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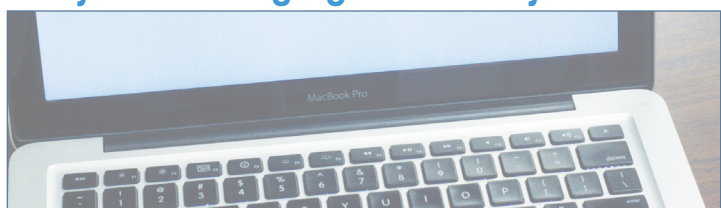
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Trustees mull tying funding, performance

Graduation, retention rates may affect departments' financing system-wide

By Chris Chase
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine System board of trustees has decided to search for consulting services to pursue a performance-based funding model for the University

of Maine System. The move, determined at the trustees' Jan. 23 meeting, is still in the conceptual stages. It aims to link funding to the performance of either academic departments or individual campuses systemwide. For instance, instead of basing

funding on the needs of individual departments and campuses, based on their size and scope, a performance-based funding model would link certain funding criteria to graduation and retention rates throughout the system.

Applications for the consultant position are not due until late February, and the review process won't start until the end of the month. Currently, university officials have only ideas of what a

future performance-based budget could look like.

"We're in the process of putting out a request for qualifications for performance-based budgets," said Peggy Markson, spokeswoman for the University of Maine System.

The selected consulting service will have until June 29 to make any reports, and the system will make its decisions after reviewing those reports.

"It's way too early to figure out what it's going to be," said Michelle Hood, chair of the board of trustees. "We're thinking about having individual campuses methodize around their strategic goals."

Naomi Jacobs, chair of the University of Maine's Department of English, sees problems with trying to form a performance-based funding model targeting individual departments.

"If the definition emphasizes external research dollars and research publications, the arts and humanities at UMaine will be at a disadvantage on both counts," she said. "We certainly have many active scholars and artists but there are many fewer grant opportunities in the arts and humanities than in the [Science, Technology, Engineering and Math] disci-

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Mark Boucher, an electrical and computer engineering student, speaks with a representative from an engineering firm at the annual career fair held Wednesday at the New Balance Student Recreation Center.

UMaine alum one of Forbes' '30 Under 30'

By Claire Carter
Copy Editor

A University of Maine graduate has been named as one of the country's most promising young scientists, according to Forbes magazine's "30 Under 30."

The magazine's project highlights 30 individuals under the age of 30 making a difference in 12 different fields, including science, technology, food and wine, music, and media.

Ryan Tewhey of Gorham made the cut at age 29 for his work "using DNA sequencing to figure out what makes the MRSA super-germ so very deadly and hard to kill," according to the list.

"It's a nice honor and a really impressive list of people to be included with," Tewhey wrote in an email.

Tewhey graduated from UMaine in 2005 with degrees in both molecular and cellular biology and biochemistry. He is currently a graduate student at the University of California San Diego working toward his Ph.D. in biology. He conducts research in a lab at the Scripps Translational Science Institute, located at the Scripps Research Institute in California.

Tewhey said he has always been "science minded" and was able to gain valuable experience in Orono as an undergraduate.

"Once I got to UMaine those interests [in sciences] became cemented with the exposure to research and some really great lab classes," he wrote. "I couldn't have asked for a better school to

attend. UMaine is in a great location, and I made a lot of great friends."

After graduation, Tewhey spent two years at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, which he said was a "great experience and helped me decide if pursuing a career in science was really for me."

Tewhey then traveled to California for graduate school, where he has been researching MRSA, a drug-resistant strain of Staphylococcus aureus — a common cause of staph infections — and sequencing the genomes of pathogens collected from San Diego county hospitals.

He said about one-third of the U.S. population harmlessly carries S. aureus, which "likes to live in your nose."

"MRSA also has genes that tend to make it more virulent than normal S. aureus, [and] as a result not only is it harder to kill, it is also more likely to cause an infection," Tewhey wrote.

Tewhey's work is focused on community-acquired MRSA, which is passed around by perfectly healthy people in places like a gym or locker room, as opposed to hospital-acquired MRSA, which may have gained resistance by developing in a clinical setting and has transmission patterns linked to health care facilities.

"What we have noticed is that strains we are specifically looking at may be evolving to become less virulent over time," Tewhey said of CA-MRSA.

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Career fair success story for some

By Anne Chase
For The Maine Campus

Taking time out between classes on Wednesday, students arrived at the University of Maine's New Balance Student Recreation Center for the annual UMaine Career Fair, dressed professionally and equipped with resumes.

There were 89 companies present at the event, sponsored by the Career Center.

Three employers were forced to cancel because of weather conditions, but additions to the fair included Bangor Savings Bank and the Metso Corporation. Patty Counihan, director of the Career Center, said this year's career fair was larger than last year's.

"I was afraid students would be discouraged," Counihan said, referring to an article in the Jan. 30 issue of The Maine Campus about the lack of in-state employment opportunities for the graduating class of 2012. "There are a lot of opportunities here."

For some students at least, Counihan's fear of discouragement was realized. Christopher Goodwin, a fourth-year chemistry and mathematics student, didn't have good luck with the first business he approached.

"I walked up and said, 'Oh, I'm a chemist,' and they said that they didn't have any positions," Goodwin said. "They were looking for a biochemist. The only real difference is the title."

Goodwin had specific compa-

nies in mind when he arrived at the fair. His second stop was the booth for IDEXX Laboratories, a company that manufactures medicine for animals.

Goodwin walked up, gave his major and asked if there was a place for him. Jamie Cavanaugh, the representative for IDEXX, confirmed that there was always a place for chemists, suggesting Goodwin go to their website to research open positions.

"Check and see if anything strikes your fancy," Cavanaugh said.

"That went much, much, much better," Goodwin said, smiling as he walked away. "It actually went well."

While it's not his ideal choice, Goodwin has also considered

working for the military. His hang-up is the possible manufacturing of weapon, which he is opposed to.

"I know a lot of people who have applied to the military to be scientists," Goodwin said.

Other students were more decided in their approach. Nicole Slevinsky, a fifth-year marketing and management student, has an interview scheduled with Sherwin-Williams, America's largest paint producer, next week.

"I'm here trying to get my name in again. I'm trying to be persistent," Slevinsky said. "If you're persistent, there's no reason to worry."

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DEP: Smaller Juniper Ridge expansion benefits public

State agency tempers landfill's request to triple capacity, approves restricted growth pending approved application

By Michael Shepherd
Editor in Chief

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has said the public would benefit from an expansion at an Old Town landfill, but not one nearly as large as it applied for, stipulating periodic audits of certain waste entering the landfill.

In a Tuesday public benefit determination, MDEP said a 9.35 million-cubic-yard expansion in waste capacity at the state-owned, Casella Waste Systems-operated Juniper Ridge Landfill "would be in the public's benefit because it meets the state's long-term disposal capacity needs and is consistent with Maine's

waste management plan."

The expansion isn't final. Casella may now submit a technical application to the department to license the expansion. If that's submitted, there will be a public hearing and public comment submission period before a decision is made.

The department's decision comes after Juniper Ridge applied last year to expand by more than 21 million cubic yards, which they said would have "provided long-term state-wide disposal capacity for the next 20 to 25 years that is not presently available elsewhere in the state."

A 2010 state report said Juniper Ridge has a licensed capacity that will

last them until 2016 or 2017. In the statement, MDEP said the expansion would "provide statewide disposal capacity for between eight to 11 years" past 2017, "which given uncertainties of future waste generation rates, the department felt was more appropriate than the 21.9-million cubic yard expansion the applicant had proposed."

The department's proposed maximum would nearly double the landfill's current capacity of 10.3 million cubic yards, roughly half of which Casella has filled, according to George MacDonald, director of community assistance for the Maine State Planning Office.

MDEP's decision leaves a Casella

representative decrying regulatory slowness, while the area's most active landfill opponent has mixed feelings.

Don Meagher, Casella's manager of planning and development, said Casella has been working to expand the landfill since 2005 without getting to the official permitting process. He said when Casella signed the contract in 2004 to operate the landfill, it was assumed they would be allowed to expand to the size they needed within 30 years.

"The contract was a statement of what the state wanted in 2003 and 2004," he said. "And what we're talking about now is something very different. This does not get us to the end of the 30-year

term." Furthermore, he said permitting the expansion will likely take from four to seven years, and Casella hasn't readied the next technical application — the next step in the process.

"So really what will have to happen is this expansion application will have to be followed by another," Meagher said. "And how soon that will have to be will depend on how long this process takes."

Paul Schroeder, an Orono resident and longtime landfill opponent, said the decision seems to be a "piecemeal approach" to expanding the landfill incre-

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Romney likely to win Maine, says College Republican chair

By Jamison Cocklin
State Editor

A slew of high-profile GOP endorsements in recent weeks and a sound victory in the Florida primary have many Maine College Republicans guessing presidential candidate Mitt Romney will likely be the party's victor in upcoming state caucuses.

Though many of the state's college Republican groups have made no formal endorsements, some individuals — along with prominent Maine Republicans — are predicting a win for Romney on Feb. 11, a date when the nonbinding results of Maine's caucuses are announced and the first step is taken in awarding the state's 24 delegates.

Caucus-goers will head to their respective voting precincts beginning Feb. 4 for a week of deliberation on who stands the best chance of beating President Barack Obama in the 2012 general election.

Though Maine's caucuses generate little fanfare in comparison to other battleground states like Iowa or New Hampshire, voting overlaps with other contests in Nevada, Colorado and Minnesota, all of which create an opportunity for the Romney campaign to jump ahead and gain a quick edge as it presses on toward greater nominating challenges in the coming months.

Romney, who won Maine's 2008 caucuses, may also find Rep. Ron Paul of Texas standing between himself and the state's 24 delegates, according to Tyler LeClair, president of the Maine College Republicans.

"I think that Ron Paul definitely has a strong following with the youth of this nation and he has considerable support here in Maine," LeClair said. "But at the same time, others are firmly supporting Mitt Romney.

"It's going to be a pretty solid win for Romney in Maine," he added. "I'm thinking we'll see something similar to what just happened in Florida, but with



Michael Shepherd • Editor in Chief
Eric Lichtenberg, chairman of the University of Maine College Republican chapter (left), meets Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul (second from right) at a Bangor campaign event in January. Lichtenberg's wife, Angela, and UMaine student Jake Dubois are also shown.

"Whoever te nominee happens to be is who we're going to get behind... It's about unity."

Tyler LeClair
President, Maine College Republicans

things switched around and Paul in second place with 20 or 30 percent of the vote."

On Jan. 31, Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, handily defeated runner-up Newt Gingrich by 14 percentage points in the Florida primary, winning the state's 50 delegates.

Former Pennsylvania U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum nipped Romney by 34 votes to win the Iowa caucus, while former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich won South Carolina in resounding fashion over Romney.

Now, Romney is leading the way, having won 65 of 97 delegates awarded in the first four state races, in Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Florida. Paul, the only candidate who hasn't won a caucus or primary, finished a distant fourth in Florida, a state he barely campaigned in.

Thus far, Paul has been the only presidential candidate to visit Maine. While other candidates stumped in Florida, he made a two-day trek across Maine that started on Jan. 27, where his 31

events from Bangor to Alfred drew throngs of enthusiastic supporters.

"I'm staying neutral, but it's going to come down to Romney and Paul. There's no doubt," Maine Republican Party Chairman Charles Webster said of the Maine race. "Santorum and Gingrich just don't have any presence in the state and I've been hearing Romney and Paul's names come up consistently."

Webster, who attended Paul's Bangor event, said there is a tremendous amount of support among Maine's younger demographic for the candidate, something he says could lead to either an upset or at least a strong finish.

"The young people here are really attracted to Paul," he said. "I'm not sure why, but they are."

The Texas congressman's best showing to date came in the New Hampshire primary, where he took second place with 23 percent of the vote, finishing behind Romney, who won with 39 percent.

Robert Flores, co-chairman of the Bowdoin College Repub-

licans, said his group will make no endorsement, a decision reinforced by an organizational policy barring any vote not reached unanimously.

Still, he put things into perspective by saying, "I kind of see the state going along the lines of the New Hampshire vote."

Flores was unwilling to provide specifics on the group's recent meetings, but he said many discussions have been similar to "hotly contested debates," a trend being witnessed by other college Republican leaders across the state.

"It has certainly been an interesting and entertaining race. We have a lot of people split in our group right now. Everyone has their guy," said Eric Lichtenberg, chairman of the University of Maine College Republicans. "So rather than make an endorsement, it's better to watch the candidates slug it out and then rally behind the party's nominee."

However divided Maine's College Republicans may be — or whatever the level of infighting among the candidates, party stalwarts and Republican voters alike — this primary season has been characterized by a strong desire to defeat Obama.

The candidate best suited to pose such a challenge and win the White House is a tough question, according to Lichtenberg.

"It really all comes down to the campaign. Each candidate has their own strengths and weaknesses," he said. "This year is very similar to 2004 when Bush was beatable, but if you remember, Kerry ran a terrible campaign. If the Republican party mismanages this, it might not go our way."

In any event, many of Maine's student Republican groups have vowed to doggedly campaign for whoever the party nominates.

"Typically, we don't make endorsements for these kinds of contests, and I share this sentiment," LeClair said. "Whoever the nominee happens to be is who we're going to get behind and volunteer for. It's about unity."

GSS approves two new appointments

By Brittany Toth
Local Editor

The University of Maine's General Student Senate elected a new Executive Budgetary Committee member and a new Legal Services Liaison at its Tuesday meeting.

Sen. Paige Eggleston was named Legal Services liaison, replacing Alex Price, currently working as an intern in U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe's office in Washington, D.C. Price served as the liaison for the fall and spring semesters in 2011.

Eggleston will serve as the senate's go-between with Corenna Howard, an attorney retained by University of Maine Student Government as an undergraduate student legal aid.

Any undergraduate may consult Howard for free advice on issues including drugs and alcohol, studying abroad, and landlord or tenant issues.

"My goals include serving as a competent representative of UMSG, Inc., taking diligent notes during my meetings with our lawyer, and ensuring that all parties (namely, our lawyer and the senate) are all on the same page," Eggleston wrote in an email.

Eggleston will also record frequency of legal services use by undergraduate students and report her findings to the senate. She said her interest in the position stemmed from her goal to attend law school after she graduates in 2013.

