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## Aromando to be next University of Maine Student Government President



Logan Aromando, Student Government President Elect and current Student Body Vice President, has big plans for implementing change on campus.

Maggie Gautrau, Photo Editor.

### Kendra Caruso Contributor

Logan Aromando swept up 39 percent of the votes to win the undergraduate student presidency on March 30. The majority of the ballots were submitted electronically and only four manual ballots were cast.

Aromando is a second-year Mechanical Engineering student from Kennebunk, Maine. He's serving as the current vice president of the undergraduate student body and the president of the General Student Senate. He's worked closely with the current undergraduate student president to advocate for students and intends to continue those efforts with

his own presidential term.

Aromando worked to get personal sanitary items donated for female bathrooms in the union and in the office at the Women's Resource Center last semester, according to the Women's Resource Center.

"President Mary Celeste Floreani has been a present and appreciated advocate for our office in both matters of procuring funding and institutionalization. We hope the President-Elect Aromando will continue her legacy by actively advocating for the Women's Resource Center and services for women and minorities on campus," a representative for the Women's Resource Center said in a Facebook message.

Aromando wants to bring more activities in the fall, possibly a concert or some other kind of entertainment. He'd like to work on fixing perceptions around Maine Day and continue to grow the student government. He wants to work with all groups and clubs on campus to help represent them and their needs.

"It may seem little to someone else but to some people it's a lot," Aromando said.

The student senate right now has 15 members, according to the University of Maine webpage for the General Student Senate. Aromando says this number has increased in recent years and he would like to contin-

ue to grow it and establish a college-based senate, with each of University of Maine's five colleges being represented. This was also a referendum students voted on in this election.

The vice president-elect, Bentley Simpson, is one of the senior-most senators for the student body. Aromando has worked closely with Simpson through his position in the student senate. "Being the president of the senate I work with him a lot on various tasks. We have a very strong relationship through that," Aromando said in an email.

They have worked on projects as members of the Sophomore Owls together. Simpson is the president of

the Sophomore Owls and Aromando is the chair of new members.

Aromando ran for undergraduate student body president because he wants to continue the work he's been doing with the current student body president and has a desire to help people.

"I really like being able to help people," Aromando said.

Aromando won a large percentage of the votes and was surprised by the margin he won by. "I definitely knew I had the experience and that some people would vote for me," he said. Taylor Cray received the second largest number, receiving 26 percent of the votes, then Jacob Bradshaw with 21 percent

of the votes and John Kay with 14 percent of the votes according to the executive election results released by the Student Government's office on campus.

Logan Aromando can be reached through his email posted on the University of Maine's Student Government website or in his office in the back of the Wade Center in the Memorial Union. He will be sworn in on the second-to-last senate meeting of the semester and start his term next school year. Ultimately Aromando says he wants to create "a better campus as a whole, where people feel welcome."

## Student art project teaches the importance of community service

### Olivia Shipsay Staff writer

This year, seven art education students found inspiration in Wabanaki folklore for their University of Maine Art Education Student Outreach project.

Students enrolled in Professor Constant Albertson's AED 474: Topics in Art developed original linoleum blocks and used them to print t-shirts intended to be sold on campus and in the community. All of the proceeds will go toward supporting the programs and activities that the Gedakina, Inc. fosters in Native American communities across New England.

"As I was designing the

course I researched many Wabanaki issues," Albertson said. "The students talked it over and did research. We were very excited to work with Gedakina. We didn't want the product to be another bauble, something that you shove in a junk drawer, and we thought it would be important to use relevant images and symbols."

In AED 474, Albertson hoped to teach her students skills in collaboration, negotiation and leadership, while showing them how to integrate an art curriculum with community service efficiently.

"Art is critical to creating culture and community," Rochelle Lawrence, an art

education student enrolled in AED 474, said. "It creates awareness of the people, animals, nature and history that have come before you."

Gedakina, which means "Our world, a way of life" in the Wabanaki language, works to bring like-minded community members and allies together to support and empower Native American and indigenous youth. They also work to challenge racism and colonialism and encourage inclusiveness and diversity.

"Our hope is to provide opportunities for youth and women and to promote self-efficacy," Kathy Pollard, full-time Gedakina staff member and Allied Building

& Development leader, said. "I met Connie through the Decolonize Maine committee, she invited us to be the partners for this class. We decided to use the funds to help our work toward recovering traditional agriculture at a farm in Starks, Maine on the Sandy River. This will be the first time in over 250 years indigenous people will be using the property."

Gedakina acts as a co-organizer and leader in many programs and activities across New England. A local example of this is their work as a lead partner in Justice for the River, an organization that fights to protect the Penobscot River from over-development and pollution and

supports the Penobscot Nation.

For their project, the students studied Wabanaki stories and found inspiration in their lessons and themes. Lorelei Hipkins, a third-year art education student involved in the project, used a story that ignited childhood inspiration to design her linoleum block.

"For my piece I read a creation story," Hipkins said. "The creator came down to earth and made life from rocks. They were too strong and he had to destroy them, so he tried again with ash leaves. The ash leaves were able to interact with the earth in similar ways to humans. It brought back my memories

of summer camp, where we would sing songs of a rain-drip traveling down a mountain and becoming a part of the river. It was cool because something small was turning into something much bigger."

Hipkins said her personal connection to the narrative is an example of why it is important to teach about other cultures through art.

"Through this class I have learned you can make a difference," Hipkins said. "It's important to know how as a teacher to talk about bigger issues through art in your classroom. We talked a lot about applying for grants,

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# News

## New concert date puts Maine Day focus back on volunteerism



A look inside UMaine's own Alfond Arena. Built in 1977, this unique multi-angular roof stadium is home to the black bear's men and women ice hockey teams, and formerly the university's basketball teams. It's named after Harold Alfond, who helped donate money for updating the university's sports facilities.

Ian Liggett, Staff.

### Hailey Bryant Contributor

Since 1935, Maine Day has been a beloved tradition at the University of Maine. At its conception, then-President Arthur Hauck wanted to dedicate a day to volunteerism, cancelling classes to give students this opportunity.

More recently, a key part of Maine Day for many students is the Maine Day concert, held on the last Wednesday of the spring semester. This year, through a

collaborative effort from the UMaine administration, Student Government and the town of Orono, the focus of the day will be shifted back to its original intent — volunteering. Rather than holding a concert on the night of Maine Day, Student Entertainment is hosting a new concert, titled the Maine Event, on Saturday, April 14.

April 14 was one of two potential date options, but the other potential weekend, April 28, was too close to Maine Day and would make the events appear linked.

According to Vice President of Student Entertainment Jared Dumas, some members of the Orono community wanted Maine Day stopped completely, and the separation of the two events is intended to quell people's concerns.

"Massive parties aren't good for the community," Dumas said.

The new date isn't the only change the concert is undergoing — the Maine Event will be held indoors at the Alfond Arena, rather than outdoors as past Maine Day

concerts have been. The town of Orono, like many other towns, has an ordinance that qualifies excessive noise after 10 p.m. as a civil offense. Holding the concert outdoors meant it had to end at 10 p.m., but an indoor show can run longer, serving a dual purpose — providing a bigger concert for students to enjoy, and keeping students occupied later into the night in order to minimize trouble.

While Maine Day has become almost synonymous with the concert, the events

haven't been linked for long; the first Maine Day concert was held in 2015.

"The reason it seems like such a shock is because the current seniors were freshmen then," Dumas said. "It's just what they're used to."

Prior to 2015, the concert could have been held in the fall or in the spring, but often was in April.

Student Government has been working closely with the administration as well as the town to keep the concert while also re-focusing the purpose of the actual Maine

Day. "Maine Day is about service and volunteerism," Vice President of Student Government Logan Aromando said.

Aromando also said that they are working towards getting outdoor concerts back in the future.

The Maine Event features headliner Lupe Fiasco with supporting artists Action Bronson and Felly, and is open to UMaine undergraduate students only. Tickets are free with a Maine Card.

## Construction to install roundabout on Route 2

### Remy Segovia Contributor

The Maine Department of Transportation is following through with their plans to install a roundabout at the intersection of the Rangeley Road entrance to the University of Maine and Route 2.

Construction will be taking place this summer in hopes to reduce the impact of construction on most students of the university. A large diameter roundabout will be installed at the intersection for safety reasons.

Gardner Construction Enterprises was chosen to work on the project.

According to the owner of Gardner Construction Enterprises, Randy Gardner, construction will begin on April 15 and will be finished around Dec. 11. The road will be closing on May 14 and will remain closed until August 17.

According to Gardner, the project will cost around \$2.8 million. The project will take many workers to accomplish, as Gardner said, "depending on the day, 20 to 30

people could be working at a time," recognizing that on the slower days, eight is the lowest number of workers at a time.

The construction work could possibly affect the commute of students, especially those taking summer courses on campus. "I would recommend an alternative route," Gardner said, recommending that students should take College Avenue.

Some students are slightly concerned with the possibility of the route affecting them, but see the addition of

a roundabout as a positive.

Maeghan McAuliffe, a third-year international affair student, hopes that the construction will be finished by the time the next semester starts. "Assuming they have the road open again before school starts as they say they will, I think the major construction work won't have too much of an impact on me as I won't be here," McAuliffe said.

"If there are continued road closings or blocked traffic during next semester, I can see that turning into a

big issue pretty fast, since students in Orchard Trails, the Ave, and the Reserve all use that exit and it gets backed up even with normal use," McAuliffe said. "I'm hoping the roundabout will help to fix that problem, especially the amount of time it can take to get off campus. If you leave campus directly after class at the same time most other people do, in order to turn left and get to any of the apartment complexes, the wait is usually four to seven minutes at a near standstill."

"There's been talk of a roundabout being put in for a while, and I'm glad it's finally happening," McAuliffe said.

Sam Nigida, a second-year environmental science student, believes that adding a roundabout is worth the hassle, saying, "I don't think it will have a huge effect. Just maybe taking a minute of sitting in traffic or so," Nigida added. "I think it will definitely be easier getting into campus."

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BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING



# Current students ushering in the next generation of Black Bears

**Lindsey Moran**  
Contributor

Among the backdrop of the University of Maine during spring is not only the mall becoming inundated with slacklines and people tossing frisbees, but also a plethora of fourth-year high school students with invitations to join UMaine's class of 2022.

Certainly, Accepted Students Day and the admissions process surrounding it pose serious problems for many on campus. Transportation and parking have become increasingly difficult for commuter students, and while the class sizes for incoming first-year students keep getting bigger, university infrastructure keeps dwindling.

However, Accepted Students Day also provides campus with unique oppor-

tunities — and not just for graduate students. Undergrads are encouraged to participate in the events in order to facilitate a sense of community and inclusion for incoming first-year students.

"Having undergraduates participate in Accepted Students Day is essential, nothing is more powerful as a recruitment tool than for a student considering attending UMaine to hear the true student perspective from a current UMaine black bear," Christopher Richards said.

Richards is the Director of Recruitment for the University of Maine and says the responses to Accepted Students Day from attendees "are overwhelmingly positive."

"Over and over again, we hear the statement that people are incredibly welcoming [and] that everyone is 'just so nice,'" Richards said. "Our

student ambassador program which does campus tours, staffs tables to answer questions, speak in information sessions, help with parking and work as a the general welcoming committee for the institution."

"I got involved with Team Maine through the club fair. I saw that they were tabling, and I was interested because I knew that was the group that ran the summer orientation," Megan Arsenault wrote.

This is Arsenault's first year with Team Maine, and she says the group accepted her with open arms. "Team Maine's role during Accepted Students Day is to show prospective students around our campus, and to make them feel welcomed and excited about the college transition," Arsenault wrote. "I am more than proud to be a part of that!"

