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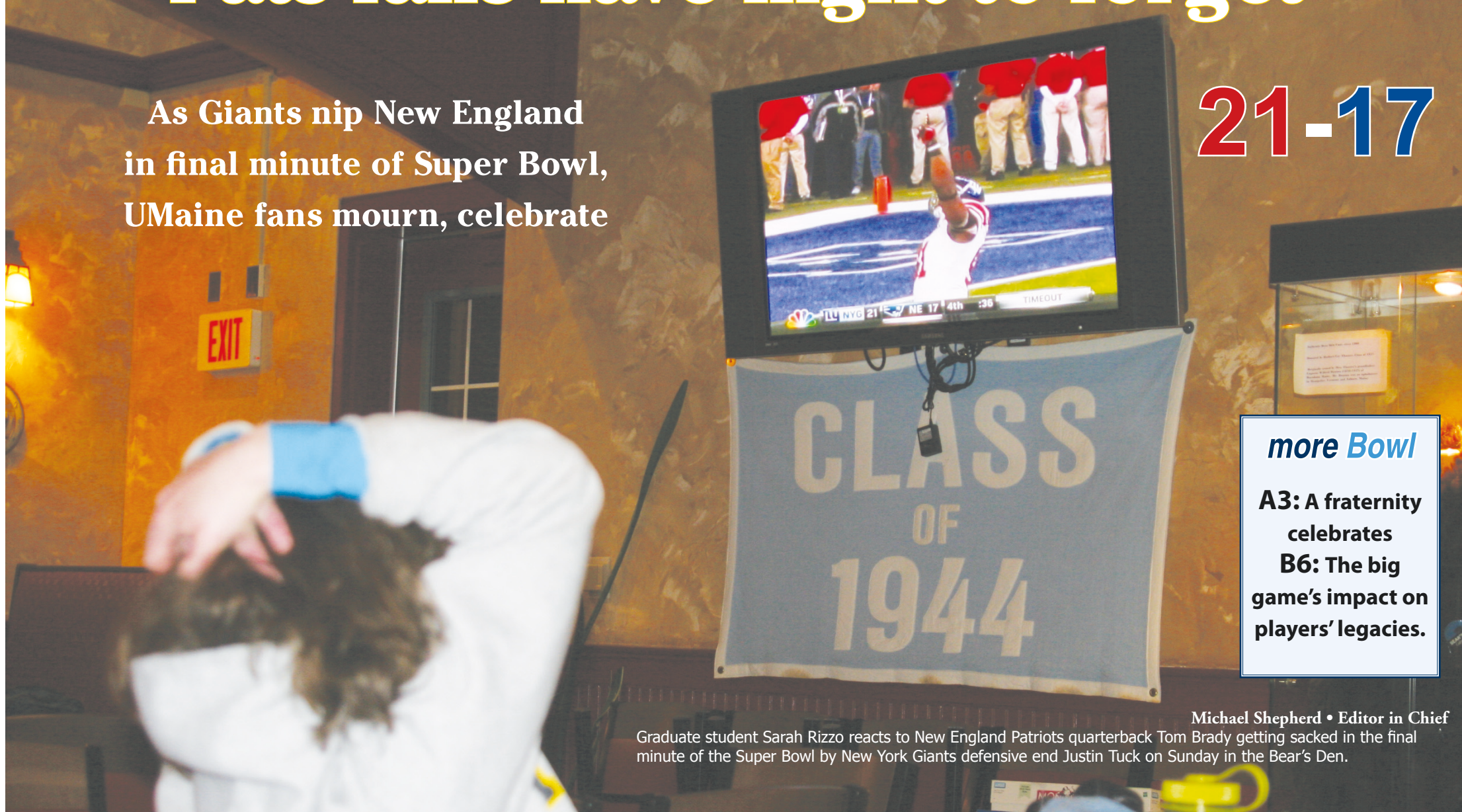
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SUPER BOWL XLVI

Pats fans have night to forget

As Giants nip New England in final minute of Super Bowl, UMaine fans mourn, celebrate

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Graduate student Sarah Rizzo reacts to New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady getting sacked in the final minute of the Super Bowl by New York Giants defensive end Justin Tuck on Sunday in the Bear's Den.

more Bowl
A3: A fraternity celebrates
B6: The big game's impact on players' legacies.

Michael Shepherd • Editor in Chief



File photo by Michael Shepherd • Editor in Chief
Carlisle McLean, an adviser to Gov. Paul LePage, addresses the public during a meeting of the Juniper Ridge Landfill Advisory Committee in Old Town last year. Old Town and Orono have not yet formally weighed in on the decision to allow the landfill to apply for an expansion.

Old Town, Orono mostly mum on landfill decision

Juniper Ridge concerns possible in host city's future

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

A recent decision by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection allowing a local landfill to apply to expand to nearly double its current capacity has an Orono town councilor saying the decision will set a precedent for incremental expansion in the future. Meanwhile, officials from Old Town, which receives host benefits from the landfill, haven't taken a position on the department's decision.

The Orono Town Council submitted a statement to the MDEP last year against the proposed expansion of Juniper Ridge Landfill, the state-owned, Casella Waste Systems-operated landfill straddling the Old Town-Alton border. Casella applied last year to expand the landfill by 21 million cubic yards, which would have nearly tripled its current capacity. On Jan. 31, MDEP issued a "partial approval" of Casella's plan, allowing them to apply for a maximum expansion of 9.35 million cubic yards.

At a November 2011 meeting, the Orono Town Council opposed Casella's proposed expansion of the landfill, discussing a draft letter saying the council was "very concerned that the proposed expansion highlights operational and management practices that fail to align, both technically and in spirit, with the State's solid waste hierarchy." Maine's solid waste hierarchy stipulates that landfilling is the method of last resort in dealing with waste. Reducing the amount of waste produced

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\$2.3 million cut expected to hit system campuses

Legislative task force's move no surprise to administrators

By Jamison Cocklin
State Editor

A total of \$2.3 million in appropriation cuts to the University of Maine System is expected to be approved by the state legislature this week with little objection.

The move comes as no surprise to system administrators, who have been working with the Streamline and Prioritize Core Government Services Task Force since last summer as part of a larger effort by lawmakers to find greater efficiencies throughout state government.

In all, a \$25 million gap was left on the books last year when the legislature approved its \$6.1 billion biennial budget for 2012 and 2013. At the time, as Maine found itself slowly emerging from the recession and confronting its lingering effects, lawmakers sought to find greater savings in many aspects of the state budget.

This, according to House Minority Leader Emily Cain, D-Orono, required soliciting cost-saving proposals from various government agencies and service providers, which would then be passed on to the streamlining task force. The task force then recommended cuts based on those proposals. "This was a budgeted gap, it's not a shortfall at all," Cain said. "These cuts are nothing new, and the system knew about them long before it decided to freeze tuition."

In fact, the task force finalized

its work last November, according to Ryan Low, the former chief financial officer at the University of Maine at Farmington, who served as the co-chair of the streamlining committee last summer.

After a public hearing on the cuts on Feb. 1, lawmakers were sure to make clear that the \$25 million gap was not related to the \$220 million shortfall in the Department of Health and Human Services budget, which has eluded legislators who have been working for months to fill it.

Such confusion raised the question of whether or not the \$2.3 million in cuts would in any way affect the tuition freeze ap-

and find a variety of ways to mitigate them."

Low added that the system's member campuses were also prepared for the cuts and have long since accounted for them within their 2013 budgets.

"We have been able to minimize the impact of these cuts," he said. "And many of the things the board of trustees discussed at their last meeting, like finding more efficiencies and examining the size of the system's administration, were based on the cuts and the work we did with the committee to find them."

The task force also proposed reducing payments to hospitals to save \$3.2 million, eliminating a program for at-risk youths to save \$2.2 million, and reducing funding for the Child Development Services Program by \$850,000.

Rep. Emily Cain
House Minority Leader

"These cuts are nothing new, and the system knew about them long before it decided to freeze tuition."

proved for 2012-13 by the board of trustees at its last meeting on Jan. 23.

"When the trustees made their decision to freeze tuition they were well aware of the cuts," said Low, who began his new role with the system as its executive director of government and external affairs on Jan. 1.

Low said the system worked closely with both the streamlining task force and Gov. Paul LePage's administration to ensure the cuts would in no way affect students.

"We certainly didn't advocate for reductions, and the original figure was closer to \$5 million in cuts," Low said. "But the system has worked to spread the cuts out

als have met little resistance," Cain said. "I expect they will be passed this week."

When asked why higher education always seems to be on the chopping block when it comes time to fill holes in the state budget, Cain said it cannot be easily avoided.

"The University of Maine System receives a lot of money from the state," she said. "Any time you're trying to find funding efficiencies or seeking to make reductions it's hard to keep it off the table."

Cain estimated that the \$2.3 million slated to be cut amounts to around 1 percent of the system's appropriation from the state.

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Katy Hein • Design Assistant

Left: Spectators filled the Islamic Center of Maine's main room in anticipation of the open house presentation titled "Quran: Learn it or Burn it?"

Middle: Main presenter Dr. Mohammad Mir gave his lecture titled "Quran: Learn it or Burn it?" to a full house during the Islamic Center of Maine's open house on Saturday night.

Right: From left, speakers Mir, Dr. Mohammad Tabbah and Outreach Coordinator Jenan Jondy answered audience questions regarding Islam after listening to Mir's presentation.

Orono center hosts panel to teach about Quran

By Anne Chase
For The Maine Campus

When guests arrived for the Islamic Center of Maine's third annual open house Saturday, a gentleman standing near the door reminded them to remove their shoes before entering the mosque. He indicated a room to the left where there is a shoe rack.

The center is located in Orono, and its open house featured a panel discussion titled "Quran: Learn it or Burn it?"

People were praying for the fourth time that day in the main room of the building. The women were behind the men, and all

faced toward Mecca, the Muslim holy land.

Attendees spoke with lowered voices, but as the mosque began to fill, the noise increased. A silence began falling over the crowd soon after 5 p.m. When all were quiet, Basi Baleela began the open house by reciting a verse from chapter 20 of the Quran.

Baleela was followed by Fazeel Hasmi, who recited the English translation of the verse. Guests were provided with paper copies of the translation.

In his speech, Dr. Muhammad Mir, an internist at Eastern Maine Medical Center, explained the origins of the Quran, its history and its message. Mir also discussed

frequent misconceptions of non-Muslims, including the notion that Muslims and Christians worship different gods.

Mir spoke for almost an hour, but his speech was cut short by moderator Rev. Mark Worth to allow time for a Q-and-A session. When Mir finished, the floor was opened to the audience.

An audience member asked why the women remained behind the men during prayer. Jenan Jondy, outreach coordinator for ICMO, explained that that is the way the prophet taught them to pray. She speculated another reason for the differentiation between genders: Islam is a religion of submission and modesty, and perhaps

women were situated behind the men to protect their modesty.

Female empowerment through the Quran was a hot topic for both Mir and audience members. Many Muslim countries restrict the rights of women, but according to Mir this is not the teaching of Islam. In the Quran, men and women are considered to be equal.

Mir reminded the audience that any deviation from literal teachings of the Quran was because of socio-political factors, rather than religious ones.

"From the very beginning, the female was protected," Jondy said. "The way I cover is extremely empowering. I'm not judged

for my outward appearance."

Another audience member thanked ICMO for hosting the event. Her question of how she could help support the organization was met with applause.

"Guests come in, and when they leave they teach other people what they have learned," Jondy said, adding that media play a large role in the way Muslims are perceived in America. "Every time we teach one person, a thousand more people turn on their TV and see a negative story."

Mir discussed the role translating the Quran has in differing interpretations of the prophet's message. Muslims around the

world read the Quran in Arabic, as keeping the text in its original language means a lesser chance of mistranslations, and thus a more consistent understanding of the verses.

There is only one version of the text, Mir explained to the audience. During the time of the prophet, the Quran was revised daily to ensure it was as accurate as possible, he said. Every year the text would go through a cover-to-cover overhaul to ensure cohesion between verses.

Mir emphasized the importance of religion to humanity as a whole. "Only humans have religion; wolves and hyenas do not have religion," Mir said.

Students set to brave the arctic in new marine studies course



Photo courtesy Travel Manitoba via Flickr.com

Certain University of Maine students will travel to Churchill, Manitoba, known for its high polar bear population, as part of a new course offering within UMaine's Department of Marine Sciences.

By Travis Poulin
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine is creating a program that will give students the opportunity to study an environment far more arctic than a January in Maine:

Northern Manitoba.

A new summer course called Polar Marine Ecology, SMS 497, involves independent study that will let students live and conduct research in the Churchill Northern Studies Centre in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada.

The registration deadline is between the end of February and March 30 and enrollment is limited to 15 students. The cost of the trip is estimated to be between \$2,300 and \$2,800, in addition to regular tuition.

Rhian Waller, an assistant re-

search professor of marine sciences, will teach the class for undergraduate and graduate students, who will learn basic information and conduct research on threatened ecosystems of the polar climate.

Full and partial scholarships are available, especially for students who want "to take advantage of ... funds to help offset costs of the class," according to Waller. Accommodations and equipment rentals are offered by the center.

In an email, Waller wrote the experience of the class goes beyond learning and that she would like students to "come out with a greater understanding of the holistic nature of our environment."

"What I'd like students to get out of this experience goes beyond learning about the polar marine ecosystem and beyond field skills on a research project,"

See Polar on A4



File photo

Black Bear Dining is looking for volunteers to test its new online ordering system, which will be limited initially to popular items such as burgers, wraps and pizzas.

Dining plans to test dot com dinners

By Chris Chase
Staff Reporter

Students and faculty with tight schedules may soon be getting a helping hand from Black Bear Dining.

To assist people with no time to grab a bite, Black Bear Dining is introducing an online platform that will allow people to order their lunch for certain times on certain days in advance from the Marketplace.

"We've been looking into it for a while," said Kathy Kittridge, director of Black Bear Dining. "Because people have such tight lunch breaks, and because it gets busy in the Marketplace, we wanted to have another option for people."

Kittridge said the plan isn't a new one and will use parts of successful programs that have been used elsewhere.

"In my interactions with other colleges and universities, some of them have had a lot of positive success for online ordering for different things," she said. "For us, we thought it would be good at the Marketplace at lunch, from 11 [a.m.] to 1:30 [p.m.], the really busy time."

Black Bear Dining is currently looking for a trial group of 50 people to participate in a test run of the system that will take place from Feb. 14 to 24, which will focus on figuring out what works and what doesn't. Kittridge said this will provide information that will help determine if they should expand the menu selections.

"Because we have the Union Central Market, more commonly called Starbucks, we thought that would be a good pickup point," Kittridge said. "It would be prepaid, with credit card, Black Bear Bucks or dining funds."

For now, they plan on offering popular items such as burgers, pizza and wraps. Online menus will allow anyone using the service to choose any combination of ingredients.

"We're going to start with a limited menu to see how we do," Kittridge said. "We expect to expand it. We just wanted to keep it simple to see how it goes."

An order will take at least 20 minutes to process, so someone hoping to eat at 1 p.m. would need to place his or her order by 12:40 p.m.

"If you're looking at your day tomorrow and you think, 'Oh, it's jam-packed, how am I going to have time to do anything?' you can order it in advance to pick up," Kittridge said.

The system will work like any other Web store. After picking out which item you want, it gets added to a "shopping cart." After all items have been selected, the entire order will go to a final window where a payment method will be selected.

"You can pick your time that you want to pick it up, and we'll have our staff have it all ready when you get there," Kittridge said.

