986 space shuttle accident, a disaster which killed 7 astronauts, and focuses on the role of physics, engineering, and safety in preventing space accidents.
BY DEANNA BAUMERT
Nor'easter Staff

After 16 frustrating years, UNE earned a history making win against Gordon College in the double overtime 9-8 decision last Wednesday.

The pairing of junior Tyler Thomas and senior Mike Pennacchio was a key factor for the Nor'easters in the first period of the game. They had the first goal just a few minutes into the game with Thomas scoring and Pennacchio assisting. Gordon came up with a couple of their own points to take a temporary lead with about five minutes to go but UNE ended the quarter at a tie after Thomas connected on an assist from Pennacchio.

An unassisted goal from Pennacchio broke the tie at the beginning of the second period. Neither team was able to find the back of the net until, with 1:48 left in the period, Gordon's Adam Qninn tied it up. This was followed by another goal for the Fighting Scots with less than 20 seconds left in the quarter and so the Nor'easter's went into the third period down by one.

Once UNE had the first point of the period, this time from sophomore Dan O'Gorman who put the goal in unassisted. The team then saw four minutes worth of Gordon College scoring that put them in behind three points. But not even 20 seconds after Gordon's Wes Chittick put in his third consecutive goal of the period, O'Gorman put in his second goal to narrow the margin down to two points.

In the first half of the fourth period, UNE mounted an attack on the visitors with three goals. Pennacchio put in the first and last goals of the period unassisted, bringing his season total to 12. Sophomore Nick Gross put in the other goal for the Nor'easter's assisted by Thomas. A Gordon goal put in with less than nine minutes to go gave the Fighting Scots the advantage but not for long as Pennacchio put in his last goal less than two minutes later to tie the score up. During the next seven and a half minutes, neither team found the back of the net and the game eventually went into double overtime.

O'Gorman, assisted by Gross, put in the final goal of the game, giving him a hat trick and giving his team the sweet taste of victory.

There were several individuals on the team who stood out during the contest. Pennacchio lead in scoring with five points coming from his three goals and two assists. O'Gorman had the hat trick that brought his season total points to 15 by the end of the game and he also picked up nine ground balls and took 15 of 21 face-offs. Thomas had a hand in four goals of the night, with his two goals in the first period and one assist each during the third and fourth periods. In goal, senior goalie Nate Porter had 16 saves, tying the season high that he had achieved earlier in the season against Endicott.

With the season coming quickly to a close, this team is sure to put forth their best effort right to the very end.

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**Intramurals: All Access**

**BY TRAVIS CARIGNAN**
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The complete Water Polo playoffs were played on April 1 with seven teams competing for an intramural championship t-shirt. The top seed in the tournament, "Krazy Killer Koalas", went undefeated during the regular season and made it to the championship round where they faced a tough GNAR squad in GNAR, the defending champions, edged out the top seed and overtime by a score of 8-7. Indoor Soccer playoffs wrapped up on Sunday April 15 with the final four teams competing for the title. The top 4 seeded teams, "Real Storm", "The Dubes", "One Touchables", and "Da Monsters" remain with top seeded "Real Storm" (led by Dan Ceur and Kyle Hillier) looking to three-peat.

5v5 Basketball ended the regular season last week with 24 total teams and over 200 participants competing. Playoffs will begin the week of April 16. Currently in the Women's League winning all four of their games is the "Dream Team" followed by "Kicks N' Hoops" winning five out of six games. For the Men's League "Cleveland Rippers" and "Pippen Ain't Easy" are both undefeated with five wins and zero losses.

We will be having a Street Hockey (4v4) tournament April 21 from 1PM-6PM. Games will be played on the river lot, and boards are going to be put up so we will have a nice rink. Also there will be a Roller Hockey (3v3) tournament on Sunday April 22 from 2PM-6PM also on the river lot. Sign-up deadlines are set for April 18. There are no seed requirements and players must provide their own equipment.