Brian McDougal, a prospective student that attended Accepted Students Day on March 26, said, "I was given a very close-knit community from the student body, which took me by surprise because it is such a big campus."

"My tour of campus was led by a very energetic UMaine student. She showed us through the campus, not only throwing statistics our way, but also providing personal stories that really gave the campus a home atmosphere as we went along," McDougal said.

"I think Team Maine helps first-year students in many ways. In my personal experience, Team Maine has helped ease the anxiety of meeting new people," Arsenault writes.

As much as we like to act like Accepted Students Day is a massive inconvenience

to us and our routines, and considering we were once in the shoes of the very people that (admittedly) might be taking up our precious commuter parking spaces, Accepted Students Day gives students at the University of Maine unique opportunity to help build and bolster a robust sense of community amid a relatively large university. Everyone can do something to get involved. The first step is smiling at the people in the tour groups in the library. Be nice, reach out and help.

"Whether it is realized or not, every single student on our campus has the opportunity to make a difference in whether or not a student decides to attend UMaine, and I'm proud to say our campus community as a whole has been doing an excellent job," Richards said.

"As soon as I got out of

my car I looked across the parking lot and saw Team Maine right in front of the doors leading into the auditorium dancing, smiling and welcoming everyone in. Seeing students that early with that much energy because they are so devoted to their school shows in great lengths how much school spirit the University of Maine has," McDougal said.

The last of the Accepted Students Day events will take place on Monday, April 9 and Friday, April 13. Com-muter students are encouraged to plan ahead when it comes to getting on campus as traffic and parking will be chaotic amidst the arrival of perspective students, the incoming of the latter nervously await what comes next in the subsequent chapter of their life.

## Janet Mills runs for governor

**Taylor Abbott**  
News Editor

In November of 2018, residents of Maine will have the opportunity to vote for new leaders within the government, including governor. As Paul LePage's term comes to an end, several candidates have taken an interest in filling his position. Among these candidates is Janet Mills, a long-time Mainer from Farmington.

Mills grew up around the University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) campus. She took a few courses at UMF, and attended several different colleges before settling down at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, where she earned a degree in French with a minor in English.

After getting her degree, Mills had no intention of getting involved in politics. After moving to Maine to attend law school, she began working in offices and

eventually ran for District Attorney (DA) Mills was the first female DA in New England.

"I had to get involved in politics to have my job, and I loved the job. As district attorney, you have to show a lot of discretion," Mills said. She held this position for 15 years. Following this, she went into work in the private sector for another 14 years. For six of those years, she worked part time in the legislature after being elected from Farmington.

"I was the first woman from Franklin County to serve in the legislature, which was scary. I ran four times successfully in a Republican and Independent district. The fourth time that I won, I was running for Attorney General as well, which is voted on by the legislature. From there, I went to Attorney General."

A Farmington native, Mills thinks of herself as

"sort of a polymorphic Mainer. I have deep roots all over the second congressional district." She has four siblings, two of which also work within the government. Her sister was the head of the Department of Health, and one of her brothers was head of the Maine Turnpike Authority, on top of being a lawyer. She met her husband when she was district attorney, and together they raised his five daughters. Now a widow, she has four grandchildren spanning from ages four to 18. Her husband died three years ago after battling extended illnesses.

"One of my grandchildren has autism, and I have a deep understanding with people that have special needs," Mills added.

When looking at policy areas, Mills puts health care at the top of her priorities. "Making sure all Mainers have access to affordable and high quality

health care is important, and we can do this through expanding medicaid. This will happen, and I am going to help to make sure that this happens."

After discussing this, she then talked about the opioid epidemic. "I am the only candidate with a 10-point-plan. My plan focuses on prevention, education and treatment. With this, we need to work on single-paired universal health care. The only way to make this successful is to combine with other states to pool our resources to make this happen. The state of Vermont tried this, but could not do it on their own."

Next, Mills talked about economic growth in the state of Maine. "We need to work on growing the economy and creating good jobs as well as working on creating solar and renewable resources, energy sources, and energy development. I am a big fan of

the work that's being done at the University of Maine," she said.

"I hope that during this campaign, we do not see any negative campaigning. I am running a positive issues-driven campaign through displaying my ideas about Maine. On top of this, I am hoping that the Democratic party does not become too divisive or polarized. While I hope it does not happen, we have to plan for a breakdown," Mills said.

"I also care about investing in education. Growing the economy is big. With my previous positions, I know the ins and outs of the state budget. I am also the only candidate in this race that is from the second congressional district that has run for an executive agency."

"Growing up in western Maine, I always looked up to George Mitchell. Also, I look up to Margaret Chase Smith, who was always a

friend of the family as well as the first ever woman to serve in Congress and the Senate, which takes a lot of courage."

For college students, Mills hopes to appeal to them as she is realistic and wants to get the job done. "I care about protecting the environment, and expanding higher education. I will not offer free tuition. While that would be nice, it is not realistic. I do like, however, that the board of trustees has encouraged out of state students to come here and pay what they would in-state. Keeping tuition low while growing the student population," she added.

"I think that I have a record that I can be proud of," Mills said. "Margaret Chase Smith had a slogan that I like to think about, and that is, 'don't trade a record for a promise.'"

## The University takes on the #PledgeAgainstPlasticStraws challenge

**Lee Brown**  
Contributor

On March 28, 2018, the University of Maine announced that they would be taking part in Simply Straws' #PledgeAgainstPlasticStraws 2018 Campus Challenge. Simply Straws is an eco-friendly company that produces and promotes the use of glass straws as an alternative to plastic straws. The challenge involves the participation from almost 90 colleges and 16 K-12 schools across the nation who will all aim to reduce the use of plastic straws as much as possible during the month of April.

According to Simply Straws' website, more than 500 million plastic straws are used and disposed of every year and by the year 2050, there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean unless something is done to enact change.

When asked about what kind of message she thinks the university is trying to make by involving themselves in this challenge, second-year student Brooklyn Washburn explained that "by participating in this challenge, it



The University of Maine is taking part in the #PledgeAgainstPlasticStraws, a movement to eliminate plastic straws. Labeling for information will 12 to 2.30 p.m. April 19 in Memorial Union.

Evan Loignon, Staff

shows how important this crisis with plastic polluting our environment is...and by partaking in a challenge like this, [it] actually makes

a difference no matter how small it seems to be."

The challenge was introduced to the University by Alicia Oberholzer, the Ener-

gy Efficiency Coordinator in the Office of Sustainability.

"I've had a Simply Straws glass straw for a while now and received an

email form them announcing the campus #PledgeAgainstPlasticStraws challenge," Oberholzer explained, "I immediately

thought this would be very fitting for Earth month as the global theme this year

See Straws on A5

# Weekly Updates

## This Week in Student Government

Weekly recap of decisions made by the UMaine Student Government General Student Senate

Ryan Cox  
Contributor

This week's General Student Senate meeting began with the acknowledgement of three thank-you notes written to UMSG, Inc.: One from the American Marketing Association for funding received for their etiquette dinner, and one each from Andrew Levesque and Emma Smith from the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI), for funding received for their trip to Charleston, South Carolina.

### Club Maintenance

Women in Economics was granted final recognition this week after receiving initial recognition last fall.

The President-Elect of the Volleyball Club stood to discuss the "civil war" that broke out regarding the current President's proposed merging of the men and women's teams. While the club has gone over serious maintenance after being "almost nonexistent" the merger request and budget was submitted without the consent of all members. The merger's intent is to bring up the funding tier status of both teams as one whole. However, more than enough members do not believe such a merger would be beneficial. The issue was tabled until next week to determine the best course of action.

### Club Presentations

The Wrestling Team thanked the senate for the \$8,000 in requested funding for the 2018 wrestling season.

### Guest Speakers

Center for Undergraduate Research Vice President Elisabeth Kilroy, while not present, sent a request asking for volunteers for the upcoming Student Symposium.

The Residence Hall Association reported their provided funding for the Caribbean club's Carnival event.

### Executive Reports

President Mary Celeste-Floreani has spent the last two weeks handling student government business, particularly Maine Day activity and Spring Concert planning, as well as preparation for the yearly budget meeting this Saturday.

Vice President Logan Aromando also had his hands full with the Spring concert, Maine Day and the budget meeting. He also met with Dean Robert Dana this week.

Vice President for Financial Affairs Song Ping 'Ryan' Wang reported \$276,766.19 in unallocated funds.

Vice President for Student Organizations (VPSO) Jacob Wood reported new records, and upcoming elections. He expects them all to be complete by mid-April. Open job applications for executives and open offices in the International Student Association offices were noted. He also stressed that clubs should fill out their club update forms. Finally, he requested that anyone considering running for the VPSO position should come to him.

Vice President for Student Entertainment Jared Dumas announced the lineup for the Spring Concert: Lupe Fiasco and Action Bronson. Full details have been posted on Instagram and Facebook. Free ticket tabling started Thursday in the Memorial Union.



### Periodic Reports

The Fair Election Practices Committee announced the UMSG, Inc. executive election results: Logan Aromando was elected President, and Bentley Simpson was elected Vice President. Public announcement to be posted.

The Legal Services Liaison reminded new senators to contact Sean O'Mara.

The Graduate Student Senate, in tandem with the Center for Undergraduate Research, are looking for graduate and undergraduate volunteers for the Student Research Symposium on April 17.

Director of Communications Miranda Roberts reported her assistance with the executive elections, and the promotion of the Multicultural Mosaic last Friday.

### Reports of Standing Committees

Marketing sent surveys, and has been promoting spring concert updates.

Political Activism is requesting anyone interested

in joining to come to them for information.

The previous report from Services has changed. The meeting schedule will hopefully be changed this week or next.

### Reports of Special Committees

The Maine Day Planning Committee has been gathering info from administration, and secured a location on the Mall. Activities been finalized. Food trucks will be brought in. Lawn games, live music and inflatables will all be active during the event. President Floreani and Vice President

Aromando are working on making a ball pit, "but that's tricky."

### Representative Board Reports

Commuter and Non-Traditional Students will hold a meeting to determine future plans.

Preparations for the monthly pancake breakfast are underway.

Honors College Student Advisory Board gave their

thanks for the attendance at their previous trivia night event. They have reported over \$15,000 raised for the upcoming meal pack.

The Interfraternity Council is preparing for Greek Week next week from April 9-12.

Panhellenic Council is holding a president roundtable.

### Community Association Reports

The Student Heritage Alliance Council (SHAC) reported the success of last week's Multicultural Mosaic, and thanked the senators who attended. Upcoming events include the German Club's Café Wien April 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Hillel's Holocaust Remembrance on April 11 and the South Asian Association of Maine's New Year's celebration on April 14. Beyond that, SHAC will spend rest of the semester on workshops.

The Feminist Collective reported on their screening of "Birthright: A War Story" on the day of the meeting. Planning for an event planning later this semester, and Beautiful Week on the last week of April are underway.

Wilde Stein's planning for Pride Week April 16-21 is underway. Events include an Intersex awareness workshop, a brand-new LGBTQ-inclusive Lavender Prom event, an LGBTQ event, and the Drag Show.

Senate adjourned for a 10-minute recess, and reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

### Consent Agenda

Wilde Stein: Queer Straight Alliance was granted \$877 for their Lavender Prom on April 20 at the Buchanan Alumni House from

8-10 p.m.

Renaissance was granted \$361.04 for CDs and interactive audio streams for their 2018 album.

Women's Fast Pitch Softball was granted \$200 for their 2017-2018 office budget.