In order to keep the process flowing smoothly, the number of orders will be managed.

"We're hoping to limit the amount of orders that come in, so if it becomes excessive we can stop the incoming orders," Kittridge said. "We don't want the customers that come in to order have to wait behind the online orders."

Although they considered it, they will not be doing any deliveries.

"I don't think we could keep up. We wouldn't have enough delivery people," Kittridge said. "We'd have to have a lot of bicycles."

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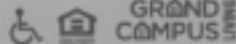
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GRAND CAMPUS

A house divided

By Paul Perkins
Photojournalist

Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), a University of Maine fraternity, was one of many campus groups to hold a Super Bowl party to celebrate Super Bowl XLVI, which pitted the New York Giants against the New England Patriots. The Giants won 21-17.

Middle left: After the game, senior mechanical engineering student Joe Coppins celebrated the Giants' 21-17 win by "Tebowing" and fraternity president Austin Andrews raised his fists in triumph.

Middle, upper right: Andrews and guest Adam Robertson discuss the game at halftime. "It was a mediocre game for a while," Andrews said, "but it turned into a game that anyone could win, with an ending as exciting as any I've seen in any Super Bowl."

Middle, lower right: Coppins argues with Patriots fans after a New York Giants touchdown.

Bottom: Toni Delsignore (left) and Andrews celebrate outside the fraternity's house with sparklers after game's end.



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Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest

By Beth Kevit
News Editor

A fine evening

The University of Maine Police Department received a report at 12:17 a.m. Feb. 5 of underage drinking in a fourth-floor room in Estabrooke Hall. An officer found four males in the room, and all admitted to drinking. The officer learned Steven Rogers, 20, of Orono, was under warrant for arrest for unpaid fines. According to UMPD records, Rogers was summonsed by both the Orono Police Department and UMPD for operating after his license was suspended and failed to pay the fine for either charge.

Rogers was arrested and taken to Penobscot County Jail in Bangor, where he remained on Monday. The three other males, ages 27, 19 and 20, were referred to Judicial Affairs for either furnishing alcohol or possession of alcohol by a minor. A bottle of spiced rum was confiscated.

Booted bike

UMPD received a report of a theft at 7:27 p.m. Jan. 30. A red L.L.Bean 21-speed bicycle worth an estimated \$360 was taken from the corner of Long and Flagstaff roads between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. The bicycle had been locked, and the lock was not left behind.

Unbalanced accounts

UMPD received a report of a theft at 10:07 p.m. Jan. 30. A blue leather wallet worth an estimated \$250 and containing \$60 cash was stolen from an unlocked locker in the men's locker room at the New Balance Student Recreation Center between 8:45 and 10 p.m.

Nicked nano

UMPD received a report of a burglary to a motor vehicle at 6:48 p.m. Feb. 1. An iPod nano worth an estimated \$160 was stolen from a vehicle left in the Hilltop parking lot from 6 p.m. Jan. 31 to 5 p.m. Feb. 1.

Disguised doobies

UMPD received a report of the odor of marijuana on the fourth floor of Knox Hall at 11:29 p.m. Jan. 30. Officers were unable to determine the origin of the odor, which was strongest near the south wing stairwell.



Landfill from A1

is the state's priority, followed by reusing, recycling, composting and incinerating.

On Sunday, council chairman Geoffrey Gordon called the possibility of the expansion "an incremental step" toward a larger expansion in the future.

"Fifteen or 20 years from now, we're going to be talking about the same thing," Gordon said.

Last week, Don Meagher, Casella's manager of planning and development, told The Maine Campus because the expansion won't provide the company enough capacity to fulfill its contract with the state to operate the landfill into 2034, they will have to apply to expand again.

"So really what will have to happen is this expansion application will have to be followed by another," Meagher said then.

Now, Casella may put in a technical application for the expansion. If they do, there will be time slated for submission of public comments, which Gordon said town officials will likely use to voice opposition. Last year's letter came during a similar period of time.

Construction and demolition debris constitutes the majority of waste landfilled at Juniper Ridge, and a large proportion of that is routed through Casella subsidiary KTI Bio-fuels Inc. in Lewiston from other states, especially

Massachusetts. According to KTI's 2010 annual report, 85 percent of waste processed there originated in Massachusetts that year, while only 8 percent originated in Maine.

Reached Friday, Sophie Wilson, Orono's town manager, declined to react to the MDEP's decision, saying the council hasn't met to discuss the expansion.

The council will meet next on Feb. 13. Since Orono's letter opposing the expansion was drafted by the council as a whole, Wilson preferred to wait until the council could similarly draft a response.

"I'm sure people will have some reaction to the determination," Wilson said.

Similarly, Jamie Dufour, Old Town City Council president, said his council has not met since the decision was announced on Jan. 31. In 2010, former Old Town City Manager Peggy Daigle said the city receives host benefits from the landfill, taking in approximately \$1 million each year.

So far, they haven't weighed in on the expansion. He said Old Town stayed quiet during the period of public comment last fall.

"I don't think we took a stand one way or another," he said, denouncing the idea that Old Town would be in favor of the full 21 million-cubic-yard expansion because the anticipation for host benefits would increase.

"Our approach is to make sure that the landfill is appropriately regulated, and it's really more issues of the quality of operations," Dufour said.

"The fact is it's there now, and the city hasn't taken a position on the expansion other than ... that it's planned cautiously."

Old Town has the Juniper Ridge Landfill Advisory Committee, which was established by the Maine State Legislature in 2004 to act as a mediator between the private entities that run the landfill and the public.

During a September 2011 meeting of the committee, with former State Planning Office Director Darryl Brown and Carlisle McLean, an adviser to Gov. Paul LePage, advisory committee members said they felt powerless and unsure of the effectiveness of their role in relation to Casella.

"As a committee, our hands are completely tied," committee chairman Peter Dufour said then. "Our authority is unclear, and we need clarification from the state because we cannot make appeals, we cannot challenge permits and we cannot regulate the tons of trash that enter our town every month."

"We don't have the ability to influence the outcome of the expansion," Jamie Dufour said Friday, though he promised the council would be vocal in expressing any concerns that arise as expansion plans move forward. "What we have done historically is to focus on particular issues in the applications like we originally did when it was approved to make sure there aren't health and safety issues."

Editor in Chief Michael Shepherd contributed to this report.

Polar from A1

Waller wrote. "I believe one of the best ways to learn is through doing, so being on location and being part of a greater research project is an ideal way to impart this."

Much of Waller's research is done through the Darling Marine Center, a marine laboratory that is part of the

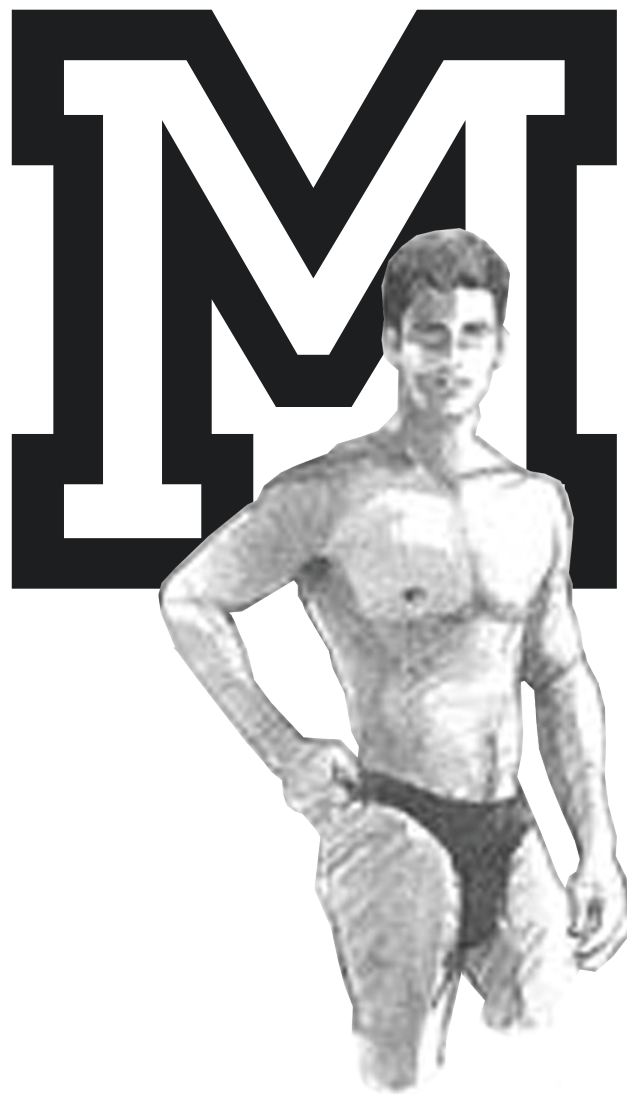
university's School of Marine Sciences, in Walpole, Maine. The first session of the Polar Studies course will be held from June 11 to 26, when students will receive a seminar and basic instructions on field skills they will need for the trip.

The class will "deal with learning about the Antarctic. Students will learn about high latitude marine environments, from the physical environ-

ment, habitats, adaptations and the organisms that live there," according to Waller.

The second part of the course, held from July 3 to 14, will be at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre, a nonprofit research facility in Canada. There students will conduct research of their own to comparing Maine to Canada's Hudson Bay area, studying polar bears and snorkeling with beluga whales.

University of Maine Briefs



Christian canoodling

A panel about Christians and sex will be hosted at 8 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Bangor Room in the Memorial Union. The panel will consist of men and women who will answer any questions about dating and religion. They will discuss how to fulfill and respect relationships, as well as what guys and girls really want from a relationship.

Promoting health

An informational meeting on Active Minds will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Marketplace in the Memorial Union. A national organization, Active Minds, is looking to utilize student voices in the hope of changing the tone of discussion about mental health on college campuses. The group hopes to attract those who live with mental health issues, who have a loved one who has mental health issues, who want to work in mental health-related fields or who want to help those with mental health issues. Active Minds has over 350 chapters on college campuses throughout the U.S. For more information contact Angela Gilbert on FirstClass or at 975-5977.

Spring break, not broke

No spring break plans? The Maine Bound Adventure Center is organizing

a Georgia Paddle sea kayaking trip to the Okefenokee Swamp from March 3 to 11 for \$500. Okefenokee is one of the best-preserved and oldest swamps in the United States. Those interested should contact Maine Bound at 581-1794.

Protect yourself

The Rape Aggression Defense System will host a self-defense program on Feb. 9, 10, 16 and 17 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Events will take place in the Multipurpose Room in the Memorial Union, which is located near the Wade Center. R.A.D. provides basic, hands-on defense training that incorporates awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance. Courses are taught by nationally certified R.A.D. instructors. In order to complete the program you must attend all four classes. There is no cost to attend. Classes are open to all women in the community, including staff and students. To sign up, visit <http://www.umaine.edu/RAD>. The course is sponsored by the University of Maine Police Department.

Dough your love

ACME pizza in Old Town will run a Valentine's Day special by selling heart-shaped, 10-inch personal size cheese or pepperoni pizzas. Orders will be delivered to your valentine with a single rose.

Deliveries will take place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Valentine's Day. All orders must be prepaid and pre-ordered. The total cost will be \$13.99. Call ACME at 827-7777 for your order.

Daffodil dandies

The American Cancer Society is selling flowers for its 2012 Daffodil Days. A \$15 donation is rewarded with a bunch of daffodils in a vase. Checks should be made out to The American Cancer Society, and orders must be placed by Feb. 27. Delivery will begin on March 19. Those interested should contact Victoria Kane on FirstClass.

Smart house

The University of Maine chapter of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers will provide a tour by Professor Dick Hill of the UMaine Energy House at 6 p.m. Feb. 8. The house is an experiment in heating and cooling and has special features such as radiant floor heating, stress skin panels and sub slab thermal rock storage. The house is located at 491 College Avenue in Orono, approximately 0.4 miles from the Alford Arena. The tour is free and all are welcome.

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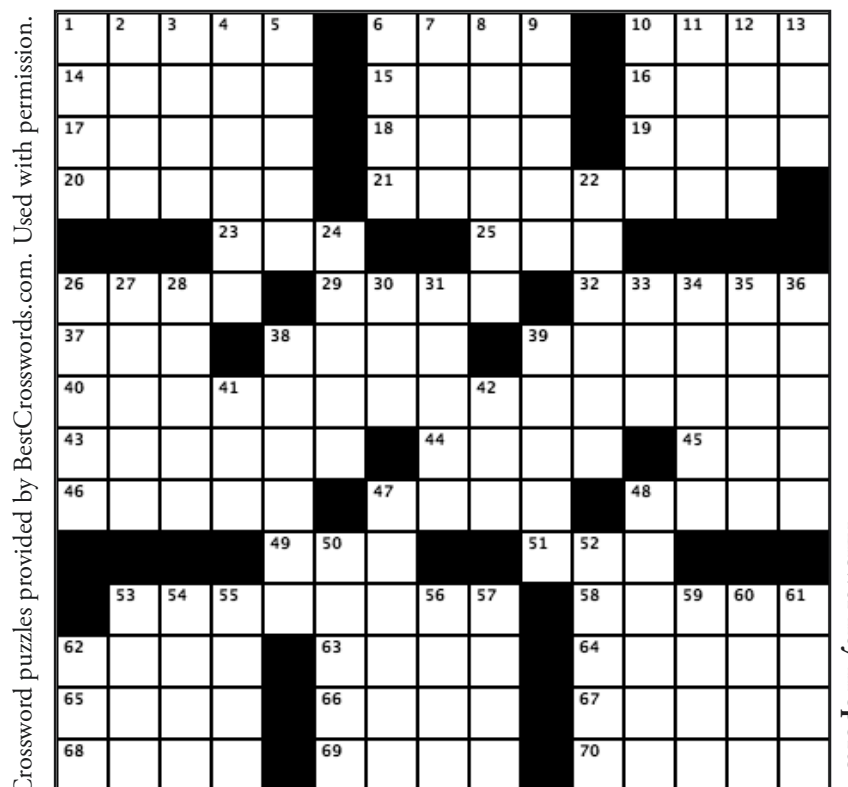


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 - 15- Labor;
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 - 17- Muse of lyric poetry;
 - 18- Norwegian king;
 - 19- Let fall in a mass;
 - 20- Jazz pianist Art;
 - 21- Fish stew;
 - 23- Fam. member;
 - 25- Altdorf's canton;
 - 26- Ad word;
 - 29- Galoots;
 - 32- Rubbish;
 - 37- New Deal org.;
 - 38- Earth;
 - 39- Federal soldier in the Civil War;
- Down
- 1- Editor's mark;
 - 2- Currency of Turkey, and formerly of Italy;
 - 3- Rat-___;
 - 4- Mother ___;
 - 5- Garden figure;
 - 6- Elemental unit; (draw);
 - 48- Currency unit in Western Samoa;
 - 49- Drag;
 - 51- Moo ___ pork;
 - 53- Polyhistor;
 - 58- Host;
 - 62- Deodorant brand;
 - 63- Aha!;
 - 64- Not hesitant;
 - 65- Slippery _ cel;
 - 66- Org.;
 - 67- Old enough;
 - 68- Horrors!;
 - 69- Sets of equipment;
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- sawa;
 - 35- Capital of South Korea;
 - 36- Tropical plant used in cosmetics;
 - 38- Wise guy;
 - 39- Approvals;
 - 41- Be in debt;
 - 42- Yes, in Yokohama;
 - 47- 1992 Wimbledon champ;
 - 48- Become swollen;
 - 50- Eskimo boat;
 - 52- Biblical king;
 - 53- Thrust;
 - 54- Algerian port;
 - 55- Carson's successor;
 - 56- Class struggle?;
 - 57- Coop group;
 - 59- James of "The Godfather";
 - 60- Advantage;
 - 61- Baby blues;
 - 62- ___ Paulo;

Word Search

Hit the Super Bowl!