We will be Co-Sponsoring a few more events this semester with the Health & Wellness Education Department. We are holding a Tennis Tournament at Clifford Park in Biddeford on April 21, from 2-6. Equipment is donated from the Tennis Club for use for the event and we will be holding a tournament for doubles and singles. In addition, we will be playing a fall on 11 vs 11 Soccer Tournament taking place from April 23-26 on the Barbara Hazard Field 2. We are hoping to have a great turn out for these last two events. Contact afs@une.edu or intramurals@une.edu for rules, the online registration form, or for more information. Sign up deadlines for both are April 18 via the online registration forms.

Remember for the most recent news and updates join us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, check out our web site on the bottom of the Athletics page, email us at intramurals@une.edu, or stop by the intramural office located in the office in the fitness center and talk with one of our staff members who will be more than happy to assist you.

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**Red Sox Have a Slow Start**

**BY DEANNA BAUMERT**
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Red Sox Nation is hoping that their teams rough start isn't an indicator of how the rest of the season will be.

Newly appointed manager Bobby Valentine saw his team fall in defeat in five of their first six games. The season opener was a 3-2 decision against the Detroit Tigers, who had one of the best records in the American League last year. For pitching, Boston's own Jon Lester had six shutout innings before he allowed a run. Detroit's Alex Avila delivered the hit in the bottom of the seventh that gave Johnny Peralta the chance to run home for the first point of the game.

As for the Tigers, they managed to hold back the Red Sox for most of the game, thanks in part to the pitching of Detroit's Justin Verlander. Eight innings and not one point against him, not to mention seven strike outs and no more than two hits against him on the day. The only two points for the Sox came in the top of the ninth when Boston managed to tie the score up 2-2. The bottom of the ninth held disappointment for the Sox though, as Austin Jackson hit a single that allowed for Danny Worth to score for the Tigers, breaking the tie and giving them a season opening win.

Red Sox nation was beside itself with frustration two days later when the Tigers had a shut out against the Sox. Josh Beckett had his share of criticisms after the game due to the five home runs he allowed during his less than five full innings on the pitcher's mound. The Sox were also having problems with starters Jacoby Ellsbury, Kevin Youkilis, Cody Ross, and Mike Aviles who were just not able to connect with the ball during either one of the games. Sunday only brought on more disappointment with a third loss against the Tigers, but this time with a close score of 13-12.

The next game was a 4-2 win against the Blue Jays. Toronto scored twice in the bottom of the third and then it would be a couple of scoreless innings before Pedroia got a homer against pitcher Henderson Alvarez in the top of the sixth. It was the ninth inning though that saw most of the scoring. Pedroia once again scored for the team, thanks to a sacrifice fly by Adrian Gonzalez, and he was followed home a little while later by Ross and Darnell McDonald.

Two more losses came before Beckett managed to keep the Rays from getting any more than one run in Poremay's 10th home opener. Boston's Kelly Shoppach had three runs on the day, one each during the third, fourth, and eighth innings. Misfortune hit for the Sox when though Ellsbury had to leave the game due to a shoulder injury that came from a collision with Tampa Bay shortstop Reid Brignac. The team proceeded to score eight runs in the bottom of the eighth while the Rays were only managed one in the top of the ninth, closing the game at 12-2 in favor of the Sox.
Deidre’s Pick of the Issue:
Portland Seadogs at Hadlock Field

BY DEIDRE DICKER
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The magnolia trees are blooming, the air smells like freshly cut grass when you walk outside, and the turtles are out trotting about campus (seriously, I saw a wild turtle pass in front of me this morning). The point is, it’s starting to feel like spring and there is only one thing to do about that: Go out and watch some baseball!

We are lucky because we don’t have to go all the way to Fenway just to watch a little ball on the weekend. Hadlock Field, home of the Portland Seadogs, is located right in Portland. The Seadogs are a minor league team who are double-A affiliates of the Boston Red Sox.

