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## University Digs Out After Snow Stops All Classwork



February 21, 1952 • The Maine Campus  
"Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night" can stay a University of Maine student intent upon reaching an early morning class. Don McNeil was one of several who resorted to the polished slats after Monday's blizzard discouraged other forms of travel.



January 17, 1963 • The Maine Campus  
During Christmas Vacation members of the ski team built a new, 25 meter jump for training purposes. Smaller than the old structure it is 115 feet long and 40 feet high. The jump's outrun slopes uphill so that the jumper can easily stop and ski back to the base.



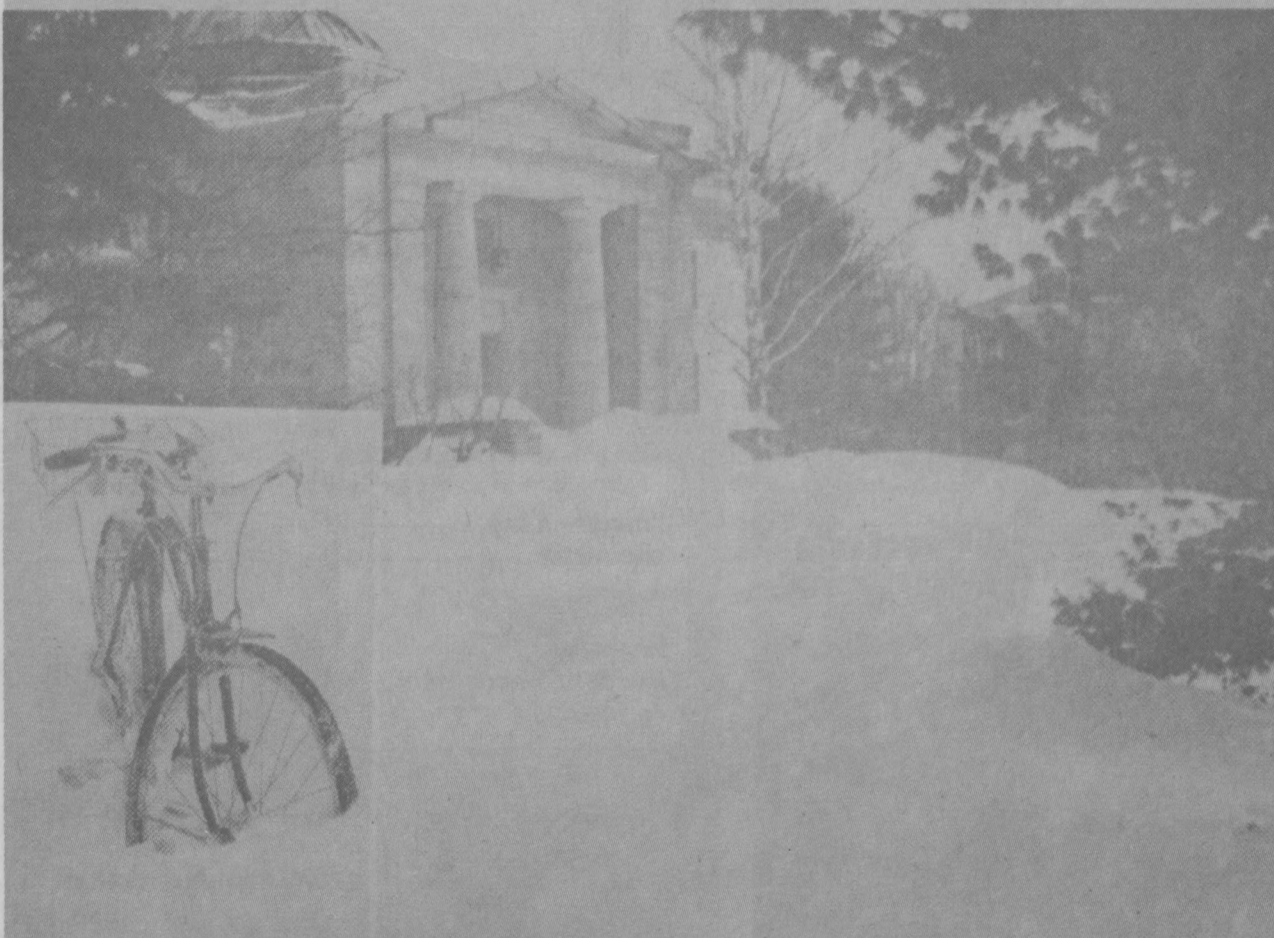
February 21, 1963 • The Maine Campus  
The walls came tumbling down.



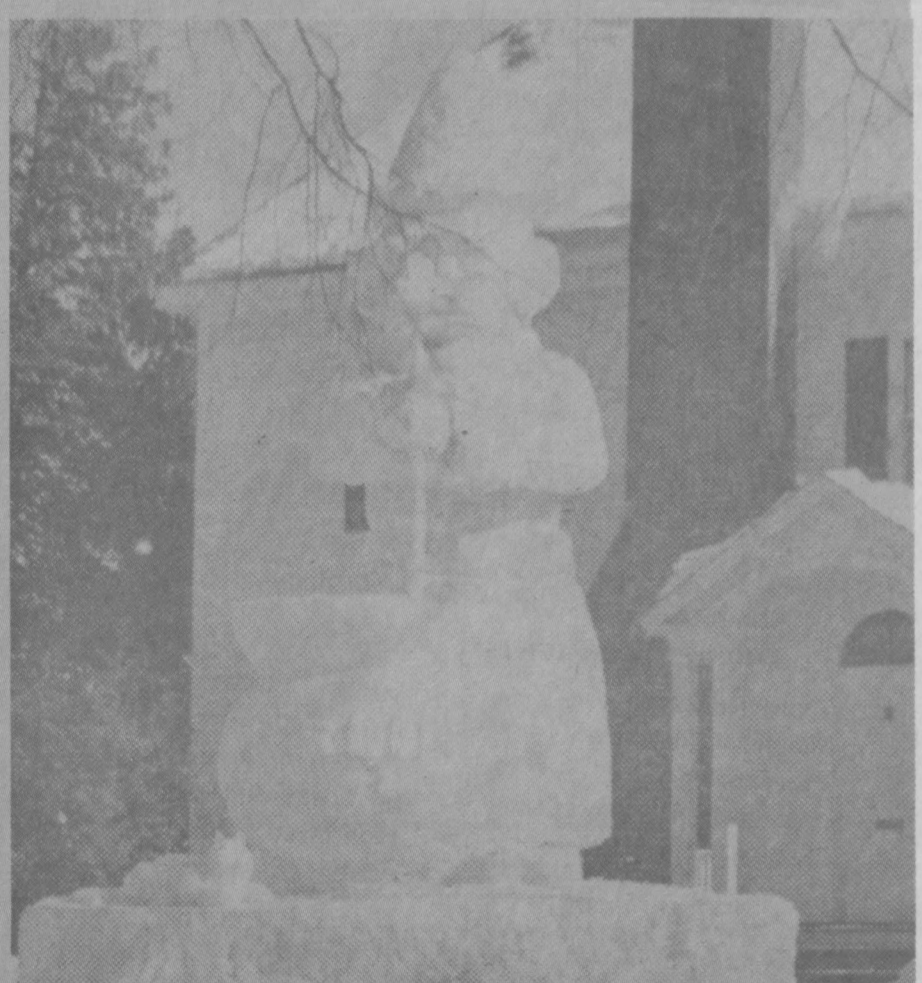
February 28, 1957 • The Maine Campus  
DORMITORY WINNER — Winning first place in the men's dormitory division of the Winter Carnival Snow Sculpture Contest last weekend was Corbett Hall's "Ski Trails."



February 21, 1963 • The Maine Campus  
The high walls of a snow castle guard the entrance to Cumberland Hall as part of the Winter Carnival.



February 28, 1963 The Maine Campus  
Once upon a time there used to be a path through here. That was before the end of the Pleistocene, though, and before the fifth advance of the glaciers.



February 21, 1963 • The Maine Campus  
Magical Merlin brews medieval snowstorm.

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March 5, 1959 • The Maine Campus

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Nas applause, modern cinema and the bunny butcher blitz



Sports - B6  
Men's hockey reignites rivalry with UNH on Friday

# Showmanship ... or a hop too far?

Student's class presentation takes unexpected turn when knife is unsheathed

By Beth Kevit  
Asst. News Editor

After nearly becoming lunch for one University of Maine student, a rabbit has found a home with another.