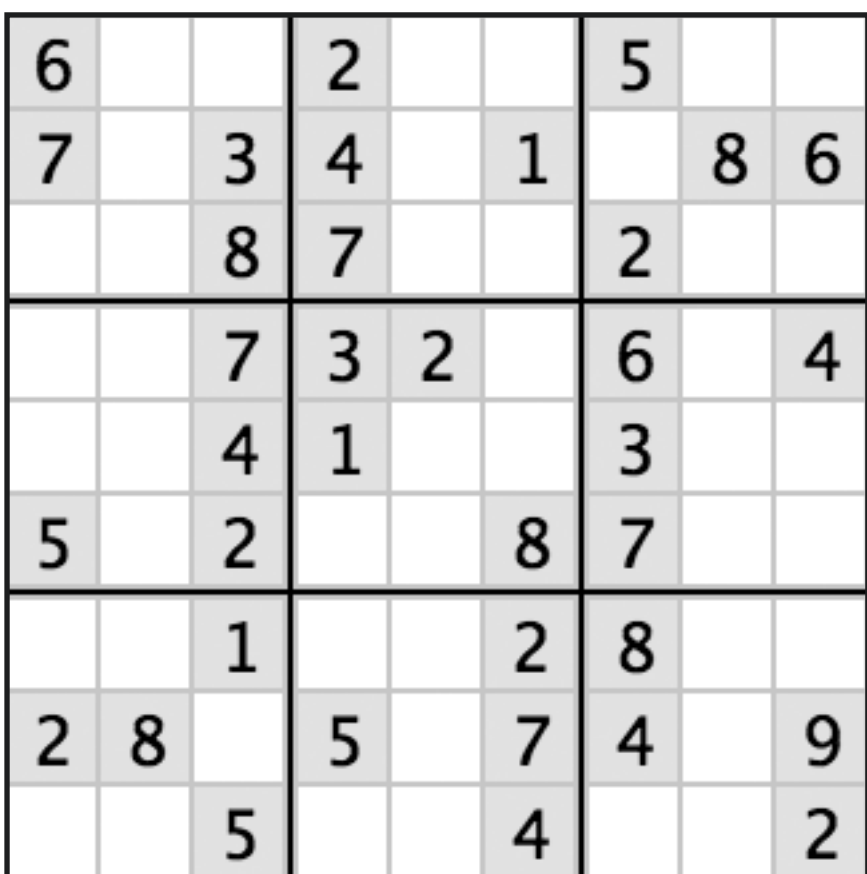
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| NFL | FACE MASK | PASS |
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| AUDIBLE | FIRST DOWN | PICK |
| BACKFIELD | FUMBLE | PUNT |
| BALL CARRIER | GOAL LINE | QUARTERBACK |
| BLITZ | GUARD | RECEIVER |
| BLOCK | HANDOFF | RUSHING |
| CENTER | HALFBACK | ROUTE |
| CLIPPING | HEISMAN | SACK |
| COIN TOSS | HOLDING | SAFETY |
| COMPLETION | HUDDLE | SLANT |
| DEADBALL | INTERCEPTION | SPIKE |
| DEFENSE | KICKOFF | TACKLE |
| DELAY OF GAME | MOTION | TOUCHDOWN |
| DRAW | NEUTRAL ZONE | TURNOVER |
| DRIVE | OFFENSE | UMPIRE |
| END ZONE | OFFSIDE | UPRIGHTS |

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



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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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Aries - March 21 to April 20 - You may feel like a loser this morning, and no amount of cheering will perk you up. Take time to feel the extent of your despair, but letting yourself steep in sorrow for the coming year isn't healthy. Don't lose hope.

Taurus - April 21 to May 21 - Too much safety may prove a problem for you in the coming days. Manage your affairs carefully, and don't be rushed into throwing it all away.

Gemini - May 22 to June 21 - Identifying your chief hurdle from a sea of opponents can be troublesome, especially if they share a history. A recent hit has your brain scrambled, but once your eyes clear, it's imperative that you square away your feuds.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - You've been approaching your problems with stiffness lately, and you lack your normally nimble footwork to dance around dangerous distractions. Loosen up and keep your muscles limber so you can tackle your problems head-on.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - Be careful not to show too much excitement when your goals are only half accomplished. Pause to congratulate yourself on your progress, but you shouldn't be too flashy in case things don't turn out the way you hoped.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 - You'll trip over your own laces in your rush to glory in the coming days. Blinded by the frenzied enthusiasm that surrounds you, take time to find your center and black out the glare that inhibits your progress.

Libra - Sept. 24 to Oct. 23 - A giant disappointment is headed your way, and your wide-eyed patriotism has clouded your ability to anticipate the gut-wrenching pain you will feel. This wouldn't have happened if you weren't so optimistic all the time.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - Too much of a good thing will hurt you in the near future, and you will regret your overindulgence in happiness. You should have laid off the guacamole.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - Your insistence on manning up has led you to doubt your own talents. Get back to your roots and eschew the glitzy glamour of today's superficial idols.

Capricorn - Dec 22. to Jan. 20 -Your days as a wide receiver are catching up to you and your reputation. If you don't want to cruise your way to a bad image of giant proportions, take more pride in your daily preparations.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Keep your eye on the score as you move through the week, and never think for a minute that you have time to waste. You can do a lot in seconds, but it all comes down to your dedication. You probably can't handle the pressure.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - No one will talk to you for the rest of the week. You will be ignored and shunned, and the shame will grow worse with every day. Take the blame and shoulder it with pride, and next year, root for the right team.

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EDITORIAL

Political aggression shouldn't dominate arena ambience

Keep calm and carry on is sober advice for anyone — even for those engrossed in the drunken spectatorship of championship sporting events.

And there are few extravaganzas with a wider circumference than the Super Bowl in any realm of entertainment. Stands groan under the feet of thousands of fans while cameras swoop on zip-lines across modern coliseums, capturing several faces in a mosaic of American hype.

Players take to the turf beneath a confetti of sparks, ushered by the almost inhuman grumble of the nation's avid fanatics. It's the blue collar American dream replayed each February, where the good ole boys from your hometown duke it out for glory — if only politics hefted the same sort of intent and valor.

For a night, all of America huddles together with the two top teams under the bright lights and tosses the old pigskin as though the economy were not decrepit and the government were not at odds with itself or the people. Violence is left to the streets, the innards of newspapers and case files — if it happens to squeeze its way through the positive energy, it's perceived as contemptible.

Maybe it's the endorphins buzzing about or the slower buzz of alcohol that causes us to make a beeline to the sidelines on Super Bowl Sunday; regardless of the draw, the nation's sportsmanship on nights such as these is worthy of elaborate commemoration.

Unfortunately, for other regions of the world, major sporting events are more highly susceptible to instances of brutality than cohesion.

Penalties in Egypt were not confined to the field during a soccer game in Port Said — 70 people were killed and at least 1,000 more were injured when a riot broke out between fans of the local Al-Masry team and the Al-Ahly club of Cairo.

On May 9, 2001, over 120 people lost their lives in Accra Stadium in Ghana during a stampede, caused by police responding with tear gas to fans hurling bottles onto the field.

Over the decades, exhibition of sport has suffered from tragic happenstances such as those listed above. But in such cases, it would seem that a ball isn't the true kicker of brutality. Political turmoil somehow makes its way into the stands and what was once a vehicle for reverie becomes one more house for battle.

Forums where communities can discuss their irritation and concerns are largely affirmative, but athletic venues are not the place for promoting diplomatic agendas. Wherein the crowds are robust and the ease is generally abundant, a palace of play should not have to accommodate revolt.

So in the wake of the Super Bowl, no matter whether your team came out the victor or otherwise, appreciate that no one lost a life or a limb. Let's continue to concentrate on keeping the game just that — an event for amusement and good cheer — and not an opportunity to make a point at the expense of innocents.

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Readers speak: Outstanding web commentary

Fairly sound advice on career fair intent

As much as these "fairs" are advertised — quite a bit in the papers and other such media — they are, in the end, not much more than a meeting point for resumes swapping and a quick, grip-and-grin meetings.

Serious employers are looking for people with the experience and adaptability to get the job done. That's where internships come into play — as a place where those skills are evaluated and measured.

Graduate school representatives are there for one thing only, and that's your name on the dotted line for the grad school loan. Think long and hard before you commit to that. Educational debt is one of the few types that is never going to go away, no matter who tells you different. We have George the second to thank for that.

So before you go to career fairs, think long and hard about what you expect to accomplish and what you are likely to find, and be ready to stand your ground when some corporate recruiter tells you the water on your leg is only some rain.

That's when you tell them "Hey, I know the difference between rain and a tinkle. Now, let's get serious." That's when you find out if they are or aren't.

Mike Kiernan
Responding to "Career fairs don't fare as well in harsh job climate of today," Feb. 2, 2012

Thou shalt not force women into unwanted, unplanned-for pregnancy

The fact that the piece is extremely simplistic and that the author has no chance of becoming pregnant are two separate issues.

Your argument, Mr. Howard, seems to suggest that because abortion may impact others, women should be forced to continue unwanted pregnancies which they may be unprepared for.

Howard says, "Making decisions in life without regard to the affect on others is unreasonable and inhuman." Wouldn't then banning abortion be inhumane? Or is it okay to make life decisions for women when the decision may be something that you do not approve of?

While two plus two may equal four, the "truth" that you speak of regarding the abortion issue is not universally recognized.

Your argument that "not all men want a relationship based on sex" is also a rather simplistic one. Guess what? Some women have sex because they want to, not simply to please men ...what a shock!

Melanie Rockefeller
Responding to "Termination trials: Abortion debate pits will and truth against each other," Feb. 2, 2012

To be pregnant is to be of able, 'working' body

I realize some women have sex because they want to, just like some men.

Heck, even boys and girls have sex because they "want to." But if sex isn't open to life, then it is immoral and a perversion of the sexual act.

When a woman becomes pregnant, it's because her body worked. That doesn't mean every sexual act must end in conception, but to purposefully attempt — through artificial means — to eliminate the possibility of conception, the natural consequences of the act, is akin to trying to eat food without gaining weight. It can be done, if you force yourself to vomit before digestion, but it is not a healthy choice for your body, mind or soul.

Abortion is not the problem in our society. Abortion is the symptom of a perverted view of sex and its role in our society. If we didn't see sex merely as a tool for our own pleasure, "[because] we want it," the abortion issue would shrink into the horizon.

Let's pretend I agree that banning abortions would be inhumane because it would force women to make a life decision they do not wish to make. What about the unborn child? Does the mother or that being get to make the ultimate decision about that child's life?

That tiny innocent being, yet to be born, always seems to be lost in the conversation. What about their will, or their choice?

Matthew Z Howard
Responding to "Termination trials: Abortion debate pits will and truth against each other," Feb. 2, 2012

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

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Sweatshops a first step to success: Low paid work's better than none

The truth is, sweatshops help people in Third World countries. It must be noted that the labor conditions workers commit to are better than the alternative, which is starving in the streets. This is how it is for these workers — if you take away their jobs, they have nothing.

JUSTIN LYNCH

This is in response to the Jan. 30 article titled "Slave labor treachery makes for one bad Apple." In it, author Jamison Cocklin criticized electronics giant Apple for working conditions in Third World countries, commenting that it was morally reprehensible to use items from these sweatshops, as these corporations practice "injustice and whitewashing."

Witty title withstanding, this type of article drowns under the weight of unstable moral footing, having been in fact developed in an alternate reality.

The truth is, sweatshops help people in Third World countries. It must be noted that the labor conditions workers commit to are better than the alternative, which is starving in the streets. This is how it is for these workers — if you take away their jobs, they have nothing.

Sweatshops are, in fact, the first rung on the ladder of economic development. Ask any of those workers if they are worse or better off than before they had their jobs in a sweatshop. I guarantee they'll say they are better off.

Ask Bangladeshi women if they are better off or worse off after the manufacturing boom of "whitewashing" took off in their country. The fact is, due to labor in these types of sweatshops, which are supposedly filled with "injustice," women's empowerment has only increased.

Women are able to secure a viable and stable income on their own and be economically independent from their spouses. Bangladesh is still on the first rung of the ladder, but economists say it has one of the highest growth potentials in the world.

But we know this is not just a theory. Sweatshops actually help countries grow. After the Korean War, South Korea was decimated and was in a position much like we see Bangladesh in today.

But South Korea used these "morally abhorrent" sweatshops and climbed the ladder to become a member of the G-20, and one of the most developed economies in the world. Today, when South Koreans are shown pictures of their country from just 30 years ago, many cannot believe the economic transformation.

I suggest Cocklin starts paying attention in that history class he admitted to goofing off in, for it would be ironic if major manufacturing ports like Boston and New York City were teeming with the sweatshops he so overtly criticized.

The conditions Cocklin mentioned in these Third World nations — low wages, minimal worker rights and child labor — were present in our nation during the Industrial Revolution. Sweatshops have proved to be the first rung on the ladder of economic development.

But the fact is, if we improved working conditions to suit the arbitrary levels of the author, we would literally be killing these people. These countries would lose their competitive advantage without their ability to produce goods at a low cost.

Without cheap labor, they have nothing. With over half of the world currently living on less than a dollar per day, taking away these people's only viable income would be a death sentence.

But I don't think Cocklin really cares about these people. I think he only wants to sleep better at night, to feel justified because he benefits from the misfortune of these people.

But I have news for you, sir: These workers benefit just as much, if not more, from the current sweatshop condition. I know that sweatshops make up the initial step on the economic ladder, and I have no problem sleeping at night.

Justin Lynch is a third-year economics and political science student.

Columnist: Battle of the bulge continues to despoil US as obesity looms



ERIN McCANN

the country's food stamp program.

In 2009, former Rep. Peggy Pendleton, D-Scarborough, proposed a bill banning the use of food stamps for sugared soda and certain junk foods, as in Maine, food stamp dollars are used to buy sugared, carbonated beverages totaling about \$20 million annually. That's an inordinate amount of sugar, fueling a lifestyle that will end up costing the state in medical costs.

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg proposed a similar ban on using food stamps for soda. However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) denied this proposal, much to the chagrin of Bloomberg and medical experts alike. Yale public health professor Kelly D. Brownell said in response to the USDA's decision: "It's a real shame. ... The government purchases \$4 billion worth of soda through the food stamp program every year, and

When I was a little girl, I had an unhealthy predilection for Karo syrup.

My father once found me in the kitchen pantry quaffing the sugary goodness from the bottle. I was the girl you'd look at and think, "Hey, there's diabetes in the making."

Although this proves a somewhat comical memory from my childhood, it also had serious health implications. If my parents hadn't provided me with a healthy, balanced diet growing up, in addition to encouraging regular physical activity, I could be facing serious health concerns today.

Drinking that syrup surreptitiously in the pantry made me feel like a minority; however, if my habits had not changed, I would certainly find myself in the company of millions who also drink sugar regularly, helping to fuel the obesity epidemic that continues to feast on this nation.

In 2010, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that over 100 million adults or 33.8 percent of the United States' population were obese — obese for an adult being defined as an individual with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or higher — and in 2008 over a third of both children and adolescents were considered overweight or obese.