Wildlife Society was granted \$500 for travel and registration for their Northeastern Conclave, in Green Mountain College, Vermont.

### New Business

Trap and Skeet requested \$1,000 for registration, rental van and hotel for the New England Clay Cup Competition. The team will send three full squads. The rental van budget was originally estimated for one day instead of two. The request was amended to \$1,200 and passed.

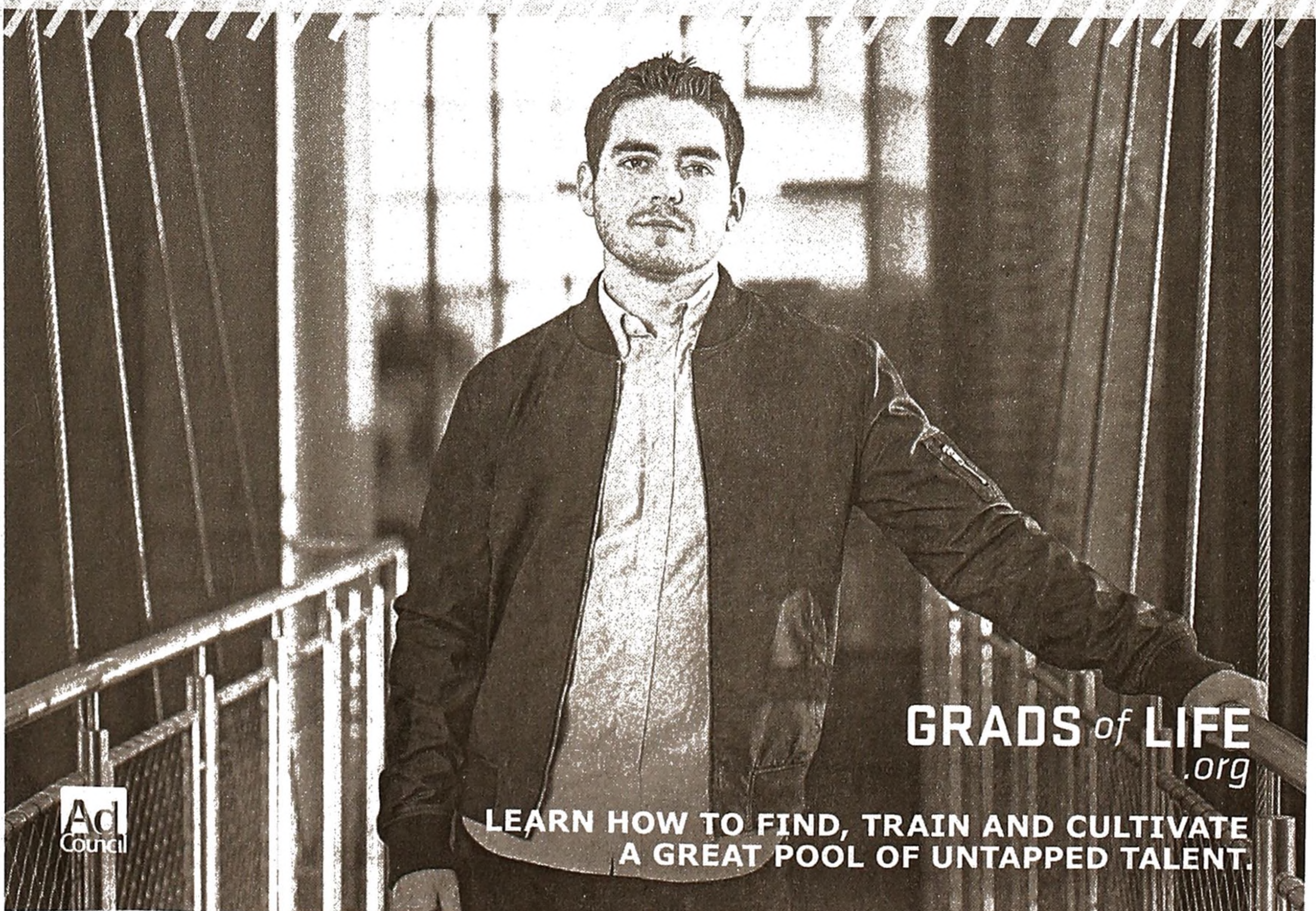
The Feminist Collective requested \$1,220 for school honorarium, hotel and travel for a Trauma Informed Care Workshop. The motion passed.

UMSG, Inc. made simple language updates the job descriptions for the Vice President, Vice President of Financial Affairs, Vice President of Student Organizations, the Fair Election Practices Commission and the Vice President for Student Entertainment. Pay rates were also updated to appropriately match these jobs.

The Standing Rules were amended to include the Senior Class Council, the Sustainability and Environmental Actions Division, and the International Student Association.

The Senate moved into a pre scheduled Executive Session from 7:30-8:18 p.m.

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# Police Beat

The best from UMaine and Orono's finest



**Nina Mahaleris**  
Contributor

**March 29**  
**11:30 p.m.**

At the intersection of Park Street and Washburn Drive, Orono Police Department (OPD) officers stopped a car belonging to 20-year-old Cameron Bilodeau for operating without headlights on during nighttime. Bilodeau stated he was picking

up friends from the Bear Brew earlier. Sergeant LaJoie and Officer Morse saw alcohol in the backseat of the car, and asked to conduct a vehicle search. Officers seized the alcohol from Bilodeau's possession, and issued him a summons for illegal transportation of alcohol by a minor. Bilodeau is scheduled to appear in court on May 10.

**March 30**  
**11:15 p.m.**

OPD received a call about a noise complaint from Orchard Trails. Twenty-year-old Carla Shufelt of Gray, Maine said she was the only tenant present at the time. Officers warned Shufelt about the noise, and Shufelt asked everyone to leave.

**11:35 p.m.**

While patrolling Crosby Street, OPD officers found a male subject partially unconscious in a parked car on

the side of the road. The Fire Dept. transported the man to Eastern Maine Medical Center. Officers determined the 18-year-old man from Bangor had come from Shufelt's party at OT.

**12:10 a.m.**

Officers returned to Shufelt's residence. She admitted to knowingly throwing a party with underage people in her apartment. Shufelt was issued a summons for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol and will appear in court on May 10.

**March 31**  
**12:28 a.m.**

Nineteen-year-old William Croft of Lambda Chi Alpha was charged with illegal possession of alcohol by a minor on Saturday morning. University of Maine Police Department (UMPD) officers

issued Croft a summons and a referral to student conduct. The fraternity also received a referral for providing alcohol to a minor. Croft is scheduled to appear in court on May 17.

**1:15 a.m.**

Courtesy officers at The Avenue in Orono were ordering guest cars to be towed for parking in residential areas when they called OPD and asked for back-up at 12:30 a.m., but abruptly hung up the phone without an explanation. OPD arrived at the scene to find 23-year-old Logan Tupper, who was reportedly under the influence and harassing people. OPD gave Tupper three warnings before placing him under arrest for disorderly conduct. He was taken to Penobscot County Jail and is scheduled to appear in court on May 10.

**April 1**  
**4:08 p.m.**

UMPD reported that someone entered the women's locker room of the NBSRC on Sunday afternoon and stole a bra and a pair of underwear. It was not confirmed whether the suspect was a member or a guest at the recreation center. The suspect has not yet been revealed.

**April 4**  
**6:00 a.m.**

UMPD reported that staff at the New Balance Student Recreation Center found a glass entrance door that was broken in, presumably during the night. The incident has reportedly caused \$300 worth of damage. There are no suspects yet.

# Briefs

Quick news from around the country



**Taylor Abbott**  
News Editor

**April 5**

Ralph Norman, a South Carolina congressman, met with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and brought a pistol to the meeting. Rep. Norman

told the women that they should feel safe in the presence of guns and then placed the weapon on the table in front of him for 10 minutes.

The incident made the mothers uncomfortable, according to Newsweek. Many said in an interview that his behavior was in

no way what "responsible gun ownership looks like," according to Newsweek.

Norman's representatives, however, released a statement saying that Norman did this as a way to show that in an instance where someone entered the area with a

weapon and attempted to shoot, Norman's weapon would be able to protect them.

**April 7**

Two people were killed and 20 were injured in Munster, Germany after a man drove a small truck into a crowd. Following the attack, the driver shot himself near the city's historic center. At this time, police are not searching for other suspects and have assumed that the crash was intentional.

The driver of the vehi-

cle has been identified as a German citizen and any connections with small terrorists groups have been falsified.

**April 7**

A man died in his apartment at Trump Tower in Manhattan after a fire broke out in his home. Over 200 firefighters were on scene when the fire erupted Saturday evening.

President Donald J. Trump went to Twitter following the fire, saying "Fire at Trump Tower is out. Very confined (well

built building). Firemen (and women) did a great job. THANK YOU!"

The cause of the fire is not yet known and the victim was later identified as Todd Brassner, who purchased the apartment unit in 1996. According to USA today, New York City did not require sprinklers in apartment units and hallways until 1999 under Mayor Rudy Giuliani's term. The upper floors of Trump Tower did not have sprinklers.

# Straws from A3

for Earth Day is putting an end to plastic pollution."

Her decision for participation in the challenge has been widely accepted and commended by those who support the movement.

"I think this issue is so important because plastic and plastic straws are getting into our oceans and bodies of water and killing off species everywhere," Washburn noted, "... No amount of money and fortune we have will matter when we physically can't live on this earth anymore and it can no longer sustain us."

The University prides itself on being an increasingly sustainable campus so it is certainly not a big surprise that the universi-

ty wanted to participate in the challenge. Since dedicating themselves to a sustainability commitment in 2005, the university has since implemented many new systems and resources such as the Zero-Sort recycling system and providing the sourcing of World Centric compostable straws. In order to reap the benefits of such efforts, however, they need to be utilized and that's where the #PledgeAgainstPlasticStraws challenge comes in.

Through the use of the hashtag #PledgeAgainstPlasticStraws, individuals are encouraged to spread the word and advocate about the movement using the link <https://simplystraws.com/pages/umaine> and posting a photo or video using the hashtag to take the pledge.

Each pledge will help the university as we see which participating school can gather the most by the end of April. The winning school gets 100 custom etched reusable glass straws and social media promotion perks

"There is a reason that 'recycle' comes last in the 'reduce, reuse, recycle,'" Oberholzer explains, "... I hope that through learning about the negative effects of plastic pollution, [individuals] will be galvanized to either stop using plastic straws altogether or invest in a reusable straw."