Seadogs games are unique because, along with being an impressive showing of athleticism and baseball, they create a community atmosphere that is absolutely unforgettable. The fans love their team and the real-life sports attend religiously. There is singing and chanting and screaming kids with foam fingers. There are old ladies in sinhats and middle-aged men escaping their wives for the afternoon with a beer in hand, college kids and high school baseball teams, and if you go on the right day, you may even get to start up a conversation with Bob Marley, just another part of the Seadogs fam family.

And don’t forget the food. Always my favorite part of any event, the food at Hadlock Field is to die for and is half the price of Fenway. Yeah, they have fries and hot dogs and burgers and all that great greasy stuff, but they also have awesome ice cream sundaes that come in a mini Seadogs hat bowl and their famous Seadog biscuits — think vanilla ice cream sandwiched between the two biggest, most delicious cookies you can imagine.

There’s no beating going to a Seadogs game and sipping on a Slugger Suda root beer while the hot sun shines down on you and the kid behind you beats you with his foam finger. The commentator is giving you a play-by-play of the game and between innings there are promotions on the field to watch and make you laugh.

Hadlock Field is just a great place to go with your friends and relax for an afternoon. It’s like an area where the time is suspended and nothing but how many outs the Seadogs have matters and you can eat as many Seadogs biscuits as you want, without your butt getting big.

The Seadogs Opening Day was April 12. Tickets are dirt cheap. Embrace your American spirit and take your friends out to the ball game. I assure you it won’t disappoint. And if it does, grab a Seadog biscuit and everything will be alright.

Res Hall Recipe Wonders

BY DEIDRE DICKER
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Let’s face it. Ramen gets old. Even if it is only $1.18 a meal, it’s now time to let your late room study snack evolve into something more lovely. We want to give your old recipes some jazz and put your pick-me-ups some pizzaz. So send us recipes that can be made in the resident hall, and all your Easy Mac enthusiasts will thank you. Here are this issue’s recipes, but feel free to improvise and experiment with the ingredients. Be sure to email us at nor’easternews.com to tell us what you think and send in more recipes. Bon appetit!

Mini Peanut Butter Cups in a Jar

Ingredients:
For the crust...
- 1 1/2 cups peanut butter
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Salt, to taste

For the filling...
- 2 1/2 tsp dark chocolate chips
- 1/2 tsp coconut oil (or Earth Balance)

Directions:
1. Crush up the crust ingredients until crumbs are a bit damp. Add 2 tablespoons of the crust into each jar. Spread out evenly and flatten with fingers.
2. Quickly wipe out the bowl you crushed your crust ingredients in. Now add the filling ingredients and stir until silky smooth, scraping down the sides as necessary.
3. Add 3 tablespoons of filling into each jar and spread evenly with a spoon. Place jars into freezer, uncovered, for about 30 minutes to firm up a bit.

Marshmallow Pops

Ingredients:
These Marshmallow Pops took under twenty minutes to make from start to finish and they turned out adorable! All you need are: marshmallows, white chocolate chips (crushed graham crackers, coconut, etc.), popsicle sticks or paper straws and food coloring.

Directions:
1. First cut a small slit in the top of the marshmallows to allow you to insert your straw. If you skip this step you just might mash your straw in the freezer. So don’t.
2. Insert the straws or popsicle sticks and put them in the freezer for about 3-10 minutes. They do not take long to freeze and by doing this, the marshmallow is shielded more securely to the straw.
3. Meanwhile, melt the white chocolate in the microwave on medium heat and stir every 30 seconds. White chocolate seems to burn a lot easier than regular chocolate so watch it closely! Add 3 tablespoons of chocolate to make your chocolate harder quickly so don’t wait too long before dipping them into the sprinkles.

Movie Review: Titanic 3D

BY STEVE SCRIVEN
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I will be the first one to proudly admit that, growing up, Titanic was one of my favorite movies. The true life story of the gorgeous ship that got off track and hit an iceberg, and ultimately killed over 1,500 people in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean has become an iconic story that has continued to be passed on since the 1912 ship crash. In the mid 1990s Director James Cameron produced the top producing gross profit movie of all time, which should come as no surprise to anyone who has ever watched the movie.