The CDC have estimated that obesity costs Americans approximately \$147 billion in direct medical costs annually. To put this in perspective, the direct medical costs for all cancers combined totaled approximately \$102.8 billion in 2010.

Furthermore, research conducted by the Society of Actuaries (SOA) found that both the economic and medical costs of obese and overweight individuals were estimated to approach \$270 billion annually. We're pointing fingers at Congress for increasing the national debt without even acknowledging our own direct contributions to the fiscal deficit.

The speck is all the more alluring than our own plank.

According to a study sponsored by MaineHealth and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, overweight and obese Mainers are costing the state an estimated \$2.56 billion in medical costs, lost worker productivity and worker's compensation. Talk about squandering away money.

In attempts to curb this obesity epidemic, policymakers are not only advocating for increased funding to prevention campaigns but are also attempting to add restrictions to what one can purchase on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),

We need radical reform now on both the policy level as well as the personal level. It's time to stop sugar-coating our unhealthy habits.

that soda is making people sick."

Another effort targeting the obesity epidemic is proposing a tax on sodas and certain junk foods. Kiyah Duffey, research assistant professor of nutrition at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has conducted a longitudinal study on the possible association between the price of soda and pizza with weight and other factors.

"Our results showed that changes in price of these food items — an increase in price — was associated with lower weight gain," she said. "This suggests that raising the price of these foods, soda and pizza in particular, could result in positive beneficial changes in health."

Duffey also pointed out that "taxing food is not THE solution, but it could be ONE solution, which, when implemented in combination with a number of other broad intervention measures, might actually help."

According to a 2011 study, Maine was ranked as the most obese state in New England, with approximately 26.8 percent of Mainers considered to be obese.

We need radical reform now on both the policy level as well as the personal level. It's time to stop sugar-coating our unhealthy habits.

We're obese, we're overweight, we're getting sick and we're costing this nation billions of dollars. Put down the sugared drinks. Drink water instead of soda. Go for a walk. Care about your health, as we alone are the masters of our own fate.

Erin McCann is a fourth-year biology student. Her columns will appear every Monday.

A revolution of values needed to amend America's severely disparaged system

DANIEL WHITE

On Feb. 2, The Maine Campus ran a piece by political columnist Mike Emery, titled "Mass unity required to stop the rich from profiting off poor."

In it, he responded to my op-ed on student debt, saying that "fixing the student debt issue would not solve the underlying problem of the inequality in our society."

Emery is right — fixing student debt will not fix the broken system. There are many issues affecting many people. Many don't have jobs; many have jobs that aren't meaningful; many can't afford medicine or health care; many can't heat their homes during the winter; and many can hardly feed their families.

Each issue is important in itself, but all issues are connected at a basic level and stem from what I call a broken system.

We are all affected by our broken system and, thus, we should all be involved in changing it. Student debt, rising tuition, corporate university, the bleak prospects of a meaningful job (or any job) — this is the norm for the American student and, as Emery pointed out, student issues are connected to the greater problem of massive inequality and upper-class control of government.

The super-rich 1 percent gained extraordinary wealth and power through lobbying, massive campaign contributions and control of the media. Laws and policy that equalize wealth, end corporate personhood and get money out of politics are good, but they're not enough. We must go deeper.

Martin Luther King Jr. said we need a revolution of values. This is the most basic level we must address and work to change. The values of the super-rich are money, property and power.

The people of the ruling upper class seek to own and control basically everything and everyone. They've been likened to people with strong drug addictions, unable to control their impulse to own and obtain more and more. Some perceive these people to border insanity, because they seem to lack both a sense of connection to others in their community and a sense of responsibility and conscience for the massive harm they cause.

Instead of money, property, consumption and production, we need to become concerned with the health and well-being of ourselves and everyone in our community. Love and compassion are primary. We need to create a society where we all

are empowered and involved in the process of decision-making, production and use of common, shared resources like air and water.

It is crazy to structure our lives around endless, unneeded consumption and production, and unacceptable for us to let a small number of people — mostly white men — dominate our lives.

Bill McKibben, author of many books about the issues affecting nature and society, wrote in "Deep Economy" that there are three reasons that we must change our society and lifestyles: First, there are many injustices — inequality, exploitation, poverty, wars, etc.; second, it's unsustainable — global warming, not enough resources on the planet for endless growth, etc.; and third, most importantly, we're not happy.

McKibben will be speaking at the Hope Festival on campus in the New Balance Student Recreation Center April 21 — do not miss him.

Money, possessions and excessive consumption will never fulfill us. Everyone is going a million miles per hour, working their tails off just to keep up. So many people

are oppressed by debt, Americans work more than people from any other industrial countries, and yet our things don't make us happy.

Working for change is as much for ourselves as it is for others. The basic truth is that we are connected to the web of our community and environment, and we are fulfilled when we recognize and feel that connection.

Joining the efforts for peace and justice gives you purpose in your life and connects you to your community. Both purpose and loving connections to others are absolutely essential for us to be happy.

May we all unite and create a world in which all the people share the power and take care of each other.

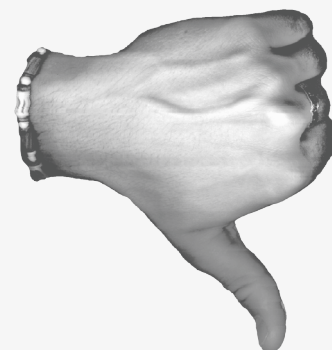
Daniel K. White is a graduate student working to obtain his masters degree in liberal studies with a concentration in peace and reconciliation. He is a member of Maine Peace Action Committee.

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Trivia Night
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Kingman's
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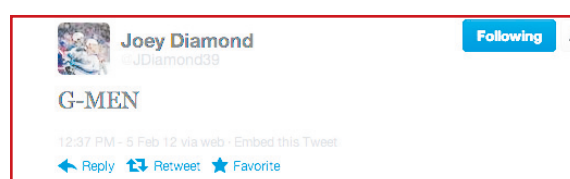
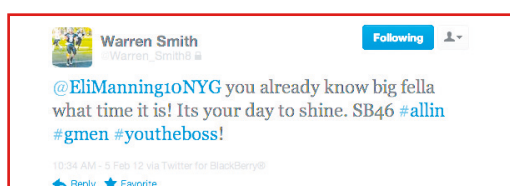
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BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR TAKES OVER THE INTERNET



By Derrick Rossignol
Style Editor

No annual event in American cultural history is as important to everybody as the Super Bowl.

That statement was not meant to start an argument — it is definitive. Whether or not they think they're too cool to admit it, everybody has some sort of interest in the game or the events that surround it.

Some people tuned in to NBC yesterday to watch the game. There were plenty of story lines to draw viewers — the Patriots and Giants faced off against each other in the Super Bowl in 2008; Patriots' tight end Rob Gronkowski's physical readiness was questionable; a win for Giants quarterback Eli Manning would bring more competition to the battle for supremacy with his older brother, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning.

Some watched for the halftime show. Madonna is one of the bigger names to grace the Super Bowl stage, and

her roster of guest performers, including Nicki Minaj, M.I.A., LMFAO and Cee Lo Green raised interest in the performance.

Some watched to see the commercials. Those people didn't get too much out of the experience. This Super Bowl was easily one of the weakest ad-wise in my lifetime. There was not one memorable commercial in the entire game, as most of the people tweeting with the hashtag #SBCommercials during the game.

Speaking of which, as expected, the big game blew up the Internet.

As much as our parents hate us for it, we live a good portion of our lives online. Specifically, on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter.

We all know the drill on Facebook for big cultural events — there are three main types of statuses for those occasions.

First, there's the standard "I am watching this event and enjoying it."

Second, there are the statuses by people who think

they are cool, cultural gods for intentionally knowing very little about the event.

Lastly, there are the witty among us who write, "Oh, is this event happening? Thanks for writing statuses about it, everybody, or else I would have had no idea."

Facebook isn't where to go to see what the nation is talking about, though — just your friends, high school classmates and totally real supermodels who added you.

No, Twitter is the place to go.

Twitter has long been a source for news and entertainment. Journalists are able to break news as soon as it happens and everybody else can share their opinion with the world instantly.

Everybody from comedians to politicians to UMaine athletes had something to say about the big game.

Senior women's field hockey co-captain Kelly Newton tweeted, "excited for the #SuperBowlSunday

See Superbowl on B2

A Tale of Two Twitters

Anybody on Twitter not watching the game during the Giants' and Patriots' final drives would have still known almost exactly what was happening based solely on the trending topics.

Not only do the trends record the facts of what happened, but they also express the opinions of the nation in a poetic way:

- 9:38 p.m. Manningham
- 9:43 p.m. Field Goal Range
- 9:46 p.m. TD in Super Bowl
- 9:48 p.m. Seconds Left
- 9:50 p.m. Dropped Passes, Catch The Damn Ball
- 9:54 p.m. Tom Brady, Hail Mary, Game Over, #teamgiants
- 9:55 p.m. Giants Win
- 9:59 p.m. Purple Gatorade, Congrats to the Giants, #SuperBowlChamps

'Monologues' hits campus soon to help charities

By Rachel Curit
For The Maine Campus

"The Vagina Monologues" is on campus once again and will be performed on Feb. 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. in room 100 of the Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a play written by Even Ensler, playwright and founder of V-Day, a national movement to end violence against women. The monologues performed are based on more than 200 interviews conducted by Ensler regarding women's views on sex, relationships and violence against women.

"With humor and grace, the piece celebrates women's sexuality and strength," said Karin Beard, a fourth-year English and Spanish student and one of this year's directors. "The play consists of a series of monologues about these issues from numerous and various perspectives."

"The Vagina Monologues" is organized and hosted by the Student Women's Association, or SWA, of the University of Maine. Their sponsors include the Women's Resource Center,

the Safe Campus Project and the women's studies department.

Also sponsoring the program are various local businesses. "[The businesses] can donate any amount they choose," said Helen "Sally" Brown, a fourth-year journalism student and another director of the show. "We also include their logo in the program. This is a great event to get the community involved and most seem to really jump at the chance to help."

Since "The Vagina Monologues" is a benefit performance, these donations help cover the cost of the show, allowing more money to go to the organizations selected by the show's participants. Every year a "spotlight piece" either takes place in or highlights the country where 10 percent of the profits will go. This year, the benefiting country is Haiti.

Along with helping women of Haiti, local organizations will benefit as well, including Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center, Spruce Run and Rape Response Services. To raise the money, the show will

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Mixed reactions to halftime show

Madonna headlines Super Bowl concert, does passable job with big routine

Column

From the classic nip-slip to last year's Black Eyed tragedy, the halftime show is always one of the main talking points of the Super Bowl.

Thanks to the crazy amounts of viewers the NFL's championship always draws, the halftime show is usually the most watched musical event of the year. That means everybody's going to have an opinion of it, myself included.

I wrote half of this column before the performance, saying what I thought it was going to be like and what I expected of it, and I wrote the other half right after, to see if my suspicions were confirmed.

Prediction

According to an article from NFL.com, Madonna has partnered with "a creative team from Cirque du Soleil" to help with her performance. She is also rumored to have M.I.A.,

Nicki Minaj, Cee Lo Green and LMFAO on stage with her.

This year, the NFL went with the strategy that has worked the best for them in the past — getting a long-established act, like Madonna, that is too big to fail. The timelessness of her music and its universal likability should produce a positive audience and critical reaction.

I'm uneasy about how well her guests will contribute to the performance. M.I.A. and Minaj could be a nice contemporary compliment as long as they know their place and try only to bask in the legendary glow of Madonna. If they don't try to take over the show, which I don't think they will because I'm assuming they have enough respect to know better, they should be a positive element of the performance.

Green has such a big voice, so I can see some sort of vocal interplay between him and Madonna going over well. If LMFAO does show up, I think that is where halftime could go wrong. I don't think their brand of pop would mix well with Madonna's, and to be honest, I find them unbearably annoying.

The association with Cirque du Soleil is also promising, but the quality of the music has to match the visual element. Put last year's Black Eyed Peas halftime performance on mute and it's one of the greatest in the history of the event. Bring the audio into the mix and that is no longer the case.

Madonna ought to live up to her reputation as a performer and put on the great show she is capable of. She is far more of a musical consistency than the Black Eyed Peas, so I believe she and her guests will bring their A game and give us something memorable.

Reaction

My biggest fears were confirmed by a terrible Bud Light

they didn't blow their opportunity. Despite their general absurdity, the snippet of "Party Rock Anthem" actually worked well, although '80s kids must have died inside when they saw Madonna "shufflin'."

Minaj was also there, but her contribution was completely unnecessary. She held some pom-poms and rapped for about 10 seconds, but her quick pace didn't match the music and her inclusion seemed like a forced ploy to draw viewers.

Then again, marketing is the reason for all the guests — Madonna is capable of handling a large-scale show like this on her own, I'm sure. The contemporary names were just peppered in to arouse interest in Madonna's upcoming album that I'm sure you had no idea about until now.

M.I.A.'s performance was as unnecessary as Minaj's, but it sounded a lot better. Like Minaj, she only had a short rap verse, but it actually flowed with the music and sounded like it belonged.

Green was easily the most effective non-Madonna per-

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commercial — LMFAO was part of the performance.

My negative predisposition towards them taints my opinion of their contribution to the performance, so I'll give them benefit of the doubt and say

'Fire Emblem' for Game Boy a strategic RPG

'Sacred Stones' filled with variables

Column

The Nintendo Game Boy Advance was filled with numerous fantastic role-playing games. The original two "Final Fantasy" games were remade as a compilation. "Final Fantasy IV," "V" and "VI" were released as standalone games. The all-new "Final Fantasy Tactics" has also been released and is regarded as one of the best in the series.



Insert Coin Here
By Alex Tranchemontagne

But the Game Boy Advance had many more role-playing games than just the "Final Fantasy" series.

"Advance Wars" and "Advance Wars 2: Black Hole Rising" offer excellent turn-based strategy. Pokémon games were very well received. These are just the tip of role-playing iceberg.

I would argue the best role-playing game on the Game Boy Advance would be "Fire Emblem: The Sacred Stones."

The "Fire Emblem" series is a turn-based role-playing game, in which you follow a band of traveling mercenaries. Characters level up, can get promoted into different classes, equip weapons and do anything else you'd expect from a role-playing game. While the

the Sacred Stones, to stop an evil empire from taking over the world. The plot develops quickly with a cast of memorable characters. The first few chapters are text-heavy, but this problem is resolved quickly.

The only strange thing about the plot is that, before this empire turned evil, the world had eight centuries of peace. It doesn't make much sense for everyone to have already had armor and be skilled with weaponry, but I'm probably just over-analyzing it.

The game is comparable to "Advance Wars," but only in the lightest sense. "Advance Wars" is more about building squads and relying on resources. In "Fire Emblem," every unit you control is a unique character. If one dies, it is gone for good and may impact the plot.

"Sacred Stones" has characters fight using weapons, magic and more. Certain weapons are effective against others, and magic can bypass defense but has its own weaknesses. Like most Game Boy Advance role-playing games, it's simple enough for just about anyone to understand, yet it can be incredibly deep if you take details like growth rates into account.

Some of my favorite aspects of this game are the sound and graphics. The game has beautiful sprites for each character, complete with portraits. The battle animations are probably the coolest use of sprites I have ever seen. The audio sounds heroic and is much better than any other Game Boy Advance game I remember.

series has nearly a dozen releases in Japan, only a handful were released in America. "Sacred Stones" was the second to be released in America and is arguably the best.