# The World This Week



**April 7 - A lightning strike kills 1 and injures 4 in Florida**

**April 7 - Dozens were killed in a chemical weapons attack in Syria**

**April 7 - Six men walked 50 miles from Mississippi to Tennessee in honor of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

# This week at UMaine...

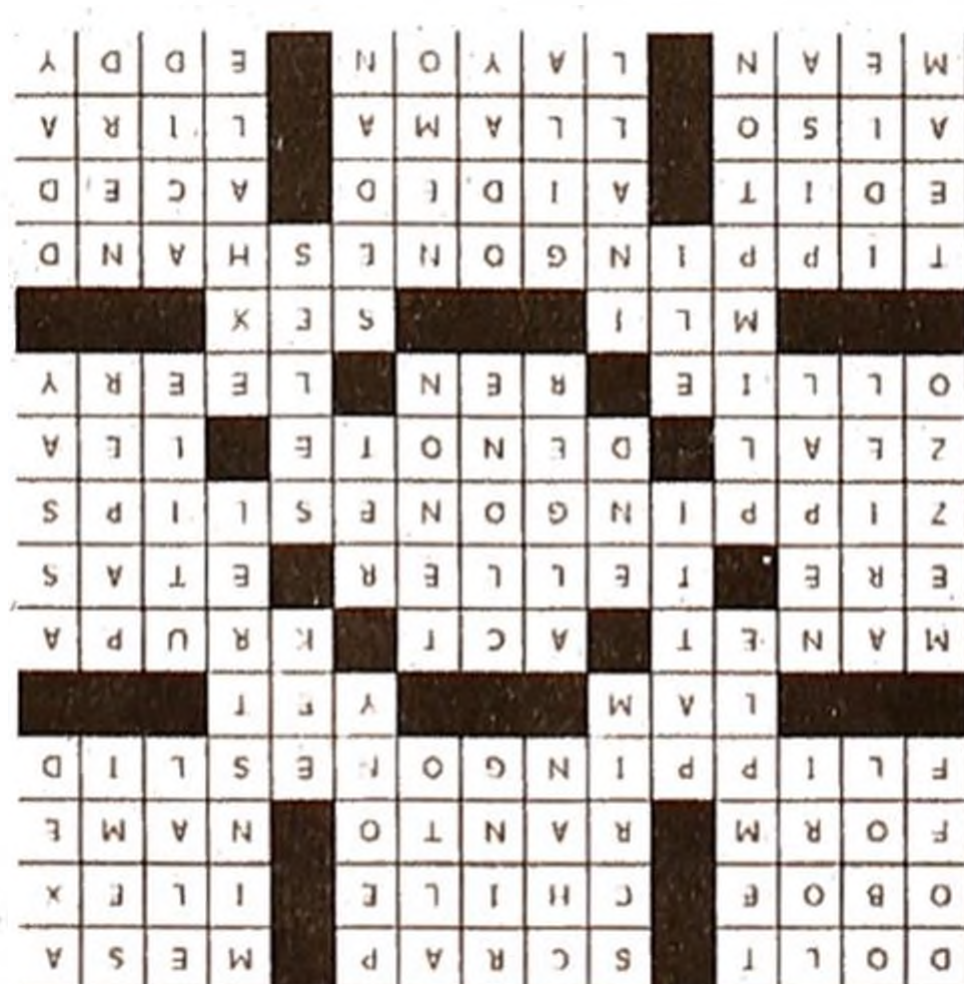
What's happening this week at UMaine

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Canoe Bailout</b> Wallace Pool, Memorial Gym 7 p.m.	<b>How much do you know about Africa?</b> North Pod 6 p.m.  <b>Canoe Battleship</b> Rec Center 7 p.m.	<b>Buffalo Wild Wings Fund-raiser for Society of Women Engineers</b> Buffalo Wild Wings 5p.m.- 9 p.m.  <b>Greek Week Talent Show</b> CCA 7 p.m.	<b>Guitar Club</b> Little Hall first floor 7 p.m.	<b>Deals for Meals Bar Crawl</b> Downtown Orono 7 p.m.  <b>The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain</b> CCA 8 p.m.	<b>The Maine Event</b> Alfond Arena 6:30 p.m.

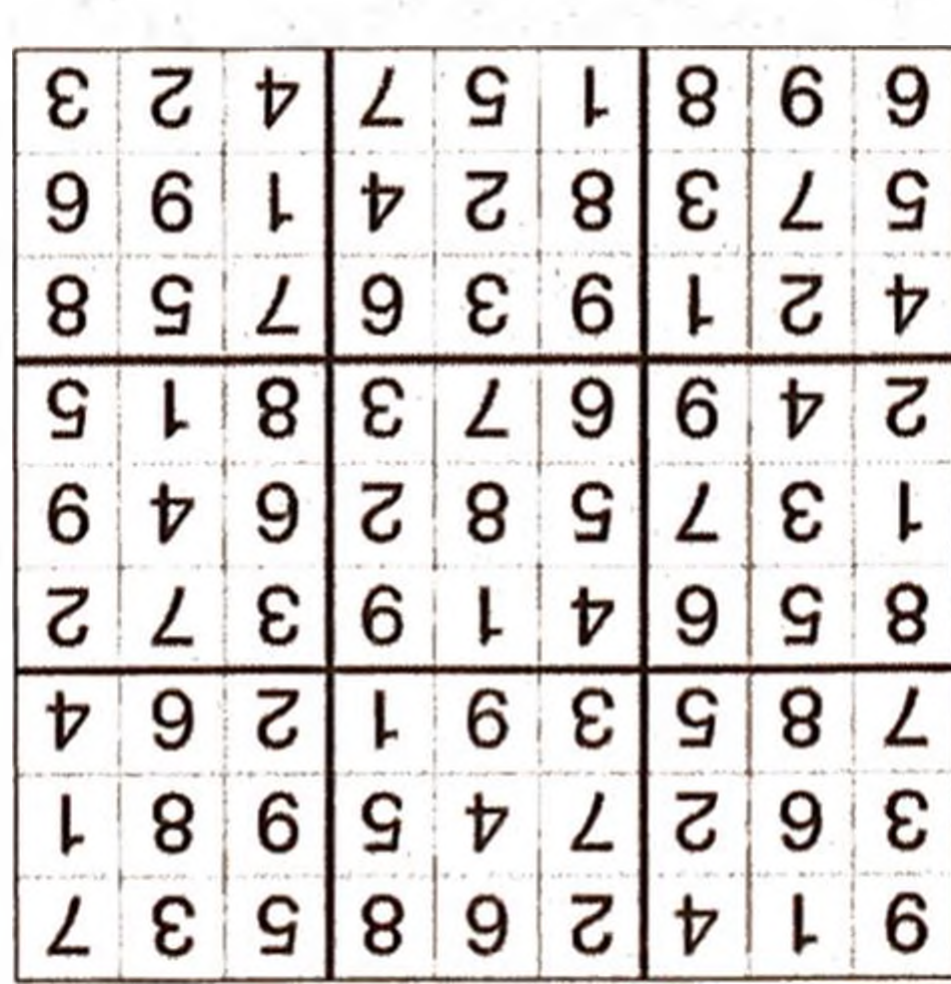
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# Diversions Answer Key

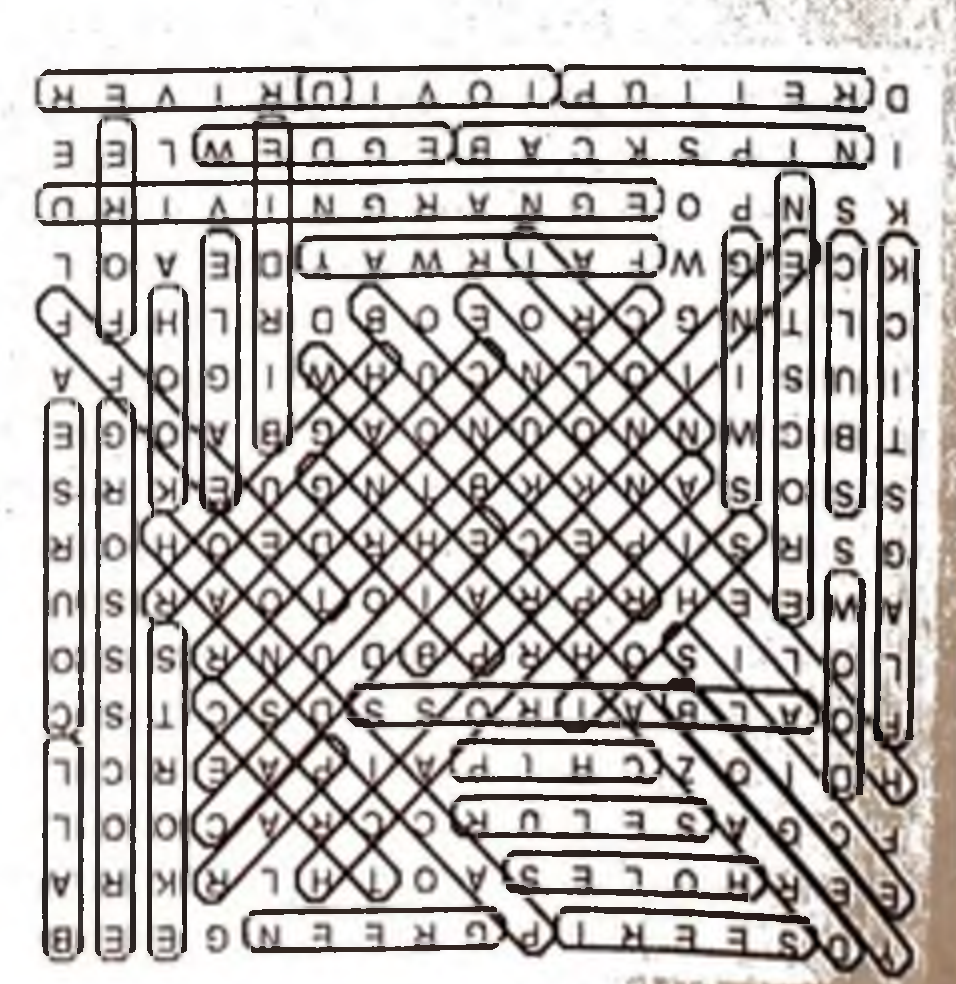
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# Opinion

Monday, April 9, 2018

## Editorial: Our shrinking campus

**Sarah Allisot**  
Opinion Editor

Here's a mantra potentially forgotten in the midst of the University of Maine's quest to draw in more and more students: quality over quantity. Eventually, the school will need to reconcile the tensions between larger incoming classes and shrinking campus availability.

Keeping students at the university is just as, if not more, important than bringing in more of them. Having larger first-year classes matters very little if scores of them leave after their first few semesters. According to the university's Office of Institutional Research, the institution-wide first-year

retention rate has been slowly declining from 2013 to 2016, dropping from 77 to 75 percent retention. After four years, the retention rate was a modest 60 percent of students in 2013. This accounts for both graduating students and continuing students.

There are endless reasons why someone may end their enrollment at UMaine. These lost students may be stopping their pursuit of a degree, facing personal or emergency situations or transferring to different schools. Many of these factors are out of the university's hands. But there's something to be said about creating a community where students want to stay and commit to

their degree. The first step in making a successful community is having space — this is where the campaign for bigger classes collides with the physical limits of our campus.

Since UMaine requires nearly all first-year students to live on-campus, it follows that the campus should have ample rooms available. This hasn't been the case since the college has taken in larger classes. Several dormitories now require triples — those stereotypical "college life" vibes don't mean squeezing three students into one tiny room for a year. While UMaine accepts more out-of-state students along with its increased class sizes, the necessity for having

reliable housing on campus is especially critical.

The ages-old parking shortage is again relevant in these discussions. As more students join the UMaine community, more cars will be driving the roads and filling the limited parking lots faster than before. Since the community surrounding UMaine isn't highly accessible by public transit, having a vehicle is a perk that many first-year students will find appealing, and will pursue. With no proposed amendments to parking privileges or lot renovations, the future for parking access isn't bright.

Beyond residence life, there's a noticeable lack of attention to academic spaces. The UMaine

campus has lovely buildings — the Memorial Union and Fogler Library are two incredible spaces with countless resources and gathering spots. But how about what students came here for? Namely, their classes? The state of academic buildings on campus is varied, but errs on the side of needing renovations. Ensuring that every classroom is accessible and well-maintained is the least the university can do for its students. Some buildings have needed repairs for years. Even cosmetic renovations matter. Most students would rather go to class in a well-maintained room, rather than one with peeling paint or stained ceilings. These are

small things that speak to the overall feel of campus: something that can make or break a student's experience, and change their mind about staying at UMaine.