Considering the significance of what actually happened on that cold winter night a century ago, in addition to the success that the film has had since its inception almost 15 years ago, many thought that it would be a good idea to bring the successful film back to life in 2012 for the 100-year anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic. Given that in the past decade or so our culture has seen a dramatic increase in technology, what could possibly sound bad about making Titanic into a 3-D production? So last week I decided to be a self-critical and so see the new 3-D version so that I could form my own opinion. Just a side note, this would be my first ever experience watching a 3-D movie in theatres, so I had absolutely no idea what to expect. When I got to Smitty’s to purchase my ticket, I was caught a bit off guard when the guy at the register handed me these gigantic pair of 3-D sunglasses. I thought those things were only used so that “Honey I Shrunk the Kids” adventure in Disney World, but that was over 10 years ago when I went to see that so I assumed I no longer had. I was wrong. Whatever the reason, I decided I did not over think this. I made my way to the theaters, watched the previews and was finally informed that it was time to put these goggles on my face, so I did.

Now, I have a terrible vision as it is, and although my corrective lenses are very helpful, there was nothing that could avoid the headache that came immediately after the movie started. First off, I hadn’t really seen any previews for the new 3-D version so I didn’t know exactly what to expect; I had heard the hype going around on the news. Anyways, I assumed that there were going to be at least some modifications to the original film. I know it was the most successful movie in theatres of all time, but this was over 10 years ago and they were bringing it back to theatres with the campaigns, “Better than Ever.” I was wrong. It was the exact same movie, except that I had to see these huge 3-D glasses/goggles on my face. I don’t want to ruin the experience for anyone who has been eager to see Titanic in 3-D, but since this is a review, I should be honest and tell you to save your money. Simply put, save your bucks on a ticket and just watch the original version on television since it seems to be on at least once every couple of weeks.

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Local Music Expo: Spose

BY COURTNEY GOULET
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In the summer of 2010, you could not listen to a radio station in Maine without hearing the song I'm Awesome, a tongue in cheek hip hop track from Wells rapper Spose. Born Ryan Peters in Wells, Maine, Spose is a 27-year-old American rapper. Spose is the release of his first hit, I'm Awesome, a tongue in cheek rhyming rap song. He released his first album in July of 2010 entitled Preposterously Dank. Shortly after the release of his first hit, I'm Awesome, Spose signed a record deal with Universal Republic Records where his song caught air time in other parts of the US and it even peaked at #37 on the Billboard Hot 100. It is even the theme to Canada's CBC Television new comedy series 'Mr. D' starring comedian Gerry Dee. In 2011, Spose released his project Happy Medium via his facebook page. The album was originally supposed to be released as a mix-tape, but Peters found there to be too many tracks for it to be such. Spose has been featured in Cash Cash's song Red Cap (I Fly Solo) as well as fellow Maine band Sparks the Rescue's Better Side of Me. Spose's next full length album, The Audacity! was released on April 17.

Spose is a charismatic, funny, and for lack of a better word, interesting artist. As a fellow Mainian, I can see the humor in many of his tracks which center around living in 'Eastern most, Northern most, Boredom soaked' state. With witty rhymes and preposterously dank beats, I find Spose to be another hidden treasure of Maine.

