#### 9th Annual

# University of New England College of Arts & Sciences Arts & Sciences Symposium

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(light breakfast and lunch provided)

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Poster Session - 8am-10am in Decary Upper Cafeteria

Oral Presentation Session – 8:00am-6:00pm in Sutton Lounge and Decary Cafeteria Function Rooms 1 & 2

#### **Featuring Honors Thesis Presentations by:**

Hannah Mercer (Psychobiology) Misty Mallar (Psychology) (12:10-12:50 – Function Rm. 2) (12:55-1:35 – Function Rm. 2)

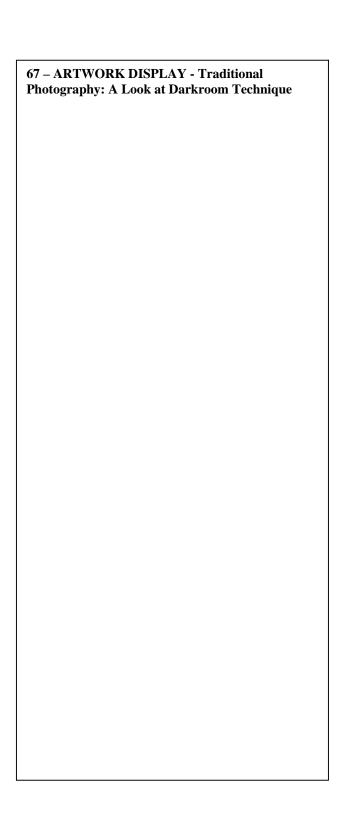
Ashlee Robbins (Physiology) Rebecca Wood (Chemistry) (12:55-1:35 – Function Rm. 1) (12:55-1:35 – Sutton Lounge)

and a presentation from Dr. Pamela Morgan's Salt Marsh Restoration class regarding the UNE Coastal Trail and Salt Marsh Restoration Project (12:10-12:50 – Sutton Lounge)

8:00-8:20	1 - The Physiology of Cold Exposure Megan McKenney, Heather Martin, Matthew LaBelle (Biology) An examination of the reflexes and the cardiovascular and respiratory systems	2 – The Physiological Effects of Daily Caffeine Intake Kaitlin Carroll, Joe Desilets, Charlie Adkins, John Alden (Biology) Effects of Mountain Dew® consumption on the
8:25-8:45	4 – The Effects of Strenuous Exercise on Cognitive Function Cody Geddes, Scott Tresselt, Ryan Miller, Nate Bisson (Biology) A study of cognition and reasoning skills	
8:50-9:10	7 – Investigating Claims Regarding Commercial Gatorade® Renee Lefebvre, Jon Duhaime, Brigham McKenney, Kelly Willard (Biology) A look at fatigue-inducing isometric exercise	
9:15-9:35	10 – The Physiological Effects of Red Bull® Meghan White, Chloe Adams, Dana Bolgen (Biology) The influence of this energy drink on the cardiovascular, endocrine, and nervous systems	
9:40-10:00	13 – The Influence of Auditory Stimuli on Encephalographic Recordings and Other Physiological Parameters in Sleeping vs. Awake Individuals Jaclyn Hopkins, Angelica Damon, Sherri McKenna (Biology) A movie as an auditory stimulus	
10:05-10:25	16 – Campus "Greening:" Environmental Stewardship at UNE and other Colleges and Universities  Jeff Denoncour (Environmental Studies)  Small- and large-scale examples of "greening" initiatives	
10:30-10:50	19 –Aphasia in Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis Niquita Parker (Biology) A case study	

10:55-11:15	22 – What is Narcolepsy? Becky Lindquist, Amanda Corriveau (Biology) The symptoms, causes, and treatments of narcolepsy
11:20-11:40	25 – Traumatic Injuries of the Aorta Amanda Law (Biology) Causes and treatments of injury
11:45-12:05	28 – Evaluating the Saco Bay Estuary and its Potential Use as a Nursery Ground for In-shore Macrofaunal Species Nathaniel Furey (Biology) Seasonal variation in macrofaunal composition assessed with multiple field-sampling techniques
12:10-12:50	GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTATION 31 – Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PSTD): Development of a Mouse Model and Preliminary Studies of Rats Jacques Reynolds (Physiology/Pharmacology)
12:55-1:35	BIOLOGY HONORS THESIS 34 – Possible Mechanisms of Medication- Overuse Headache Ashlee Robbins (Physiology) Effects of chronic opiate use on activation of brainstem cells
1:40-2:00	37 – Behavioral Reaction of Budgerigar to other Bird and Predator Calls Laura Ward (Psychobiology) A psychobiological study
2:05-2:25	40 – Comparing Learning and Memory of Two Fish Species