Dane Bolding, a fourth-year English student, intended to slaughter the rabbit as his final presentation for the Camden International Film Festival course. His final assignment was to develop a presentation in the spirit of a documentary, but a film was not a requirement. Bolding said his intention was to share an aspect of his personal culture: the importance of knowing the origins of his dinner.

"I get anything as fresh as I can get it as often as I can," Bolding said in an e-mail. "I was going to show them a skill and a tradition that is little practiced or seen communally."

The students who were Bolding's assumed audience, however, objected to his unusual final project. After returning to Barrows Hall from a lunch break in Tuesday's presentations, the students saw Bolding setting up a tarp on the table and saw a rabbit in a box. One student said she left the room as soon as she realized what he was going to do.

The student, who asked to remain anonymous, said the idea was "mind-blowing."

"It was a weird event, definitely," she said. "Initially, I heard he was going to make a documentary about how he kills rabbits and eats them and uses their hides."

Bolding did not view his presentation with a scandalized mindset with which it was received. He warned students his presentation could turn some stomachs and invited squeamish spectators to leave. According to the Bangor Daily News ("UM students horrified by bunny butchering stunt," Dec. 7, 2010), Mike Scott, a new media professor, instructed Bolding to stop.

He complied without complaint. "I didn't know where the lines are. I don't think most students do," he said. "No student would be able to recite the university codes on ethics."

The UMaine Student Handbook does contain a clause titled "Humane Care of Animals." The passage addresses "the use of live vertebrate animals for research, teaching or testing."

The handbook stipulates that any use of

vertebrates in instruction first be approved by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, that the "research or teaching purposes be conducted in a human, compassionate manner" and that "there must be reasonable expectation that such usage will contribute to the advancement of knowledge which may eventually benefit humankind and/or animals."

Initial uproar over the incident seems to have dissipated; however, Bolding said he will meet with Kenda Scheele, UMaine's senior associate dean for students, today to discuss his actions. While his presentation was not approved by the IACUC, Bolding said he approached it expecting to have a positive effect on his classmates by displaying an aspect of life that has been pushed into the shadows.

"There is no doubt in my mind that this has become personal and I'm the target," Bolding wrote.

"I'm an omnivore and an honest human being toward others and myself," he continued, explaining how his planned actions did not violate his own personal ethics.

Bolding said he now understands that the main objection of his

Jamie Wren, a third-year anthropology student, said he sees the merit behind Bolding's presentation but understands the university's objections.

"I think it was an irresponsible thing to do, but there's nothing wrong with butchering and knowing where his food comes from," Wren said. "He should have filmed himself butchering the rabbit. There's nothing wrong with butchering. Where do you think most of our food comes from?"

Wren is a student research assistant in the anthropology department. He said his job entails the processing of "animal remains to extract their skeletal material, but they come to me already deceased. I certainly wouldn't slaughter an animal and immediately process it."

Although his research subjects come pre-slaughtered, Wren found himself curious about the process and sought out a friend who could show him the process first-hand. Similar to Bolding, Wren cited a background with close ties to the land and mentioned family members who butcher their own meat. He found himself on a farm early one morning prepared to observe the process for slaughtering pigs and was unexpectedly surprised by the experience.

"I wasn't quite prepared for how empathetic I was going to be with the pigs, but that's part of the reason why I went," Wren said.

Despite his personal experience with butchering, Wren maintains that the project was out of place in a Barrows Hall classroom.

"This is a university, one of the top research institutions in the region," said Wren.

"There should be no reason we're butchering animals in class."

Some students objected more vehemently to Bolding's presentation.

After Scott barred Bolding from butchering the rabbit, the BDN reports, some female students bought the rabbit and have adopted it as a pet.

The rabbit, a chocolate-colored Havana, now lives in the apartment of Erin Dostie. She said the whole apartment has adopted it for now, but they are trying to find it a permanent home. The rabbit currently goes by the name "Luna Lovegood," but Dostie and her roommates are still searching for the perfect name, saying they want to get to know the critter before they name it.

Christopher Crosby contributed to this report.

*"The average American has wiped their hands and souls clean of the ugly truth about our nature and history, rather than admitting to it and working through the difficult discourses this reality presents to our consciences."*

Dane Bolding  
Fourth-year English student

He said he would not try something like this again, but he contends that preparing one's own food in this way is natural and should not be viewed as extreme.

He taught himself how to butcher animals "with no instruction," he wrote.

"It just seems clear to me," he wrote. "I mean, if [cavemen] could figure it out ..."

"The average American has wiped their hands and souls clean of the ugly truth about our nature and history, rather than admitting to it and working through the difficult discourses this reality presents to our consciences," Bolding wrote.

# Word of Mouth

Which final are you most stressed about?

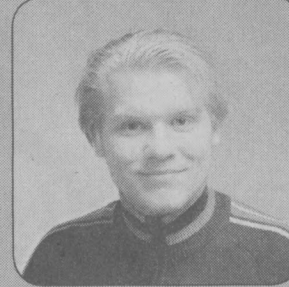


Math.

Zach Sawyer  
First-year  
Mechanical Engineering  
Technology

Between Honors and astronomy, probably AST 109.

Morgan Kinney  
First-year  
Psychology

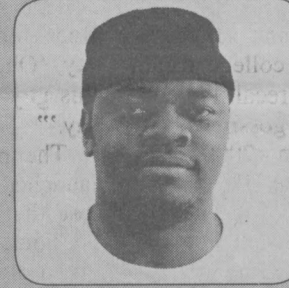


Submitting my digital art portfolio.

Payden Maddocks-Wilur  
Third-year  
Studio Art

Evolutionary psychology!

Megan Gagnon  
Second-year  
Psychology



Take home finals.

Duncan Kaonga  
Fourth-year  
Resource and Agribusiness  
Management

Calculus.

Kelly Covey  
First-year  
chemistry



Anthropology.

Alfonza Brooks  
Second-year  
Child Development and  
Family Relations

I'm gonna say chemistry.

Emily Kelsey  
First-year  
Civil and Environmental  
Engineering

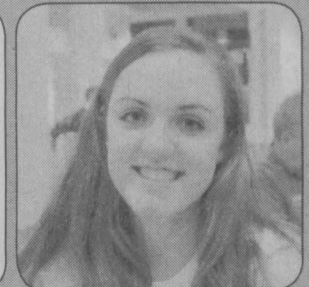


My finals aren't that bad.

Omar Jacobs  
Fourth-year  
Computer Science

Probably my chemistry final.

Kathryn Lavery  
Second-year  
Nursing



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## \$3K spent on bikes in high places

By Michael Shepherd  
Editor in Chief

Since September, approximately 30 bikes have been rescued from perilous perches on campus, costing University of Maine Facilities Management approximately \$3,000 in removal fees.

Though the concentration of incidents was highest toward the end of November, similar occurrences have happened intermittently throughout the semester.

According to Sgt. Bob Norman of the UMaine Police Department, "a cluster" of bikes in high places plagued Facilities Management during the weekends of Nov. 20 and 27.

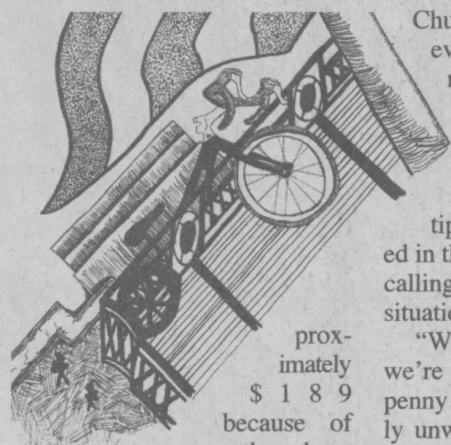
One weekend, miscreants hung "three or four" bikes off of Fogler Library's wrought-iron balcony facing the mall. Just after that, another was spotted on an Oak Hall awning.

The weekend before, a tree near Gannett Hall was targeted, among other places.

Associate Executive Director of Facilities Management Jeremy Chubbuck said the library exploit was exceptionally daring, though he has no idea how it happened.

"Your guess is as good as mine. I'm guessing they climb the side of the building to get up there. Of course, nobody knows," he said.