UNE Players Review: Seussical the Musical

BY JOCELYN ROLLER
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The UNE Players put on their annual spring musical at the Biddleford City Theater this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (the 13, 14, and 15). The production featured UNE students as actors and members of the pit band, and was directed by experienced actor Brian Robbins. Lindy Sturdevant, who has also served as the technical advisor. Choreographer Maribel Roy also aided in the creation of the show. Before the show even began, it was clear that the Players and staff had put a great deal of work into the creation of the sets. The elaborate and colorfully painted sets were multi-leveled and very reminiscent of the illustrations in Dr. Seuss's books. The opening song, "Oh, The Thinks You Can Think," was impressive. It was an overwhelming combination of upbeat music (provided by the pit), energetic dance moves, and colorful costumes. Although the energy was clearly high, some technical difficulties held the number back. The actors seemed to struggle to be heard over the music, and many of the microphones seemed to be getting bumped by actors as they were dancing, creating added noise. It seemed as though, overall, it took the cast a few songs to find their pace; although characters like Jojo, The Cat in the Hat, and Gertrude McFuzz were clear stars from the beginning. In general, the larger numbers in which the entire ensemble was competing for stage space seemed somewhat confused. The timing of the choreography was not totally in sync at all times, which made moves look more jumbled. However, as the show went on, the actors as well as the musicians seemed to come together. At first, the plot was somewhat confusing due to the inability to hear what was being narrated, but sound improved within the first few songs. Overall, the hard work of the entire cast and crew was extremely evident. Although all of the players portrayed their roles well, Jojo seemed to be the breakout star of the show. Played by Kaylee Dubois, Jojo's songs were poignant and simple, and her acting was genuine. Considering this production was her first time performing on stage, Dubois was a true leader in the show and the audience loved her character from her first duet with Horton, "It's Possible." Well-known for her role in last year's 'The Wedding Singer," Maria Denetolis was also a huge success in her role as Gertrude McFuzz. Adorable and innocent, her character quickly won over the audience with the unrequited love for Horton and her distress over her one-feather-tail. Her singing was flawless, and especially those through in her rendition of "No One Me, Horton." The Cat in the Hat, elosed by James Muller, was extremely well-cast. Muller's comedy was unmatched by any other cast member, and his deep and grumbly voice in the song "How Lucky You Are" was hilarious.

Other notable moments of the production included the appearance of the Wickersham Brothers, the mischievous and troublesome monkeys (Eric Pepe, Zachary May, and Hillary Casuar), as well as the Bird Girls, played by Katherine Getz, Colleen Decola, and Harmony Bell. Mayzie La Bird, played by Melanie Ostrowski, taught us all the consequences of unexpected pregnancy through her well-sung role of Gertrude. Horton's peacable nature truly touched those watching the unfortunate events unfold. The ambition of the UNE Players was clear in this spring production, and signifies the group's eagerness to continue to progress in their works. Eric Pepin, cast member, said: "Even though there were many ups and downs, the show was still a lot of fun to do, and I'm so proud of the cast."
Hold the Vote

BY DANNY HUY
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Imagine our country divided yet again. Imagine that the two major political parties split the nation in half. Democrats on one side, and Republicans on the other. What do you think would happen? Would the Democrats succeed in green technology and human rights? Would Republicans remain traditional in the capitalist society with family values? Always wondering how much the country would progress if both political parties would stop blocking one another. Gay marriage is legal...now it's illegal...now it's going to be legal again. That's democracy.

How would these two new countries react? Would they suppress the citizens by ritualistically forcing kids and teenagers to fight to the death until one remains standing? Would the other countries build a church in the government center? Who knows what both new nations would do, but one thing is for sure: Eurocentrism will continue to remain dominant.

How many people know about the incidents going on in Asia right now? How about Africa? Latin America? Living in the United States, we are more knowledgeable of Europe and the Middle East (due to our interventions). The entire world's fate is determined by the European powers and America. This Eurocentric view of the planet creates the ignorance of many Caucasians in the developed world. English and French and the leading languages, the United Nations is located in America, Turkey scholars decide who deserves a Nobel Peace Prize. Of course, all worldly accomplishments were the results from Europe and America, but did all accomplishments begin there? Do we neglect that China's innovations were just as important as that of Europe? Or that all the tragedies we hear throughout history is focused on the Europeans?

Still confused? Look at world map. Why do the Arab world the "Middle East"? Why is the Oriental world the East and the United States and UK the West? Our Eurocentric view hides with great stealth in our minds. We don't realize that we view the world dominated by the Anglo Saxon citizens. If you would look at the Gall-Peters controversy, you would see the world map is slightly different. Africa is larger than all of Western Europe. Is it the proportion of the continents but because we focus on Europe being the superior power, it is overlooked. We learn in history that the Holocaust was the biggest tragedy of World War 2 (and it is), but we fail to include the "other world" into our curriculum. The Nanjing massacre was a tragedy after the Japanese brutally invaded the Manchuria province of China. Over 300,000 Chinese citizens were beheaded, stabbed, shot, and killed. Another holocaust. Japanese soon advanced down to South East Asia and performed even more massacres all the way down to Singapore.