Watching the UMaine community grow and bring in record-breaking classes is admirable, but exposes tensions on campus when the overall mission seems to grow too narrow. Accepting students is one goal which should be balanced against the others. We can only squeeze so many first-year students into campus before we must address the shrinking space around us, and figure out where we'll go from there.

## The consequences of the U.S. and China trade tariffs

**Sam Tracy**  
Contributor

Recently, President Donald Trump has threatened tariffs on Chinese goods. In response, China has threatened plans for heavy tariffs on U.S. goods if Trump follows through. This is the most recent blow in the increasingly antagonistic trade relationship between the U.S. and China.

A list published by the Trump administration on April 3 included about 1,300 Chinese exports, a total of \$50 billion worth of goods, that could potentially be targeted with a 25 percent tariff. On April 5, Trump upped the stakes in response to what he called China's "unfair retaliation" to earlier trade actions, according to Reuters. Trump ordered U.S. officials to seek out additional tariffs against Chinese goods, imposing another \$100 bil-

lion in tariffs against China. Many of the tariffs would target Chinese aerospace, technology and machinery industries. Others target medical equipment, medicine and educational materials.

The Chinese embassy in the United States released a statement that said China "strongly condemns and firmly opposes" the proposed tariff list. Additionally, Reuters reports that China's commerce ministry spokesperson, Gao Feng, called U.S. action "unjustified" and claimed no negotiations were likely in the current circumstances. "The result of this behavior is to smash your own foot with a stone," Gao told during a news briefing in Beijing. "If the United States announces an additional \$100 billion list of tariffs, China has already fully prepared, and will not hesitate to immediately make, a fierce counter

strike."

Some believe Trump should pull back his threats for the sake of American businesses. CNN cites U.S. business advocates such as Myron Brilliant, the executive vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, an advocacy group that has long opposed Trump's trade policy.

"The administration is rightly focused on restoring equity and fairness in our trade relationship with China," Brilliant said. "However, imposing taxes on products used daily by American consumers and job creators is not the way to achieve those ends."

Trade wars are usually reactive. Often, once one is imposed, the automatic response is for another country to impose a tariff of their own. These responses often escalate and have long-term, unpredictable consequences. In the 1960s, European markets

were flooded with cheap American poultry. The demand for pricier European chickens plummeted, and in order to protect their own chicken farms, France and West Germany imposed a tariff on American chicken imports. In 1963, President Lyndon B. Johnson imposed a 25 percent tariff on potato starch, dextrin, brandy and light-duty trucks. Johnson's tariff is often called the chicken tax, which undercuts the lasting effects it had. The chicken tariff eventually went away, as did many of the retaliatory U.S. tariffs, but the automobile tariff continued and remains to this day. A report by CNN Money states these tariffs are often credited with the rise of U.S. manufacturers and their dominance of the truck industry. Unfortunately, some say these same tariffs also sheltered U.S. manufacturers and haven't forced them to in-

novate.

Trump announced tariffs on steel and aluminum as part of his campaign promise to crack down on rising Chinese dominance. These tariffs, however, threaten to harm the farms and agricultural producers of America's heartland, a place known for small town communities, rural heritage and hard work. The heartland also leans conservative, and the Republican party relies on the very blue collar workers they may ruin. Trump's trade tariffs have drawn criticism from his party.

Furthermore, the agricultural belt that was once a staple of Trump's base have the most to fear from China's threatened tariffs. Goods such as soybeans, corn and other foods from America's heartland have been specifically targeted. This conflict of interest will be particularly challenging for the Republican party

as a whole, the New York Times reports. In a year in which Republicans are already struggling to maintain their hold on the House and the Senate, the GOP must choose between its loyalty to their Republican president and its constituents. States such as Illinois, Iowa, Arkansas, North Dakota, Indiana, Missouri and Montana are all facing destructive tariffs, and are up for political grabs. To save millions of Americans, Trump will have to strike a balance between trade tariffs and more compromising trade deals.



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# Challenging the notion that “money can’t buy happiness”

**Liz Theriault**  
Contributor

“Money can’t buy happiness.” It’s a phrase most of us are familiar with. Many people find comfort in the idea that happiness and pleasure can come from non-materialistic sources, when money is all too often a limited resource. This is typical of a civilization that is constantly bombarded by societal pressures to work ourselves into the ground to earn money to upgrade to the next new material item pumped out by the industrial world. It’s easier to find solace in

denying that a source of happiness doesn’t have to come from what seems to always evade us.

However, if we shake off the ideas that have been drilled into our heads — things that we were taught, like, “an apple a day keeps the doctor away” or “what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger” or “money can’t buy happiness” — we can examine the truth that may or may not exist behind these phrases.

The simple argument is that money cannot buy some of the things we value in life, like friendship, love or a sense of appre-

ciation for the world. This is true; there is no counter argument there. Relationships formed on the basis of money are not ones that will bring happiness. Let’s take it a step further and consider Maslow’s hierarchy of needs. In order for one to achieve self-actualization at the top of the pyramid, and by extension, happiness in the world, the bottom categories need to be fulfilled. From bottom to top, the pyramid reads “physiological,” “safety,” “love/belonging,” “esteem,” and ends with “self-actualization.”

At the base of the pyr-

amid is the “physiological” needs like food, clothing, shelter, sleep, water and air. While some of these come free to us, the majority of that basic list is provided on the basis of money. Money to buy clothes, money to buy the mattress you sleep on and money to buy the food you eat. Of course, it can be argued that these are things can be made or grown by hand, but realistically, not all of us can live that lifestyle, and so we need the money to buy our basic needs.

The “safety” category can also have heavy ties into money. There are the

obvious links to personal safety, but safety can also mean a feeling of stability and security. This can come in the form of personal security, overall health and well-being, and financial security. Without financial security, there is no peace of mind to focus on other aspects of your life.

Just as the base categories of Maslow’s Pyramid rely on the resource of money, so does happiness. Happiness is attainable in some forms without it, such as one’s personal determination to show cheerfulness, gratitude and an overall positive outlook on

life, but these things are all achieved much easier if there is something to build on. The only way to climb the pyramid and meet the needs of “love,” “esteem” and “self actualization,” you need a way to provide yourself with the basics.

Money may not be entirely essential to all of happiness, but it helps create the basis of which we build our happiness on: comfort and stability.

# Victim-blaming: Do addicts deserve their scarlet letter?

**Quincy Ratledge**  
Contributor

Maine set a record breaking high in the number of overdoses in the state, totalling 418 deaths in the year 2017. According to the Maine Attorney General’s office, fatal overdoses have increased 11 percent since 2016, making it the worst public health crisis since the AIDS outbreak of the 1980s. Kenny Miller, executive director of Health Equity Alliance expressed his concern in an interview with Portland Herald Press about Maine placing too much importance on treating drug abuse as an illegal act, as opposed to a disease: “Although we continue to ‘arrest’ people, there continues to be no impact on rates of drug use ..

Today, letting people hit rock bottom is the equivalent of a death sentence.”

Megan Gregory was allowed to hit rock bottom, and done an extreme injustice as a direct result of the belief that addicts are to blame for their current state of life. For Gregory, the state of her life remains unknown; she has been missing since June 5, 2017. In a public opinion survey by The Guardian, “the majority of people regard drug addicts as dangerous, unpredictable and, crucially, having only themselves to blame for their predicament.” Gregory’s mother told the Portland Press that “[Megan’s] biggest hurdle seemed to be herself.” Due to this attitude, Gregory became estranged from her family

However, when one door closed, another opened and she quickly became the light of a close friend’s life when she moved from New York to Maine in January 2017 in search of sobriety and a fresh start.

Dan Wentworth met Gregory on her first day of work at King Eider’s Pub in Damariscotta. “The first thing anyone notices about Megan [Gregory] are her eyes, brilliantly bright and blue,” he told me “Her look was sweet, but not vulnerable. Tough, but not at all hard. I knew right away we were going to be friends.” Though he admits that his biggest fear was that she would relapse into heroin use, it ended up being a fraction of the nightmare that lied ahead.

“I know that she scored drugs from and often drove for men from New York, and it is a strong theory that these same men got her involved in escorting. She was homeless and jobless, the perfect victim,” Wentworth said. Not to mention the fact that Gregory was also a known addict, which is perhaps why many people in the surrounding area blame her for her predicament. One witness came to Wentworth in confidence, describing having seen Gregory being beaten to death behind the Edwards House Inn on Water Street in Augusta on the morning of June 7; the authorities originally dismissed the statements because, like Gregory, the witness was also a known addict.

Sean Paschal writes in

The Odyssey: “Everyone has something that makes them feel good and alive. Something to escape the dread of separation, of consciousness. All humans fear death and have anxiety, but the way in which everyone copes is not the same.” So why do we continue to judge, discredit and blame addicts simply because they have a disease?

If society were to discredit and blame every individual who has walked into a dangerous situation because of an error in judgement, so many stones would be cast that we would all face the same fate as the 418 addicts who lost their lives in 2017.

As for Gregory, it is coming up on 10 months since she has last been seen. Her friend Wentworth is working

diligently every day to fight the growing idea that addicts deserve the cards they have been dealt, and he has a message for the girl with the brilliant blue eyes: “Meg if you are out there, come home. I still message you every Thursday, and I leave my #, in case you can not remember. You know I will come and get you, no matter where, when or how, and no matter who stands in the way, I will be there. Come home, prove me wrong, end this sadness. We can still fix it, we can get to the next step, the one where your life will truly start, I promise Knuckle-Head, we will make it better.

Come home, love Dano.”

# Animation across culture

**Brawley Benson**  
Contributor

I remember 2001 like a dream. Among the events that I don’t recall: 9/11, the ensuing chaos in all dimensions of American society, the first movie in the “Harry Potter” and “Lord of the Rings” series, and absolutely none of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan or anything else political. What I remember most is walking into a theater to see Studio Ghibli’s “Spirited Away.” I remember none of the movie, just that moment of walking down the cold

September street, holding my mom’s hand and going into the indie theater which probably ran reruns of “The Breakfast Club” on Sundays.

I guess that was an overture into anime, and ever since then, or since becoming an adult capable of cultivating my own interests, I’ve thought of the role of Japanese culture in our country.

After going into that theater, my parents bought the movie. It was played at least three times per year at our house — the old comparison being that for a child,

Studio Ghibli is like Disney, full of wonder, amazement, possibilities and pure fantasy realms.

Studio Ghibli differs in some ways, though. Anime like Spirited Away is far more steeped in an aura of Japanese tradition than our American Disney movies are in U.S. patriotism. This is a generalization that doesn’t apply across the board. But in the realm of children’s movies, our studios seem to try veering away from depicting a culture that is overly American.

Almost the entire breadth of Disney’s production list

— from “The Lion King” to “The Little Mermaid” and “Beauty and the Beast” — aims to depict a world that is far beyond the comforts of America. Anime from the Japanese equivalent — like “Spirited Away,” “My Neighbor Totoro” and “Princess Mononoke” — all remain distinctly Japanese.