The average off-hour call-back, Chubbuck said, costs ap-



proximately \$189 because of a three-hour minimum paid for on-call workers from the UMaine Grounds Shop. Assignments during regular business hours cost substantially less, he said.

The Oak Hall incident happened the same night and was discovered just after the Fogler misdeed.

"You can't leave that, so that's a whole other \$189 I have to pay," he said. "The university just incurred almost 400 bucks out of somebody's foolishness. That's getting to be real money."

When calls to retrieve bikes come in, he said, two workers are usually called in because of the risky nature of retrieving bikes from high places. In the Gannett Hall incident, the height of the velocipede demanded a private roofing contractor be hired to bring in a mobile crane.

"I don't even know how the hell they got [the bike] up there,"

Chubbuck said. "We didn't even have a ladder that reached that high."

He said there were only two or three such incidents total last year and said he believes multiple people have participated in the recent rash of mischief, calling it a potential copycat situation.

"With these budget times, we're watching every single penny very closely. This is totally unwanted vandalism that we just plain can't afford," Chubbuck said. "Let's find something that's fun to do — just make sure I don't have to pay for it."

Chubbuck said Facilities Management is working closely with UMPD, who are currently investigating the string of crimes as criminal mischief.

"Unfortunately, we have no idea about how many people are involved in that, or exactly the motive behind it," Norman said. "We have increased patrols in the area — random patrols — and I will say we have some extra eyes and ears out."

Norman said assessing restitution for crimes that cost the university is a common practice for UMPD in instances when damage can be assigned to an apprehended person.

He also said UMPD is asking for help from the UMaine community in solving the case. If you have any tips, call UMPD at 581-4040.

giving the group more money for hotel accommodation would break precedent, paving the way for other groups to demand more funding.

Sen. Alex Ortiz agreed, saying the group had "pigeonholed" itself into paying the non-refundable registration fees for Model U.N. and then coming before the senate to ask for more money. "It is the first resolution of the night," Ortiz said. "There are other people in this room that we cut down their hotel rates. Nothing is going to stop anyone else from expecting the exact same treatment."

Sen. Peter Christopher, who proposed the amendment to al-

locate additional funds, spoke against the logic of setting a precedent for all groups seeking funds.

"I remember when it was \$150 [for hotel room funding] and it slowly went down. It's not like we don't have unallocated money — it's an astronomical amount right now. Because this group is put into this position, we can't say they can't go," Christopher said.

\$3,561 was allocated to Student Government employees Amy Grant (\$1,000), Susan Poll (\$1,000) and Susan D'Angelo (\$600) as holiday bonuses. The additional \$961 covers taxes on these bonuses.

## Hazing prevention agenda formed

UMaine experts' research contributes to nationwide plan

By Matthew Soucy  
Staff Reporter

Hazing has become a glaring part of college culture, impacting the lives of many students long after the incidents have occurred.

To address this issue, two University of Maine professors have created a framework for hazing prevention research.

Mary Madden, associate research professor in the College of Education and Human Development, and Elizabeth Allan, an associate professor in the College of Education and Human Development, released the National Agenda for Hazing Prevention in Education in November.

"In brief, it's a call to action," Allan said. "We want to get the word out that this is a problem."

The National Agenda for Hazing Prevention is designed to curb the problem in educational settings and work areas. Both professors hope the agenda can be a catalyst for campuses and organizations to share the information on hazing to create a unified, preventative effort.

The agenda lists four objectives. First, hazing must be considered a priority health and safety issue. Secondly, the agenda hopes to further research about hazing and its prevention. Third, this research should increase available evidence about hazing prevention. Finally, the agenda aims to build hazing-free environments on campus.

"This is an issue that I have a long-term interest in, having worked with college students over the years," Allan said. "Dr. Madden and I got together on it because basically, there had been no national studies that examined the issue of hazing among college students."

The pair began studying hazing in 2008 to create a baseline for future research.

"If we want to make a differ-

ence ... then we have to be able to have a better sense of the extent and nature of the problem," Allan said.

More than 11,000 undergraduate student responses to a survey conducted by Allan and Madden were compiled from 53 universities and colleges nationwide.

Madden and Allan also visited 300 students and staff from 18 universities to observe hazing trends on their respective campuses.

The study found most students do not report incidents to campus officials and 90 percent of students who experience hazing do not consider themselves victims. The results added that students recognize hazing as part of campus culture.

"There needs to be more widespread understanding among students and the public in general about what actually constitutes hazing and why," Allan said. "I think that will go a long way to helping at least bring out the discussions that need to happen. The more we are able to discuss the issue, the more we can understand it and we can move toward prevention."

The study also revealed that 47 percent of students admit to being hazed before arriving at a college or university.

"I think it involves some reframing of things that people have often called traditions, rituals, bonding," Allan said. "Those words are often used to justify things. That doesn't mean that every tradition is hazing at all, though."

After the findings of the study were released in 2008, the two professors were asked numerous times, "What can be done? Now what?"

"The natural next step was to say, 'What can the research do to help inform effective prevention of hazing?'" she said.

This led to the National Hazing Symposium held at UMaine in October 2009.

The conference brought to-

gether 54 individuals including researchers, teachers, administrators and community members who shared the goal of establishing the next steps in hazing prevention.

"A lot of the discussion was focused on 'What do we know so far?' and 'Where do we need to go for prevention? What are our next steps?'" Madden said. "That information was used as a basis for our agenda."

Following the symposium, the two professors combined their research with opinions presented in the meeting to create the agenda. While the research and agenda are complete, Madden and Allan are dedicated to continuing work to prevent hazing.

"Professional associations and groups like colleges, universities who are working around or involved in hazing prevention, or who are not yet involved but want to be, can use this framework and the four goals that we present as guide posts," Allan said. "If we are going to jump in with prevention, we also have to keep in mind that it should be evaluated and that is one of our objectives with this."

Allan added that the pair wants to help support organizations when evaluating what does and does not work and they want to make information on hazing readily available so that everyone has the same resources.

"We are working with a group of practitioners across the country and [we are] trying to look at how do you begin on your campus to bring attention to the issue and to look at what is or isn't being done and what needs to be done," Madden said.

While the work the two professors conducted provides a solid starting point for hazing prevention, both said it is up to others to step up and to make the agenda work.

"It's going to take a lot of collaboration," Madden said.

GSS  
from A3

donations. Without the extra funding from Student Government, the group would not have been able to attend the meeting.

Group representative Ben Fox justified the request by arguing that increased interest in the organization is a reflection of the growing everyday importance of international affairs. "I think the number of people we have going, and the breadth of majors, is a testament to the interest on campus," Fox said. Goodman objected, saying that

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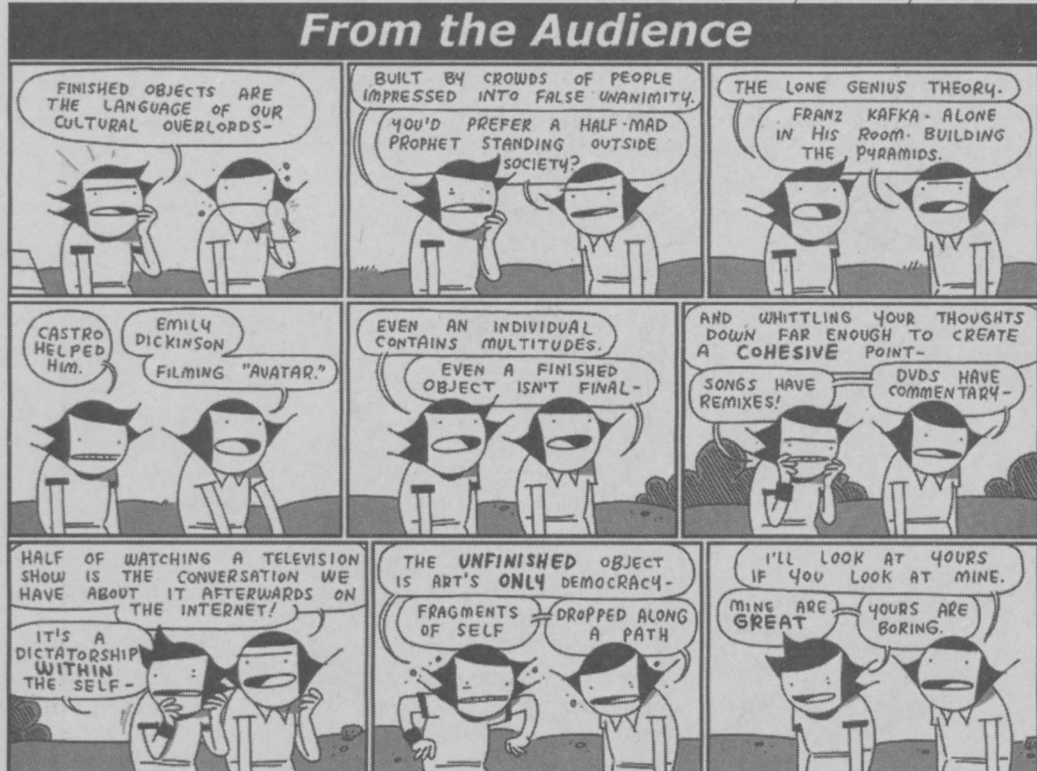