"I work well with others, effectively communicate and

listen, take good notes and am quite organized," Eggleston wrote.

In other senate news, Sen. Aaron Ortiz was elected a new member of the Executive Budgetary Committee (EBC). Ortiz was running against Sen. Jennifer Ferguson and Sen. Chris Protzmann.

The EBC prepares the annual budget and all other budget matters for the submission to senate. It can appropriate funds up to \$1,000 to student organizations without requiring an approval by senate.

"As a new member to EBC I hope to get immediately involved in the budgetary process and be able to make responsible decisions to allow us the ability to give money out responsibly and effectively," Ortiz wrote in an email.

Ortiz said he does not believe the EBC has any major problems. He said many different student organizations ask for money each week, which makes it difficult to decide where money should go.

"What I hope to bring to the committee," Ortiz wrote, "is a new opinion to try and be responsible in where the money is going and follow up on how it is used."

"I was pleased to see the caliber of candidates we had for the respective positions," Caleb Rosser, student body vice president, wrote in an email. "I am confident that Paige and Aaron will be great additions."

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File photo by Michael Shepherd • Editor in Chief
Old Town resident Ralph Coffman addresses a panel of state officials to voice opposition to Juniper Ridge Landfill's requested expansion at a public benefit determination meeting in October 2011.

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mentally. But he praised MDEP Commissioner Patricia Aho for her focus on limiting out-of-state waste showing up in Old Town.

"It seems like they are going to get serious about putting the lid on these importations," he said. "Clearly, the commissioner got the message that something is going on here that isn't in the benefit of the state."

In the determination, Aho recommends Casella and the State Planning Office amend Casella's operating services agreement signed in 2004 to "address the significant quantity of [construction and demolition debris] being imported into Maine."

The document briefly targets KTI Bio-Fuels, a Lewiston subsidiary of Casella, known to import waste subsequently transferred to Juniper Ridge.

A 2010 annual report from KTI said only 8 percent of waste processed at the facility that year originated in Maine, while 85 percent came from Massachusetts. From KTI, useless materials and wood residues are shipped to Juniper Ridge, according to Rep. Bob Duchesne, D-Hudson.

In the decision, Aho finds

"some of the [construction and demolition debris] delivered to KTI has little to no processing value, and therefore is usually disposed in a landfill, usually Juniper Ridge Landfill." A spreadsheet appended to the determination says more than 95 percent of state CDD is deposited in Maine landfills, and Juniper Ridge takes nearly 50 percent of it.

The expansion was approved with the condition that third-party audits would be conducted every two years of CDD processors anticipating delivering more than 10,000 tons of oversized bulky waste (OBW) to the landfill, the statement said. Casella would reimburse MDEP for the cost of these audits, according to the decision.

Though OBW doesn't equal the majority of the waste stream at Juniper Ridge, its share of the total has skyrocketed between 2007 and 2010.

A report appended to the public benefit determination said more than 96,000 tons of OBW were deposited there in 2010, comprising 13.6 percent of the landfill's waste for that year. In comparison, OBW comprised only 2 percent of new waste in 2007.

"The audit condition was incorporated in response to public comments and a commitment

from [Aho] to ensure that as much material is being recycled and beneficially reused in Maine to minimize the amount landfilled in the state," the release read.

Meagher said the audit was a regulation he hadn't heard of before.

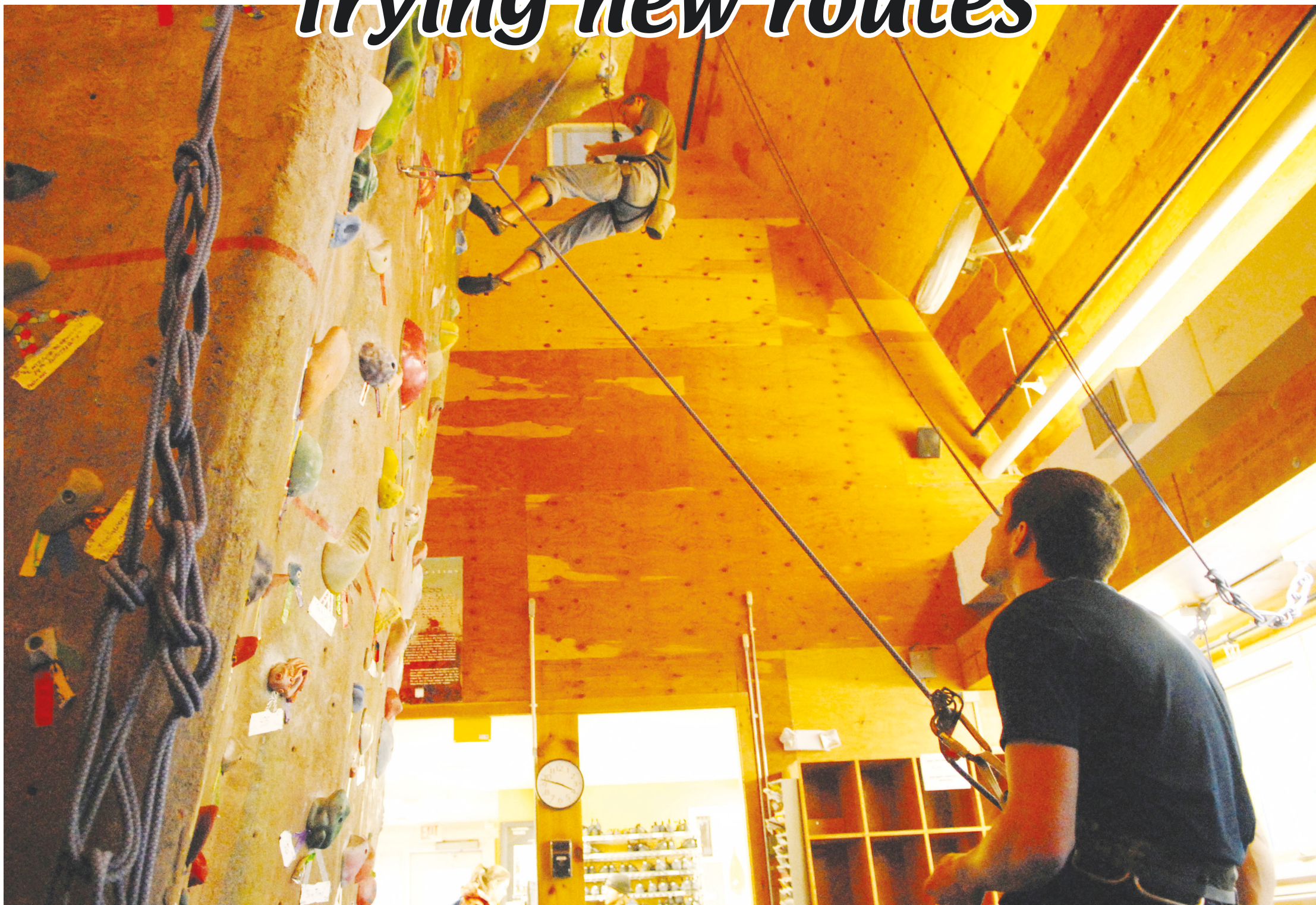
"What they're doing is regulating another independent facility through a landfill," he said. "If they're going to regulate how processing facilities conduct their business, they should do that through those facility licenses, not through the landfill."

Many area citizens have opposed the landfill since the state purchased it in 2004 to handle in-state CDD. At an October 2011 public meeting on the public benefit determination with Casella and MDEP officials in Orono, hundreds vociferously opposed the expansion because of concern regarding out-of-state waste being transported there.

"Audit the dump" was a rallying cry for many then. Old Town resident Ralph Coffman wore a homemade shirt bearing the slogan.

"We and a lot of people are calling for a full audit — not only of the money, but the waste," Schroeder said. "Until we get a grip on that, how do we authorize the expansion of this landfill?"

Trying new routes



Maine Bound offers challenging exercise when slick surfaces and treacherous temperatures force activity indoors

By Paul Perkins
Photojournalist

For any outdoor enthusiast at the University of Maine, the Maine Bound Adventure Center provides an outlet for those who wish to exercise in the winter months.

David Levin is a trip leader who helps plan Maine Bound events.

"We have everything from mountaineering to whitewater kayaking," Levin said. "We take you from the basics to a little more advanced. You don't have to know anything about these activities to go on our trips."

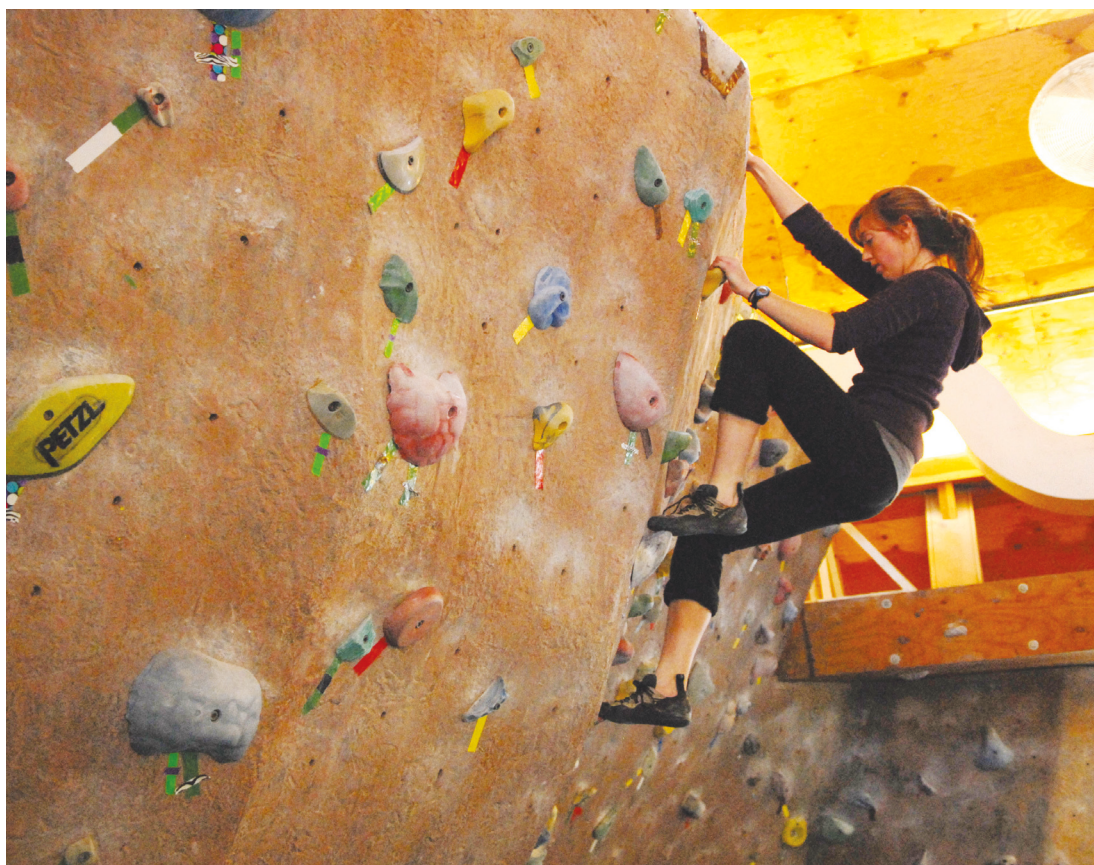
"We run trips that are inexpensive for students, and we don't make any money off the trips," said Lisa Carter, coordinator for Maine Bound.

While providing a variety of outdoor adventures, such as hiking and mountain climbing, the Maine Bound Adventure Center is well known for the indoor climbing wall in the on-campus facility.

Adam Freund, a climbing enthusiast, frequently visits the climbing wall.

"I've been doing outdoor climbing for about four years. I climb inside when it's not nice out. It's fun, and it's a great workout," he said.

Each year, the center holds a "Boulder Bash" competition with a point-based system to recognize a climber's technique as the most effective. Last year's first and second prizes were gift certificates to Alpenglow, an outdoor store in Orono that caters to the needs of climbers and hikers.



Paul Perkins • Photojournalist

Top: Adam Freund (left) and David Martel work together at the climbing wall.
Above: David Martel (left) and Adam Freund work together at the climbing wall at Maine Bound Adventure Center on campus. The indoor climbing facility is free for students, and the center provides opportunities for outside activities year-round.
Left, top: Senior wildlife ecology student Mandy Bailey carefully maneuvers up the climbing wall at the Maine Bound Adventure Center on campus.
Left, bottom: Markers note increased height and difficulty on the climbing wall at the Maine Bound Adventure Center on campus.

Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

By Beth Kevit
News Editor



18-year-old males were referred to Judicial Affairs. Two 19-year-old, non-student males from Presque Isle were escorted off campus and given a 24-hour warning not to return to the university. A fifth individual was in the room, but he had not been drinking. Two Budweiser beers, a Magic Hat beer, a water bottle filled with vodka and a Coca-Cola bottle containing a mixture of soda and alcohol were confiscated.

Ruffling scuffle

The Maine State Police received an anonymous 911 call early in the morning Jan. 29 reporting a large fight in progress in the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house parking lot. The call was referred to the University of Maine Police Department at 1:09 a.m. No one was actively fighting when officers arrived, but two fairly large groups were involved, according to police reports. This case is under investigation, and officers are working to identify the individuals from each group.

Clearing the deck

A UMPD officer on foot patrol at 10:10 p.m. Jan. 27 found seven underage individuals drinking in a fourth-floor room in Androscoggin Hall. Two 19-year-old females were referred to Judicial Affairs for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol. A 19-year-old female, an 18-year-old female and an 18-year-old male were referred to Judicial Affairs for possession of alcohol by a minor. The other two individuals were 19-year-old male students from Maine Maritime Academy. They were escorted off campus and given a 24-hour trespassing warning not to return to the university. A bottle of vodka, two mixed drinks and containers of FourLoko were confiscated.

County cocktails

A UMPD officer on foot patrol at 9:24 p.m. Jan. 27 found several underage individuals drinking in a second-floor room in Androscoggin Hall when the door opened and the officer could hear bottles clinking inside. Two

Missing keys

UMPD received two theft reports in related incidents at 1:10 p.m. and 1:34 p.m. Jan. 29. Police said a laptop worth an estimated \$1,500 was taken from its owner's room in the Sigma Nu fraternity house, and a backpack belonging to another individual was taken from the same room, presumably to conceal the laptop. Both items were taken between 7 p.m. Jan. 27 and midnight Jan. 28.