It is important to understand current events with the historical background. But if you only know the history of England and America, the concepts like why North Korea exists or how communist China evolved through the ages will not be worth looking into. American citizens see China = Warm Mart = Bad. Or Muslims = 9/11 =Bad. This is only propelled by the media, which, drenched in Eurocentric poison, spreads ignorance to the rest of the world. Do your research and discover how and why specific countries act the way they are.

Our favorite person, Rick Santorum, recently dropped out the presidential race. And it was a day to celebrate with cake, for others, it was also a day to celebrate with cake. Though it is a win for liberals, conservatives, humanists, and women, there is still a lot of right-wing bigotry surrounding our nation. For example, Texas recently passed a law that would create a more right leaning school curriculum. History books will focus on Republican philosophies and the flaws of Democratic approaches. PDR and Woodrow Wilson would be defamed as Reagan and....Reagan will be praised in the history books. Unions will be seen as a symbol of the devil. Communnism and Socialism will somehow find a way to be responsible for World War 2. China will be represented as an evil warlord that teamed up with Iran to take down Vietnam.

Though my examples are extreme, it would not be any different from telling a student that Carnegie Hall was the center of the industry, but omitting the fact that he treated his workers horribly. Fun fact, did you know that Chinese immigrants were vital to build the transcontinental railroad, which developed the nation to what it is today? Most grade schools students don't know that and it doesn't look like the textbooks are going to change anytime soon. We are too focused on trying to find balance between the Democrats and the Republicans. This is eurocentrism at its best.

BY ROYALE HARDENSTINE
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Usually I don't have major issues coming up with what I want to write, but it sometimes takes a great deal of thought and me settling for a subject that I have stored for emergencies situations when I have nothing good to say. However, this week a wonderful session of my sociology class had me thinking about politics. Not that I'm generally overly opinionated about politics, I have no preference to any side or for anyone in particular. I just think that everyone'sfreedom to vote and everyone telling me to vote is ridiculous. At this point in time I'm sure I have a bunch of oreole velliner at me.

It's expressing my opinion. It's my right as a US citizen. In the end, the decisions made now will majorly affect me, and I should be making sure those who make the decisions agree with my opinions. But let me just explain some of the reasons why I will most likely not be voting this time around.

Reason number two: I'm not exactly sure what my political views are. I'm still sifting sitting on many of the important ideas. I realize this means I don't have to go Democrat or Republican or make any life-altering decisions. However, until I completely figure out what I believe, I don't feel comfortable voting. I'm getting sick of people always trying to tell me how I should think, including the solicitors who are always telling me what I should think and feel. The politicians want me to believe in them and their ideals. But, in my opinion, I need some time to decide exactly how I feel about some major issues that many people are extremely opinionated about.

Reason number two; lack of knowing what the heck is going on! In all honesty, how many of you regularly watch the news? I mean, my opinion of news is basically occasionally watching the Colbert Report or the Daily Show with John Stewart. I feel like in the end they give me the most honest ideas about what is going on, and it's entertaining. I NEVER watch the news.