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# Diversions

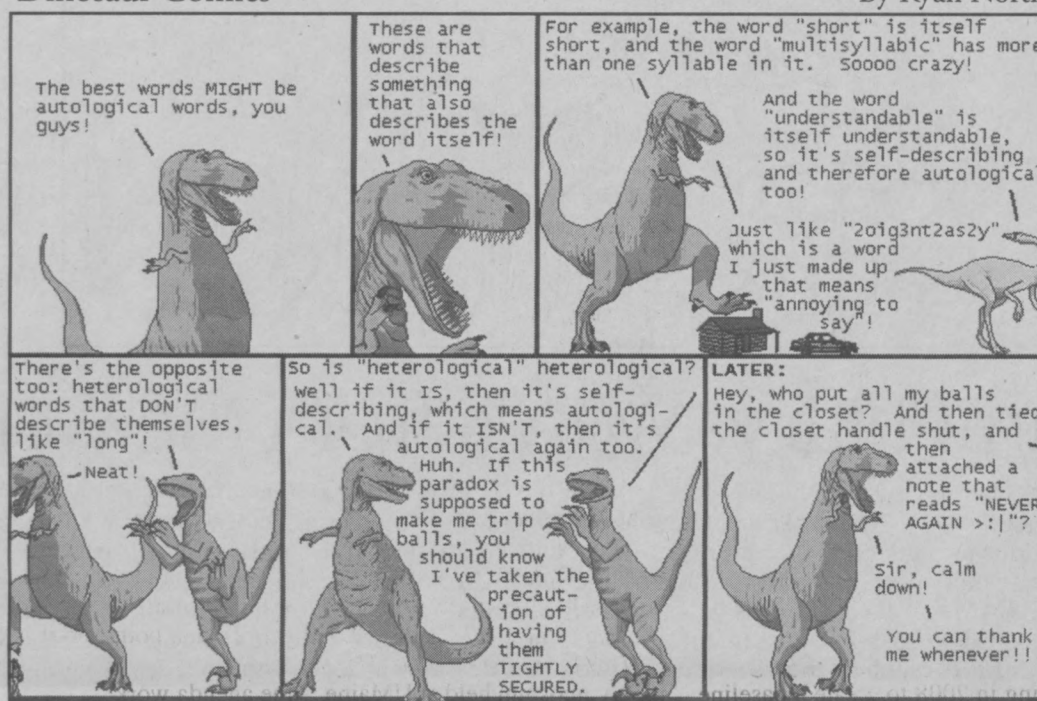
Cat and Girl

By Dorothy Gambrell

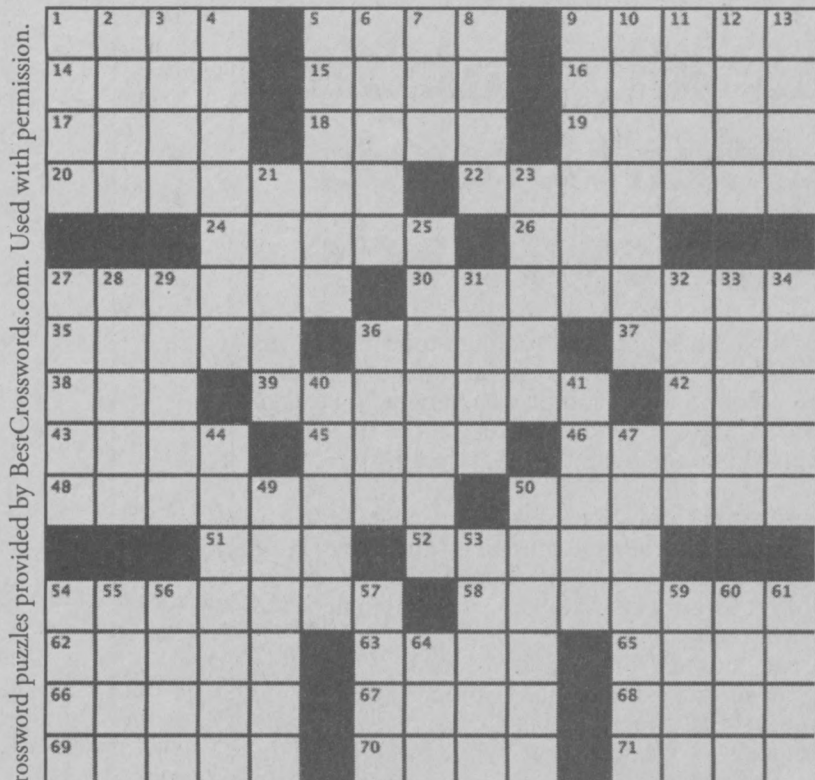


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



## Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

### Across

- 1- Aromatic plant
- 5- On \_\_\_ with
- 9- Baked dough
- 14- Golfer Aoki
- 15- Portend
- 16- Release
- 17- Spahn teammate
- 18- Agog
- 19- Like Cheerios
- 20- Salt sulfurous acid
- 22- Thrust forward
- 24- Inactive
- 26- "\_\_\_ Ventura" was played by Jim Carrey
- 27- Foursome
- 30- Temerity
- 35- Metal fastener
- 36- Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"
- 37- Matron
- 38- Boxer Laila
- 39- Soon
- 42- Free
- 43- Tirade
- 45- Shout in derision
- 46- Starbucks order
- 48- Rousing
- 50- Uproar
- 51- Dusk, to Donne
- 52- Brewer's need
- 54- Bullfighter
- 58- Declares positively
- 62- Digression
- 63- 3:00
- 65- Castle ring
- 66- Inscribed pillar
- 67- \_\_\_ sow, so shall...
- 68- Free from contamination
- 69- Seraglio
- 70- Double
- 71- Dry run

### Down

- 1- Sibilate
- 2- Biblical birthright seller
- 3- Complain
- 4- Big blaze
- 5- Lessened
- 6- Strength
- 7- Summer drink
- 8- Fix up
- 9- Blemish
- 10- Hindmost part
- 11- Famous last words
- 12- Elderly, matured
- 13- Completed
- 21- Floored
- 23- Circular water container
- 25- Group of three plays
- 27- Autocratic Russian rulers
- 28- Acclaim
- 29- Singer Lopez
- 31- Bunches
- 32- 71% is under water
- 33- Strike hard
- 34- Passover feast
- 40- Thick-skinned charger
- 41- Glaze
- 44- Foot lever
- 47- Try
- 49- Make amends
- 50- Soft subuded color
- 53- Gut course
- 54- Potato-preparation
- 55- Dog star
- 56- A wedding cake may have three of these
- 57- Interpret
- 59- Libertine
- 60- Sailors
- 61- Editor's mark
- 64- Sun Devils' sch.

## Sudoku Puzzle

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• Each row must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

• Each column must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

• Each 3x3 box must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

## Word Search

### Christmas

- ANGEL
- BELLS
- BETHLEHEM
- CANDLES
- CANDY CANE
- CAROLS
- DECORATIONS
- EGGNOG
- FAMILY
- FRANKINCENSE
- FRIENDS
- FRUITCAKE
- GABRIEL
- GIFTS
- GOLD
- GREETING
- CARDS
- HOLLY
- ICICLES
- JESUS
- JOSEPH
- LIGHTS
- MANGER
- MARY
- MISTLETOE
- MYRRH
- ORNAMENTS
- POINSETTIA
- SANTA
- SHEPHERDS
- SKATES
- SLEIGH
- SNOWFLAKES
- SNOWMAN
- STABLE
- STAR
- STOCKING
- THREE WISE
- MEN
- TOBOGGAN
- TOYS
- TREE
- WREATH

E N A C Y D N A C H T A E R W S S  
 T H I S S N O I T A R O C E D H Y  
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 A S S O L L E R A F C T M E M O O  
 M N E T L N B N B N W A S Y A W S  
 I I M T S O G A B A N O R E R M E  
 L O E E J E O L T R G R N D Y A P  
 Y P N Y L L O H O S H L Y S S N H

Find and circle all of the Christmas words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a secret message.