Prior puffing

UMPD received a report of the odor of marijuana coming from a third-floor room in Hancock Hall at 9:49 p.m. Jan. 27. An officer spoke with the three people in the room, and they admitted to smoking outside earlier in the evening. While in the room, the officer noticed two cans of Coors Light and a bottle of rum in plain view, which were confiscated. Two 19-year-old males and a 20-year-old male were referred to Judicial Affairs.

Causing a stream

UMPD received a report of an intoxicated 18-year-old male in a parking lot near Bennett Hall attempting to urinate on a security vehicle at 1:56 a.m. Jan. 28. Officers located the individual, who was argumentative. The University Volunteer Ambulance Corps transported him for medical treatment, and he was referred to Judicial Affairs.

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Tewhey has accepted a post-doctoral position at Harvard University to continue studying the evolution of the genomes of pathogens. He said he is excited to return to New England, where he will be able to visit his home state more easily.

"Being in southern California, I miss the seasons the most," he

said. "Nothing is better than a crisp fall day. I also really appreciate how untouched a lot of the state [of Maine] is."

In an alumni profile on the University of Maine's website, Tewhey looked back on his time at UMaine, listing among other nostalgia his most memorable college moment — "the Black Bears making it to the NCAA hockey finals during the 01-02 season" — and his favorite professors, including Anne Hanson,

who had Tewhey in general microbiology.

"He was a very good student," Hanson wrote in an email. "What is exciting about Ryan's success is that he took the skills he learned at the University of Maine and his potential as a successful researcher then used them to excel and become the success he is today."

"I guess I can speak for our department in saying we are all very proud of Ryan and his accomplishments."

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engineering, consulting and construction management firm with offices in Augusta, Ellsworth and South Portland, was one of the businesses in attendance.

"Our core group is four or five

UMaine grads," said Tim Farrar, a representative for the firm. "We have actually made verbal offers to some students today."

Carolyn Tacy of the Washington Center for Internships, also at the fair, emphasized the importance of internship opportunities.

"It is almost essential to take an internship right now," she said.

"They teach you what is going on in your field. Approximately 87 percent of students choose to intern. Many do more than one."

But Goodwin, like many other undergraduate students, is also looking toward further education as a solution after graduation.

"I'm putting a lot more stock in grad schools," Goodwin said.

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plines.

"The grants that are available to us are much smaller, and our faculty tend to have appointments and job descriptions that emphasize teaching," she added. "On the other hand, the arts and humanities generate a lot of tuition dollars because of our heavier teaching loads and our role in general education. In that regard, we out-perform most of the STEM disciplines."

With multiple levels of possible criteria and the huge array of classes offered at UMaine, any funding model that is separated by various departments quickly becomes complicated.

However, if the funding model holds to statistics such as gradu-

ation rates, complications still arise.

"I'd be surprised to see a model based purely on graduation rates," Jacobs said. "I don't think we would do anything very different in our classes on the basis of such a model. A fair number of our majors don't declare until they are juniors, shifting from another major, or adding a second major, and this sometimes delays their graduation."

Performance-based budgeting is a rising trend at state institutions across the country. Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma and other states have either proposed or followed similar funding plans, according to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

Each school receives state funding based upon a number of criteria, such as graduation rates and student retention, which could

be used in rethinking funding in the University of Maine System.

Regardless of the method for changing the budget, the board of trustees and faculty agree that something needs to change on a system and campus level.

"I do not think our current model of funding is sustainable," Jacobs said. "The allocation of budget cuts to the colleges, whose budgets consist almost entirely of faculty lines, means that faculty who retire or leave for another position are not being replaced."

The poor economy and lower availability of state funds, added to the freeze in tuition rates, will make for tough decisions ahead.

"We want to evaluate what our options are. We want to provide the best funding model possible," Hood said. "We don't really know what that will be at this point. It's too soon to tell."

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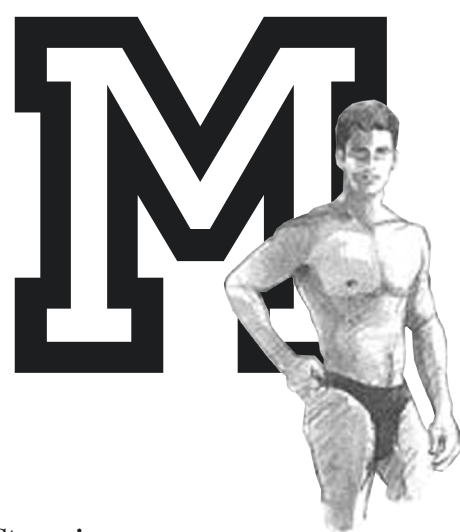
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"Gourd" will be shown at 2 p.m. Feb. 5. The show is based on Maine author Jeannette Winter's children's book, which shows the importance of the stars to escaped slaves on the Underground Railroad. Tickets are \$3 or free with a MaineCard. Seats can be reserved by calling 581-1341, but reservations are not necessary. The planetarium is located on the second floor of Wingate Hall.

Blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 14 and 15 in the New Balance Student Recreation Center. All those who donate will be entered in a drawing for a Burton snowboard. Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS but are not necessary to donate.

Story Slam

Verve will host a Story Slam at 7 p.m. Feb. 12. Admission is \$5 and includes unlimited coffee. Audience members can get on stage or just sit and listen. The event's theme is "Stupid Cupid," and those bringing stories should consider any that deal with misadventures or unexpected successes in dating.

Stargazing

The Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium is presenting two kid-friendly star shows this weekend. "Earth's Wild Ride" will be shown at 7 p.m. Feb. 3. The show takes place 200 years in the future and shows a grandfather and his grandchildren experiencing a solar eclipse and remembering exciting world events. "Follow the Drinking

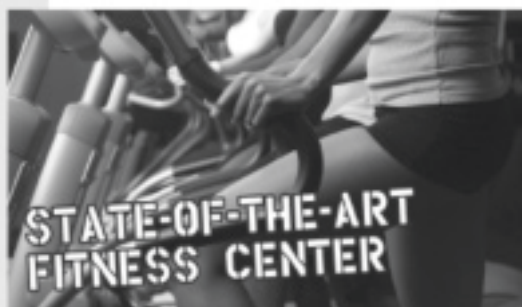
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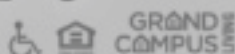


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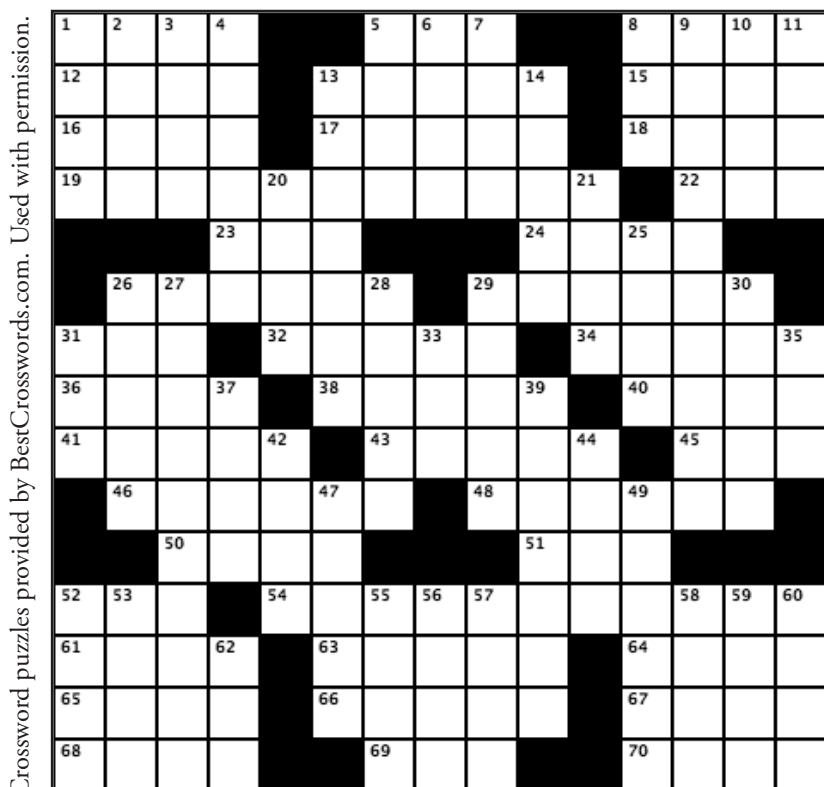
By Drew

i don't have a problem with entitlement! the problem is that i'm not getting everything i want!



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Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in sports

- Across
- 1- Castle ring;
 - 5- Article in Le Monde;
 - 8- Rubs out;
 - 12- Prefix with meter;
 - 13- Pertaining to the small intestine;
 - 15- Actress Ward;
 - 16- Authenticating mark;
 - 17- Cool!;
 - 18- Arab League member;
 - 19- Thoughtful;
 - 22- Tina's ex;
 - 23- Terre Haute sch.;
 - 24- Revenuers, for short;
 - 26- I'm all ears!;
 - 29- Medical;
 - 31- Hesitant sounds;
 - 32- Exodus origin;
 - 34- Echolocation;
 - 36- Drunkards;
 - 38- Bird that gets you down;
 - 40- Seine feeder;
 - 41- Move stealthily;
 - 43- Titles;
 - 45- Asian holiday;
 - 46- Termination;
 - 48- Spreads out;
 - 50- Antitoxins;
 - 51- Campaigned;
 - 52- Law enforcement agency;
 - 54- Birthright;
 - 61- Timber wolf;
 - 63- Brother of Moses;
 - 64- Dig like a pig;
 - 65- ___ breve;
 - 66- Snob;
 - 67- Gator's cousin;
 - 68- Spy;
 - 69- Call upon;
 - 70- Biblical verb;
- Down
- 1- Not fem.;
 - 2- Bread spread;
 - 3- ___ all-time high;
 - 4- Semihard light yellow cheese;
 - 5- Peter Fonda title role;
 - 6- Approach;
 - 7- I could ___ horse!;
 - 8- Barcelona bear;
 - 9- Womanliness;
 - 10- Antiaircraft fire;
 - 11- All there;
 - 13- Gratify;
 - 14- Terra ___;
 - 20- Aha!;
 - 21- CPR experts;
 - 25- Switch ending;
 - 26- Honeybee;
 - 27- Pretended;
 - 28- Dishonest;
 - 29- Units;
 - 30- Lawsuits;
 - 31- Double curve;
 - 33- Palm Pilot, e.g.;
 - 35- Emeritus; Abbr.;
 - 37- "No Ordinary Love" singer;
 - 39- Later edition;
 - 42- Soprano Te Kanawa;
 - 44- Bed support;
 - 47- Grannies;
 - 49- Revolt-leader, old-style;
 - 52- Flutter;
 - 53- Chadic language;
 - 55- Mandlikova of tennis;
 - 56- Archer of myth;
 - 57- Chess piece;
 - 58- Asta's mistress;
 - 59- Codger;
 - 60- Draw with acid;
 - 62- Cask wood;

Puck

- ARENA
- ASSIST
- BLUE LINE
- BOARDING
- BOARDS
- BODY CHECK
- BREAKAWAY
- CENTER
- CHARGING
- CONTACT
- CREASE
- DEFENSEMEN
- DEKE
- EJECTION
- ELBOWING
- ENFORCER
- FACE MASK
- FACE-OFF
- FOREWARD
- FOUL
- GAME
- GLOVES
- GOALPOST
- GOALTENDER
- HAT TRICK
- HELMET
- HOLDING
- HOOKING
- ICE RINK
- ICING
- JERSEY
- KNEEING
- LEAGUE
- LINE CHANGE
- LINESMAN
- MISCONDUCT
- NHL
- OFFENSE
- OFFICIALS
- OFFSIDE
- OVERTIME
- PASS
- PENALTIES
- PENALTY BOX
- PERIOD
- PLAYER
- POINT
- POKE CHECK
- POWER PLAY
- PUCK
- RED LINE
- REFEREE
- ROUGHING
- SAVE
- SCORE
- SKATES
- SLAPSHOT
- SLASHING
- SLOT
- SPEARING
- STANLEY CUP
- SUSPENSION
- TIME-OUT
- TRIPPING
- WHISTLE
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Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a hidden message.