"Sacred Stones" holds up incredibly well and is just as fun to play today as it was in 2005. "Sacred Stones" was also a part of the Ambassador Program, so if you bought your Nintendo 3DS early and overpriced, start playing "Sacred Stones" now.

The story follows royal twins Eirika and Ephraim on their quest, with the help of

Battles in "Fire Emblem" take around 40 minutes on average, just a fraction of the estimated 20 hours of gameplay this title provides. The game also has branching paths and enough characters to warrant multiple playthroughs.

"Fire Emblem" is an underrated series. Not enough people play these games and "Sacred Stones," the easiest game of the series, will definitely prepare you for the other games on the GameCube, Wii, DS and the upcoming 3DS title slated for an April release in Japan.

Rags to riches for Hepburn

Classic musical tells story of stunning transformation from low brow to high hat

Column

"Wouldn't it be lovely?" If this phrase means nothing to you, it's about time you r e n t e d 1 9 6 4 ' s "My Fair Lady," an iconic musical starring Audrey Hepburn as a lowly Cockney flower girl.



The Reel Deal
By Kayla Riley

Those who adore Hepburn as the pencil skirt-donning, pastry-nibbling rising socialite in "Breakfast at Tiffany's" may be surprised by her turn as the less-than-refined Eliza Doolittle, but they won't be disappointed.

As Eliza opens the film by peddling her flowers and avoiding her money-grubbing, alcoholic father, she meets professor Henry Higgins, played by born-and-raised Brit Rex Harrison. Higgins is initially horrified by her lack of social graces and poor elo-

cution, but he soon sees an opportunity for greatness in the unlikeliest of places. Higgins decides to take Eliza in and make her a lady fit for high society, all the while betting on his success in a wager with Col. Hugh Pickering, played by Wilfrid Hyde-White.

When the transformation is complete, Eliza is a class act — so much so that she attracts the attention of handsome young aristocrat Freddy Eynsford-Hill, played by Jeremy Brett. Freddy has fallen hard and croons in an attempt to win her over, but Eliza's heart belongs to Higgins.

But when the good professor takes all the credit for Eliza's rise from the streets to the ballroom floor, she leaves him for Freddy. It's not until Eliza is gone that Higgins realizes the error of his ways, and must put aside his snobbish pride to win her back.

Hepburn is marvelous as the rough, rowdy flower girl turned "lovely" lady. Even

with tattered clothes and an obnoxious accent, she shines. Harrison is ideal as the stuck-up Higgins, belting out catchy tunes like "I'm an Ordinary Man" and "The Rain in Spain" that remind of us a time when many actors were multi-dimensional and didn't reach the heights of fame because of who their parents were.

"My Fair Lady" is a romantic comedy done right. Nineties flicks like "She's All That" and "10 Things I Hate About You" have attempted to replicate the formula of boy

film. It's fun and witty when you least expect it, and a few of Eliza's one-liners will leave you wondering, "Did she just say that?"

The die-hard romantics will find an unrivaled originality and sweetness to the love story between Eliza and Higgins, and anyone who enjoyed 2010's "The King's Speech" will draw delightful similarities between voice training scenes.

"My Fair Lady" is based on "Pygmalion: A Romance in Five Acts," a play by George Bernard Shaw. Higgins' ultimate idea of Eliza's overhaul is to pass her off as a duchess at an ambassador's

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garden party. But as the story evolves, it becomes clear his heart has gotten in the way of his greedy goal.

Eliza insists throughout the film, "I'm a good girl, I am," and by the time the credits roll, you'll have no choice but to believe her.

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festivities to commence #we-shouldnothaveschooltomorrow" and freshman Andrew Cerretani, a freshman forward on the men's hockey team, tweeted, "Getting jacked up to watch the #Superbowl #bradyschow #gronknation."

For a day, the NFL owned the Internet. As early as 10:15 a.m. on Sunday, Happy Super Bowl Sunday was a trending topic on Twitter in the United States.

Early Twitter stats gave interesting insight to the nations opinion of the game. At 10:15, of the trending locations in the U.S., seven — Boston, New York, Detroit, Miami, Philadelphia, Providence, Washington — had trending topics related to the Patriots, and five areas — Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Baltimore, Tampa — were talking about the Giants.

An interesting coincidence: Super Bowl XLVI was the Patriots' seventh Super Bowl appearance and the Giants' fifth. Take that information and interpret it however you may.

While not completely taken over by the Super Bowl in the afternoon, Twitter was alive with football talk.

By 11:30 a.m., many were talking about ESPN anchors' picks for the game with the trending hashtag #ESPNSBPre-dictions.

At 1:30 p.m., #BetterHalftimeShows was trending, with hilarious tweets like @matytalks' "Kanye West showing all his favorite tumblrs and things he pinned on pinterest on the Jumbotron," and "Tebow crucified at the 50 yard line, the NFL commissioner asks the crowd who to pardon, they scream "Michael Vick" #BetterHalftimeShows" from @That-WeissGuy.

The "Twitterverse" spent the rest of the afternoon talking about Madonna, various players involved in the game and Nick Cannon's face time during pre-

game coverage. Cannon got a lot of negative reactions.

"The Nick Cannon interview with Danny DeVito should have been sponsored by cyanide," tweeted @richarddeitsch.

By the time 6:08 p.m. world around, the world announced it was ready to watch the game by making the phrase "Almost Game Time" a trending Twitter topic.

Kelly Clarkson's powerful singing of the national anthem made her a trending topic at 6:28 p.m., mere minutes after she finished her performance. The speed and volume with which Twitter users reacted to everything about the game was astounding, this being the first prime example.

Not long after that, the Super Bowl began its official takeover of Twitter. At 6:36 p.m., only six minutes after kickoff, every trending topic in the U.S. was related to the game.

After every modestly impor-

tant play, a trending topic related to it would emerge, proving that not only is the Super Bowl one of the most watched events on television, but it's also one of the most discussed online.

Madonna was what made Twitter Super Bowl talks really take off — there were about twice as many tweets during the first half that mentioned "Madonna" than those that mentioned "Patriots TD" and "Giants TD" combined.

Twitter got slightly quieter during the second half, likely because everybody was too busy paying attention to the close game to tweet. When the game came down to the wire, everybody returned to their laptops or cell phones to chronicle the final moments of the game. The Pats crushed many of our dreams with their heartbreaking loss. I know my brother crushed his hand punching a hole through his bedroom door. That's the sort of emotional investment we put in our sports teams, a dedication that shone through as the country voiced its passion for a traditional favorite pastime — football — with a new favorite pastime — Twitter.

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former. Like I predicted, he had a short back-and-forth with Madonna, and although he overstayed his welcome by accompanying Madonna as she was lifted on a platform, he wasn't disruptive to the performance.

Much like her guests, unfortunately, Madonna was also forgettable. Solid and mildly entertaining, but forgettable.

Some of the acrobatics by Madonna's background dancers were impressive, which is where I'm assuming the Cirque du Soleil influence made itself known, but everything else was pedestrian.

Madonna lacked the gusto needed to make halftime exciting. She looked very much like she was going through the motions, and it looked like she only learned some of the motions yesterday, especially when she almost fell on the bleacher part of her set.

Her songs didn't sound classic; they sounded old. There was no energy in her singing or "movements" — not enough enthusiasm behind them to call it "dancing" — and the show suffered.

I'm sure everybody there loved the halftime show — plenty of tweets suggested it was a "you had to be there" thing — but I'm willing to bet they won't remember it for long.

Madonna's still the Queen of Pop, but that title is now more of a lifetime achievement award than an indication of how good she currently is. Madonna's getting older, and live, it's starting to show.

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cost \$6 with a MaineCard and \$8 without. Baard made it clear that the SWA does not profit from the show.

"Tickets are available before the show in the lobby and we will be selling them in the Union, along with chocolate vaginas in the days leading up to the performances," Brown said.

Both Brown and Baard expressed excitement about the show. Brown said the performers decided to work in groups with an individual director for each. Since there are three separate groups, the performers haven't yet seen the show in its entirety but are confident that it will be great.

Just like the other performers, Brown and Baard both auditioned. This year Brown will read "My Angry Vagina," a piece that "details all the things

that women hate, like doctor visits and tampons." Baard, on the other hand, will perform "The Flood," a monologue based on an interview with a 72-year-old woman.

"I'm excited about all of them," Baard said. "It's so rewarding to watch these women, who have worked so hard on these monologues, finally bring them in front of an audience."

"Even though all of the monologues are so different, I truly love them all."

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FILM REVIEW:

‘The Grey’

Neeson fights for survival in thriller with vague ending



Open Road Films

By Rich Flora

For The Maine Campus

“The Grey” is a movie that leaves you both depressed and on edge — on an emotional roller coaster, if you will.

The film opens up with John Ottway, played by Liam Neeson, on the job, killing wolves at an oil rig deep in the North. Ottway stands in the wilderness with a gun to his face, ready to leave the world, but is stopped by a wolf’s howl in the distance.

Shortly after, Ottway and a group of fellow oil rig workers load onto an icy plane, homebound for Anchorage, Alaska. Once the plane is in the air, Ottway begins to have flashbacks of a woman he once was with, but quickly returns to reality.

As the passengers relax, the plane begins to shake. After mistakenly passing it off as turbulence, the plane’s computer systems start to malfunction, creating sparks and panic. The plane eventually nosedives at 400 miles per hour toward the ground, leaving few survivors.

The surviving men create a fire using paper and plane wreckage. It isn’t until the group hears the cry of wolves that they realize they may have more than just cold arctic weather to deal with.

The group heads south into the wilderness, having few resources to protect them from the elements and keep them alive. It all boils down to an epic battle between man and nature.

While survival movies don’t always rile up anticipation, “The Grey” does a decent job of making the plot interesting.

Through exquisite use of cinematography, the bleak surroundings of northern Alaska engulf the audience. Whether running from the wolves through 20-foot snowdrifts, climbing trees or crossing a valley on a rope of coats and blankets tied together, the audience feels as if they are right there in the action.

Director and actors alike do a marvelous job creating an atmosphere of authenticity.

“The Grey” is an excellent example of man versus wild and the will to survive. This film gives insight to the brutality of nature and also the human mind

While struggling to survive in the Alaskan wilderness, the actors create dynamic characters, allowing the audience to see their thoughts and feel their emotions. This is especially important in a film with such a dark storyline.

This character development allows the audience to place themselves in the situation.

While this film had great cinematography, toward the beginning, transitions between scenes were choppy as the direc-

tors cut from shot to shot very quickly. On the opposite end of the spectrum, there were scenes that seemed excessively long and drawn out.

However, with the exception of a few scenes, most of the film did a great job in pacing and delivery of action.

This movie is an existential tale of survival, posing many philosophical questions including the existence of a deity, whether you would keep going if you knew you were likely to meet your end.

Death continually surrounds Ottway and his colleagues. There are grave situations in this film that aren’t designed for the weak-stomached. Be forewarned: “The Grey” is graphic and violent. If you don’t like seeing humans torn apart by wolves or spewing blood, it most likely won’t suit you.

The end of the movie is frustratingly ambiguous. Some moviegoers prefer a concrete ending, while others prefer an open-ended approach. This film will definitely leave you lying in bed at night wondering what happened and how it all concluded. For those who enjoy being left in suspense, it’s perfect — but for others, it’s a bit of a downfall.

“The Grey” is an excellent example of man versus wild and the will to survive. This film gives insight to the brutality of nature and also the human mind. “The Grey” is sure to leave you feeling contemplative, whether you want to or not.

Grade: B

CD REVIEW:

Leonard Cohen, ‘Old Ideas’

Legendary singer’s intimate disc full of new masterpieces

By Hillary Nason
For The Maine Campus

Fans of Johnny Cash’s final few records will find a pleasing parallel in Leonard Cohen’s newest effort, “Old Ideas.”

The intimacy of Cohen’s voice, which sounds like it was breathed into the microphone from mere centimeters away, creates a personal aura that makes it easy to connect with the aging singer.

Cohen is a legendary figure, loved for the past five decades for the natural sound of his bare vocals conveying darkly poetic lyrics.

“Old Ideas” is his 12th album, full of wit and wisdom with roots in blues and gospel. All he’s got to put into a song is his own experience.

Decades of desire, regret, suffering, misanthropy, love, hope, and humor shine through in these 10 tracks that will embark you on a journey through some of life’s greatest trials and tribulations, narrated by the old prophet himself.

Cohen isn’t wrapped up in deadlines — death is his only one. Until the darkness takes him, his sunken baritone voice sings along to the beat of life. His lyrics and voice in “Show Me the Place” are raw poetry; the essence revered may bring you to a point at which you start to cry, as in the last whisper to one you hold dear.

In “Going Home,” where humor and tambourine walk hand in hand, Cohen bubbles over with black humor.

“I’d like to speak with Leonard / He’s a sportsman and a shepherd / He’s a lazy bastard living in a suit,” he sings.

It’s a comedic commentary about the person he has become. He “knows he’s really nothing,” yet, his message is bold and beautiful. No costume can disguise this man’s



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imperfect integrity.

Leonard conveys haunting righteousness with a Yiddish feel in “Amen.” The horns aren’t nearly as spooky as the hurt that spills through the piece. Leonard is no ladies’ man and he certainly doesn’t

This is the most hopeful track on the album. The tone of his voice is almost sincere as he cries out for a Christian redemption.

“Darkness” is my personal favorite from the album. His bad boy bravado stirs up behind what one could only imagine as a smirking face. This piece is similar to Cohen’s earlier guitar work.

Cohen closes the album with “Different Sides,” discussing the possibility of remaining good in this wreck of a world. The song creates a trance-like feel with organ accompaniment as he leaves his feelings alone in the darkness.

Essential tracks to listen to on the album are “Amen,” “Come Healing” and “Darkness.” Cohen’s heartbroken lyrics are a masterpiece that will lull you through the night until you are grinning just as he is.

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pretend to be.

“Anyhow” features the same heartbreak, as well as the vibraphone. “I know you had to hate me / But could you hate me less,” Cohen sings.

The confession in this piece is that he’s “crazy to love,” but Cohen is committed to this sort of craziness and “it’s deeper than any goodbye.” This is the type of music that touches your soul with the ache that every heart feels time and again.

“Come Healing” nonchalantly begs for mercy, as in “Anyhow,” and healing overtakes his unfinished longing.

Grade: B-

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Transactions that need to happen in NBA

Column

While the organized chaos of the shortened NBA season has been a delight for fans, it's testing the stress levels of front offices that are trying to figure out if and how their rosters can fit together. With games seemingly every night and practices replaced by plane trips, it's been tough for coaches and general managers to decipher what needs to be done to help their teams.

With a stacked 2012 draft and a loaded free agency class to follow, the NBA landscape could change drastically in the next year, starting with the upcoming trade deadline. Here are five players to keep an eye on at the trade deadline, either because they could be traded or, in some cases, should be.



By Jesse Scardina

Utah Jazz forwards Paul Millsap and Al Jefferson

As a bonus, let's feature both Jazz veteran big men in one group, as there doesn't seem to be enough room for both of them, especially with young bigs Enes Kanter and Derrick Favors vying for playing time.

Their worth is a little more difficult to gauge. Neither is good enough to be the cornerstone of a contender and it's unclear whether you can win a championship with Millsap or Jefferson as your second-best player.

Both are comparable in numbers, with Jefferson averaging 18 and a half points and just over nine rebounds per game this season, and Millsap putting up a shade under 17 points and nine and a half boards per game.

Either player could be that piece to put a contender over the top, similar to what Rasheed Wallace did in 2004 with the Detroit Pistons, but it doesn't seem any of the major contenders are willing to mess with what they have — or they don't have enough to offer — to land either big man.