2:30-2:50	43 – It's Not Easy Being Green: Effects of Laundry Detergent on Bait Fish Sara Mills, Amanda Toussaint (Psychobiology) Effects of natural vs. common laundry detergent contact on Shiner (Notropis species) swim speed	44 – Avantouinti: Swimming with "Icebergs" Amanda Whiting, Alisha Tonks, Casey Nightingale, Michael Light, Cory Guenette (Biology) Effects of cold exposure on the cardiovascular, muscular, and endocrine systems	
2:55-3:15	46 – Effect of Prior Stimulus Exposure on Aggressive Behavior in Betta splendens Merri Chaffee (Psychobiology)	47 – The Physiological Effects of Startle Stimuli Andrea Pelotte, Kristina Nivus, Stephanie Schmidt, Taylor Hovey (Biology)	
3:20-3:40	49 – Audience Effect on Resource Defense in Male Guppies ( <i>Poecilia reticulata</i> ) Kady Loubier, Meghan Pierse (Psychobiology) Does sex of the audience influence behavior?	50 – Effects of Heat Exposure on the Cardiopulmonary and Musculoskeletal Systems Marisa Dzioba, Lindsay Fink, Jessica Case, Pat Robichaud (Biology) Effects of hydrospa exposure	
3:45-4:05	52 – Shape Recognition in Gerbils Megan Tower, Rachele Peterson (Psychobiology) Positive association of a circle shape and food reward in two gerbils	53 – Age, Growth, and Maturity of the Little Skate, Leucoraja erinacea, from the Western Gulf of Maine, USA Angela Cicia (Biology) Morphological, biochemical, and histological determinants of age and size of sexual maturity	
4:10-4:30	55 – Mongolian Gerbil Response to Olfactory Cues Elizabeth Jefferson (Psychobiology)	56 – Impacts of Caffeine on College Students Meghan Walsh, Alison Leopard, Katie Linscott (Psychology) A study of college performance	
4:35-4:55	58 – Effects of Temperature on Aggression in Beta Fish ( <i>Betta splendens</i> ) Nia Chadbourne (Psychobiology) An examination of the effect of water temperature	59 – Omega-3 and Omega-6 Essential Fatty Acid Intake and Depression Donna Bass, Elise Brisson (Psychology) A correlational study	
5:00-5:20	61 – Vocal and Physical Communication in Two Captive Green Tree Frogs ( <i>Hyla cinerea</i> ) Amanda Noble (Psychobiology)	62 – Communication of a Nation Megan McBurnie, Sean McGlew (Psychology) Replacing word-of-mouth with word-of-type	
5:25-5:45	64 – The Effects of Diet Enrichment on Maze- challenged Mice Michelle Villemaire, Tanya Collan (Psychobiology) Examination of performance in maze navigation	65 – Genetic Basis for Eusocial Behavior Niquita Parker (Psychology) The influence of genetics vs. social environment on eusocial behavior	



#### 88 – Effects of Stress, College Work, and Complexity of Young Adult Identity Development on Anxiety and Depression in College Students

Carolyn Ciulla, Dustin Shchildroth (Psychology)

### 91 – Is There Still Discrimination in Today's Society?

Tanya Chabot (Psychology) An observational study

#### 94 – A Happiness Survey

Kristy Boyd, Katrina Higgins (Psychology)
The influence of gender and an assessment of factors correlated with increased and decreased happiness

#### 97 - Spending Behavior of College Students

Shawn Danner, Amanda Nowicki (Psychology) A survey of credit card use

#### 100 - Self-reflection of College Students

Kayla Boyd (Psychology) A survey study

#### 103 – The Psychology of Sexual Orientation: A Literature Review of the Origins of Sexuality

Jennifer Brown, Becky Cole (Psychology) The learning model and sexual orientation

#### 106 – The Psychology of Sexual Orientation: A Literature Review of the Evolutionary Theories of Homosexuality

Cody Goolsby, Abby Elliott (Psychology)
A review of the literature

# 109 – The Importance of Partner Knowledge in Dating Relationships

Gunther Loiko (Psychology)

#### 89 - Life Satisfaction and a Study of Choice of Major

Elizabeth Jefferson, Erik Rame, Jen Manzone (Psychology) Examination of life satisfaction and changing one's major

#### 92 – Quality of Friendships Among Residential College Students at the University of New England

Fallon Kobes, Jennifer Brown (Psychology) A survey of students to look for correlation between quality of friendships, gender, and year in college

# 95 – Correlation Between Tobacco and Drug Use Among UNE College Students

Katie Morin, Danielle Evans (Psychology)

#### 98 – Participation in, Awareness of, Knowledge of, and Approval of UNE Athletics by UNE Students

Isaac Stickney, Lauren Rogers (Psychology) A survey study

# 101 – Influence of Sex and Year on Applying to College at the University of New England

Alyssa Bogacki, Jordan Cyr, Rachel Olinger, Elizabeth Zavagnin (Psychology) A survey study

## 104 – The Psychology of Sexual Orientation: A Literature Review of Reparative Therapy

Amanda Toussaint, Nia Chadbourne (Psychology) Reparative therapy as a "treatment" for homosexuality

#### 107 – The Psychology of Sexual Orientation: A Literature Review of Transgender Issues

Teagan Brown, Danielle Evans, Megan Cadigan (Psychology)

# 110 – Levels of Satisfaction and Commitment in Proximal and Long-Distance Relationships

Emily Leslie, Sarah Morrell, Jeff Cole (Psychology) Does absence make the heart grow fonder or does out-of-sight, out-of-mind apply to long-distance relationships?

#### 90 – Likelihood of Engaging in Helping Behaviors based upon Choice of Major and Influence of Siblings

Danielle Wood, Melissa Davio (Psychology)

The influence of major and siblings on pro-social behavior

### 93 – Influence of Gender on Sports Participation and Motivation

Erica Johnson, Alexandra Wagner (Psychology) A survey of student satisfaction with UNE sports

### 96 – College Undergraduate Student Involvement in Activities

Vai Shinde, Natalie Lorge (Psychology) A campus survey regarding attendance at and satisfaction