Word Search

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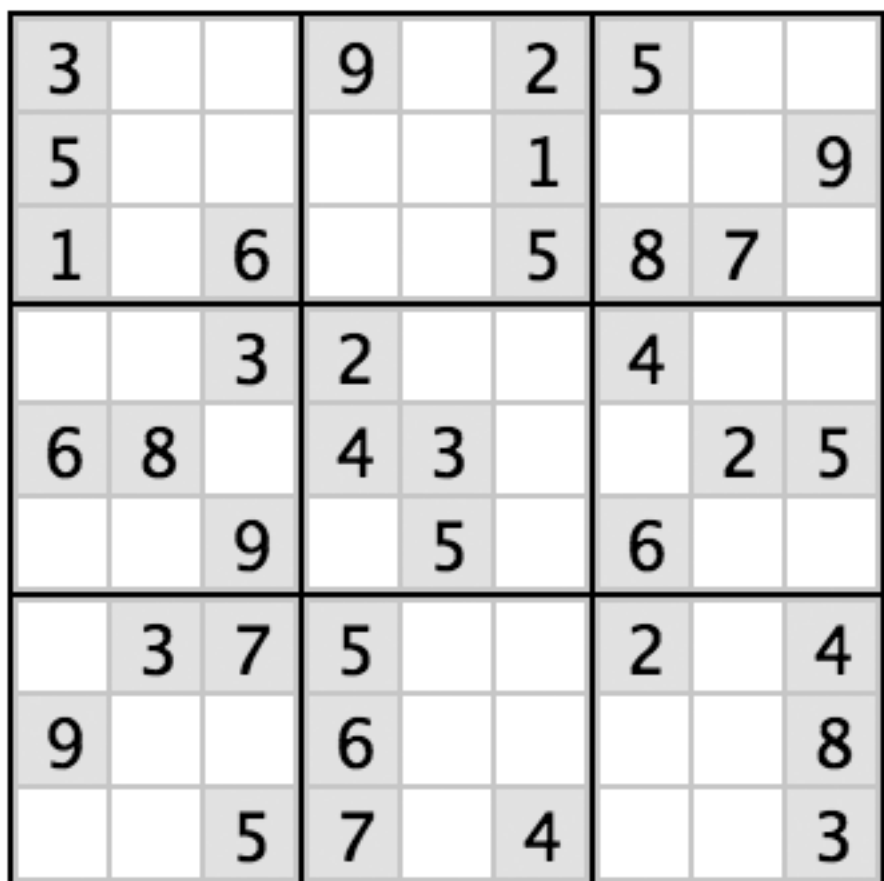
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- Aries - March 21 to April 20** - You squandered an advantageous opportunity recently, and your decision is coming back to haunt you. Spend less time second-guessing your dumb decisions. Act on instinct.
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- Gemini - May 22 to June 21** - Clinging to the past is inhibiting your ability to move into the future, and you have reached a plateau in your development. The thing about plateaus is that there's nowhere to go but down, so I guess you should stay as stagnant, like you are now.
- Cancer - June 22 to July 22** - It's time for a drastic change in your life. Locate the one area of your personality that has stayed the same despite all your personal growth and start doing or believing the opposite. Your personality is mainstream anyway, so this is a chance to stop being a pop culture automaton.
- Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22** - You've made some rash decisions, and the results are a mixture of unexpected joy and stress. If you started looking before you leaped like a rational person, you wouldn't crash and burn so much.
- Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23** - Now's the time to tackle that new hobby or project you've been putting off all winter. If you need help deciding on a hobby, weight loss is an exciting new fad.
- Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23** - You've been trying some new things lately, and while that's commendable, it's prudent to realize that they really aren't working for you. Stop wearing pants so tight you can see your veins through the denim, for a start.
- Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22** - You'll have something to celebrate in the coming week, but you might not want to make your triumph public. Broadcasting your weight loss entails telling people how plump you were to begin with.
- Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21** - Your outlook on life has been turning steadily downhill lately, and people are starting to notice your poor attitude lately. This is directly linked to the number of sighs in the classroom whenever you walk in.
- Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20** - You've started to slip in your progress toward a meaningful goal. Those miles aren't going to run themselves.
- Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19** - While a good memory is a blessing, you can't always live in the past. Your need to bring up past events is hindering conversation, especially when you're telling that crush at the bar about your not-so-funny funny story.
- Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20** - Take better aim in life in the coming weeks. Your tendency to miss your goals is beginning to detract from your overall success. No one likes a failure.

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Sudoku Puzzle



- 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

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Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Career fairs don't fare as well in harsh job climate of today

In two November 1956 editions of *The Maine Campus*, United Aircraft Corporation, the Radio Corporation of America and the Arma Corporation placed prominent advertisements seeking engineers and physicists to attend campus visits, where they would send representatives to interview students interested in working for them.

According to the ads, representatives from these companies came to the University of Maine on Nov. 5, 6, 7 and 8. Other companies teased visits later in the month.

This was direct marketing then — focused, yet shouted to the entire university population. But the days of massive companies placing ads looking for workers aren't coming back. The in-person recruitment method is losing its luster.

This is the Information Age. When companies post job openings, you can often apply in minutes. They expect instantaneous reaction, backed by a resume showing not just a solid transcript, but plenty of practical experience.

Because student proactivity is pivotal in today's stagnant, competitive job market, the classic model of employers inundating campus to seek the next generation of help is waning.

There are opportunities, but we're in a state whose economy is struggling to accommodate college graduates. According to the Maine Department of Labor, the number of job openings for those graduating with bachelor's degrees is expected to stay stagnant at 1,884 per year until 2018. The University of Maine System alone awarded 2,541 bachelor's degrees in the 2010-11 year.

In a potentially encouraging turn, yesterday's UMaine Career Fair saw 89 employers station themselves in the New Balance Student Recreation Center to interact with interested students throughout the day. Many walked out with interview dates or verbal agreements, showing the old guard of job recruitment helped some of UMaine's finest.

Many things haven't changed with time. Students must set themselves apart from their peers by building their grade point average, gaining internships or other practical experiences and gaining life-long connections in their fields.

But as far as firm purpose goes, the extent to which career fairs can help most students find employment in the future is limited. Fairs are fitting less and less into the modern, competitive job scene. Occupations are now advertised, sought, applied for and won online, not in person.

It takes savvy and self-awareness to snag a post in the professional stratosphere, and events where students are prompted to look for openings or even apply online after handing over hard-copy resumes can't forever be helpful for those most serious about finding immediate work.

Career fairs will never hurt, and UMaine's Career Center should be commended for their efforts to bring employers, graduate school representatives and internship advocates to campus. It shows a focus on job placement lost in some places of the insular university world.

But finding a job, especially now, is a round-the-clock operation. Many of us will get jobs in our fields out of college. Many won't. What will separate the camps is tenacity, experience, connections and lucky breaks.

Nothing's for sure now, UMaine. In a tough time, students need to own their future and make sure their search for a future, whether it be interning, going back to school or working, is as thoughtfully planned as possible.

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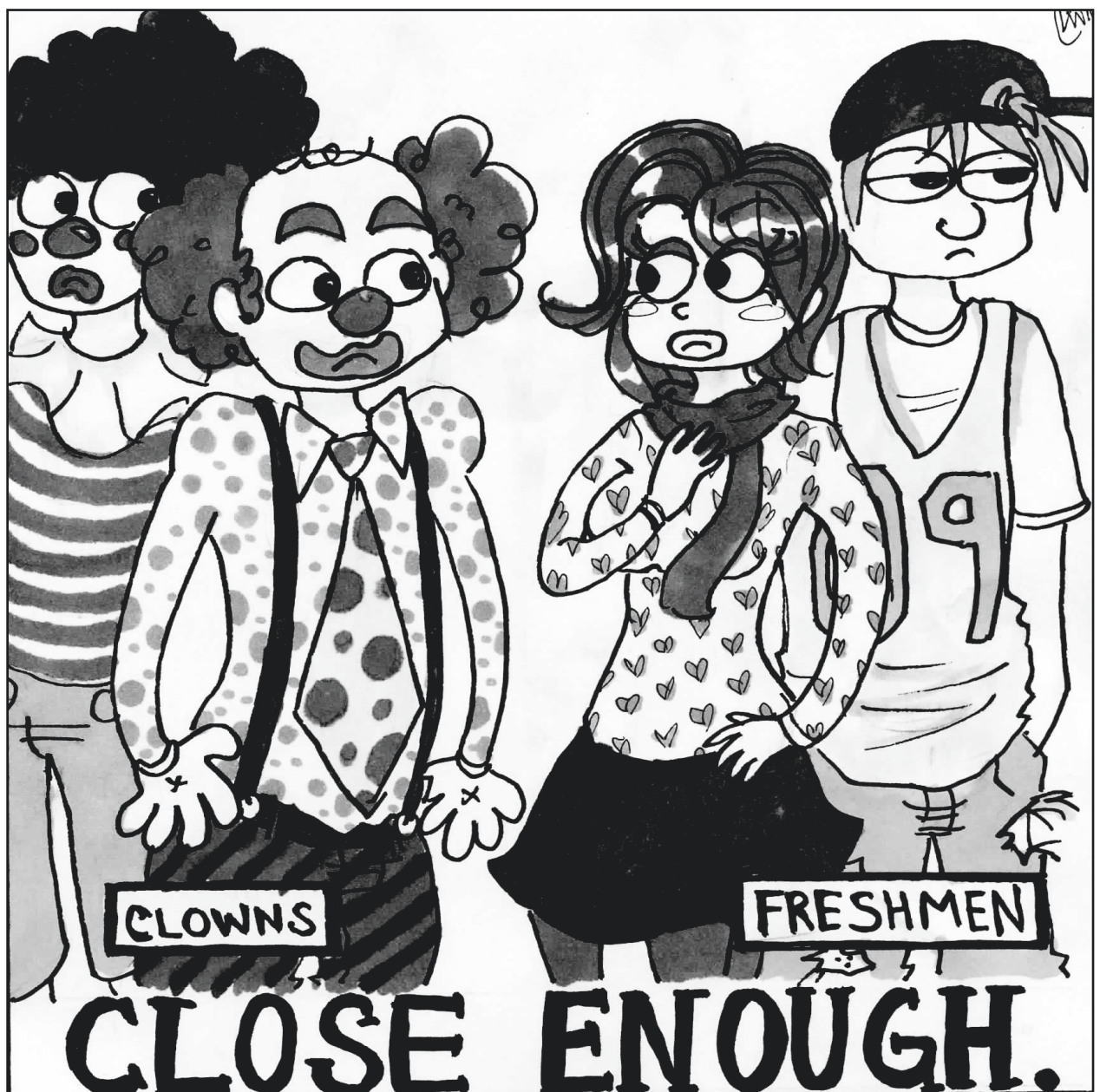
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Readers speak: Outstanding web commentary

Praise for the student press, staff and peers

I wanted to thank you for the fantastic report on the classified staff.

It was wonderful to read about my fellow workers. I was pleased to see this in the student newspaper. I appreciate all that you do and wanted to let you know I have enjoyed the paper since I first started working at the University of Maine.

I think you do a really great job of covering many campus issues. Thanks again for all you do.

Lisa Henderson, Faculty

Argument against Bill 334 riddled with bullet holes, lacks basic-barrel logic

I saw this article linked over on the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (CSGV) Facebook page and felt I had to comment to address a few inaccuracies and logical fallacies.

Firstly, these laws will not "put guns" anywhere they aren't already. To suppose there are no guns on college campuses simply because it's illegal would indicate you also suppose there is no marijuana there either because it too is illegal.

Secondly, we aren't talking about drunk 18-year-olds carrying around firearms.

As I understand it, you need to be 21 to get a permit, meaning this law would only apply to those over 21. People who already have permits, such as faculty, staff and returning students, don't suddenly become menaces when crossing the boundary of the campus.

These individuals quietly go about their business carrying a concealed pistol, day in and day out — except for on the campus.

herooflakeerie

Responding to "Biting the bullet for House Bill 334 promises only blood for students, public," Jan. 30, 2012

Degree in political science unavailing, leaves many unemployed

Here is a tip for all prospective and current college students: Don't pursue a degree in political science.

Very few jobs require a political science degree. Those that do most often require extensive prior work experience in a specific occupation or an advanced degree. And good luck getting a job with half-decent pay in some other field.

You will either be underqualified because you don't have the right degree or work experience, or overqualified — you could be applying for a job that only requires a high school diploma or two-year degree.

Either way, you still probably won't get the job.

So, for the love of God, don't major in political science even if you are planning on going to law school. No law school in America requires students to have a B.A. in political science. In fact, there are no degree requirements whatsoever.

Major in something more useful like business or accounting, and take whatever law-related courses you feel like taking as electives. If you do this, you can prepare yourself for law school and have a good degree to fall back on in case law school doesn't work out.

Otherwise, you risk being stuck with a degree that is almost as useless as a B.A. in theater.

This opinion is brought to you by a guy who had to take a semester off from law school and now can't find a job for

the life of him because he has a degree in political science.

Matt

Responding to "Maine's job outlook grim for 2012 class, economists warn," Jan. 30, 2012

UMaine authorities nothing more than bureaucratic beasts

I am a University of Maine class of 1978 alumnus and even back then, the "Powers That Be" did exactly as they pleased in every regard.

My personal experience includes being suspended for a semester instead of being put on academic probation because of two failing grades, despite probation being the normal, prescribed action. I never got a straight answer as to why, and I am still stunned — I transferred in with a 4.0 GPA.

Although I was tempted not to return, I couldn't waste the time and effort I had already invested in my education, so I changed my major and graduated.

I constantly get their propaganda mailings but will never give them a dime. They are self-serving, greedy bureaucrats who don't care two cents about the students, apart from how much money they can get out of them.

It is OK for students to live off-campus in 100-year-old houses, unsafely converted into numerous apartments, but the university thinks 50-year-old apartments should be demolished? And then, not replace them for 15 years? Oh, please.

Water Dragon

Responding to "Trustees schedule demolition of 10 duplexes in University Park; renters told their leases will not be renewable," Jan. 30, 2012

The Maine Campus is hiring a political columnist and a part-time columnist for the spring 2012 semester!

If interested, please send cover letter, résumé and 3 writing samples to Michael Shepherd and Madelyn Kearns on FirstClass.

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Columnist: Hedonistic sustainability provides interesting scope on slopes



We are not the Jetsons yet, and even amazing ideas can fall victim to poor implementation, funding or integration. A building is not a silver bullet, but it is an amazing part of how we think about ourselves and our community.

MACKENZIE RAWCLIFFE

As I'm wont to do on lazy mornings, I was recently trolling the TED site for interesting topics to stimulate my sleepy mind.

I came across a talk from last May by Bjarke Ingels titled "Hedonistic Sustainability." Well, that certainly piqued my tree-hugging, comfort-loving interest.

Ingels is a young-ish architect from Denmark who has become popular around the world for his innovative and playful designs and defines hedonistic sustainability as "the idea that sustainability is not a burden, but that a sustainable city in fact can improve our quality of life."

I am a full supporter of this idea, but I also recognize the dangers of whiz-bang technology. We are not the Jetsons yet, and even amazing ideas can fall victim to poor implementation, funding or integration. A building is not a silver bullet, as near-empty downtown revitalization condos can attest, but it is an amazing part of how we think about ourselves and our community.

Every time I read a good design book or come across a true innovator like Ingels, I start to kick myself for my career choices. I had it right back in first grade when I wrote that I wanted to be an architect — and after my mom died a stripper — but we all give up on our dreams sometimes, right?

Many of Ingels' designs are truly thought-provoking, if not my farmhouse ideal. For example, the periscope town hall with a huge mirror in the ceiling that allows the council to look at the "city they are messing with" and conversely lets people outside see the council at work, or not, is brilliant.

This town hall also incorporates a transparent first floor that lets the public walk underneath the adminis-

tration and access services. Many of his designs are too modern or urban to really fit in here in northern New England, but one of his designs shows some promise for the University of Maine — such as a waste-to-energy facility disguised as a ski slope.

As described in a New York Times blog, the urban ski park, set to be erected in 2016, "will cover the plant, which will incinerate the waste from five municipalities to generate heat and electricity for 140,000 homes. While their trash is burning inside, locals will be able to take an elevator to the top of the building, then ski down one of three different slopes, graded by difficulty, that jointly run about 5,000 feet."