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Golf: Why You Should Try It

BY SHARRA PAQUEREAU  
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The weekend before last I came to a rather interesting and unexpected epiphany, or rather I was reminded of something that I had forgotten over time. I realized that I love golf. That's right, golf. That sport that you walk around with a piece of metal trying to hit a ball into a hole several hundred yards away, all without making too much noise or celebrating overly much if you happen to hit a good shot. Golf tends to be viewed as an activity for CEOs with too much time and money on their hands or fathers who really aren't that good but go every third weekend of the month anyway. Even the professional golfers are not really viewed the same way as athletes from other sports. Sure you could probably name a handful of good golfers but what could you really say about them other than the fact that they are good at golf? Even Tiger Woods only truly became exciting after his personal life imploded. In short, golf tends to be viewed as a sport that is very nice in a quiet sort of way, and is really not all that exciting. However, watching the Masters with my dad made me want to go golfing and not just in the fleeting sort of way that happens when you watch sports. This was not a case of watching the Olympics and then being briefly convinced that curling was my new favorite sport. This was a case of wanting to do something that I had forgotten I enjoyed and suddenly found myself missing. I used to go golfing with my dad when I was younger. We started at the mini golf course and once I had mastered the windmill shot, we moved on to what is called a par-three course. For those of you unfamiliar with golf, par is the number of swings you have to get the ball in the hole; going over gives you a bad score. A par three course is kind of mini golf for grownups and people who can't quite handle a real course yet. They are tremendous fun and I went with my dad to several in the area until I outgrew my set of clubs. For some reason I never asked for new ones, which my parents interpreted as loss of interest in the activity. They were probably right and I never really missed golf until now. I think golf is one of those things that everyone should try at least once in their life. To be clear, I do not mean mini-golf; I mean a legitimate trip to a real golf course. I know this may feel a bit strange and even ridiculous; after all spending money (golf is not cheap) to play and to rent clubs if you do not have them to do something that you may or may not enjoy, is not a thing that people on a college student budget usually do. And, even if you are willing to accept the cost, the activity itself may seem less than thrilling. As I mentioned earlier, golf tends to be something that we associate with professionals and old men, thus it may seem difficult to find the value in such an activity. But there is something about playing a round of golf with a person or group of people that is very rewarding. There is an opportunity to talk and bond and genuinely spend time with one another. Many of the more popular sports do not offer this social aspect; they have periods where you may talk to each other but the majority of the game is silent action. Not only does golf give you a fun activity to socialize around but it also allows you to laugh at yourself. Even the most accomplished golfers make mistakes and hit balls into the water or go far off the intended path, which is comical. So imagine what happens when you assemble a group of people with (at best) average skills on the golf course. The outcome is bound to be at least mildly entertaining, and as the saying goes; friends who can laugh together often stay together. Even if you are not comfortable going to a real golf course to start out, I would encourage you to try a par three course. If you still think this is not your cup of tea, go mini golfing just to remind yourself how fun this odd little sport can be. So give it a try, gather your friends and give golf a chance. Who knows this time next year you may find yourself excitedly watching the Masters on TV, or at the very least remembering that one time you and a bunch of friends had a crazy time trying to golf.

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May not be a bit of an overstatement, every once in a while I watch some news, but I rarely watch anything that is substantial about politics. Reason number three, I don't know enough. I'll be the first to admit I have major issues being wrong. I also feel like before I can make any major decisions, I have to know all of the facts. I think that simply voting because I can and ticking whatever has the coolest name (come on who is named Newt that's awesome) or who I think dresses the slickest. Because, as of right now, that's the best I've got for making political decisions. Once again I know I have time to get caught up and learn all about all of the contenders, but I would rather be able to more closely follow what is going on from the beginning. I hate playing catch up. So here's to hoping that during the next round of elections, I'm able to pay better attention to the candidates from the beginning, know what is going on, and actually have discovered what my political views are. Which brings me to my final idea, go out and vote. Let your opinion be known and don't be afraid to stand up for what you value. However, if you have no clue what is going on with politics, don't just go out and vote because you can or for who you think is the lesser of two evils or because you are an extreme Republican and want to vote with your party, or vote to cancel out your parent's vote that you don't agree with. Vote for what you believe and make sure it is an informed vote.
PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Photo of the Issue!

The sun reflecting on the gentle waves, hopefully one of the last cold nights of the season.

Coastal rocks looking slick as the tide goes out, in Maine.

What is it?

Last Week’s “What is it?” was a sea urchin skeleton! Check out this week’s issue for this week’s answer!

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