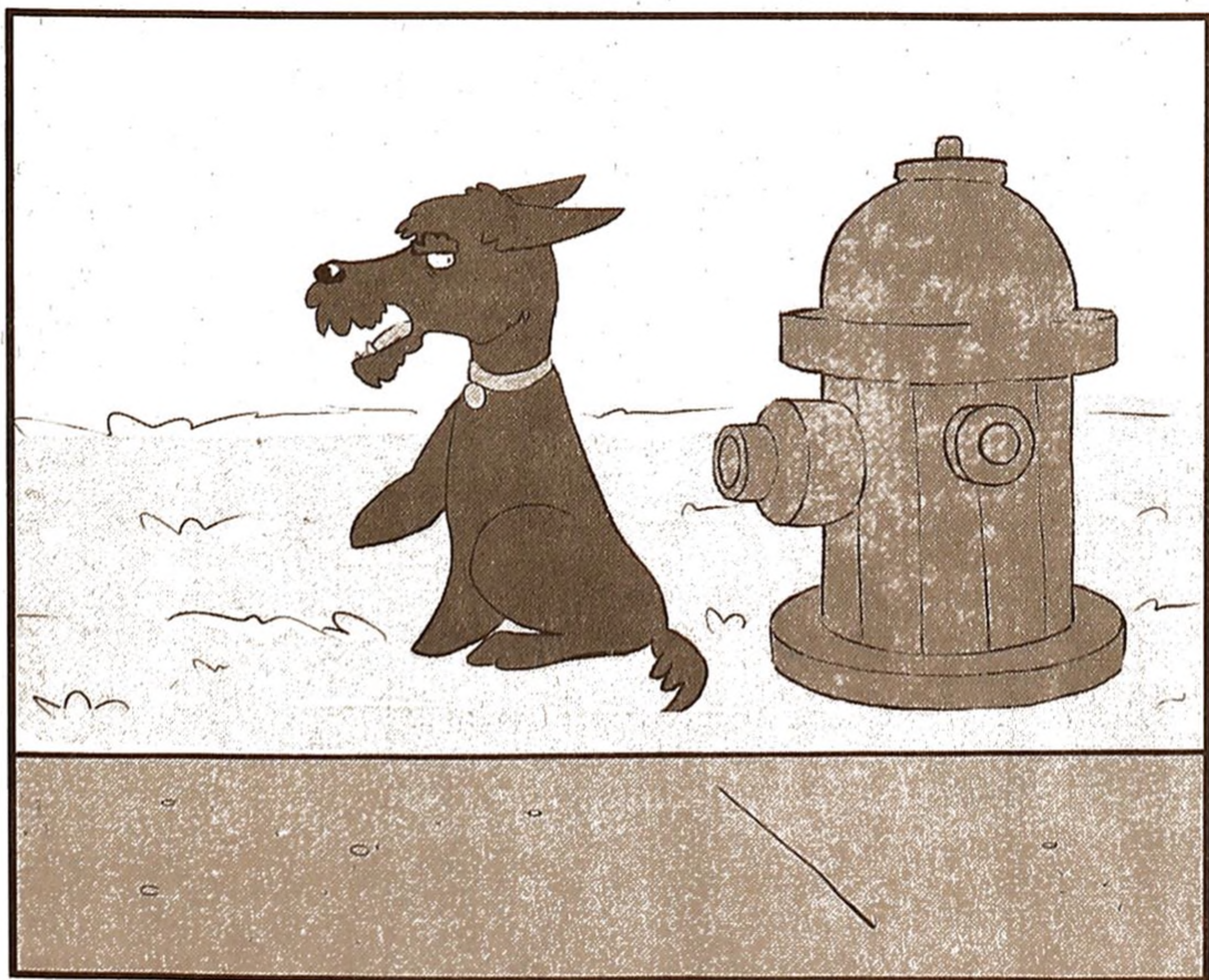
I remember one scene in “Spirited Away” where the main character enters the spirit world, and on the banks of a great river, she sees the peaking hidden roofs and paper lanterns of a village in ceremony. The realm of spirits and style of

the movie was so foreign and distinctly Japanese to me. This is a reflection of culture, I thought, not a divergence from it.

Of course, the general industries of animation extend beyond any two companies. But as the mascots for two nations’ rich animation cultures, Studio Ghibli and Disney have some important lessons to teach about the countries they come from. Their duty is to the audience, children mostly, to whom they deliver a message that they consider developmentally important. When considering

the role of these two companies, we can look at the track records of content: one more outward-facing, depicting real and foreign cultures; the other introspective, considering the histories, traditions and values of Japanese society. In a meta way, these reflections of culture — whether it is one’s own or another — are representative of the values of two different societies.

I imagine that somewhere in 2001, in another part of the world, a little boy went into a movie theater to watch “Shrek.”



“The worst part about all this is that you still deny cheating on me when I can CLEARLY smell him!”

Caitlyn Burman | Cartoonist

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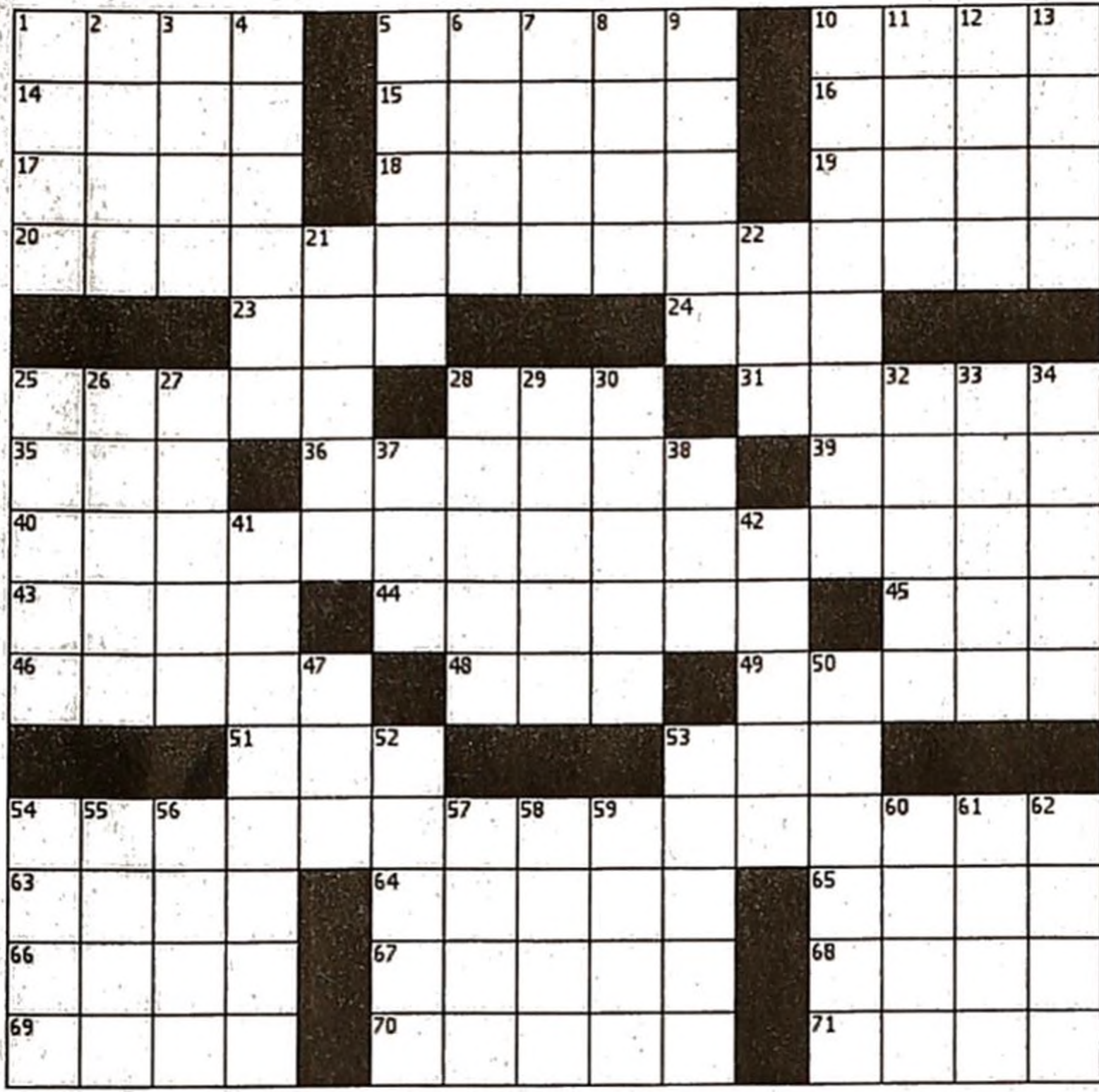
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Kidney Stones





# Diversions

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5. Metal to be recycled
10. Rock wren's habitat
14. Tubular instrument
15. Andean republic
16. Holly plant
17. Diving judge's concern
18. Reached in amount
19. Application request
20. Losing it
23. On the \_\_\_ (escaped)
24. However
25. Painter of Olympia
28. Do something
31. Swing era drummer
35. Middle of a popular palindrome
36. Employee with lots of money
39. Vowels in Athens
40. Clamming up
43. Passion
44. Signify
45. Grassy expanse

### Down

46. TV dragon
48. Stimp's buddy
49. Suspicious
51. Tiberus' 1051
53. Kind of symbol
54. Showing and telling
63. Prepare for viewing
64. Abetted
65. Scored the highest grade
66. Moreover
67. Peruvian pack animal
68. Trevi Fountain coin, once
69. Statistical measure
70. Apply, as a phony accent
71. Oceanic whirlpool

4. Religious center
5. Theater drop
6. Biggers sleuth
7. Foreman's workplace
8. Chorale contributor
9. Indiana's state flower
10. Medieval musician
11. Mideast carrier
12. Big rig
13. Gave the boot
21. Singer Page
22. Cry in a balloon
25. \_\_\_-soprano
26. Disney's little mermaid
27. Himalayan kingdom
28. Rags-to-riches figure
29. Feat of genetic engineering
30. Mortise's mate
32. Worth having
33. Plate material
34. Analyze a metallic compound
37. "Howards \_\_\_" (1992)

38. Abbr. in some military names
41. "Paper Lion" author
42. Palindromic tennis star
47. Pharmaceutical giant \_\_\_ Lilly
50. Let it all out
52. Collectively
53. Passenger car
54. Kind of sport
55. Waiting around
56. Tuscan town on the Arno
57. Colorado River feeder
58. Anita who sang with
- 31-Across
59. Skipper of the Nautilus
60. Etching fluid
61. Eggheaded sort, stereotypically
62. 6-6-44

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## Word Search: Golf

- ALBATROSS
- APPROACH
- BACK NINE
- BACKSPIN
- BALL
- BIRDIE
- BOGEY
- BUNKER
- CADDIE
- CART
- CHIP
- CLUBHOUSE
- CLUBS
- CONDOR
- COURSE
- DIVOT
- DRIVER
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By Randall Munroe