I can imagine the wild popularity of such a building exterior here — students hitting the slope after class for competitions and ski jumping. Oh, the possibilities.

The fun doesn't stop there, though. Ingels also designed the smoke stack of this energy plant to produce smoke rings. The drive to Bangor would be 10 times more hilarious if the huge power plant in Veazie had something like that installed.

There are all sorts of reasons why this is an amazing idea, and also a lot of reasons why it isn't. For now, it seems like nothing more than a pipe dream.

But the unlikelihood of there ever being a ski slope over the Steam Plant is not really my point. It is the lack of possibility and creativity when I, and I believe other Mainers, look around their communities. I cannot imagine a Maine architect coming up with that design, let alone convincing a city the size of Copenhagen to accept it.

Maine is the way it always has been and nothing ever changes, right? Except we are. Kicking and screaming, Maine society is evolving, and perhaps it is time that our physical spaces followed suit.

We have strong traditions of work and community that strategic and creative planning of buildings, transportation and other public works can only enhance if we dare to think of ourselves as the type of people capable of making smoke rings and ski slopes and create our own little hedonistically sustainable state.

Mackenzie Rawcliffe is a graduate student studying international affairs and public administration. She is the production manager for The Maine Campus.

Political columnist: Mass unity required to stop the rich from profiting off poor



MIKE EMERY

the rich — it's about doing what's best for every American.

To create a more equal society — which means increasing access to education and health care — someone will have to give up some of their wealth. It just so happens there is a class of Americans that makes obscene amounts of money, wields inordinate political power and nearly implored the global economy a few short years ago.

In their excellent article, "The Financial Power Elite," John B. Foster and Hannah Holleman argue there has been a shift in power from those who derive their wealth from production to those who profit from finance. Almost 30 percent of the Forbes' 400 wealthiest Americans in 2007 became wealthy from finance — far and away the biggest category.

Executives at hedge funds and "too-big-to-fail" banks routinely leave their jobs to take positions in the federal gov-

On Monday, The Maine Campus ran an op-ed by Daniel White in which he called student debt "[t]he problem" and compared it to indentured servitude ("Mounting student debt oppresses and distresses," Jan. 30, 2012).

While I agree student debt is an important issue, especially on a college campus, I think White overestimates its power as a uniting force to bring about change.

Student debt is not the type of universal issue that can help us move past the divisiveness of modern American politics. It is very much a partisan issue, as is anything involving government spending. And college without debt would necessarily involve government spending.

The problem is that students rising over an average of \$25,000 of debt for a college education will seem self-serving to some people. Not everyone is affected. Some have paid off their loans and some never went to college.

We're asking others to help us with our burdens, and some don't appreciate that. We might be able to get a law passed that forgives outstanding loans or provides for free post-secondary education, but there would be a vocal minority that doesn't see higher education as a basic human right.

Why is it so important we all come together as a nation? Because there is a much larger issue than student debt, one which White mentions in his op-ed: "So long as the rich continue to profit off the poor, we will fail to solve important issues from global warming to hunger and disease."

Fixing the student debt issue would not solve the underlying problem of the dangerous inequality in our society.

The thing about wealth and income inequality is that it affects us all, no matter your ideological perspective. For those of us who believe there is no reason for people to starve or go homeless in a society as wealthy as ours, reducing the amount of inequality is a no-brainer. If you believe equality and justice are just two words expressing the same concept, our country is broken.

Even if you're a market-, profit- or growth-oriented person, you should be worried about inequality. There is a growing body of evidence in sociological and economic literature suggesting that very high inequality slows growth — and if you don't think the United States suffers from "very high inequality," consider that the average CEO makes over 300 times as much as the average worker (a statistic uncovered by The American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations).

No matter how you look at it, the current levels of inequality in this country are stopping us from thriving. It's not about class warfare, and it's not about envying

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ernment — no matter which party is in power — and are given the opportunity to write the regulations their industry must abide by.

This revolving door created policies allowing big banks to become monopolistic cartels, and lax enforcement of foreclosure laws has helped the financial class push thousands of people out of their homes, despite accusations of rampant illegal corner-cutting during the foreclosure process.

After the financial crisis and all of the bailouts, the same people are running these banks. In other countries, bailouts mean cleaning house, temporary government takeovers and management change.

Why not here? Because finance executives effectively control the government charged with regulating them.

To stop this, we need meaningful campaign finance reform. Reversing the Supreme Court's "Citizens United" decision allowing unlimited corporate and union money in campaigns is a start, though a publicly-funded system like Maine's would be ideal.

We need strong laws that bar members of the financial services industry from being appointed to positions that regulate that industry. If financial executives want positions in government, they should run in open elections.

If we don't work together, we won't accomplish any of this.

Until we rid the influence of the financial elite from our government, we can hope for no lasting reforms. The rich will continue to profit off the poor, and we won't be able to focus on the bigger problems facing humanity.

Mike Emery is a fourth-year sociology student. His political columns will appear every Thursday.

Termination trials: Abortion debate pits will and truth against each other

CALVIN MAKO

In the argument regarding the morality or immorality of abortion, there are essentially two camps — one professing support for choice and the other for life.

It's strange that the opposite sides of this issue are not generally considered opposites in themselves — choice is not the opposite of life — but here we find "life" and "choice" taking absolutely opposing positions.

What is the reason for this dichotomy? I would argue these terms are characteristic of the basic philosophies of life and human nature that approach the ethics of abortion.

The pro-choice doctrine suggests people are free to choose their course of action in life. But by pro-choice thinking, we should be allowed to exercise our choice whatever the circumstances, whatever the results.

If we can choose it, we should be allowed to choose it, uninhibited. After all, we are individuals and we have a right to control our own lives, right?

The simple fact of the matter is, however, that we are not just singular creatures, living in our own microcosms. Our actions affect others, and the choices we make go beyond just ourselves. Also beyond ourselves is truth.

We are all subject to the truths of physical reality, such as the existence of gravity that we cannot simply will away. There are also moral truths, such as it being wrong to kill, rape and steal. It's clear we should conform our wills to moral truths just as our bodies must conform to the truth of the physical universe.

The pro-life doctrine is thus a confession that our own will is not the supreme decider of what is right and not, and that it must adapt to the truth that exists in the world rather

than the world adapting to our will.

What is the objective truth on the issue of abortion? The simple fact is that as soon as a child is conceived, under all normal circumstances, a person exists. I say "exists," not "will exist," because the only things this child in the womb needs to continue existing are the proper shelter and nutrients, no different from what you or I need on a daily basis.

An abortion terminates this existence. When an abortion is performed, a person who might have gone on to cure cancer, swim the English Channel or just order a sandwich in the Union no longer exists.

I believe this distinction between life and choice and the difference between our will and the truth as measures of reality are at the heart of the abortion issue. These two sides can argue endlessly about whether abortion is convenient, harmful, practical, necessary, a woman's right or an abomination.

Without at least understanding both sides, there is no real communication. Pro-choicers and pro-lifers can scream "my body, my choice" or "life is precious" at each other

until they are blue in the face, and neither statement will ever be able to answer the question the other side is asking.

We should be asking ourselves what dictates right or wrong in this country.

On abortion there are two choices: will or truth.

Which one is the supreme dictator of what is right and wrong in this world? This is the question we ought to be answering.

Calvin Mako is a fourth-year earth science student.

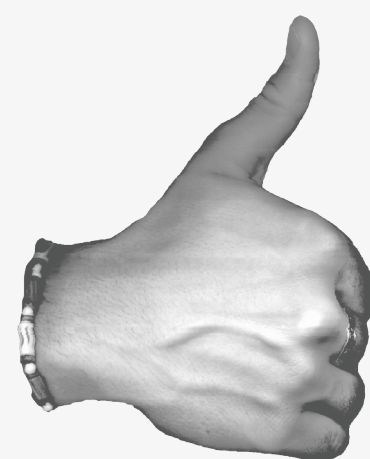
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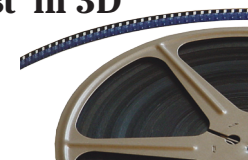


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Katy Hein • Design Assistant

'The Color Purple' book adaptation takes CCA stage

By Hillary Nason
For The Maine Campus

"The Color Purple," a story of a poor black woman's struggle for self-empowerment and sexual freedom in 20th-century Georgia, was performed at the Collins Center for the Arts on Monday night.

Based on Alice Walker's 1982 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, the musical blended dance with the sounds and rhythms of blues, gospel, jazz, swing, ragtime and African music.

"Broadway is one of our most popular genres here," said Adele Adkins, assistant director of the CCA. "I truly did not know how well 'The Color Purple' would sell. It is one of my all-time favorite books. I felt like it was an im-

portant show to have regardless of ticket sales. The shows I book are always shows I have seen. This one was so moving that I knew our audience would love it."

The show was a wild sight to see. Patrons may have thought twice about bringing children along, had they been forewarned about the "adult situations" it contained, especially if they didn't know the storyline of "The Color Purple."

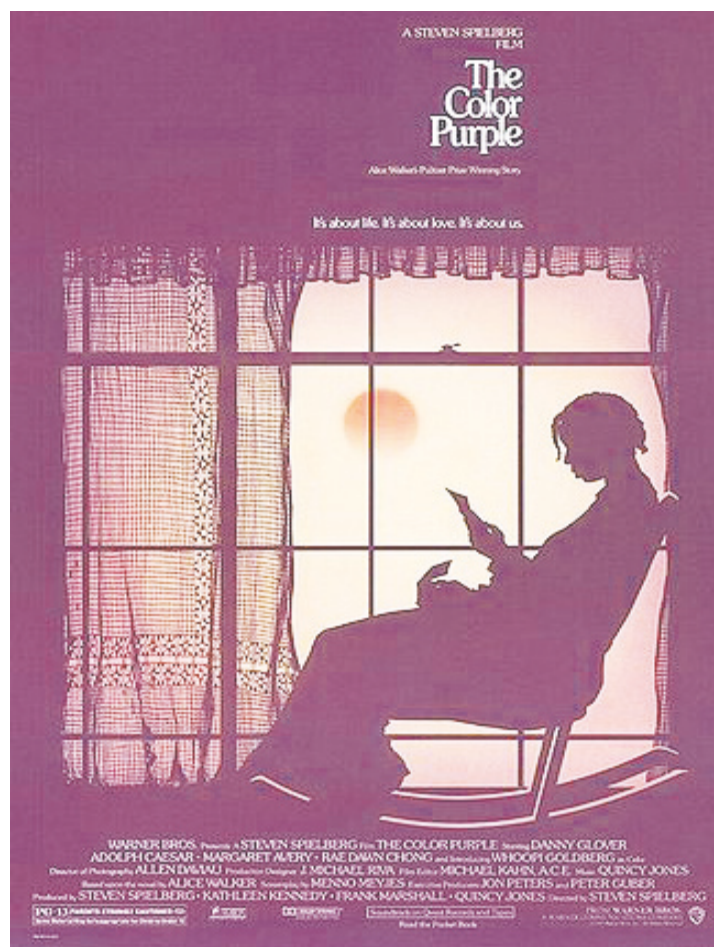
The performance stirred emotion, from the very first cry of the young lead character Celie having had another child be taken away by her father. He tells Celie she is ugly and worthless; she only had the love of her sister Nettie to hold on to. Then, a man named Mister splits their love apart by forcing Celie to be his wife

after her father bribes him with a cow.

From then on, Celie's life is all work and hell. She struggles to find good in any man, including God. The women in the story unite and stand up against the abuse they face. One lady chooses her triumph by beating her man and then leaving him.

In the end, lovers are united and abuse is left behind. Most importantly, Nettie and Celie are united by the stir of a gospel tune. "The Color Purple" delivers the message of triumph over hardship to the audience and moved some to tears.

Who would have thought a book full of racism, sexism, poverty, rape and other types of abuse could turn into a feel-good musical?



Warner Bros. Pictures

Young developing HQ audio device; effort futile

Column

Legendary rocker Neil Young recently lashed out at the sound quality of modern recorded music, saying it makes him "angry."

"I'm finding that I have a little bit of trouble with the quality of the sound of music today," Young told MTV News. "I don't like it. It just makes me angry. Not the quality of the music, but we're in the 21st century and we have the worst sound that we've ever had. It's worse than a 78 [rpm record]."

Young isn't one to sit around and complain while not being

proactive. He recently revealed that he was working with Apple on a device that can store and play high quality digital music lacking the compression that it goes through with services like iTunes.

Many audiophiles argue that sound quality peaked with the vinyl record and has been sacrificed for convenience ever since.

The quality of audio used for CDs is 16-bit 44.1kHz, while Young strives to provide 24-bit 96kHz audio, the same quality used during the recording of modern albums.

Young's not the only person recognizing this quality deficiency. Universal Music Group's Jimmy Iovine said UMG was trying to bring 24-bit audio to iTunes in early 2011.

"What we're trying to do here is fix the degradation of

music that the digital revolution has caused," Iovine said.

As a music fan who appreciates good audio quality, I am all

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used bitrates, and 24-bit audio.

Even if everybody had the higher quality files that Young envisions, they still wouldn't notice the difference because many people listen to their music through subpar speakers or earbud headphones that simply can't play all the frequencies the file contains.

Neil Young
Musician

Most of today's music listeners have never been exposed to anything better than a "high quality" MP3 file, so they likely wouldn't see much reason for upgrading their already-expensive devices for something more expensive with a difference that's not immediately noticeable. I haven't even mentioned how much more expensive higher quality MP3s have the potential of being.

Young also claims it would

take about 30 minutes to download only one of his high quality audio files, a time last matched by me on my Windows 98 PC downloading a 3 to 4 MB file at 3 to 4 kbps.

Young argues, "While you're sleeping, your device is working for you," but these outrageous download times would drive away a significant portion of their user base.

At the end of the day, music is all about how it sounds, because it is just sound, after all. Still, while I admire Young's idea and his drive to see it become more than just a thought, there doesn't seem to be much demand for it.

The same people who would be buying this device are the same people who buy vinyl records. Audiophiles who somehow notice the minute differences between MP3s and the pristine quality of a record would love this "iPod Plus," but I don't think their audience would expand much beyond

See Young on B3



How I Hear It
By Derrick Rossignol

Virtual planner organizes life

iStudiez Pro syncs schedule between platforms; tedious setup pays off in long run

Column

Organization always was the key to a successful college experience.