Word search courtesy of puzzles.ca

**Aries - March 21 to April 20** - Money can be made if you are willing to take a chance. Help elders with their concerns. You may be able to get some good advice about your personal problems.

**Taurus - April 21 to May 21** - Real estate investments could be to your advantage. Do your job and don't ask for favors.

**Gemini - May 22 to June 21** - Your ability to charm others will put you in the limelight at social functions. You can make a difference if you're willing to stand up and be counted. Changes to your self-image will be to your benefit as long as you don't overpay.

**Cancer - June 22 to July 22** - You need to make changes that will raise your self-esteem, such as a new hairstyle. Some situations may be out of proportion. You'll find it easy to talk about your feelings today. Don't hesitate to find out what your mate's intentions are.

**Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22** - You may want to take a look at your direction in life. Put your energy into your work. Money can be made if you are willing to take a chance.

**Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23** - Secret affairs could cause upset. Don't use emotional blackmail on someone you love. You can expect changes at your workplace.

**Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23** - You need to fulfill your needs and present your talents. Don't make any drastic changes or begin new projects today. You may want to take a serious look at your goals and objectives.

**Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22** - They won't pay you back and you'll be upset. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture. Travel should open doors that lead to exciting new adventures.

**Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21** - Be very careful while in transit or while traveling in foreign countries. Unexpected events may upset your routine. Refrain from overspending on entertainment or luxury items.

**Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20** - Set the ball in motion and be relentless until you complete the project. Try to get others to stand behind your good judgment. Groups and organizations that indulge in social events to raise money will be conducive to meeting new and exciting lovers.

**Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19** - There could be disappointment regarding investments. Find out all you can. Secret enemies may lead you astray. Try to keep a low profile.

**Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20** - Your lack of interest in your partner is a problem. Do not sign your life away. Clear up domestic chores that have remained undone for some time.

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## Horoscopes

# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### 'Wascally wabbit' incident breeds insane spectacle

Senior English student Dane Bolding stood before his Camden International Film Festival course on Saturday with a box, a knife and an assignment in need of completing. But what came from Bolding's out-of-the-box methods proved a bit too much for students and University of Maine faculty to stomach.

A rabbit, purchased from a local farmer specifically to kill and eat, was to be put to death and primed for the dinner table by Bolding before an audience of 60 students and one professor to exemplify the ugliness of human nature often depicted in documentary filmmaking.

Having already trained himself in the task of skinning and preparing an animal for ingestion, Bolding was ready to showcase his survivalist chops, but his dose of reality — with a side of rabbit stew — was cut short by the hysterics of the crowd.

Much of the class simply left when Bolding warned them his stunt was not for the squeamish. When his intentions became clear with the big reveal of the bunny in the box, the remaining witnesses urged him to discontinue, a request Bolding abided by.

Thus, nothing happened. The rabbit lives with another group of students after classmates pooled \$10 together to buy it from Bolding and the hungry, would-be rabid rabbit butcher used the benefits of the sale to fix himself a vegetarian stew. Happy endings for all, except the administration, still-hopped up about the hare happening, refuses to let Bolding bounce without a bruise.

As it is, the reactions from those in attendance and not are grossly overblown, with professors and President Robert Kennedy voicing their discontent to other news outlets as though Bolding held everyone hostage and made them watch as he took to a drove of baby bunnies with a machete.

Blood wasn't spilled and the logic behind the plan, although off-kilter, wasn't entirely unfounded. Bolding has even confirmed he won't try anything of the sort again, so why not put the hype to rest and leave him to practice his skill out in the wild, or at least in the privacy of his own home, where he now knows it belongs?

Hunting is not a crime, neither is being an omnivore, carnivore, vegetarian, vegan or any other type of hungry. Perhaps a film class wasn't the best environment to impart the fine art of filleting onto those who weren't expecting it, but isn't that the bitch of reality? How utterly unplanned it is.

The parameters of the incident are simple — Bolding warned about the grotesque nature of his "piece" and was perfectly willing to halt his actions when he was asked to.

Further punishing Bolding, in addition to the scathing rebuttal he has already received for his perceived dirty deed, is nothing less than overkill and strips him of the slight integrity he was able to regain in his willingness to compromise.

This is by no means an endorsement for skinning rabbits or any other animal in the Union or English class, but rather a petition to save a student from a paring, as was afforded Luna Lovegood (the rabbit) on her Saturday of reckoning.

We ask the administration to do as Bolding did and let the situation sit and stew. It's already cooked itself enough.

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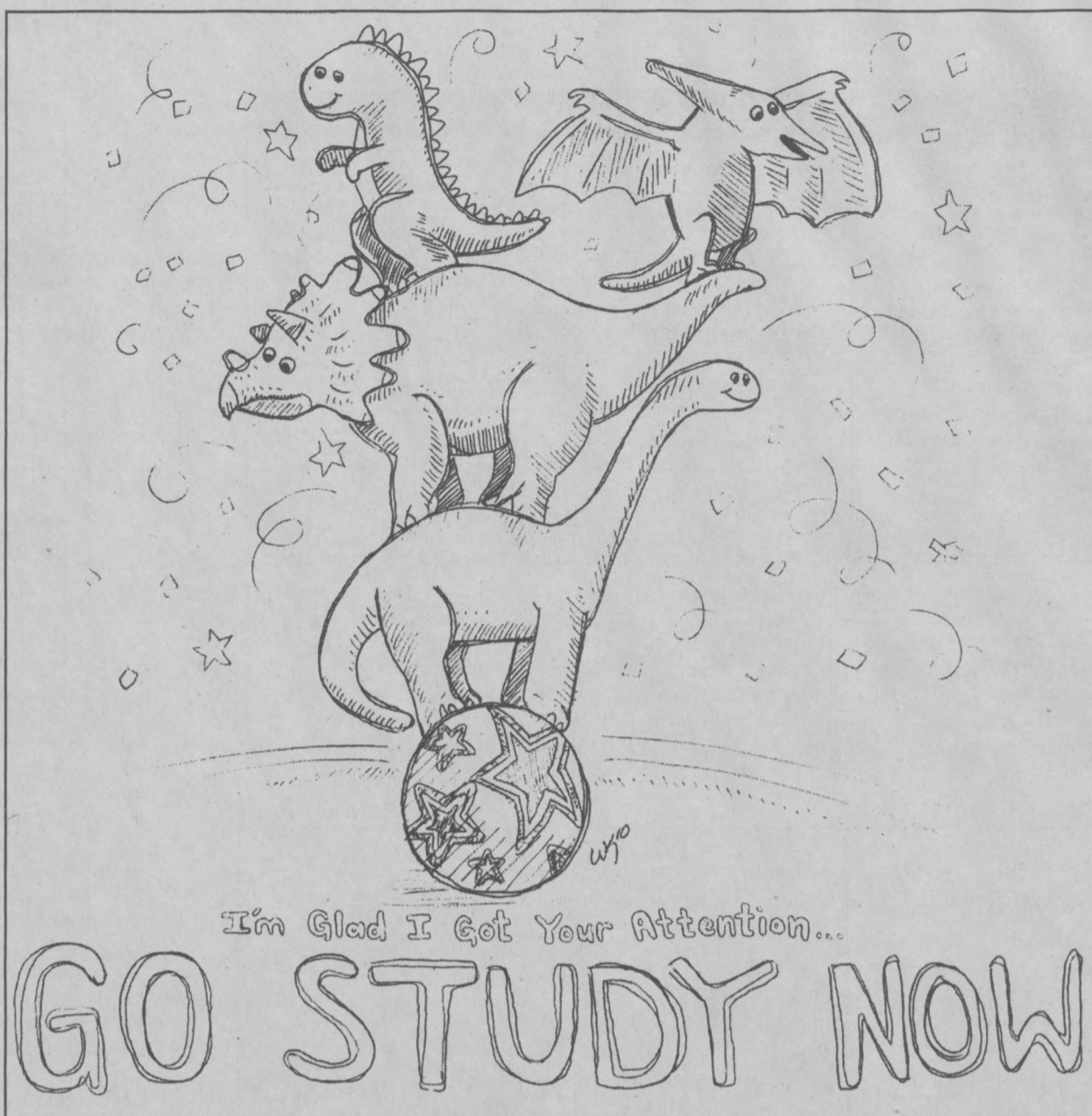
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## Cyber commentary: Words from the web

### Last chance to table DREAM Act

President Obama is reaching out to fence-sitting Republican senators and trying to earn their vote on the DREAM Act (The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act). A new report from the National Journal says that members of the President's cabinet are targeting Sens. Collins and Snowe from Maine, Sen. LeMieux of Florida, and Sen. Hutchison of Texas. How these politicians vote will be carefully scrutinized when this issue comes to the table this week. Call the Capitol Switchboard now and urge these senators and your members of Congress to oppose the DREAM Act Amnesty.