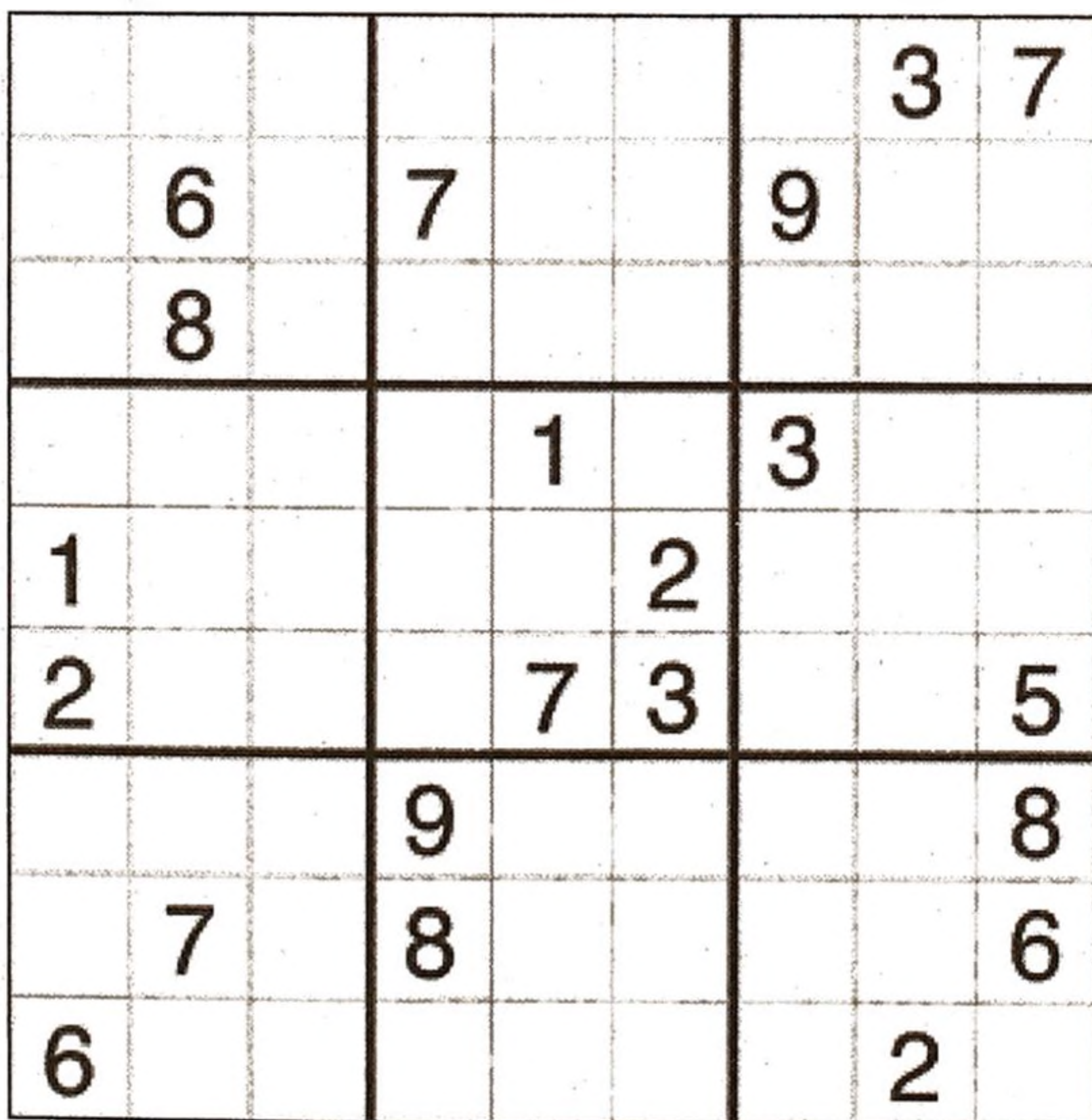
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## Sudoku

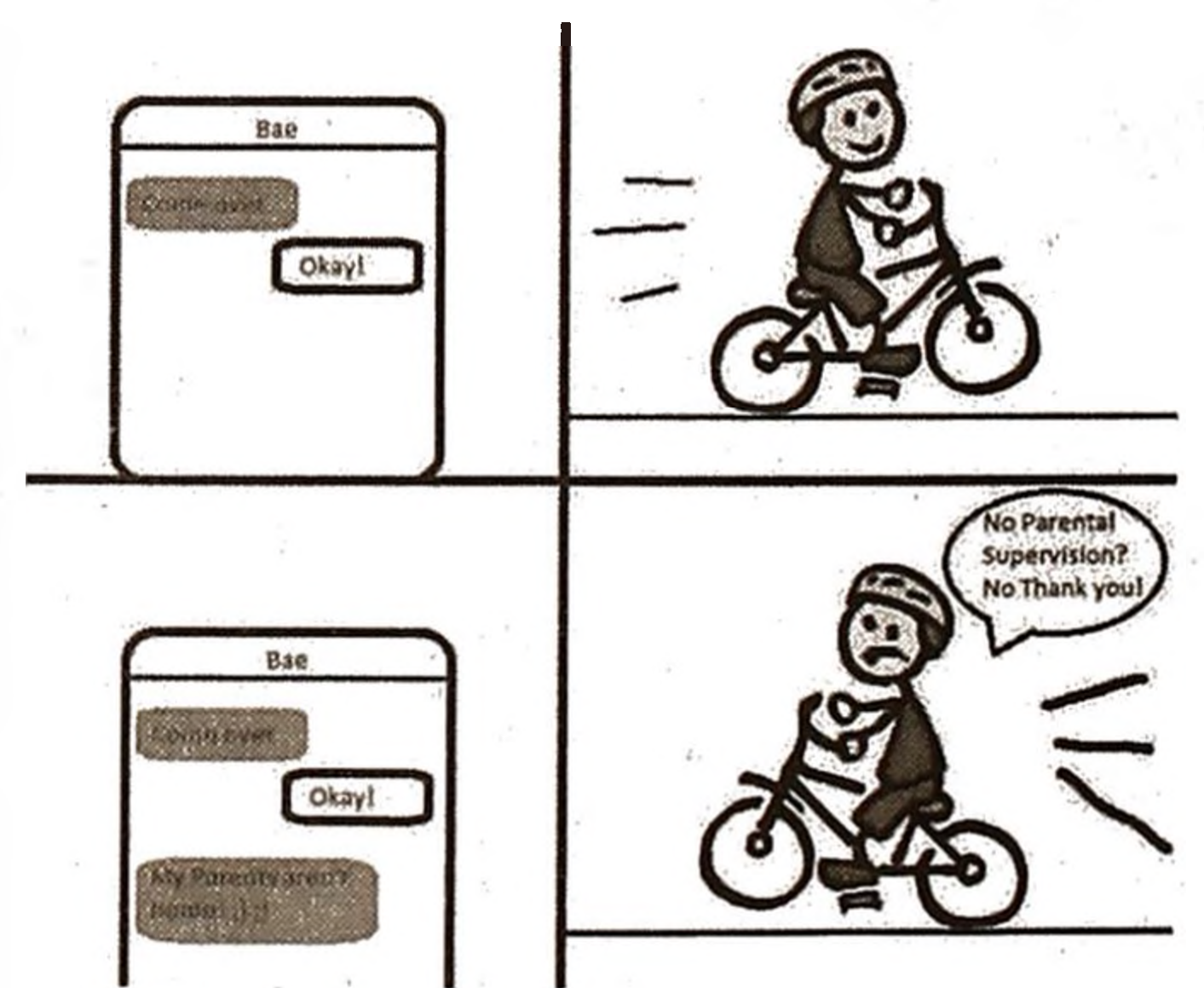
Each row, column and 3x3 square must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order, but each digit can only appear once. There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Medium



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## Word Scramble: MLB Teams

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9. sortas
10. griest

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# Reviews

## 🎵 MUSIC

**“The Louder I Call, the Faster It Runs” is a copied-and-pasted drag**



Merge Records

### RATING ★☆☆☆☆

**Finn Bradenday**  
Contributor

Two hours before writing this, I had never heard of Wye Oak. Their newest album, “The Louder I Call, the Faster It Runs,” popped up on the New Releases page of Spotify, and being the adventurous spirit I am, I decided to listen.

I could immediately tell it was going to be a weird album when I realized that the first 40-second track is just the sounds of the band tuning their collection of instruments. It takes a special kind of indie artist to include the grinding, discordant noise of tuning in valuable album space. I found that maybe one song of the musical part of the album was worth listening to.

The second track (the first song), titled “The Instrument,” was a jittery and cheerful introduction to Wye Oak for me. I immediately wanted to compare them to St. Vincent and Passion Pit, the vocals and melancholy melodies of St. Vincent with the clean synths and keyboards of Passion Pit.

Track three is the titular song of the album, and was about the peak of my interest in Wye Oak. For the first minute I thought it would be a fun, eclectic song, but as soon as the build-up to the melody ends the song turns into a hectic mush of synths with the same line repeated over and over until it finally ends without ceremony.

I continued listening, hoping that the main single wasn't representative of the whole album, as is

often the case. The following track, “Lifer,” was somewhat redeeming. I enjoyed the sounds, but I couldn't distinguish it from any number of early 2010s indie groups.

The lyrics throughout “The Louder I Call, the Faster It Runs” are absurdly cryptic. Jenn Wasner, the lead vocalist, goes on about memories and thoughts I found impossible to decipher. Maybe I don't possess a high enough consciousness to understand the messages delivered by Wasner, but I usually like to at least find a theme to follow in music.

Whenever the songwriters found a catchy melody for a song, it seemed they decided to repeat the same two measures for the entire song. There is no melodic arc, no harmony, just a simple drum beat layered over with too many electronic instruments played by too few musicians.

“The Louder I Call, the Faster It Runs” sounds like an attempt to mix the sounds of dream and indie-rock without creating anything original. When I initially heard the familiar noise similar to St. Vincent and Passion Pit I was encouraged. I thought I had found something great. I was right to compare them, because that's all there is to this album. It's a repetitive, annoying, copycat version of groups that have found success in the genre.

## 🎬 DOCUMENTARY

**“Planet Earth II” even better than the first**



Vice

### RATING ★★★★★

**Sarah O'Malley**  
Staff Writer

In 2006, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) set out to make an unprecedentedly in-depth nature documentary about our home planet, calling it “Planet Earth.” Almost 10 years later, the BBC is back with a follow-up, aptly titled “Planet Earth II.” Both are narrated by the famous British broadcaster and naturalist Sir David Attenborough, whose soothing and melodic voice will enthrall you with facts about the world around us.

“Planet Earth” was an incredible success, and rightfully so. Nature documentaries often get a bad rap for being boring, perfect to fall asleep to. But this one capitalizes on the innate curiosity people hold for the wildlife all around us. The lives of the animals featured are told through stories, and it's easy to become attached to a sloth longing for a mate or a monkey just looking for a bite to eat.

“Planet Earth II” upgrades itself by utilizing the advancing technology available to capture the sounds, sights and passing of time in the animal world. Shot in Ultra-High-Definition (4K) and with the help of drones, the show boasts impressive landscape shots, time-lapse videos and incredible definition, detail and colorful visuals.

Broken down into six 60-minute episodes, the show spans the globe. The episodes are titled “Islands,” “Mountains,” “Jungles,” “Deserts,” “Grassland” and “Cities,” and

cover most of the planet. But what's great about this nature documentary is how much you learn from it. There are facts galore about different ecosystems and animals, and the show also touches on humans' impacts on their environment.

“Cities,” the final episode, really delves into humans' impact on their environment, specifically tackling the issues of climate change and animal extinction. The episode poses questions about how humans live, especially considering that cities are rapidly growing environments in which humans reside. Is it possible for animals and humans to coexist in these environments? The show looks at leopards in Mumbai and peregrine falcons in New York City and how they've been able to adapt to their changing ecosystems.

The show is visually stunning and jam-packed with crucial information about our habitat. We only have one planet, and the more we learn about it the better we can care for and support it.

## 🎧 PODCAST

**Relive your childhood goosebumps with “Teen Creeps”**



teencreepspod.com

### RATING ★★★★★

**Olivia Shipsey**  
Staff Writer

Were many nights of your childhood spent under a blanket reading the newest Goosebumps novel with a flashlight? Did you religiously carry a small paperback novel around in your backpack for weeks in elementary school? Do you enjoy hilarious storytelling?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, you will thoroughly enjoy the “Teen Creeps” podcast. Each week, hosts Kelly Nugent and Lindsay Katai discuss young adult pulp fiction novels and share their experience reading them with a new, grown-up perspective.

While they are a little bit older than the intended audience, Nugent and Katai share a funny and imaginative discourse surrounding the books' meanings and mistakes. Their commentary makes you view the books in new and surprising ways.