My mother was adamant about the use of daily planners, desk calendars and sticky notes. These small, simple items can make a huge difference in your academic life. Soon I was using them to catalog every aspect of my schedule, from assignment due dates to intramural soccer games. I used them for a few weeks with great success.

Even then, I couldn't help but think there might be something better out there. I'm always searching for ways to augment my everyday life with technology, so naturally I began combing through app stores. After much searching I finally settled on iStudiez Pro.

iStudiez Pro costs \$2.99 for iOS and \$9.99 for Mac. At close to \$13 for the entire system, it is at the top of my price range for apps. However, after using it for two semesters, I

can say it is the one app I recommend above all others.

iStudiez Pro takes the tried and true daily planner and enhances it with technology any student can appreciate. A simple glance shows nothing more than a glorified daily planner. Its functionality is directly related to how much time you put into setting it up.

As soon as you get your syllabi, take the time to input each class, lecture and lab. If you have both apps, all of these changes sync and update automatically. Take the time to input each assignment as soon as you know its due date.

Yes, it will be a tedious task during the beloved "syllabus week," taking time that could be better used for beer pong, "Call of Duty" and late-night episodes of "24." Being able to see your day laid out in a color-coded format with classes, assignments and exams may seem like a minor convenience, but it is one that makes a substantial difference in productivity.

The most important feature for any lazy student, myself included, is the assignment reminder. Penciling in due dates in a paper notebook works but is not suited to a student's

active lifestyle. Paper notebooks force you to check assignments on a regular basis. It might not seem like such an inconvenience, but it is easy to forget when there is so much to do.

iStudiez Pro allows you to set a reminder for each assignment, with independent alerts. The iOS app allows pop-ups and a badge on the icon, whereas the Mac app only uses badges. Personally, I set it to remind me three days before the due date. Any assignment that would take more than three days to complete would be such a substantial part of my grade that I would not forget it in the first place.

One feature I was surprised to find myself using was the grades calculator. I have always been the type of student to do my best and hope

out the entire semester.

The key to this is being diligent in adding your courses' information at the beginning of the semester. This ensures that all your reminders will be set up and that you will know what your grades are when you need to, not at your professors' discretion.

Another great feature is iCal integration. This makes iStudiez Pro not only a tool for academics but a tool for every part of student life. If you use a different calendar system, such as Google Calendar, you can easily set it up as an Exchange account in iCal. All of your events in Google Calendar will sync to iCal.

It is a simple process and there are plenty of online guides on how to do it. Once in iCal, these events will sync to iStudiez Pro. Then the summary page will show your calendar events, in line with your assignments due, classes to attend and exams to dread.

iStudiez Pro might take effort to set up at first, but it will easily pay off in the long run. It not only encourages you to better manage your time but also provides the peace of mind of never forgetting a due date again.

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to be pleasantly surprised by the outcome. By inputting the weights of each assignment in the course summaries and then inputting grades as they come in, you can effectively estimate your grades through-

Music can ease tense nerves in stressful times

Column

During this stressful time of year, you may be looking for an effective coping mechanism to help you deal with your tension.

For some, music provides the release necessary to relax and move on with life. In my experience, there are three major categories of people who use music as a de-stressing agent: those who listen to angry music, those who listen to happy music and those who listen to tranquil music. For all of the aforementioned music appreciators, I will present to you great tunes to help expel that stress demon from your weary mind.

If you have a hankering for some mosh-worthy, high-voltage, angry-as-hell de-stressing music, look no further than Glassjaw. Although their second album, "Worship and Tribute," was relatively tame, Glassjaw's debut, "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Silence," offers several tracks that aren't for the faint of heart.

My personal favorite tune for stress expulsion is "Love-bites and Razorlines," a song as jolly as the title suggests. The song features Daryl Palumbo's unparalleled vocal anguish and lyrics describing a dreadful harlot who has grievously done wrong to Palumbo.

He proceeds to call her an array of nasty names in a not-so-nice tone of voice. It's the kind of song you sing along with, but only if you don't need to use your voice for the next week or so.

The song prompts the listener to think, "Wow, I guess my problems aren't really that bad. I could always be Daryl Palumbo, who has Crohn's Disease and really bad luck with the ladies." The stress magically disappears.

Although it's cliché and definitely falls into the guilty pleasures category, "Break Stuff" by Limp Bizkit can also be a fun one. Just don't take it too

seriously, or you may need new furniture.

If you unwind by listening to happy music, I would suggest thinking long and hard about the music you listened to in third grade. Unless you were some sort of freak, you probably listened to the happiest music imaginable.

For example, I used to rock out to the Spice Girls, 'N Sync, the Backstreet Boys and Ricky Martin. In third grade, you don't give a damn. Your third-grade brain knows those songs are great and, if you haven't hit puberty, you have no reason to be self-conscious.

Take a moment to relive those days when you're stressed. Go on YouTube and look up that ridiculous B*Witched video they used to show on the Disney Channel. You'll crack a smile, and, at least for a moment, your stress will ease away to a third grade level.

If you have a keen ear for irony, you could always unwind to happy-sounding songs with absolutely miserable lyrics. A good example would be "Semi-Charmed Life" by Third Eye Blind. Everyone wants to party to that "doo-doo-doo" nonsense until they realize that the singer's life is actually in the toilet. Compared to that guy's semi-charmed life, your mostly-charmed life might not seem so rough.

If disturbing irony is more of your cup of tea, then I would suggest listening to "Pumped Up Kicks" by Foster the People. It's a super happy and catchy little ditty that sounds an awful lot like it's about shooting people.

Fun. If you dig serene and ethereal music when you're stressed, many would suggest classic Pink Floyd. Personally, I'm a fan of more modern, spacey ensembles. Mogwai is a Scottish post-rock band that started in the mid-90s, and I often listen to their multi-layered jams when I need to relax.

In the vein of the more obscure, I would suggest listening to "The Physician" by The Winston Jazz Routine. That song will ease your mind so decisively that you will feel your stress melting away.

To all of those fretting this time of year, please know that you're not alone. Take a moment to sit down with headphones and good music, and you will be back to normal in no time.



Alternative Talk
By Colin Kolmar

Censor from B1

these notices public. That's where Chilling Effects comes in.

"Chilling Effects is sort of a repository where all those notices go and where people gather to address the issues surrounding them," said Andrew Clearwater, a fellow at the University of Maine School of Law Center for Law and Innovation.

While their partnership with Twitter is why Chilling Effects is making headlines, the project's reach extends beyond the popular social platform.

Never before has the Internet been as prominent a platform for parody, social commentary or criticism, but like any movement, idea or new technology, it has its opponents. The idea behind Chill-

ing Effects is there are people and corporations out there "using intellectual property and other laws to silence other online users," according to their website.

The site goes on to say they have respect for intellectual property law but not for those who misuse the law to "chill" perfectly legal online activities.

Chilling Effects also issues periodic "weather reports" that evaluate the climate of online activity and answer questions about what activities are the most and least frowned upon and what sort of activities have a distinct possibility of being phased out altogether.

Their latest weather report, published online in March 2011, details takedown notices Google received from the Android Marketplace and then sent to Chilling Effects. The report covered no-

tices related to things like use of words and logos that were trademark infringement and misleading to users.

The fact that Google was sending these reports to Chilling Effects as early as 2011 shows the site was a thriving source of information before their involvement with Twitter, although that connection is often what brings the site to the average user curious about their rights.

Most of the issues on Twitter are centered on copyright laws, but Chilling Effects also has documents and information pertaining to defamation, domain names, anonymity, trademarks, reverse engineering and patents, among other things.

Clearwater said most of the School of Law's work with the site has been in the patent department.

"[What] happened is a while back [was] when Chilling Effects was still forming, various topics within it were being defined," Clearwater said. "Trademark law and copyright law and patent law [were the big issues], and since that time, we decided we would help with defining the patent law portion of the Chilling Effects site."

Clearwater said students from the center contributed many of the definitions of things related to patent law to the site, as well as answers to frequently asked questions about patent law.

"We don't really have a great connection to [Chilling Effects] other than the past contributions to the patent area," Clearwater said. "It's possible in the future we'll expand our connections to the site, but right now, it's pretty stagnant."

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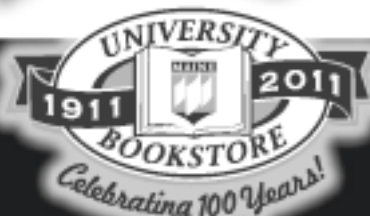
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FILM REVIEW:

‘Beauty and the Beast’ in 3D

Disney revitalizes another classic with new technology



Walt Disney Pictures

By Kayla Riley
Copy Editor

It’s a tale as old as time, so it’s no wonder moviemakers felt the need to recreate “Beauty and the Beast” in Dolby Digital 3D.

Diehard classic Disney aficionados need not worry, as the latest high-tech rerelease shows that the lovely Belle and the misunderstood Beast are twice as nice through multicolored plastic specs.

Perhaps readers of this review lacked a proper childhood. If so, here’s a refresher: Belle is a fair French country girl who would rather read a book than entertain a male suitor such as the brawny and brainless Gaston, who endlessly pines for her. Her quirky father Maurice spends his days creating wacky inventions that rarely work but have all the bells and whistles of a top-rate eighth-grade science project.

One day, Maurice and his trusty horse Philippe take a wrong turn down an eerie wooded path and find themselves at the doorstep of a mystical castle. Once inside, Maurice meets multiple enchanted beings, from a clever clock called Cogsworth to a lively candelabrum, Lumiere.

Sadly for Maurice, it’s not all well-meaning magical mayhem at the castle, which he discovers

when he comes face to face with the Beast — a giant, hairy, toothy creature who doesn’t take kindly to unexpected guests.

It’s up to Belle to save her kooky father from his imprisonment, and the only way for her to do so is to take his place — forever. After a tearful goodbye, Belle must come to terms with

While the pivotal ballroom scene is expectedly brilliant in 3D, the surprises come with the subtle vibrance of a winter wonderland and the drama of a castle-top fight scene

the fact that she’ll never see her father or her village again.

The cast of castle characters do their best to cheer her up as she laments over her new life. Cue a few Disney ballads such as the memorable “Be Our Guest” and before Belle knows it, she has fallen for her captor, Stockholm Syndrome-style. All is well until Gaston hatches a plan to take down the gentle-hearted Beast so he can have Belle for his own.

“Beauty and the Beast” holds all the same whimsy and wonder in 3D as it did on VHS, if not a little more. Flowers sway realistically in the breeze during Belle’s dramatic reprise and the dancing forks and knives during the dinner scene have never looked so good. This is not in-your-face 3D, but 3D done right with sim-

ple touches and delicate digital effects.

Eager viewers may be disappointed by the lack of overt effects, but those who wore out the VHS tape as children and are hoping for a massive library for Valentine’s Day instead of a dozen roses will be pleased. Belle’s yellow gown sparkles just a bit more and that wilting rose in the glass case is more dramatic.

All the magic of the 1991 original remains, now with a 2012 touch. While the pivotal ballroom scene is expectedly

brilliant in 3D, the surprises come with the subtle vibrance of a winter wonderland and the drama of a castle-top fight scene.

Over 20 years after its original release, “Beauty and the Beast” hasn’t lost its luster. The truth is, the majority of moviegoers excited about Disney flicks in 3D aren’t there for the glasses — they’re there to revisit a fabulous family film they grew up with or shared with their children, not to be wowed by overblown effects.

“Beauty and the Beast” satisfies those wishing to reminisce and uses 3D successfully, while leaving a classic gloriously intact.

Grade: A

Young from B1

that group. While I said I admire high quality audio, I’m one of those who doesn’t see much difference between MP3s and HQ formats like FLAC or WAV. I encode most of my music files at at least 192 kbps, if not 320 kbps, but I don’t see enough potential benefit to switch from the iPod I have now to this new

audiophile device. My ears aren’t nearly as perceptive or well-trained as those of people like Young and other musicians. There are probably many others like me who wish they could see the difference so we’ll be getting the highest quality listening experience possible.

The way I’m hearing it right now, though, I already am getting the best sound quality that I can, even if that’s not technically correct. If Neil’s new

music player ever comes to be, I wish it good luck in gaining more than a niche audience, but I don’t think it’s likely.

CD REVIEW:

Lana Del Rey, ‘Born To Die’

Internet hate target’s debut not as bad as reputation

By Derrick Rossignol
Style Editor

Lana Del Rey is an enigma, but not in the way that Lady Gaga’s Dadaism leaves people scratching their heads or how Justin Bieber is both beloved and belittled by so many, but because the vagueness of Rey’s rise to prominence.

One critically panned Saturday Night Live performance propelled the young songstress to instant fame and made her one of the most polarizing figures in popular music.

The theory that is catching steam, believed by most doubters and conspiracy theorists, is Del Rey is a planned commercial endeavor engineered by her millionaire investor father’s wallet and various managers with blueprints for her success.

What’s confirmed is that Del Rey — actually named Elizabeth Grant — grew up in Lake Placid, N.Y. and spent time living in a trailer park, but even the legitimacy of that has been contested. Did she do it out of genuine interest for that lifestyle or was it a step in the process to inject mystique into her backstory?

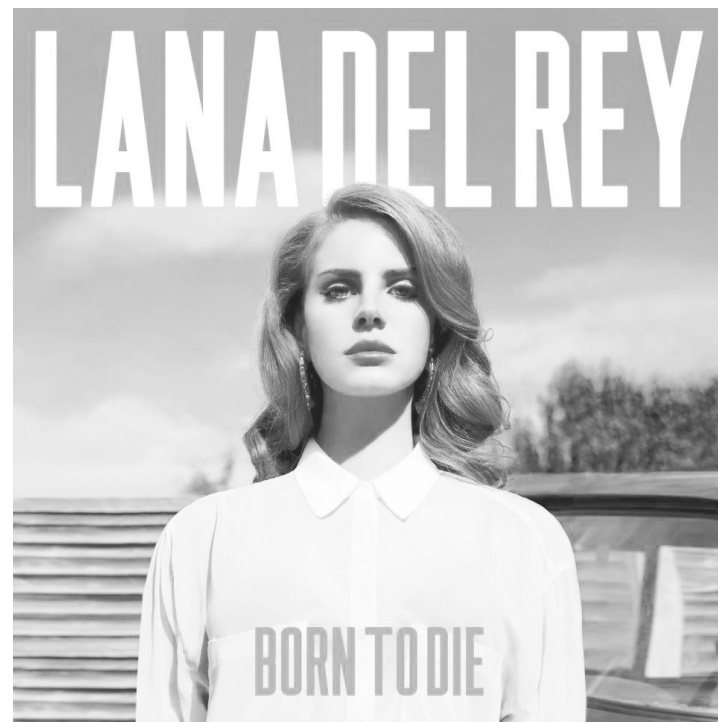
Whenever Internet users get an opportunity to collectively hate something, they pounce on it without hesitation, whether or not the source material warrants such widespread disdain.