New Orleans Hornets guard Eric Gordon

While a team should never expect to get equal value in return for a superstar like Chris Paul, it is becoming increasingly clearer that

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the Hornets got shafted. While they're already openly shopping center Chris Kaman, who they received in the swap with the Los Angeles Clippers, the 2012 first-round pick they received that originally belonged to the Minnesota Timberwolves isn't the gem it once was, with the T-Wolves playing better than expected.

Most importantly, the centerpiece of the deal with Gordon is that he has played in just two games this season, as he is battling a knee injury. He has expressed little interest in remaining with the Hornets after this season, declin-

ing a contract extension, making him a restricted free agent this offseason.

If he's planning to leave after the season, New Orleans should work to make a deal near the deadline if they want to get something

in return — and if I were the Indiana Pacers, I'd offer a package around Danny Granger to bring the former Hoosier back home.

Phoenix Suns point guard Steve Nash

While Nash has stuck to his principles and hasn't asked to get out of the horrible situation in Phoenix, a "Free Steve Nash" campaign has popped up on various social networking sites in hopes of prying the future Hall of Famer loose.

If the Suns put Nash on the market to let him chase a ring, the Portland Trailblazers would be smart to give them a call and see if they'd be happy with Raymond Felton, Nicolas Batum and a couple of first-round picks.

A lineup of Nash, Wesley Matthews, Gerald Wallace, LaMarcus Aldridge and Marcus Camby would certainly do some damage in the playoffs this season.

New York Knicks forward Amare Stoudemire

There has been no word of the Knicks actively shopping for Stoudemire, but they should be. While he played well upon his initial rival in Gotham, Stoudemire's production dropped significantly once Carmelo Anthony came to town.

After giving up so much for 'Melo, the Knicks couldn't possibly turn around and trade him. In addition, after using their amnesty clause on Chauncey Billups this offseason, they have no insurance on Stoudemire's contract, which has three years at \$18 million per year after this season.

Perhaps the Philadelphia 76ers would be interested in

Stoudemire, as they lack a first option on offense. Trading Stoudemire while getting promising young forward Evan Turner, efficient point guard Lou Williams and rookie center Nikola Vucevic would patch up a lot of New York's holes.

Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard

While there's little doubt Howard — the Magic's franchise leader in points, blocks and rebounds — will leave Disney World, the big question is where and how. There are very few suitors who have enough to offer in exchange for one of the five best players in the NBA.

It appeared the New Jersey Nets were the leaders in the clubhouse for a while, but an injury to Brook Lopez squandered their chances. If Howard is going to be traded, the only place that seems logical is to the Los Angeles.

If the Lakers can pull off the trade with just Andrew Bynum, they could conceivably flip Pau Gasol for some much-needed help at point guard and bench scoring.

Black Bears hold off UMBC's bite, 77-76 in OT

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

The University of Maine men's basketball team picked up a hard-fought, overtime 77-76 victory at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County on Saturday.

The Black Bears move past .500 at 11-10 and 5-5 in America East, while UMBC falls to 3-19 and 2-8 in conference.

Sophomore forward Alasdair Fraser led the Black Bears with 21 points and 12 rebounds for his second double-double in three games, while senior guard Gerald McLemore added 20 points while playing all 45 minutes.

The Black Bears and the Retrievers battled back and forth in the first half, with the lead never stretching past five for either side.

Freshman guard Justin Edwards connected on a ferocious dunk over a UMBC defender near the end of the period, but the Retrievers still went into halftime with a slim three-point lead.

The Black Bears shot just under 44 percent in the first half, while the Retrievers connected on 38 percent of their first-half attempts.

The Retrievers opened the lead

back up to five points early in the second half, but a quick run by Edwards and McLemore helped UMaine regain the lead.

The Black Bears extended their lead to 10 with under 7 minutes left, but UMBC continued to chip away and brought the deficit down to one point with 49 seconds remaining.

The Black Bears failed to convert and the Retrievers went one-for-two from the free-throw line to send the game into overtime. McLemore tipped in a missed shot to pull the game to within one with 10 seconds left and proceeded to foul.

UMBC missed both free-throw attempts and senior guard Raheem Singleton made both of his after getting fouled. The Retrievers missed a buzzer-beater attempt for the win, and the Black Bears grabbed their third win in a row.

Edwards added 16 points, seven rebounds and six assists in an effort that earned him the title of America East Rookie of the Week for the sixth time this season.

The Black Bears host the University of Vermont today in the Pit at 7 p.m. before traveling to Boston University on Thursday.

Men's hockey from B6

because we knew we dodged a bullet and we wanted to come out and play hard," Abbott said.

Sullivan picked up his first shutout of the season, stopping all 20 shots his way.

"That was a good feeling to get the shutout," he said. "It looked like a completely different team in front of me tonight."

The Black Bears showcased their special teams early in the game after a high stick was called on sophomore defender Lasse Uusivirta. After threatening throughout the power play, UMaine cashed in with seconds remaining on the man advantage when sophomore forward Mark Anthoine scored his team-leading ninth power-play goal.

Less than a minute later, the Black Bears had another power-play opportunity after sophomore defender Nickolas Gatt was called for tripping.

Although UMaine failed to connect on the power play, O'Connor scored his first collegiate goal seconds later after following up on his rebound.

"I lucked out. I didn't know where the puck went," O'Connor said. "I [initially] thought it went in. I got good wood on it but it trickled through his pads and I snuck behind and tapped it in."

The Chargers had one chance with their special teams on the ice after freshman defender Jake Rutt was booked for interference, but Alabama-Huntsville couldn't get on the board.

The Black Bears outshot the Chargers 19-6 in the period.

"The key was to get off to a good start," Whitehead said. "Getting the lead really helped, but we knew there was no quit in them. It's good to play with the lead and extend it. A lot of good, honest effort."

The Black Bears opened the second period with a goal, scoring on the remaining moments of a power play from late in the first period. Abbott found senior center Brian Flynn open in the slot for Flynn's 14th goal of the season.

The Chargers couldn't stay out of the box and it continued to cost them, as UMaine made it 4-0 early in the second period. Less than a minute into a power play, Abbott fired a shot toward Saunders, who got a pad on it before Mangene beat him with the rebound attempt.

A slew of penalties populated the rest of the period, but neither UMaine nor Alabama-Huntsville could connect on the opportunities. The Char-

gers had a brief five-on-three play but couldn't capitalize.

"It would have been nice to generate a little momentum off that to see where it would lead," Luongo said.

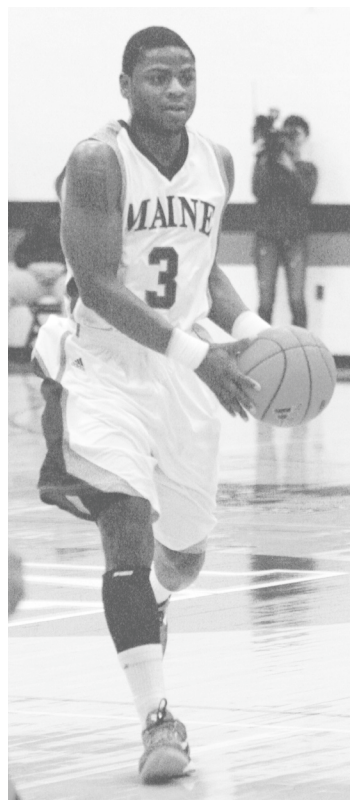
The Black Bears wrapped up the win in the final period when Abbott scored his 15th goal of the season after rebounding a shot by Rutt.

Abbott finished the weekend with seven points, including two goals and five assists.

"I've just tried to get the puck to the net," Abbott said. "I've changed my mindset and am trying to shoot a little more and make opportunities to bank home rebounds."

With an idle weekend from Hockey East play, the Black Bears fall to fifth in conference with 24 points, one point behind Merrimack College and Boston College. UMaine does move into the top 10 in PairWise rankings, sitting alone at ninth.

The upcoming weekend of Hockey East play is vital for the Black Bears, as they travel to Providence College on Friday night before an important showdown at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell on Saturday.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor
Senior guard Raheem Singleton's two free throws in the final 7 seconds of overtime propelled the University of Maine men's basketball team to a 77-76 win over the University of Maryland-Baltimore County.



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The University of Maine men's hockey team won their sixth-straight game after completing the sweep of the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

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Three Stars of the Weekend Men's Hockey vs. Alabama-Huntsville

★ **Spencer Abbott** - The senior forward continues to cement his spot atop the Hobey Baker nominees, gathering seven points on the weekend to add to his country-leading total.

★★ **Stu Higgins** - The freshman center netted the game-winner for the Black Bears Friday night in their comeback victory, which saw them score four unanswered goals in the third period or later.

★★★ **Dan Sullivan** - The sophomore goalie picked up his first shutout of the season when he blanked the University of Alabama-Huntsville en route to a 3-0 victory.

UPCOMING GAMES

MONDAY, FEB. 6

Men's basketball
vs. Vermont
7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

Women's basketball
vs. Boston University
7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

Men's basketball
at Boston University
7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

Men's hockey
at Providence College
7 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 11

Women's hockey
at Northeastern University
2 p.m.

Men's basketball
vs. University of Albany
2 p.m.

Women's basketball
at University of Albany
2 p.m.

Men's hockey
at UMass-Lowell
7 p.m.

Women's basketball's streak halted after Retriever rout

Black Bears coach plans to shave head if program raises \$10,000 for charity

By Emily Hodgdon
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women's basketball team couldn't keep up with the University of Maryland-Baltimore County and lost their away contest, 66-44 on Saturday.

The Black Bears fall to 6-17 and 3-7 in America East, while the Retrievers improve to 12-12 and 6-5 in conference.

The Black Bears took an early lead when back-to-back layups by Danielle Walczak brought the score to 12-8.

UMBC responded with a 9-0 run midway through the first half and never looked back. The Black Bears narrowed the deficit to one, but the Retrievers headed into halftime up 32-25.

Senior guard Brittany Williams led the Black Bears in the first half with eight points, while senior forward Samantha Baranowski grabbed 12 of her career-high 14 rebounds in the first 20 minutes.

After a couple of Baranowski free throws opened the second half, the Retrievers went on a 10-0 run before another lengthy scoring stretch gave them a 54-31 lead midway through the half.

Each team exchanged baskets throughout the rest of the game as the Retrievers picked up their sixth conference win.

Four Retrievers scored in double digits, led by senior guard Erin Brown's 18 points.

UMaine freshman guard Courtney Anderson hit a couple of 3s on her way to eight points, while Baranowski led

the Black Bears with nine points to go along with her 14 boards.

The Black Bears return home this Wednesday to take on Boston University at 7 p.m.

Women's basketball plays for Kay

The University of Maine women's basketball team plans to raise \$10,000 for the Play 4Kay program by Feb. 15.

Sandra Kay Yow coached the North Carolina State University women's basketball team for 34 years. She led the United States women's basketball Olympic team to a gold medal in 1988 and to a World Championship in 1996, the only women's coach in history to achieve both. With over 700 career wins, Kay Yow earned her spot in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.

Throughout successful ventures, Yow battled a terminal illness. In 1986, she was diagnosed with cancer. She died in 2009 at age 66.

Kay Yow, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, and The V Foundation for Cancer Research worked together to create the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. This organization holds charities for the funding of science development and research for breast cancer treatment.

UMaine head coach Richard Barron knew Kay Yow through coaching at North Carolina State. After Yow's death, Barron became the assistant coach for NC State two years before becoming head coach at



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The University of Maine women's basketball team couldn't up their win streak to three games, falling to the University of Maryland-Baltimore County 66-44 on Saturday.

UMaine. According to Barron, each encounter with Kay Yow proved inspirational.

"She was a very gentle, caring, warm person," he said. "She was extremely nurturing. She had a unique ability to bring people together, especially in a competitive environment."

Barron has involved himself in the Kay Yow Foundation for the past few years. Within the program, Barron served on different advisory boards as well as contributing to the Play 4Kay contests.

"It's always something I've been involved in," Barron said. "It's something we want every school to be involved in."

After the Black Bears' last victory at home, Barron pledged to shave his head after the game against the University of Hartford on Feb. 15 if the \$10,000 goal was met. The Hartford game marks the deadline for the benefit. The entire team, as well as the coaching staff, will be sporting pink attire. Barron asks each fan to participate in the cause by wearing pink to the game and donating to the fundraiser.

Anyone interested in donating to the effort can contact Barron or visit the Black Bear's Play 4Kay Central website. Cash donations will be accepted at the Hartford game.

"It's always something I've been involved in. It's something want every school to be involved in."

Richard Barron
Head coach
UMaine women's basketball

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England.

Then instead of continuing to work methodically down the field, Brady went for the homerun after Rob Gronkowski got behind the defense. Brady's throw came up short and directly into Chase Blacburn's hands.

Although the Giants didn't score off the turnover, it took away an opportunity to control the clock with the lead — something that's extremely valuable when you have a game coming down to the final minutes.

As you would have it, the Patriots had another chance to wrap up the victory when Brady targeted a wide-open Wes Welker. One of the most sure-handed receivers in the league, Welker dropped the

pass that would have given the Pats a chance to milk the clock on the way to another score.

Instead, Manning triumphantly drove the Giants downfield for an awkward touchdown for Ahmad Bradshaw.

If Brady doesn't get a chance to overcome his old nemesis' little brother, then every time No. 12 is brought up in a "Greatest of All-Time" conversation, there will be a "yeah, but" comment every time.

Brady tried to find a final drive in him, but took an unfortunate sack, just like in 2008.

As for the historical implications of the game: Manning is obviously the biggest winner, cementing a Hall of Fame career if he decided to retire tomorrow. Somehow, Giants

head coach Tom Coughlin will most likely enjoy a shrine in Canton, after starting his NFL head-coaching career in lackluster fashion with the Jaguars.

While Brady's and Pats head

brother, then every time No. 12 is brought up in a "Greatest of All-Time" conversation, there will be a "yea, but" comment every time.

Sorry for the cross-sport reference, but Michael Jordan couldn't be considered the Greatest of All-Time if he didn't overcome the Pistons or handle the challenges brought his way by Clyde Drexler, Charles Barkley or Gary Payton.

Again, apologies for crossing sports, but it's getting harder and harder to call Roger Federer the greatest tennis player ever if Rafael Nadal continues to make him his whipping boy — same goes for Nadal and Novak Djokovic.

Can Brady be considered the greatest ever if he can't beat a fellow superstar on the biggest stage?

I guess we'll find out in another four years.

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period, with seven going against UVM and five against UMaine.

For the majority of the period, there were less than the typical 10 players on the ice, with four-on-four seeming to be the norm. UMaine played excellent defense and did a good job keeping the puck on the offensive side, allowing only nine Catamount shots the whole period, as opposed to their 20.

"We just try to ignore it, and fight and play through it," said UMaine head coach Maria Lewis. "The refs are hard to figure out. Sometimes you can talk to them and try and help yourself out, but the best thing to do is to just play through it. It can be frustrating but we have to keep playing."

Midway through the third, the Pasquariello-Kilgour duo put another goal in, giving UMaine a 2-1 lead. Both teams continued to play a physical game and the penalties continued to come one after the other. Following a penalty by UVM freshman forward Brittany Zuback, junior forward Brittany Dougherty scored on the power play to put UMaine up 3-1 with 2 minutes left in the third.

Ward finished up the scoring in the final minute of the third with the hockey equivalent of a half-court shot, flipping the puck over the heads of the Catamounts defenders from center ice and into the empty net to give the Black Bears the 4-1 win.