Those Americans opposed to the DREAM should take a minute to bombard their three representatives in Washington and stop this financial insanity. Children of citizens and legal residents can no longer get a decent seasonal job and 15 million Americans are laboring for lower wages or seeking jobs that are almost nonexistent. Yet the extremist liberals want to extend an open hand to students of illegal aliens and ignore this deep recession our country is in.

No matter what Sen. Harry Reid and his administration say, there will be a cost with the passage of the DREAM Act. There has always been a direct cost for enactment of any Amnesty, such as the 1986 Immigration and Reform Control Act and the six Amnesties that followed. The DREAM Act will be no different, whether disclosed or not, to the general public. Incidentally any illegal alien can be recruited for the armed services, in times of war. This is yet another lie passed on to us by the lame duck government that students cannot join the military in time of war.

If you feel differently, I still have that Brooklyn Bridge to sell you: Be honest—have you known our government to tell us the truth? Billions of dollars are spent annually catering to the invasion of people not welcomed into this nation. Rewarding yet another immigration policy will only be a very large magnet to foreign workers and their families.

The annexation of illegal nationals will never end without the American people demanding a stop to this immigration travesty and throwing the

outlaws in Congress out who applaud this free movement of people. Just look around our nation over the past 30 years of horrendous infrastructure deterioration and unmanageable influx of at least a million legal immigrants a year. Border state schools are overcrowded with illegal alien children, exhausted medical staff in emergency rooms and our growing taxing of the people to pay for anybody who slips through our border or flies in on a one-way ticket.

Francis  
Responding to "GSS: Vote 'yes' on DREAM"

### Absentee voter plea, short and sweet

People who work two jobs in a place like Bangor, and live 40 minutes outside of Bangor, had no other option than to vote absentee. For the record: I voted for you, Mr. Cutler.

Kate Kevit  
Response to "Cutler: Absentee process flawed"

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Email it to

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## The Maine Campus is hiring 2 political columnists for the spring 2011 semester!

Please send your résumé and three samples of political writing to Madelyn Kearns and Michael Shepherd on FirstClass.

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# Seen... outside the union

My earrings are from Marshall's, I always get my stuff there. My necklace, Forever 21.

This [shirt] I got at Charlotte Russe. Belt I got at Forever 21, and I got my headset at Forever 21 too.

This skirt I got at TJ Maxx.

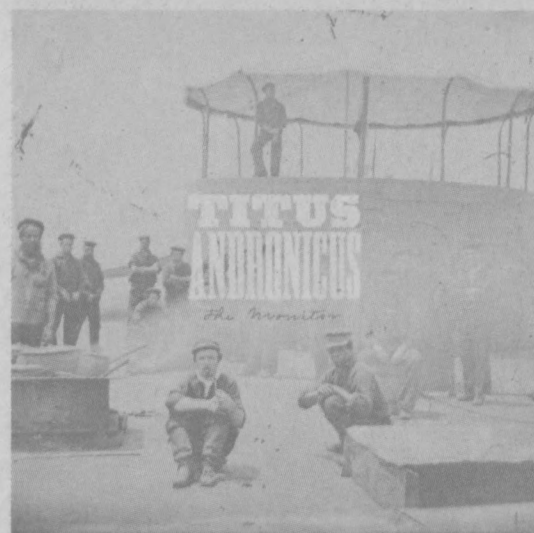
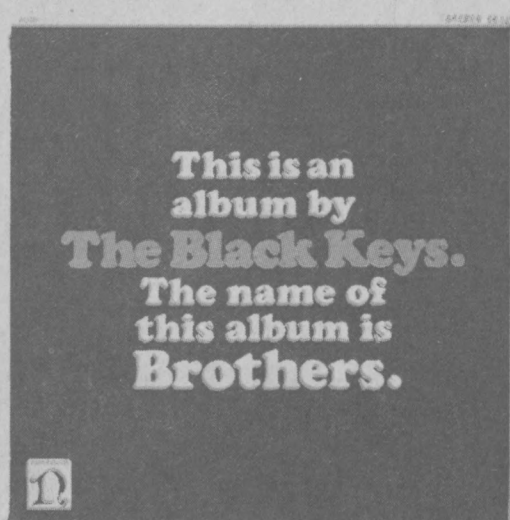
I really like things that are old fashioned I think. As you can see, I just like things that stand out. I really like wearing a lot of black and white things.

## Acatia Melligan

My shoes I got actually at Marshalls. They were on sale. These are leggings and I picked these up, I think it was Target actually.

# peace on earth

The Maine Campus would like to wish students, community members and faculty a happy holiday season as we move into finals week. We will be taking a break from publication until mid-January. Until then, check us out at [mainecampus.com](http://mainecampus.com) or follow @themainecampus on Twitter for updates that can't be resolved until 2011.



## 1. Kanye West - My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy

With "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy," Kanye West has achieved the impossible. Not only is the album as grandiose as his own bloated ego, it presents West in the most surprising of terms — as a sympathetic character. Even he admits it gets hard to stick by a guy as publicly obnoxious as he is just for some catchy songs about gold diggers. "Fantasy" is not the same ol' Kanye, though — he screws around cheekily with new ideas better than anybody else creating an emotional hip-hop masterpiece. Most rappers are quick to talk about themselves, but few actually look in the mirror and break down their personas like Kanye.

## 2. The Black Keys - Brothers

It's only natural for diehard fans of The Black Keys to miss the days when it was just Dan and Pat making a whole lot of noise. "Brothers" is such a complete departure from their earlier albums such as "Thickfreakness" and "Magic Potion" that it had the potential to be a total disaster — even with "Attack & Release" to help smooth the transition. Luckily, the album showcases feats of songwriting, arrangement and production that even the band's biggest fans didn't know the duo was capable of. Dan's voice goes places it's never dared to venture while the sprawling complexity of songs such as "Too Afraid To Love You" are evidence it was time for these guys to move out of the garage.

## 3. Titus Andronicus - The Monitor

Though it was commonplace in the '90s, nowadays it's hard to make music about self-loathing and deep depression without being branded with the dirty word "emo." On their second full-length, Titus Andronicus continue to carry the torch for the angst-ridden and bummed out, without ever crumbling to over-sensitivity. "The Monitor" sets self-deprecation against the backdrop of the Civil War. Amid excessive booze, cigarettes, punk rock and a little bit of Springsteen, frontman Patrick Stickles declares the album's most telling line, "You ain't never been no virgin kid, you were f--ed from the start." Badass.

## 4. Deerhunter - Halcyon Digest

There are always going to be bands that can do the same thing better than the rest. Deerhunter would be entirely forgettable if they weren't so good. If the reverb-drenched sound of well-orchestrated and ethereal indie music is your cup of tea, "Halcyon Digest" is a steaming pot full of it. The appeal lies in the album's calming sonic beauty, but there's enough grit and emotion so you don't get lost in the space they create. With a few nods to the mainstream and few to the oddballs, Deerhunter struck gold on this one.

# The Top 25 Albums of 2010

During the first year of the new decade, many artists took the time to re-invent themselves. When the risks paid off, fans were left with some masterpieces. On the other hand, some veterans are too talented to go wrong. The Maine Campus music staff has compiled their favorites.