Del Rey became a victim of this when the online community stuck a megaphone in front of NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams who said her Saturday Night Live performance was “one of the worst outings in SNL history.” Actress Juliette Lewis also tweeted that Del Rey’s performance was “like watching a 12-year-old in their bedroom when they’re pretending to sing and perform.”

The moral behind Lewis’ mean-spirited tweet is absolutely correct — to a degree. Del Rey looked nervous and insecure, but that seems to be less symptomatic of her being uneasy in the spotlight and more a reflection of the themes woven throughout “Born To Die.”

It’s not the fame and notoriety that worry her — it’s the fear that her own self-consciousness and insecurities will devour her whole.

The album name is no misnomer. A quick analysis of it reveals exactly what Del Rey’s thought process is in most of the tracks. Instead of realizing she has been given the gift of a comfortable life, she recognizes



Interscope

only the negative aspects: it will come to an end, and there will be pain — and lots of it — along the way.

The title track is the finest example of this. It is the exact opposite of Vitamin C’s “Graduation” — instead of a past to look back upon fondly and a future filled with hope, Del Rey argues life is a constant detriment to morale, but though the pursuit of happiness or anything else to numb the pain of living is likely futile, it’s worth a shot.

Del Rey’s insecurities are plentiful and well-represented, both by the tracklist and the collagen in her lips. Her apparent plastic surgery can be seen as an attempt to fix what she felt was a personal shortcoming. But according to her songs, pleasing herself is exponentially easier than making others happy.

Listening to “Video Games,” the single that catapulted her into the nation’s view, without watching the accompanying music video is like listening to a movie — you get the gist of what’s going on, but the visual element uncovers meaning that can’t be perceived with ears alone.

The video, supposedly made by Del Rey almost entirely of video she found on YouTube, shows clips of urban life and other joys the world has to offer, interrupted by footage of public drunkenness and low-fi, self-recorded video of Del Rey singing into the camera with a look of longing and emptiness in her eyes. The optimism of the video is brought back into melancholic territory by Del Rey’s emotionally charged but often-subtle vocals over piano,

plucked pizzicato strings and other orchestral elements.

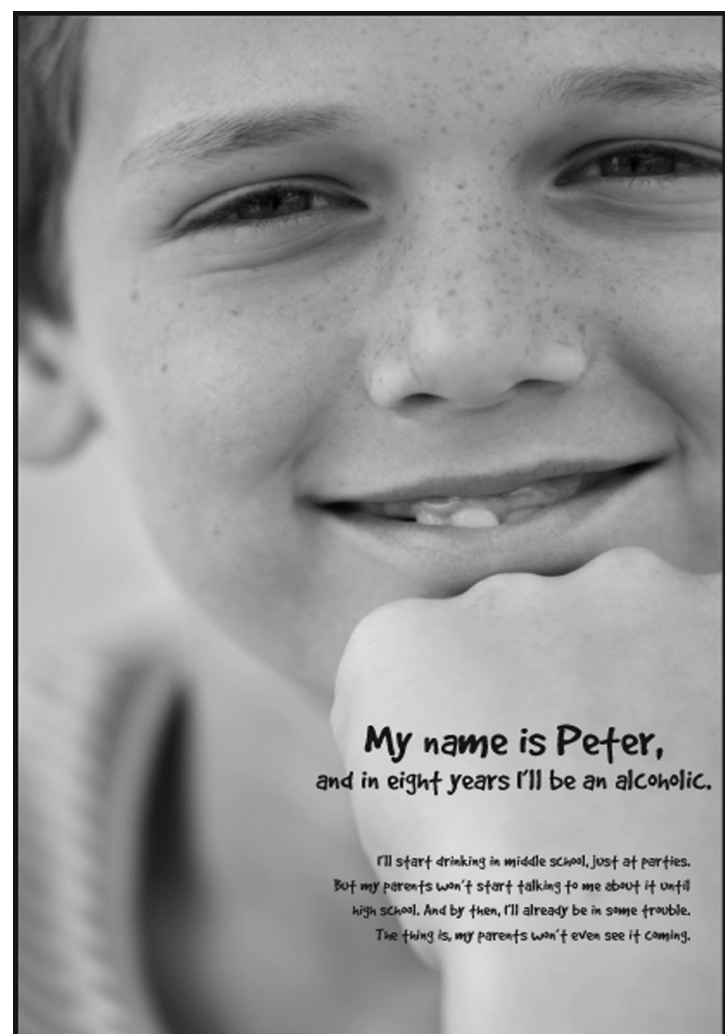
It’s as though Del Rey envies the people in the video, skateboarding, riding mopeds and jumping into pools, and they’re a representation of what she wants her life to be — one that can’t be salvaged from the negativity inherent in the pessimism with which she sees the world.

Del Rey’s lack of confidence lies only in the subject matter. Her vocals are unconventional, but top-notch. She naturally switches back and forth between smoky-jazz-lounge-style singing, airy femininity and spoken verse.

Where the record falters is in its repetitive instrumentation and production. The first five tracks are attention-capturing, but beyond the album’s first half, no territory is explored that hasn’t already been visited. The same hip-hop-lite beats and slow string arrangements occupy every song and when combined with slow tempos and Del Rey’s hypnotizing vocals, the whole affair is almost enough to lull you to sleep.

Del Rey doesn’t deserve to be victimized by hateful YouTube comments comparing her talent to the size of the dislike bar, but “Born To Die” doesn’t deserve the utmost praise, either. It’s an intriguing record, albeit primarily because of its context, but there are flashes of brilliance that put into question how important the album is musically and not just culturally.

Grade: B



My name is Pefer,
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Winter X Games welcomes additional level of extreme

Column

When it comes to defying physics, flirting with fatality or just being an overall thrill-seeker, extreme sports athletes know how to do it right.

Last weekend's Winter X Games were no exception, celebrating another highly anticipated chapter of organized stunt competition, which was first cultivated circa the 1990s.

Thursday's showcase began with heavy hearts, as the late Sarah Burke was honored by her mourning friends and family, as well as the competitors. The four-time X Games gold medalist and Aspen native pioneered

the sport of freestyle skiing. She died a few days after suffering catastrophic head injuries while training for the "superpipe" competition last month.

The ceremony included friends of Burke taking a quiet, glow stick-lit walk down a darkened half-pipe in remembrance.

Over four days, the 16th annual Winter X Games showcased some of the blossoming year's most gratifying performances, highlighted by none other than "The Flying Tomato" himself, two-time Olympic gold medalist Shaun White, who, evidently, has not lost a spin, flip or grab since last year's competition.

Like most extreme sports athletes, White hardly ever garners pride in an average performance. Striving to be more innovative and to go faster and higher than the last person is the name of the game, and White proved capable yet again.

In Sunday night's superpipe competition, White earned his

fifth consecutive X Games gold medal in the event and the Winter X Games' first-ever perfect score, tallying 100 points from judges on his third and final run.

In the run, the 12-time X Games gold medalist unveiled his latest trick marvel, a front-side double cork 1260 — becoming the first ever to land the combo — along with pulling off a few classics like the double McTwist 1260, front-side stalefish 540, Cab double cork 1080, frontside double cork 1080 and 180-foot back-side air.

Although White may have earned the event's so-called "Most Valuable Player" award, many others also pushed boundaries between normality and insanity.

Sled freestyle rider Heath Frisby completed the first-ever front flip. Yes, a front flip on a snowmobile. Then again, once upon a time the 900 was thought to be impossible, too

— until Tony Hawk reimagined the possibilities of skateboarding by successfully spinning two and a half times around in the air.

On the other hand, challenging the "impossible" doesn't always have a pretty result. Dirt bike and sled freestyle rider Justin Hoyer attempted the first-ever double back flip, just one run before Frisby's, but did not share the same luck. Hoyer failed to fully complete his second flip, resulting in a hospital trip for the 30-year-old to treat a fractured left ankle and right forearm.

The bottom line is: Extreme sports — with the helpful popularity of ESPN's X Games — have become the optimization for the term "don't try this at home."

Extreme sports athletes put themselves in dangerous situations — the tightrope-walk of serious injury — and consistently defy the limitations of the human body.



By Liam Nee

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Men's hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

Track and Field vs. Holy Cross 12:30 p.m.

Women's hockey vs. Vermont 2 p.m.

Women's basketball at UMBC 1 p.m.

Men's basketball at UMBC 3:30 p.m.

Men's hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

Women's hockey vs. Vermont 3 p.m.

Men's basketball looks to stay consistent in AEC against UMBC

By Charlie Merritt For The Maine Campus

The first time the University of Maine men's basketball team hosted the University of Maryland-Baltimore County the offense scored at will, taking advantage of UMBC's poor defense, which ranks last in the league, giving up 78.6 points per game.

UMaine (10-10, 4-5 America East) ended up winning 89-70, with every Black Bear helping to fill a stat sheet led by senior guard Gerald McLemore's 29 points.

This upcoming game against UMBC (3-17, 2-6 AE) will be important for the Black Bears to climb back up the America East rankings.

UMBC is led by 6-foot-6 sophomore forward Chase Plummer, who is averaging a team high 14.0 points per game — good for eighth overall in America East — and 7.5 rebounds.

In his first matchup against UMaine, Plummer scored 17 points on 6-17 shooting and added four rebounds. He is the only consistent scoring op-

tion for the Retrievers and will be the focal point of the Black Bears' defense.

UMaine has been streaking as of late. After some impressive out-of-conference play by the Black Bears, they started conference play by winning their first two America East games against bottom-feeders Binghamton (0-21, 0-9 AE) and UMBC before dropping their next five straight.

The Black Bears got back on track with a tough road win against New Hampshire (7-13, 2- against Binghamton at home. UMaine is right in the middle of the pack at 4-5 in conference play with Albany (14-9, 6-3 AE) sitting a spot above them. UMaine had a heart-breaking 76-75 loss at Albany in the midst of their five-game losing streak.

Maine has the ability to play with every team in its league and will try to gain momentum going into the conference tournament that every team in America East is trying to make. Despite the losing streak, Maine still averages the second-most points a per game at 72.3, but has fallen to sixth in the defen-

sive ranks, giving up 69.3 points per game.

Maine is still shooting the ball well, leading the league in field goal percentage at 46 percent. Maine has three of the top 11 scores in America East, led by Gerald McLemore with 17.9 points per game, good for third overall. Freshman Justin Edwards is in fifth place averaging 15.3, and the big man Alasdair Fraser sits at 11th with 12.9 points per game.

The biggest concern for the Black Bears lately has been their high turnover ratio, which wasn't an issue at the start of the season. Edwards leads the team with 51 turnovers, and has turned the ball four or more times in the last four games.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The University of Maine men's basketball team travels to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County this Saturday.

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sity of Minnesota-Duluth, ranked No. 1 in the country.

"You don't want to see a let-down against a team whose record is subpar," Whitehead said.

"However, there is no doubt in my mind, after watching video and looking at their recent results, that this is a much-improved team since Christmas. They can come to any venue and challenge you."

The Black Bears' series with the Chargers begins Friday at 7 p.m. in the Alford Arena.



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The Black Bears have gone unbeaten in their last five games and are tied for 10th place in the PairWise rankings.

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Freshman class excels for men's hockey

With one recording a point in each of last 5 games, Black Bear cubs continue to prove worth early in college career



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Members of the University of Maine men's hockey team's freshman class, like forwards Connor Leen (left), Stu Higgins (center) and defender Jake Rutt (right) have stepped up their play in recent games.

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

Time flies during your first year of college.

One moment you show up, a stranger to your surroundings, and the next you're navigating the campus with ease, even in a drunken state.

On that note, the recent performances from several of the freshman members of the University of Maine men's hockey team should come as no surprise.

Since losing 6-2 at Merrimack College in mid-January, the Black Bears have gone 4-0-1 with all four wins coming against top-five teams.

And coinciding with their latest unbeaten streak is the involvement of a group of freshmen that has given the Black Bears substantial secondary options.

After the drubbing by the Warriors, UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead altered the lines, putting freshman forward Stu Higgins on the second line with junior forward Matt Mangene and sophomore forward Mark Anthoine, while teaming freshmen forwards John Parker and Connor Leen on the third line with sophomore center Jon Swavely. Freshman defender Jake Rutt has also taken a more prominent role on the defensive side of the puck.

"Your typical college freshman doesn't become an impact player until their junior or senior year," Whitehead said. "I think it's just a maturation process that takes time. It's great when your freshmen can rise up and be significant contributors in the second half of their freshman season."

One of those four freshmen has recorded a point in each

of the five contests since the line change.

Rutt assisted on the go-ahead goal in the 2-2 tie against the Warriors for his first collegiate point; Parker picked up his first assist on a Black Bears goal in their 4-3 win over Boston Col-

lege; Leen scored his first collegiate goal in game-winning fashion when UMaine completed the sweep of BC, while Higgins assisted on an earlier goal in the contest; and Parker scored in each game of the the Black Bears' recent weekend

sweep of Boston University. "I'm coming into my own, starting to adjust to the physicality," Parker said of his three points in the last four games. "It's getting a little bit easier."

Rutt agreed with Parker, adding the game has slowed

down for him over the course of the season. "You have more poise with the puck. You don't think someone is right on you, you trust your game and your skills," he said. "It's slowing down, you're more comfortable out there."

When Whitehead shuffled the lines, the freshmen understood what their new roles were. "I think he just wanted to shake things up," Rutt said. "In Merrimack we came out a little flat, and Coach wanted to spice things up."

"I think most importantly is our energy," Higgins said. "At Merrimack, Parker led our team in hits. It's things like that, which add up."

Rutt said the team bought into the idea that they'd sweep BC and BU.