"The important thing is getting

those two points," Pasquariello said. "We don't look at this as a series but as individual games and take it one game at a time. We need the points to keep our goals in our own hands."

Pasquariello finished with five shots and two goals for the Black Bears, including what would be the game-winning goal in the third. Kilgour had two shots of her own, but more importantly had the assists on both of Pasquariello's goals. Dougherty led UMaine with seven shots and went 2-1 in face-offs, and Sullivan led UMaine in face-off wins with 13 to go along with her three shots and one assist. Ott finished with 18 saves and Douville with 30.

The win is important for the team, as well as getting the points toward the standings.

"They are going to have to make a decision to play hard, decide they want it and refuse to give up the battle," Lewis said.

The Black Bears finished off the sweep Sunday afternoon with a 3-0 shutout of the Catamounts. Sullivan and Dougherty each scored another goal, while sophomore goalie Missy Denk also added one.

Sullivan and Dougherty gave UMaine an early lead, scoring two goals in the first period. Ward assisted on both goals, bringing her total to 14.

After a scoreless second period, Denk put the game away with less than 5 minutes remaining, giving UMaine the shutout. Fresh off being named Hockey East Goalie of the Month, Ott picked up her third shutout of the season.

University of Maine Sports Briefs

Rogers, Newton win M Club Dean Smith Awards

University of Maine men's basketball senior guard Andrew Rogers and field hockey senior forward Kelly Newton were named the "M" Club Dean Smith award, given to the top male and female student-athlete with outstanding academic athletic achievement along with citizens and community service.

Newton has taken part in the Tobacco Free Maine Campaign and has volunteered for the American Red Cross Blood Drive and assisted at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at the Bangor mall.

Rogers is a three-time Maine Scholar-Athlete Award winner and has been named to the America East

Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll three times. Late last year, Rogers was selected to Senior Skulls, which acknowledges the top one percent of males in the senior class.

Men's track tops Holy Cross; women's track can't topple Crusaders

The University of Maine track and field team hosted the College of the Holy Cross, with sophomore Trevor England pacing the men's team to a 116.5-63.5 win.

England took first in the triple jump and the long jump, while other highlights included sophomore Wilson Adams taking first the weight throw, freshman Jake Leithiser placing first in the high jump and fresh-

man Tristan Wortman winning the pole vault.

While the women's team fell to the Crusaders 91-86, senior Jesse Labreck continued to win, taking first in the long jump, the triple jump, the high jump and the 55-meter hurdles.

Ott named Goalie of the Month

University of Maine women's hockey junior goalie Brittany Ott was named the Hockey East Goalie of the Month for the month of January.

Ott posted a 1.76 goals against average while going 3-1-1, stopping 94 percent of the shots she faced.

Two of her wins came in UMaine's sweep of Boston University, the first time in program history.



Crossword Solution

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Baseball preps to defend America East crown

Season highlights include game against BC at Hadlock Field

By Clark Shepard
For The Maine Campus

When assessing the upcoming season, University of Maine baseball head coach Steve Trimper had one major point of emphasis:

“We’re not sneaking up on anybody this year.”

A fitting assertion by Trimper, considering the myriad success the team has enjoyed in the last few seasons.

Trimper and his team took the America East Conference crown last year in a season that saw 33 regular season wins, a trip to the NCAA Regionals and a win over Florida International University.

Despite the positive outlook for this year’s team, the veteran coach is keeping his goals conservative.

“First and foremost, we’re concerned with being better than yesterday,” Trimper said. “I think in college baseball, people set such high goals [that] it’s too easy to [say], ‘Omaha or Bust,’ or ‘Let’s win our conference.’”

Although the Black Bears lost a number of seasoned players to graduation and the MLB draft last season, Trimper said he’s more than confident in his starting nine, a comfort he has not always enjoyed.

“In my 19 years of coaching, I think there’s been many times where I have had teams where

I was just trying to survive the weekend,” Trimper said.

This year’s roster figures to keep Trimper headache-free, as his entire starting infield is comprised of returning players. The outfield, on the other hand, will provide opportunities for rookies to make their mark.

“Our outfield is going to be young,” Trimper said, referring to freshmen Scott Heath, Sam Balzano and Brian Doran, all of whom will be vying for playing time at the start of the season.

UMaine’s first contest, which pits them against a solid team in

“We’re not sneaking up on anybody this year.”

Steve Trimper
Head coach
UMaine baseball

“Our focus is to play good, clean baseball,” he said, “because if you can throw the ball and catch the ball, you’re going to be in the ballgame.”

New to this year’s schedule is

a “home-away-from-home” game against Boston College that will be played at Portland’s Hadlock Field.

“They’re promoting it like crazy,” Trimper said.

According to Trimper, the game is an attempt to promote UMaine baseball in the southern area of the state, as well as an effort to put them on the radar of future recruits.

“UMaine is a baseball [community],” he said. “I know there’s snow, but people love their baseball here.”

Clemson University, also marks the beginning of a 26 consecutive road-game streak, a stretch that Trimper said he won’t lose sleep over.

“It’s UMaine baseball — we know that we have to go on the road,” he said. “What doesn’t break you makes you stronger.”

Trimper said UMaine’s rigorous away schedule will only help them come next season, when the NCAA will reward teams’ Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) based on road wins.

“There’s going to be major bo-

ars at home during the last weekend of October. UMaine needed overtime to win the series opener before handling the Friars 3-1 the next night.

Just two weekends later, the Black Bears experienced the low point of the season when the River Hawks swept the Black Bears in the Alford for the first time since 1986.

“It’s been a long time [since that series],” Whitehead said. “Hopefully that memory is still in our players’ minds.”

At the time the sweep seemed unorthodox, but the River Hawks proved they weren’t to be taken lightly this season.

The River Hawks are enjoying one of their most successful seasons ever, sitting at 18-7 and No. 7 in the country.

The Black Bears have climbed to No. 12 in the rankings, mainly due to a 13-2-2 record since the sweep.

Last weekend, the Black Bears extended their win streak to six games, thanks in part to sophomore goalie Dan Sullivan. The York, Pa. native picked up his first shutout of the season in the series finale, but it was a crucial save late in the 4-3 overtime win that set the tone for the weekend.

Seconds after Abbott tied the game in the final moments, the University of Alabama-Huntsville broke through on a breakaway, only to have Sullivan stonewall the attempt with 10 seconds remaining.

“It was a tremendous save he made at the end of the game,” Whitehead said. “It’s a tough challenge for a goalie to be in a game where he’s not getting many quality shots and then to make a save in a key moment of the game. Dan rose to the occasion and made the save. That

would have been very deflating if he had not. It gave us extra lift into overtime.”

Both UMaine and UMass-Lowell are currently tied for third in the country in offense, with each team averaging over three and a half goals per game. If the game comes down to special teams, UMaine has an advantage on the power play, converting just under 30 percent of their opportunities compared to the River Hawks’ 20 percent.

A component of that success has been the development of a second power-play unit, one that has helped relieve the pressure on the first unit. Sophomore forward Mark Anthoine leads the team with nine power-play goals and is currently tied for second in the country.

“It takes a lot of pressure off,” Flynn said. “We have another power-play unit that has been getting a lot of goals, which takes a lot off our power-play unit. We don’t feel the need to stay out there the whole 2 minutes; it keeps us fresh.”

The Black Bears may be shorthanded when they travel throughout New England, as both junior forwards Joey Diamond and Adam Shemansky are banged up. Diamond sat out last weekend with a hip injury, while Shemansky took a knock to the head Saturday night against the Chargers. Ice time for either is questionable this weekend, yet Shemansky passed his concussion test on Tuesday.

“[Diamond’s] questionable,” Whitehead said. “It’s more likely he’ll play in the Lowell game and not Providence, unfortunately.”

Friday’s contest at the Friars is scheduled for 7 p.m., as is the UMass-Lowell matchup in Lowell, on Saturday.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

The University of Maine men’s hockey team will travel to Providence College and the University of Massachusetts-Lowell for an important Hockey East weekend.

UMaine’s Sullivan proving leadership for women’s hockey

By Joe Sturzl
Staff Reporter

When it came time for the University of Maine women’s hockey team to vote for a captain, their choice was clear: senior forward Dawn Sullivan.

In her fourth year with the team and her second year as the captain of women’s hockey, Sullivan has not missed a game for UMaine neither this year nor last year, despite a separated shoulder and “ribs that were popping out” this season. Her leadership as captain has helped lead the team to a 15-8-6 record so far this year. Sul-

livan currently has five goals and 11 assists for 16 points this season including two game-winning goals.

“She has a good balance between tough and sensitive, she is a hard worker, a scrappy player, and doesn’t make excuses,” said UMaine head coach Maria Lewis. “She was recognized by her teammates as someone they could look up to and possesses natural leadership abilities. Sully is the kid who others want on their line. She brings the line together. Her demeanor rubs off on others and it allows others to play their best.”

The biochemistry student has a couple of moments that stand out to her and her teammates over the course of her career at UMaine.

“This year, the weekend we swept [Boston University] was a pretty big moment,” Sullivan said.

“Earlier in the year her ribs were popping out, and she just played through the injuries and battled throughout,” Lewis said. “She has always been there helping the team out, whether it be a game-winner, making a huge back-check or [stealing the puck].”

Being on the hockey team has helped Sullivan off the ice as well.

“It has helped me in learning time management and getting work done,” she said. “When I first got here I immediately had 24 friends, and I’ve made a lot more along the way.”

As for the NHL, Sullivan’s favorite player is Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby.

“He’s from Nova Scotia like me,” Sullivan said. “I admire his hard work and how much effort he puts in day in and day out.”

As for her favorite hockey team, she takes after her father.

“My favorite team is the Montreal Canadiens,” Sullivan said. “My dad watched them when they won their championships when he was a kid, and it has just been passed down through the family.”

On the season, Sullivan has amassed five goals, 11 assists and 82 shots. As her team makes their final push toward the playoffs, it is a sure bet that Sullivan will be a vital part of the Black Bears’ run.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

Senior forward Dawn Sullivan currently has five goals and 11 assists for the University of Maine women’s hockey team, which currently sits at 15-8-6 this season.

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Whitehead said. “They’ve done a wonderful job working with our younger players.”

While a large amount of the success comes from the leadership of these two seniors, both say there’s a unity to the team that makes them successful.

“Every year I’ve been here we’ve had good teams,” Abbott said. “This year we have such a close team — a closer team than I’ve ever been on here. That’s why I think we’ve been successful. Everyone’s together.”

Both Abbott and Flynn were named preliminary nominees for the Hobey Baker Award. Of the 77 nominees, Abbott leads the voting with 18 percent while Flynn is tied for sixth place with 3 percent.

With their last season winding down, both Abbott and Flynn have thought about the next step in their career, but are waiting until the end of the season to fully address it.

“It’s almost impossible for it not to cross your mind, but you put it in the back of your mind and focus on the task at hand,” Flynn said. “The better we do this year, the better opportunity I’ll have after this.”

Abbott was pondering his post-college options last year but decided to finish his collegiate career at UMaine.

“I had a little bit of interest last year, but nothing concrete,” he said. “I’d really love to sign a contract at the end of the year and I’m doing everything I can to become a professional hockey player, but I’m trying to put that aside now with seven games left and then see what we can do in the playoffs.”

“They both could have signed last year,” Whitehead said. “They weren’t really on the map when they came to Maine. Now their prospects are very solid. Both Flynn and Spence have the potential to be impact players at the NHL level. I’m very confident in that.”

Black Bears prepare for important Hockey East weekend

The Black Bears leave the friendly confines of Alford Arena for a crucial weekend of Hockey East play, as they look to pick up the season sweep against Providence College while avoiding the same fate from the University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

“These will be tough games,” Whitehead said. “Both these teams are good at home. Providence dropped two games last weekend so they’ll be chomping at the bit and Lowell is playing their best hockey of the season.”

The Black Bears swept the Fri-

Basketball from B6

McLemore had six points during the run, including a conventional three-point play in which he drove the lane hard before falling away and hitting a jumper that seemed to bounce on the rim for an eternity before falling in, cutting the lead to 45-39.

“They had really good energy,” said Vermont head coach John Becker. “They were a tougher team than us for the first half, maybe the first 15 minutes of the second half.”

After a couple of free throws by senior guard Raheem Singleton, UMaine was within four points with 12 minutes to go. However, they would not get closer. UMaine fought hard but missed too many opportunities against a fundamentally sound Vermont team who had six players score six or more points. UMaine had 16 turnovers compared to Vermont’s 11 and shot 10-18 from the free throw line compared to Vermont’s 18-23.

Overall, Vermont scored 21 points as a result of UMaine turnovers.

“Way too many turnovers,” Woodward said. “[We] had some great opportunities at the free-throw line and when you are

playing against Vermont you have to capitalize.”

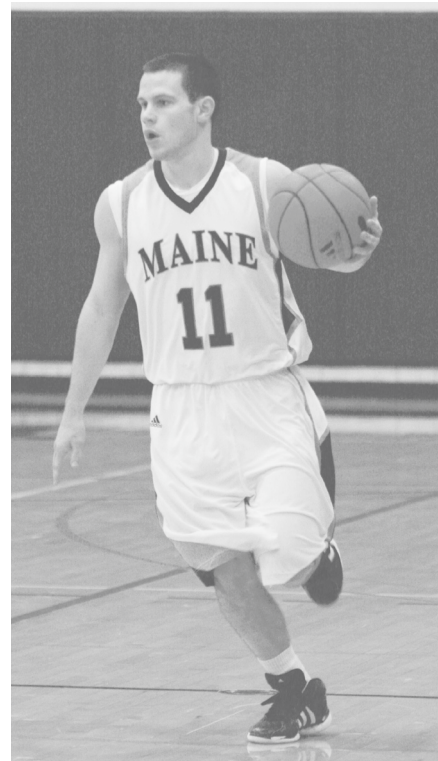
UMaine went down by 12 but made one last push. After Edwards tipped in his own miss, UMaine forced a stop on the defensive end and pushed to McLemore, who pumped fake before hitting a 3 from the corner.

UMaine applied pressure on the inbounds and forced a steal as senior guard Andrew Rogers dove on a loose ball and called timeout to give the Black Bears one final chance with just over 3 minutes to play, trailing 61-55. Vermont regained their footing and forced two turnovers on the subsequent possessions after the timeout, sparking an 8-0 run and taking control for good.

Matt Glass led the Catamounts with 17 points, while Brian Voelkel chipped in with nine points, nine rebounds and seven assists. UMaine was led by McLemore’s game-high 20 points, while Edwards added 15 points, nine rebounds and five assists, and Allison scored 10

points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked five shots.

UMaine will travel to Boston University on Thursday before returning home to host Albany on Saturday.



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

Senior guard Andrew Rogers and the University of Maine men’s basketball team failed to make a comeback against the University of Vermont on Monday.

University of Maine Sports Briefs

Women’s basketball falls to Boston University

After battling back from a 15-point first half deficit, the University of Maine women’s basketball team still couldn’t pick up the win against Boston University, falling 73-50.

The Terriers outscored UMaine 43-23 in the second half to pull away, improving to 18-6 and 11-0 in America East. The Black Bears fall to 6-18 and 3-8 in conference.

Senior forward Samantha Baranowski led the Black Bears with 11 points and nine rebounds, while freshman forward Danielle Walczak chipped in 11 points and four boards.