## 5. MGMT - Congratulations

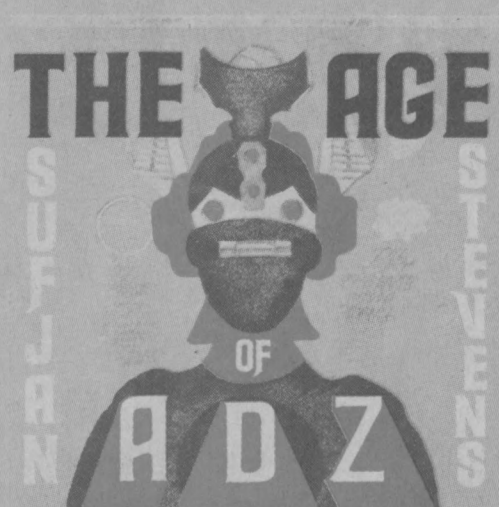
MGMT saw surprising amounts of success with singles "Time To Pretend" and "Kids" from their 2007 debut album, but decided to abandon their poppy sound to pursue more progressive and psychedelic interests. Owing more to Pink Floyd and 1960s surf rock than indie pop, "Congratulations" was a risky album straying from the winning formula of their previous success, but with a big reward. Though a challenging listen the first time or two through, highlights like the reverb-heavy "It's Working" and the 12-minute "Siberian Breaks" reward a patient listener quite handsomely.



## 6. LCD Soundsystem - This Is Happening

"This is Happening" is a dance album that trades typical rave romps for hypnotic jet-setter cool. Trance hits are all about hitting the club for beats that drastically rise and fall while glow sticks flail. LCD Soundsystem prefer chugging along in unkempt suits and lies in an urban loft, carrying out a synth line or back beat beyond its expected conclusion. In short, "This is Happening" is more David Byrne than Paul Oakenfold. That isn't to say it won't get you moving — LCD are out for fun. Just check out witty lead single "Drunk Girls" and move those feet, party people.

**7. Sufjan Stevens - Age of Adz**  
Schizophrenic, electronic, religious, apocalyptic, psychedelic, orchestral, artistic — that is "The Age of Adz" in a nutshell. Stevens renounced the indie pop of his previous efforts and instead ventured into lands inhabited by spacey synthesizers and more experimentation than a genetics laboratory. Stevens crams more ideas and ambitions into individual songs than most artists do into entire discographies, particularly in the TV sitcom-length album closer, "Impossible Soul." All of this craziness somehow manages to take the form of a very involved but lovely 75 minutes of something really different — and really good.



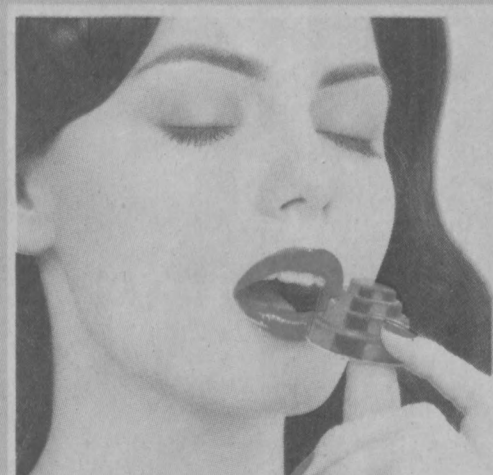
## 8. The White Stripes - Under Great White Northern Lights

Jack White is a busy man. He's at the helm of Third Man Records, behind the drums in The Dead Weather, chilling with Conan O'Brien, and oh yeah, supposedly playing guitar with both The Raconteurs and The White Stripes. While the cheerful duo seems to have taken the back burner since 2007, the hiatus has been a little easier to bear thanks to this White Stripes live album / documentary combo. The exhilaration of hearing Jack and Meg play live is a trip, but the real story is the accompanying film, which offers an almost uncomfortably intimate look at the mystifying band.



## 9. Spoon - Transference

The last three minutes of "I Saw the Light" should be enough to convince anyone this album belongs on this list. Spoon are such masters of songcraft, it has almost become ironic. The fact they can use some sparse instrumentation and vague lyrics to turn a song as ridiculous sounding as "The Mystery Zone" into a rollicking, existentialist quandary speaks volumes to what Spoon is all about. Always pushing the artistic limits of songwriting with their disjointed, simplistic approach, this band can do no wrong.

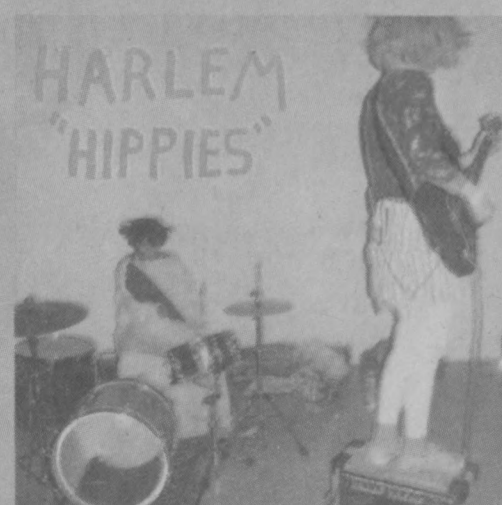


## 10. Devo - Something for Everybody

Yes, Devo is more than their 1980 mega-hit "Whip It." They've released seven top-100 albums since 1978, including "Something For Everybody," which holds its own against the works of their prime and anything else put out this year. Devo's punchy brand of new wave makes you want to dance as much as it makes you want to rock out. Although at times they're trying too hard to be hip and modern — referencing the "Don't tase me, bro" internet meme in the catchy and infectious "Don't Shoot (I'm a Man)" — Devo make an impressively strong showing with their first album in 20 years.

**11. Beach House - Teen Dream**  
On "Teen Dream," Baltimore-based Beach House perfect their brand of dreamy, ethereal pop. Their debut for Sub Pop is 10 soft-spoken, heartfelt odes to some unnamed other. Legrand once again forces listeners to understand her emotions by using this invisible approach. The ambiguity of the subject gives the songs a universal quality, a sense that's particularly reassuring in the closing lines, "I'll take care of you, that's true." If you can't cry right on Legrand's shoulder then at least you can mope around with "Teen Dream" coming out your speakers.

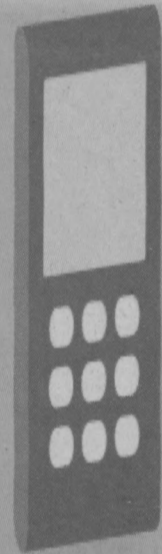
**12. Harlem - Hippies**  
Austin, Texas' drug-addled threesome Harlem brought perhaps the best pure garage rock album of the year with their second full-length "Hippies." Harlem take pages out of rock legends Pixies' playbook, using both punk edge and pop sensibility to write songs that range from hilarious to endearing, and spiteful to anguished. Their sound is familiar, but just different enough to seem fresh. Plus, it's way too fun for you to care anyway. With most of their songs in the two- to-three minute range, they're long enough to suck you in and short enough to kick you to the curb without so much as a chance of getting bored.



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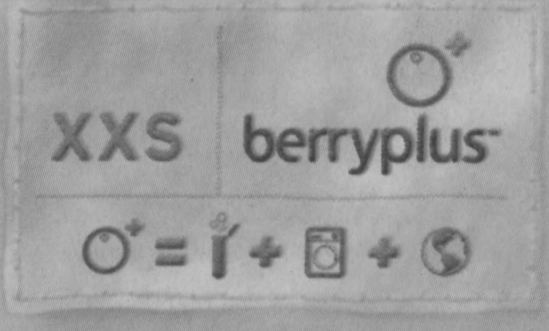
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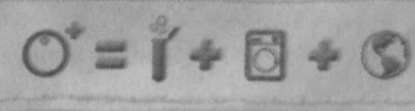
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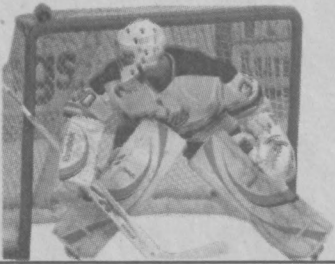
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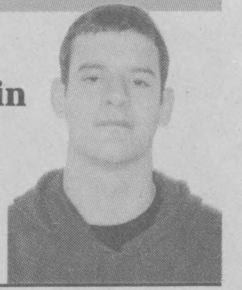
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"I know these guys want to win and are willing to put the effort in ... It's very contagious."  
UMaine men's hockey freshman goalie Dan Sullivan

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**Yankees, Jeter in uncomfortable situation after contract talks**

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## Weekend hockey kicks off finals

Conference rivals Wildcats and UMass invade Alfond Arena for separate games



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Senior center Tanner House and the Black Bears look to defeat rival University of New Hampshire Wildcats this Friday at Alfond Arena.