"That was the goal. We're pleased with the outcomes, but we didn't doubt ourselves," Rutt said. "We've had some good games against top teams and didn't come out with the win. So we buckled down and did the small things."

Going forward, it seems the freshmen will continue to de-

velop in their roles and provide more support for a team that was top-heavy for the majority of the season.

"We have a lot of depth right now," Higgins said. "We have specific roles but we're trying to further ourselves every day."

"I'm just trying to focus on taking more shots, being the forward high," Parker said. "Pucks are coming up there and it's good getting a couple shots."

Leen mentioned the complimenting that occurs on his line with Parker and Swavely.

"Swavely's a great center, he's always skating and is very defensively aware," he said. "Parker and I do a good job of getting the puck out, and when we get on our horse and race for the puck we have very good speed. It's contributing to our offense a lot."

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Stu Higgins
Freshman forward
UMaine men's hockey

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exceeding their speed," Lewis said.

With the end of the season coming in the next four weeks the Black Bears are looking to close the season strong, but they know they have a little ways to go before the playoffs. They still hold their futures in their own hands, and they would like to keep it that way.

"We don't want to look too far ahead in the future, but we know the season is closing out, and we can see our goals ahead of us," Lewis said. "At this point, our goals are still in our hands, and we want to play solid so we don't put our goals in someone else's hands."

UMaine and UVM will square off in a two-game series at the Alford Arena on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m and Feb 5 at 3 p.m.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The University of Maine women's hockey team hosts the University of Vermont for a two-game series this weekend.

University of Maine Sports Briefs

Frozen Fenway nets city of Boston close to \$30 million

Over the 16 days that an ice rink laid across the Fenway Park infield, the city of Boston raked in almost \$30 million.

Of the \$28.8 million generated, \$17.9 million was direct spending while the other \$10.9 came from indirect spending and the majority of total spending — around 83 percent — came from the two main weekend games on Jan. 7 and 14, including the University of Maine vs. the University of New Hampshire.

Diamond earns Player of the Month honors, Sullivan nets Player of the Week award.

University of Maine men's hockey junior forward Joey Diamond was named Hockey East Player of the

Month for January after scoring six goals and assisting on five more during UMaine 6-1-1 stretch.

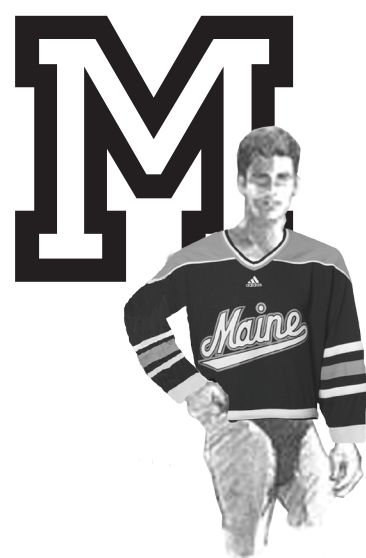
In addition, sophomore goalie Dan Sullivan was named Hockey East Player of the Week after stopping 66 out of 69 shots in the sweep at Boston University.

Sullivan stopped a career-high 38 shots in Saturday's series finale and finished the weekend with a .957 save percentage.

Men's basketball to host Marist in BracketBusters; Edwards gains 6th Rookie of the Week honors

The University of Maine men's basketball team will host Marist College either Feb. 18 or 19 in the annual BracketBusters matchup.

UMaine and Marist last met on Jan. 7, 1984, which ended up in a 2-point victory by Marist, 59-57.



Athletes of the Week



Samantha Baranowski - Basketball

Samantha Baranowski (Stanhope, N.J.) averaged 16.0 points and 5.5 rebounds over the past week including a career-high 20 point performance in Maine's win over Binghamton. The senior tri-captain has now tallied double-figures in six-straight games while averaging 13.8 points per game in conference action.



Dan Sullivan - Men's Hockey

Dan Sullivan (York, Pa.) went 2-0-0 on the week as the University of Maine men's ice hockey team swept #2 Boston University. He finished with a 1.50 goals against average and a .957 save percentage. For his efforts, Sullivan was named Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week. He made a career-high 38 saves in the win on Saturday night.

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UMaine men's hockey head coach Tim Whitehead

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Winter X Games outdoes itself

Annual extreme event continues to raise bar

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Fresh off sweeps, UM preps for lowly opponent

Despite lackluster record, men's hockey not taking Alabama-Huntsville lightly

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

For the first time since the 2001-02 season, the University of Maine men's hockey team swept Boston College and Boston University in back-to-back weekends.

While head coach Tim Whitehead said "it was a bit crazy," he also said he was proud of his team for rebounding after what was a tough start to the season.

"We found different ways to win," Whitehead said. "We've been relying a lot on our power play, but the desire and heart of players to block shots [has emerged]."

If heart is measurable in wins, then the Black Bears have had it in spades recently, going 11-2-1 since Thanksgiving. And each weekend another member of the Black Bears seems to momentarily lift the team onto his shoulders.

While junior forward Matt Mangene's four goals against Boston College helped propel the Black Bears to victory, sophomore goalie Dan Sullivan's stifling of the vaunted Boston University offense was the main factor in UMaine's weekend sweep of the Terriers.

"Sully's really making big stops and solidifying that position," Whitehead said. "Dan has benefited from the experiences he's had and is an extremely hard worker. He's very coachable and it's one of his biggest strengths — he's a student of the game."

Haley Johnston
Photo Editor

The No. 15 University of Maine men's hockey team welcomes the University of Alabama in Huntsville to Alfond Arena this weekend for a two-game series.

While Whitehead was surprised a couple of weeks ago when the Black Bears toppled the Eagles with little help from the top line, he is pleased that it has continued.

"The secondary scoring has really emerged on a consistent basis," he said. "We're seeing some of our sophomores — Jon Swavely, Mark Anthoine, Brice O'Connor — come into their own and become factors on the team. In college sports when you can lose kids early, those young players are asked to step up."

In the weekend series against the Terriers, six different Black Bears scored, with freshman forward John Parker the only one doubling up.

Their recent stretch of games catapulted the Black Bears to No. 15 in the country and tied them for 10th in PairWise rankings, which mimics the tournament se-



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lection process of the NCAA.

In addition, UMaine jumped to third in Hockey East, good for a home playoff series if they stay in the top four. At the moment, the Black Bears' 24 points stack up at one point less than co-leaders BC and BU and one ahead of Merrimack College. The University of Massachusetts-Lowell is the odd team out in fifth place with 22 points.

The rest of the Black Bears' Hockey East schedule has them feasting on the bottom dwellers — save for Lowell — while teams like Merrimack still need to tussle with the top dogs.

UMaine's remaining conference schedule includes traveling to Providence College for a game, then an important contest at Lowell before finishing the season at home against the University of New Hampshire.

"We're never comfortable,"

Whitehead said of his team's current standing in Hockey East. "And we want to make sure our players are never comfortable. We know how difficult it is to win in this league on any night, against any opponent. Perhaps it may look like our schedule is [easier] down the stretch, but in our eyes, everyone is desperate down the stretch, including us."

The Black Bears have a rare off week in conference play when they welcome the University of Alabama-Huntsville to the Alfond Arena this weekend.

Despite a paltry record of 2-24-1, the Chargers are tougher than their performance suggests. Alabama-Huntsville is comfortable playing on the road, with just 12 games at home compared to 19 away.

The most impressive of their wins came on the road at Denver College, when Denver was ranked No. 11 in the country. Two weekends ago they lost two one-goal decisions at the Univer-

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Find out about the freshmen phenoms on the men's hockey team on B5

After week's rest, women's hockey set for conference tilts with UVM



By Joe Sturz
Staff Reporter

After a week off between games, the University of Maine women's hockey team is ready to get back in action with a weekend series against the University of Vermont.

With a record of 13-8-6 (7-6-2 Hockey East), they sit in fifth place with 16 points, trailing third place Boston University by only 2 points. The last three series of the year for the Black Bears are going to be important, and it all starts this weekend against UVM.

The seventh-place Catamounts will be coming into the Alfond Arena banged up with several key players missing; they still have star freshman forward Amanda Pelkey available for the game, but she will most likely be playing as a defender. Even with all the injuries, head coach Maria Lewis says UVM will be a challenge and should not be overlooked.

"They have injuries and are hurting — their top player is out — but Pelkey will be moved from forward to defense to help get them through the injuries," Lewis said. "She is a top freshman, played on the U-18 team, and will add

skill and mobility.

"They are coming off a big win against [the University of New Hampshire], they are hungry to play hard, they have momentum, they have done well against us at home. After beating them 5-2 in Vermont, they will be looking to do well here."

To ensure success against the Catamounts, Lewis said the Black Bears have made some adjustments of their own for the upcoming series.

"We are tinkering with the fore-check, we're going to use a few different looks against UVM, adjust the breakout a little bit, and use the same lines we used against [Boston University] to keep chemistry going," Lewis said.

UMaine junior goaltender Brittany Ott, coming off a 51-save weekend in games against the University of Connecticut and Providence College that earned her Hockey East Co-Defender of the Week honors, will have another challenge to face with the UVM offensive attack that features quick forwards that take advantage of opportunities.

"They have good speed, very opportunistic, they crash the net, back-check well, so we are going to have to do a good job of clearing out the net as well as matching or

See Hockey on B5

Belichick to give Patriots the edge in tight title game

Column

So it all comes down to this.

After 522 regular season and postseason games, a condensed offseason and a lengthy work stoppage, the entire 2011 NFL season boils down to one game.

While you still need to wait three more days for Super Bowl XLVI, my prediction of the game is already here. Well, it's at the end of the column. You're almost there. I guess there's nothing stopping you from just skipping to the score, but where's the fun in that?

Anyway, we've covered how the Patriots' multi-faceted offense should be able to contain the vaunted pass rush of the Giants and how quarterback Eli Manning and the G-Men's revamped receiving crew should have no trouble shredding the patchwork secondary of the Pats.

Even though the Giants are considered the hotter and more complete team, the Patriots remain a two and a half- to three-point favorite over the team that beat them earlier this year.

This is only the 13th Super Bowl featuring a rematch of a regular season game. And for Patriots fans' sake, New England lost the Week 9 matchup.

Why is it to their advantage? In the 12 previous regular season rematches occurring in the Super Bowl, including the last three occurrences, the loser of the first contest is 7-5 over their opponent in the follow up.

As a matter of fact, the Patriots beat the Giants in the 2008 regular season, only to have the G-Men avenge their loss. Back on Nov. 6, New York and New England met for a bizarre game, one that saw no scoring in the first half and only one threatening drive — from the Patriots. Turnovers played a vital role in the contest, with the Giants scoring 10 of their 24 points on Patriots turnovers.

A mild three quarters made way for a manic fourth, when each team forgot how to stop the other. There were three drives of 80 yards or more and Manning led the Giants on a game-winning drive in the final 2 minutes.

While each team went in separate directions after their mid-season meeting — the Giants lost four games in a row while the Patriots haven't lost since — they will undoubtedly reference their meeting on Nov. 6 more so than the 2008 Super Bowl. With the perfect dome con-

ditions of Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis neutralizing special teams play, the Super Bowl has a knack for bringing out the best in the most overlooked category of football.

In Super Bowl XLIV, Saints head coach Sean Payton called a surprise onside kick to open up the half against the Colts while Bears' kick returner Devin Hester spurned Indy on the opening kickoff of Super Bowl XLI.

The five-yard change in the kickoff should negate any chance at a return for a touchdown, but a punt block or long punt return could have a large impact on a game this close on paper.

Each team was fundamentally sound in the regular season on special teams, with neither having a punt blocked. However, while the Giants were near the bottom in punt returns, the Patriots' combination of Julian Edelman and Wes Welker combined to average over 10 yards per punt return, and Edelman returned one 72 yards for a touchdown earlier in the season.

Another possible game-changer is an interception return for a touchdown in the Super Bowl. There have been 11 games where a pick-six took place and each time that team won, including the last three Super Bowls.

The Giants did not return an interception for a touchdown during the regular season — and worse, had three returned on them. On the flip-side, two members of the Patriots returned interceptions for scores while Patriots quarterback Tom Brady only threw one pick-six.

Finally, the last intangible to consider: coaching. Giants head coach Tom Coughlin is currently the fourth-longest tenured coach currently employed by an NFL team and has gone 78-57 with the Giants. 2011 was far from his most successful year with the Giants,

as he failed to lead New York to 10 or more wins for the fourth time in eight years.

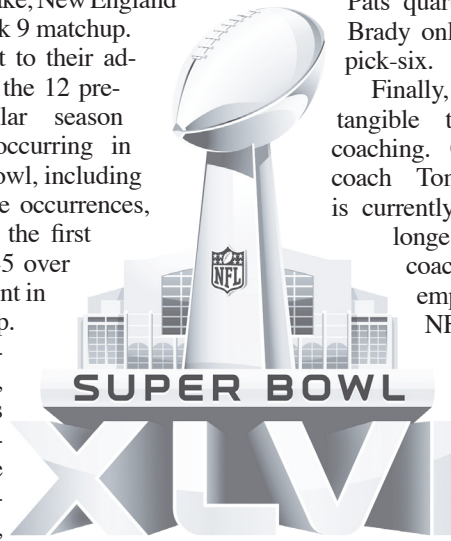
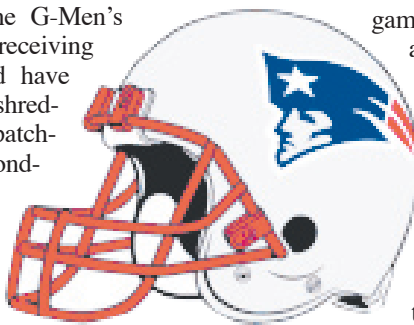
The same goes for New England coach Bill Belichick. The NFL's second-longest tenured coach also finished a season that didn't rank among his best record-wise, but did continue a streak of at least 10 wins for the ninth-straight season.

Belichick has only lost two straight games three times since 2003 and loses to the same team twice in a row on even fewer occasions.

That's the reason why the Patriots will hoist their fourth Super Bowl. It's not to say Coughlin will be unprepared for one of the biggest games of his coaching career. It's that Belichick will be more prepared than he's ever been for a football game. He'll have his team ready for any occasion, and he'll need them to be.



By Jesse Scardina



Patriots 30, Giants 26