UMaine’s Fraser, Edwards garner Weekly Awards

The University of Maine men’s basketball team had two members honored by the America East Conference this past week, with sophomore Alasdair Fraser named Player of the Week and freshman guard Justin Edwards was named Rookie of the Week.

Fraser netted his league-leading sixth double-double with 21 points and 12 rebounds in UMaine’s 77-76 win against University of Maryland-Baltimore County.

For Edwards, it was his seventh Rookie of the Week award after he scored 16 points, added seven boards, six assists and three steals against UMBC.



Condensed season causes subpar play, injuries in NBA

Column

Last week, 11-time All-Star and current TNT studio analyst Charles Barkley issued an unofficial apology to all NBA fans for the “lackluster” quality of this year’s condensed, 66-game season.



By Liam Nee

In an interview with ESPN radio in Chicago on Feb. 2, Barkley said:

“I cannot believe how bad the NBA is right now. I’m a fan first and foremost, [and] watching the NBA right now, [...] I’m embarrassed about the product we’re putting out there right now.”

Even if Barkley is being a little dramatic (he can be at times), he might be on to something.

League-wide averages have dropped considerably when compared to recent years — most notably shooting percentage, which is at its lowest since the 2003-04 season. Free throw percentage hasn’t been this bad in six years, and three-point shooting percentage is at its lowest since the NBA’s previous lockout in 1998-99.

But statistics haven’t been the only problem.

Injuries have rocked the league as well — and the issue can largely be attributed to the lack of practice, rushed training camp and greediness of the decision to play too many games in too short a time period.

On Monday night, the league saw four star players fall victim to troublesome injuries: Knicks’ five-time All-Star Carmelo Anthony suffered a groin injury, last year’s league MVP and Bulls

guard Derrick Rose was having back spasms, Nuggets’ forward Danilo Gallinari sprained his ankle and Clippers’ five-time All-Star Chauncey Billups is out for the season with a torn Achilles tendon.

Miraculously, standing strong at a time players are dropping left and right is Mavericks’ 2011 NBA Finals MVP Dirk Nowitzki, but only after a four-game hiatus to rejuvenate an injured right knee.

Personally, I agree with Barkley. This season hasn’t quite done it for fans, even with the season’s highly anticipated Chris Paul/Blake Griffin combo in Los Angeles. The league now stands with roughly five “super teams” including the Heat, Clippers, Knicks and the slowly diminishing superiority of the Celtics and Lakers. This results in a somewhat unfair league, adding insult to injury in an already deficient season.

The worst thing for a league to do when coming out of a lockout is to show it affected them. In reality, it surely does, but for a business that plays a large role in the entertainment industry, it is imperative for the entire league to play at a certain level and show no signs of losing a step because of its current situation.

The 2011-12 NBA season was rushed, and we have all been made aware of the repercussions. A sense of urgency at the beginning of the season has now evolved into an evil infection.

For a while, I thought I was too busy to pay attention to my fantasy basketball team this season. I found myself forgetting to set my lineup and disregarding league news. Having an untalented team wasn’t the case — on my roster is Chris Paul, the league’s “best” statistical player.

I have a strange feeling I’m not the only one who has been run down by this condensed season.

situation,” she said. “Once you go up against other teams, the competition is a little bit different. Levels are different. I want to see how they do in that picture.”

Coutts added two new members to her coaching staff this year, including Barron, who formerly coached for Princeton University’s softball team.

Kevin Welch, hired as assistant coach in January, has formerly coached at three other colleges and is entering into his 17th year of coaching.

“It’s all about softball,” Coutts said about her team and staff. “It’s that universal language that we want to go out, we want to work hard, we want to play. We want to win.”

And Barron will also be sticking around on a volunteer basis. According to a January release, she’ll work with pitchers.

“She’s great,” Coutts said. “The girls really like her. We have the same temperament and the same philosophy. She’s done a great job with being here when she can.”

Regular conference play for women’s softball begins in April. Before then, the softball team plans to compete in at least 10 more tournaments along with non-conference match-ups.

“We always have to prepare for the season,” Coutts said.

“When you play the different types of competitions and levels, our goal is to go out and win, but it’s really to prepare for conference because that’s what it’s all about.”

UMaine announces football recruits for upcoming season

By Joe Sturzl
Staff Reporter

When spring practice opens up later this year, 13 new faces will be part of the mix for the University of Maine football team, including two from in-state. Tight end Max Andrews out of John Bapst High School and defensive end Joshua Ignalls out of Wells High School will be joining the Black Bears, and with some hard work and practice, head coach Jack Cosgrove sees bright futures for both.

“Both are big skill kids,” Cosgrove said. “Max has big skills, we can see him playing tight end or [half-back], he has great ball skills, he fits into our framework. He reminds me of Matt Mulligan and Justin Perillo. He is a big, athletic kid, and we’re going to have him hit the weight room to get bigger, faster, and stronger. Matt was a hard-nosed and dedicated kid and hopefully Max will look at him for inspiration.”

“Josh was difficult for the defense to block at the high school level because of his size. He was a basketball player too as well. He will be a pass-rush kind of kid; he has the explosiveness and mentality for it. We’ll have to get him to the weight room to get him stronger as well.”

The other players who will

be suiting up for UMaine next season include Davonte Burke, defensive back from Fork Union Military Academy in Galesville, MD; Daniel Collins, quarterback from Williamstown High School in Williamstown, N.J.; Sean Decloux, kicker/punter from Red Lion Christian Academy in Ottawa, Ontario; Alban Dedvukaj, defensive end/defensive tackle from Santa Barbara City College in

MD; and David Toriola, defensive tackle from St. Francis Prep/Marist College in Corona, N.Y.

When recruiting players, Cosgrove and his coaching staff take good care to get the complete package in a player, including a good football player, good student and good person.

“We’re football coaches, so we recruit football players,” Cosgrove said. “We get intro-

duced to these players first on video. Then we go and meet them. They have to be good students as well. They have to demonstrate the ability to be good on the field and be a good student. Being a student-athlete is almost job-like, and if they can’t balance the football with their studies it disrupts the whole integrity of the recruiting system, so we have to make sure we’re getting the athlete, the student, and the person.”

Though many of the new recruits have great talent, Cosgrove wants to make sure they are prepared before they get onto the field.

“Older players, junior-college transfers [and] players with experience would be the ones I would expect to be ready to play quicker,” Cosgrove said. “I’d prefer the first year players to redshirt if they can so they can play a fifth year and use the redshirt to develop and get prepared. It has happened, a first year player making an immediate impact though.”

Cosgrove also makes sure they get the players at positions that the team is in need for.

“Personnel needs are assessed, and position needs are recruited a couple of years out so we can have a player ready to take a graduating players place,” Cosgrove said. “You never want to have it so that the recruiting class has to play for you. Size, speed and strength are bound to a lot of necessary attributes we look for. We look at every opportunity to better the team, it doesn’t matter where they are from if they are good enough. We’ll go anywhere to get anyone.”

With a class of ’13, UMaine will be looking at the tall order of matching the success from last year, but with hard work and stepping into graduated players shoes, they have an opportunity to do so.

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Jack Cosgrove
Head coach
UMaine football

Brookfield, CT; Nigel Jones, running back from Holy Spirit High School in Pleasantville, N.J.; Sacoy Malone, running back from Springfield Central in Springfield, MA; Christophe Mulumba, linebacker from Kent School in Montreal, Quebec; Sean Reuss, tight end from Monticello High School in Monticello, N.Y.; Patrick Ricard, defensive end from David Prouty High School in Spencer, MA; Calvert Schaefer, offensive lineman from Winters Mill in Westminster,

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ketball head coach Richard Barron, was the interim coach after Smith’s resignation.

Coutts said the squad still remained organized throughout their offseason.

“Our seniors pretty much organized practices and encouraged everyone to make sure they got their lifts in,” Coutts said. “That is definitely a testament to our seniors. They continued to lift five days each week through all of this. The girls were just anxious to get back into it and get a coach in there.”

Despite last year’s overall record of 18-31, Coutts displayed no concern for this year’s softball season.

“The girls know that their potential is greater than what their record was last year,” she said. “We don’t look back too much. We’re looking to build on what we can do this year.”

The America East Preseason Poll picked the University of Maine to rank six out of seven teams. However, Coutts’ recent step into head coach left little time to get to know her team.

“I have not seen them play in a real game with their uniforms on yet,” she said.

Coutts believes the weekend tournament in Tampa should give her an opportunity to learn more about the Black Bears.

“My job this weekend will be to evaluate what we do in a game

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'Dynamic duo' dominates senior season

Mostly overlooked out of junior hockey leagues, UMaine's Abbott and Flynn have become 2 of country's top forwards



Haley Johnston • Photo Editor

Senior center Brian Flynn has helped lead the University of Maine men's hockey team to the No. 12 ranking in the country.

By Jesse Scardina
Sports Editor

Four years ago, University of Maine men's hockey head coach Tim Whitehead recruited two scrawny freshmen just looking for that chance to reach another level.

In their final season for the Black Bears, senior forwards Spencer Abbott and Brian Flynn have made Whitehead look really good.

"I could probably write a book on their growth over four years," Whitehead said. "It's remarkable when you look at it. They improved the areas of their game that they needed to improve to become elite players. They are two of the very best players in college hockey. They've been the dynamic duo for four years."

Abbott and Flynn are the only teammates in the country in the top five in points, with Abbott's 47 leading the country and Flynn's 39 tying for fifth.

"I never really thought anything like that would happen," Abbott said of leading the nation in points. "I've played with a lot of great players and the coaching staff does a really good job of bringing a young player up here

and growing them."

Flynn agreed, citing the early ice time he received as the reason for his development while at UMaine.

"I can remember freshman year we were talking about just wanting to get into the lineup and play as much as possible," he said. "I think we were both fortunate to come here in a year where we had only four seniors and four juniors so we were able to play right off the bat. I think that's helped a ton with our development."

Whitehead believes it's that opportunity to play as freshmen that swayed them to join the Black Bears.

"When you look back to four years ago, I'm sure one of the most appealing parts about coming to UMaine was we had a lot of turnover at the forward position and these guys were going to get the opportunity to prove themselves," he said.

While both Flynn and Abbott played in successful junior league teams, neither was a highly touted recruit. Flynn, a Massachusetts native, was overlooked by both Boston University and Boston College, while Abbott only received looks by mediocre programs such

as Niagara University and Northeastern University.

"Spencer and Brian in particular came in quite untouted," Whitehead said. "They had other interests, but we showed the most interest and believed in them the most."

"Spencer's always had elite hockey sense and great poise with the puck and we felt he had elite skill," he said. "He was not real strong defensively and wasn't making the impact he could. Conditioning wise, he wasn't in great shape. He would show flashes of brilliance and we thought there was a real diamond in the rough there."

"Brian's always been a fierce competitor and relentless worker," Whitehead added. "In a different way, we thought Brian had tons of potential to be an excellent player but for different reasons. He also had skill and great hockey sense but his greatest attribute back then was his competitiveness and his drive. We felt he was the type of player to get better and better."

Since their freshman year, both Flynn and Abbott have each accumulated over 100 points. This season, they have both already eclipsed their last season totals.

Both accredit their improvements to adding strength and gaining confidence.

"My defensive play and my strength have risen," Abbott said. "When I was a freshman, I never hit the weight room as much as I have here. Every summer I've really gotten after it and put on weight. It's harder for guys to knock me off the puck when I have it."

"We were both able to play power play as freshman," Flynn said. "Getting in there as freshmen while most would get that ice time sophomore year helped a ton. It gave me confidence and when you have confidence like that, you can get better and put a little more work into it."

This season both Abbott and Flynn were thrust into leadership roles, with Flynn being named offensive captain and Abbott assistant captain, something that Whitehead thinks they've dealt with well, in addition to on-ice improvements.

"This last year in particular has been great. They've been able to slam-dunk this level, athletically and as leaders as well,"

See Black Bears on B4

New softball coach ready for challenge in 2012 campaign

By Emily Hodgdon
For The Maine Campus

While the softball field at the University of Maine is still covered with ice, the sun shines down on the field at the University of Southern Florida, where the UMaine women's softball team is off to this weekend.

As the Black Bears embark on a new season, they are led by a new head coach, former UMaine softball player Lynn Coumts.

"Anytime you are a part of the Black Bear team, there's a lot of pride in being here," Coumts said. "It was always one of those things that I would love to come back and coach. The opportunity came up, I was in the state of Maine, and it worked out. I'm really happy to be back here. It's a great place to be."

The Florida road trip starts the Black Bears' season with five games throughout the weekend. The host team will play in the tournament along with Illinois State University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Long Island University and last year's runner-up for the College World Series, the University of Florida. UMaine will play each team once.

"They are very anxious," Coumts said of her team. "I think when you practice for so long, you just want to go play. There's

a good mixture of competition, so this gives us a good idea as to where we are and where we would like to be. It's a good benchmark."

Coumts lived just outside of Ottawa, Ontario growing up. In high school she moved to Maryland to live with her uncle, the coach of the Washington Capitals.

Coumts had the opportunity to attend college in Maryland, but UMaine recruited her for softball. Her softball contributions in Maine haven't depleted since.

Coumts became head coach for the Orono High School softball team prior to her college graduation in 1987. From 1990 to 1994, Coumts joined the Black Bears again as an assistant coach, working closely with the pitching crew.

Throughout those four years, the softball team improved dramatically, starting with a .300 winning percentage, ending at .650. The Black Bears also became the North Atlantic Conference Champions during Coumts' last year.

She was hired as the UMaine women's softball coach on Nov. 14, 2011.

Deb Smith, the former head coach for UMaine, resigned from her position after three seasons with the team. Maureen Barron, wife of UMaine women's bas-

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Men's basketball slows down stretch in loss to Vermont

By Charlie Merritt
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's basketball team hosted the University of Vermont on Monday without their third-leading scorer and starting sophomore center, Alasdair Fraser, due to an ankle sprain.

The Black Bears held tough, but the loss of their post presence was too much to overcome as Vermont scored 32 points in the paint en route to a 73-63 victory.

The Black Bears fall to 11-11 and 5-6 in America East, while the Catamounts improve to 16-10 and 10-2 in conference.

Despite being down by 16 points at one point, UMaine continuously clawed their way back into the game but couldn't get over the top.

"That was a good fight-back, but it's February and we're not looking for a fight—we're looking for a win," said senior guard Gerald McLemore, who earned

America East Player of the Game, scoring 20 points shooting 5-9 from the 3-point line.

Vermont lead 13-7 early, but McLemore cut the lead to 13-10 after hitting his second 3 of the game early after curling off a screen from the low block.

UMaine continued to hang around Vermont as senior forward Travon Wilcher came off the bench and immediately got his uniform dirty diving for a loose ball and forcing a tie-up, providing important minutes in Fraser's absence.

Despite McLemore's hot shooting early and the competitiveness of the Black Bears, Vermont continued to execute and take advantage of turnovers, pushing the lead to 34-19 with 4 and a half minutes left in the first half.

"We wanted to start the game playing better defensively," said UMaine head coach Ted Woodward. "We had trouble kind of finding our rhythm on defense,

no matter what it was, man or zone."

UMaine trailed 37-25 at halftime, and Vermont went on a quick 6-2 run, but the Black Bears answered with a 14-2 stretch that put them right back into the game, including four points each from junior forward Mike Allison and freshman guard Justin Edwards. The highlight of the run came as Edwards drove the baseline, drawing a second defender as he wrapped the ball around and found Allison for an easy lay-in.

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The University of Maine men's basketball team travels to Boston University today to turn things around in America East play before hosting the University of Albany this Saturday.