By Jesse Scardina  
Sports Editor

After rebounding against Providence College, the University of Maine men's hockey team has two opponents to worry about before they can take care of their finals — they face archrival University of New Hampshire Friday and the University of Massachusetts Sunday.

The Black Bears sit firmly in the top 10 for the seventh straight week, at sixth overall. The Wildcats come in as the third-ranked squad in the country, losing just once in their last 14 contests. UNH posts an overall record of 9-2-4 and 7-1-2 in Hockey East, while the Black

Bears come in at 7-3-4 and 5-2-2 in HEC play. Junior forward Spencer Abbott continues to lead the Black Bears on the offensive end, tallying 21 points, good for 14th in the country. The Wildcats counter that with a potent offense of their

own — senior forwards Paul Thompson and Mike Sislo entering the weekend with 23 and 22 points respectively, good for sixth and eighth nationally. The third linemate, senior forward Phil DeSimone isn't far behind, with 20 points on the season. The Black Bears, whose offense was stifled in a weekend



UMaine vs. UNH  
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Alfond Arena



UNH  
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## Men's basketball lose big to Delaware State

Black Bears rebound in Mass., to host Norfolk State University in "The Pit"

By Charlie Merritt  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's basketball team couldn't contain young Delaware State guards as they suffered their fourth straight loss on Monday night, falling to the Hornets 75-56. Maine falls to 2-5 on the season as Delaware State improves to 4-3.

Senior forward Sean McNally made his presence felt to start the game. Two minutes into the action, he got the snowed-in crowd at Alfond Arena on their feet with back-to-back highlight blocks, giving the Black Bears some much needed emotion.

Two trips later down the court, the big man hit a deep three from the top of the key, causing Delaware State coach Greg Jackson to burn an early time-out.

Unfortunately for the Black

Bears, Delaware State and their freshman guards dominated the rest of the game. The Hornets led by one point at the end of the first half and outscored Maine 46-28 in the second half.

Freshman forward Casey Walker poured in 20 second-half points with five three-pointers. Leading scorer, freshman guard Desi Washington, added 10 second-half points of his own. The second-half outburst was due to some coaching adjustments by Jackson.

"We made some adjustments to the offense. We needed some penetration because their big people couldn't stay in front of our guards," Jackson said. "We spread them out a little bit, and later towards the second half our shooters got some open shots."

UMaine showed life in the second half during what turned into a mad scramble for the Black Bears to claw their way

See Basketball on B5



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## When figuring Werth, age the key factor

Column

On Sunday, free agent right fielder and former Philadelphia Phillie Phanatic Jayson Werth signed a seven-year, \$126 million contract with the Washington Nationals — good for a four-way tie at 16th on the list of the most lucrative sports contracts of all time in any sport.

Werth, a 32-year-old with a .272 career batting average, will be paid an average of \$18



By Michael Shepherd

million a season with more total money on one contract than sports legends Shaquille O'Neal, Albert Pujols, Tim Lincecum, Ken Griffey Jr. or Brett Favre have ever gotten.

And no, you can't blame the inflation rate. This deal makes the Obama administration look fiscally conservative. It's fitting that they will be playing ball in the same neighborhood.

Werth had a breakout year this season, hitting .296 with 27 home runs and 85 RBIs. More importantly, he had a .388 on-

base percentage and was fifth in the National League in runs created, a category revered by

**Werth, who most likely is already past his prime, received one of the largest contracts in sports history — until the next player signs.**

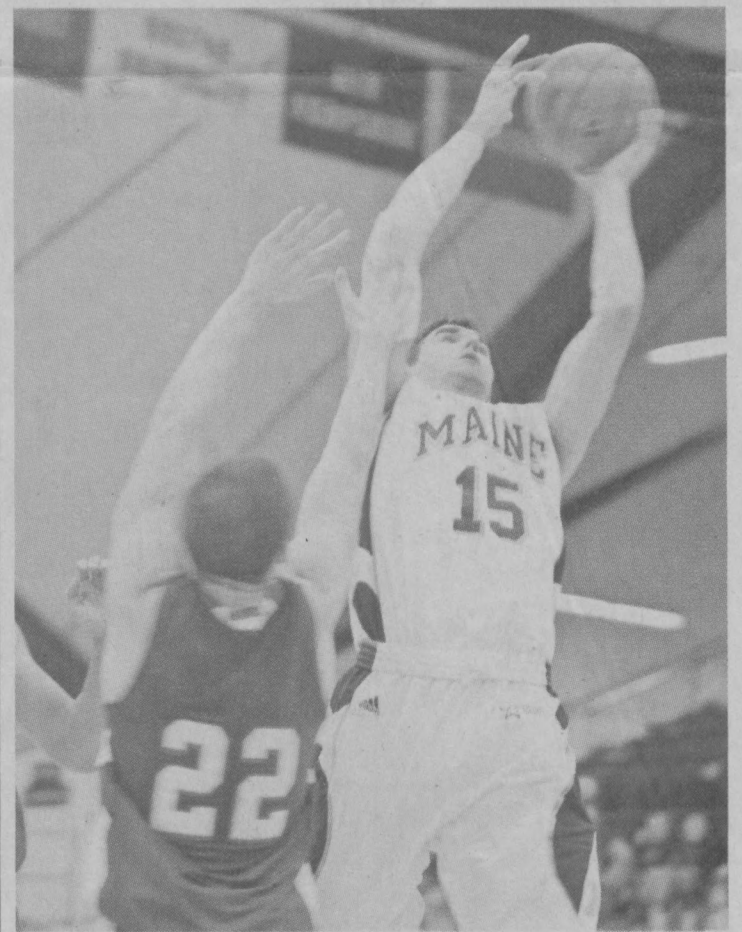
stat heads such as myself. To find it, you multiply OBP by slugging percentage by at bats, which removes RBIs from the equation — which is good, because RBIs are a largely worthless statistic, measuring hits unequally for a batter who is rewarded simply for hitting in

an advantageous position gained only by the work of others.

While Werth created 120 of his team's runs this season by himself, Aubrey Huff, the World Champion San Francisco Giants first baseman, created 114 runs and recently re-signed for a two-year, \$22 million contract. He's older at 33, but a valuable short-term pick-up that won't lock San Fran up. The statistics that matter most are the ones general managers overlook.

The Nationals now will be

See Werth on B5



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Senior forward Troy Barnies leads the Black Bears in rebounds with over seven per game.

## UMaine field hockey star Newton an All-American

Black Bear broke school record for points during junior season

By Jesse Scardina  
Sports Editor

The University of Maine field hockey team had quite a successful season, making the conference tournament before falling to top-seeded University of New Hampshire.

"At the start of each of my three seasons at Maine, it has been a goal of ours to earn a spot in the America East tournament," junior forward Kelly Newton said. "However, this year was different, as we had many returners all having years of experience in this league along with a great incoming class to fill in our lineup. Our goal this year was to host and win our league tournament, a goal that was cut short with a loss in the semifinals to UNH."

Although the team fell short of their overall goal, it was not because of Newton, who tied the school record for points in a season — with 45 — and broke the school



Jay Preston • Staff Photographer  
Junior forward Kelly Newton had a record-breaking season en route to an All-American nomination.

record for career points — with 106 — in her junior season. It was with these numbers, and the great regular season the Black Bears played, that made Newton an All-American for the first time.

"It's definitely a great honor to be recognized as an All-American," Newton said. "I give credit to my teammates, my linemates, along with the coaches for giving me the opportunity to play here and help me develop as a player."

Newton was named to both the Longstreth / National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division I Third Team, as well as the womensfieldhockey.com All-American Third Team. Newton also gained All-America East Conference First Team recognition, as well as being named America East Offensive Player of the Year.

Even after the accolades, Newton appeared humble, redirecting the reasons for her awards as her teammates.

"The most important factor that contributed to my success was, without a doubt, my teammates," Newton said. "The amount of skill that I found myself surrounded by

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