While reading the works of pulp authors such as R.L. Stine, Christopher Pike, V.C. Andrews and Caroline B. Cooney, the women explore a wide range of topics from extraterrestrials, to the supernatural and murder. As they discuss the horror and mystery inside each book, they often reflect on their childhood experiences and personal lives.

Outside of the podcast, Nugent and Katai spend their time participating in a wide range of artistic endeavors. As podcast hosts, comedians, actors and writers, they are equipped to comprehensively explain the plot of each novel, and dive much deeper to analyze the content in humorous ways.

In some episodes, Nugent and Katai invite guests to discuss the novels with them.

This adds a compelling third perspective on the dramatic happenings and allows theory development around the many plot holes in each novel.

In a recent episode, the Nugent and Katai discussed R.L. Stine's “The Prom Queen,” which tells the story of five prom queen candidates whose dreams are jeopardized when someone begins to kill them off one by one. The hosts put all of their comedic energy into simultaneously mocking and admiring the convoluted narrative.

On occasion they will read and discuss a novel chosen by listeners, such as Stephen King's “Carrie.” In addition to classic pulp novels, they also read books that made their skin crawl as children, like “Go ask Alice” and “Jay's Journal” by Beatrice Sparks, or V.C. Andrews' “My sweet Audrina.”

What happens when you've listened to every episode? How will you fill your days while waiting for new episodes to be released? Don't worry, they have a solution for you.

The popularity of the podcast led the hosts to try something new with a slightly different angle. While episodes of “Teen Creeps” still come out every Wednesday, they release installments of their new show “Public Domain Theater” every Thursday. They describe their new show as “Masterpiece Theater meets Mystery Science Theater 3000, a podcast of highbrow readings and lowbrow commentary.”

Next time you need a good laugh, listen to “Teen Creeps” on your favorite podcast platform. Nugent and Katai are ready to walk you through the pulp fiction classics with their smart, funny and frequently thrilling commentary.

## Art from A1

and how to bring projects like this into the classroom.”

This is the message Albertson hoped they would learn through the project and carry on into their classrooms.

“I want to show them that art does have meaning,” Albertson said. “They can teach lessons that can be meaningful to students, and that have meaning and relevance in their community. They can teach their students how to learn about themselves, their community, and other communities through art.”

To learn more, talk with the artists or purchase a t-shirt for \$15, visit the Memorial Union on Wednesday, April 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or the following Wednesday, April 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



Puppies are  
**awesome!**  
Pet one!

# African Student Association brings the community closer to Africa



On Tuesday, April 3, African Student Association spread awareness about East Africa at the North Pod, Memorial Union.

Aliya Uteuova, Culture Editor.

## Bria Lamonica Contributor

Students and guests took their seats in the North Pod of the Memorial Union in preparation for the African Student Association's (AFSA) East African Night. The event took place on Tuesday, April 3 at 6 p.m. Many members of AFSA arrived early to help set up decorations, organize chairs and tables, prepare food and plan a list of topics and questions about East African culture and heritage. Twenty-two territories constitute Eastern Africa: Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles, Mozambique, Madagascar, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe,

Egypt, Sudan, South Sudan, and the French overseas territories of Réunion and Mayotte.

"AFSA students shared stories and personal facts about themselves and the East African countries, allowing guests and other students to ask questions about their culture and traditions.

"I joined AFSA right away because I wanted a sense of community, and because I am from Africa. It is very rewarding to be a part of this association, and I have made a lot of great friends," graduate student Belyse Malaika said. "It's cool to learn about all the African countries on the continent, and to just have fun with new people while also experiencing the culture and traditions of my

home country."

To set up for the evening, AFSA members prepared traditional East African food was prepared by AFSA members in order to give guests a taste of what African cuisine is like. Rice, vegetables and meat were served alongside pecan donuts and other desserts to transport students into the world of East African culture.

"I think these kinds of events are so important to have at our school. Learning about other cultures is a great way to get UMaine students to appreciate and experience what life is like in other countries and other parts of the world," fourth-year student Jordan Daley said. "Everyone should come to more of these events and learn about all

the things the world has to offer, and all of the different cultures we have yet to experience as college students living in America."

Students from Ethiopia, Burundi, Nigeria and the Congo spoke about their families and home lives in Africa. President of AFSA Bethlehem Abay passed out note cards to guests and students to write down any questions they had about East African culture or about assimilating into life in America. Each member of AFSA took turns answering the questions. Students also discussed how what it was like to adjust to life in Maine, while also still remembering where they came from.

"I came here when I was around 10, and I just wanted to make connec-

tions with people who are also from Africa, and learn about the culture from other students who have lived there," Malaika said. "The first time I went to AFSA, I felt so included and welcomed, and I immediately found other students who were from the same country that I am from. They told me things about my country that I had forgotten because I came here when I was so young. It's cool to be able to speak in your native language to others students who are from the same place as you. It helps you never to forget where you came from."

AFSA's African Night was one of three consecutive events in a series of discussion-based meetings in the Memorial Union. On Tuesday, April 10, AFSA

will be hosting another night in order to discuss and introduce the culture of West Africa. On Tuesday, April 17, the group will be discussing and answering questions about Northern and Southern Africa. AFSA also attends conferences and other events in order to learn about how to improve African countries and how students in the United States can get more involved.

The AFSA meets every Friday night. To learn more information about the association please contact silvestre.guzman@maine.edu or bethlehem.abay@maine.edu.

## Hello from Australia

### Genevieve Wilson For the Maine Campus

Hello, my name is Genevieve Wilson and I am a third-year student majoring in marine biology at the University of Maine. I am currently studying abroad at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia for a semester. I departed the United States with my massive bags, passport in hand and an open mind for the wonderful experience ahead. My experience began with a four-day orientation in Byron Bay where I met other people in the same program who were going to various places in Australia. My experience in Byron Bay was incredible, filled with kayaking, adventure walks, surfing and meeting tons of new peo-

ple. Each night everyone in the area would gather on the beach and listen to locals play live music while the sun set in the background. It was an experience I will never forget.

I have noticed some significant differences in culture between the United States and Australia. First of all, Australian slang can be quite difficult to understand at times. You will often hear the sentence, "G'Day! How ya goin?" which essentially means, "Hey, how are you?" in the States. My American friends and I catch ourselves saying "what?" for half of the conversation while talking with an Aussie, simply because of the language barrier. Australians like to chat, but not for long, so they short-

en most words. To give you some insight, "biccyy" means "cookie" and "brekkie" means "breakfast," "S'arvo" means "this afternoon" and when someone says "deadly" it means something is super cool or awesome. It sounds simple, but when someone says anything like this in conversation it catches you off guard, and you end up just standing there with a blank face struggling to respond.

Another adjustment is the grading system, which is a lot different here than it is at home. For example, the United States grades on a system of A, B, C, D and F. In Australia, they grade your work by distinctions. So, if you were to receive an HD, that stands for high distinction

and is equivalent to an A+ in the U.S. and is the highest grade you can receive. From there on it goes "D, C, P, PC, and F, where a D is equivalent to an A or B+ in the U.S." That being said, it is difficult to get used to a D being a good thing.

Aside from the cultural differences, I am very excited to explore more of Australia. This includes visiting Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Cairns, and I'm hoping to visit New Zealand over break.

Something I wish I had read or known before coming to Australia was how difficult it would be to make travel plans on my own. I am a very independent person, and am capable of many things, but I am used to family vacations when traveling, which means

that my parents seek the best prices and organize things to do and places to stay while we are away. Now that I am in charge of my own travel plans, it is a bit stressful trying to find places to eat, stay overnight and go to while staying within my budget.

Another thing I wish I had read up on before coming here was the aboriginal culture, which is having trouble staying alive in Australia but is very valuable. I wish I read more on the history, because the aboriginal people whom I have met so far are amazing people and make me want to learn more about them.

Additionally, Australians are not big on dessert after dinner. Growing up in an American home, choc-

olate is very important to my family. After dinner, my other American friends and I find ourselves wanting something sweet to eat. We are used to having chocolate around, but in Australia, it isn't available unless you either make it yourself or travel to the grocery store to purchase it.

Regardless of the challenges I have been adjusting to, I wouldn't trade this experience for anything in the world. I would encourage anyone out there, if they have the opportunity to study abroad, that they should 100 percent do it. I have already developed so many new life skills and am so grateful for what I have learned and for what lies ahead.

### Poetry from A12

utes," Morgan said. "So it kind of depends on how long you've had those thoughts and how you

need to get them out."

After much deliberation from judges and many drum rolls from the audience, Osborne was awarded third place, Uteuova second and Morgan first.

"I have never partici-

pated in a poetry slam before. My reading has been very personal and with my friends in a very small group," Osborne said. "This is very incredible to have people think that I'm actually good and have

people come up and compliment my work."

Regardless of how they finished, all of the poets seemed happy to have a place to share their work and bare their souls.

"I think people have this

idea of poetry as Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman. You expose people to slam and they find something they can connect with," Morgan said. "It's the communication of emotion and feeling through poet-

ry. It's such an important art form. A lot of the people today, we didn't know each other but we all just exchanged information and we're friends now."

## Breaking stereotypes of Muslims through the annual Islamic Awareness Week



On Saturday, April 7, the Islamic Center of Maine in Orono held an open house as part of the Islamic Awareness Week.

Ian Liggett, Staff.

### Aliya Uteuova Culture Editor

Last week, students and members of the University of Maine community came together to celebrate the Islamic Awareness Week.

Members of the Muslim Students' Association (MSA) have been planning for the Islamic Awareness Week, their biggest event of the year, since early February.

"These events show that there is a Muslim commu-

ty on campus," Sara Imam, Secretary of MSA, said. Imam is a Pakistani-American in her second year of microbiology and anthropology studies at UMaine. "We are just like you, we are part of this community and active participants of it."

The purpose of the Islamic Awareness Week is to educate the public on Islam and to break stereotypes that people might have about the second most practiced religion in

the world.

On Friday, April 6, Dr. Saadia Mian gave a talk titled "Honoring Women in a Dishonoring World." More than 50 people filled the Bangor Room, leaving no empty seats for the presentation of women's celebration in Islam. Dr. Mian shared the story of Maryam, who is believed to be the first female to be educated and have a leadership position in a place of worship. Traditionally, men were encouraged to carry

on religious scholarship.

For the first time, the MSA hosted a female speaker during Islamic Awareness Week.

"As with any religion, there are different kinds of Muslims," Imam said. Despite being Muslim, Imam chooses not to wear a hijab. "They think of one Muslim person and think they must behave one certain way. It's important to realize that as you see with other religions, there are different kinds of Chris-

tians, different kinds of Jews and it's the same with Islam."

On Saturday, April 7, the Islamic Center of Maine hosted an open house for people interested in hearing Shaykh Saad Tasleem's talk titled "Spiritual Contentment and Societal Harmony." Like Dr. Mian's talk, Tasleem's talk generated great a large audience of people interested in learning more about Islam.

The Honors College encourages trips to the Islam-

ic Center, yet many people are unaware that there is a mosque down the road. The Islamic Awareness Week gave many people an opportunity to pay a visit to the Islamic Center for the first time.

"Instead of assuming what you see in the media is true, it's always better to ask come and ask a question," Imam said. "There's nothing wrong with that."

## Student commemorates time at UMaine with daily Facebook post

### Bria Lamonica Contributor

Beginning your college career can be a stressful time, and so can ending it. Figuring out which major and career path is right for you is something many students don't realize or choose until further along in their college journey. Fourth-year student Jordan Daley, graduating this May, spent much of her time at the University of Maine figuring out which path was the right one for her.

"When I got here to UMaine, I thought that I had picked accounting, a major that would steer me in the right direction, and take me down the path I wanted to go. Junior year, I decided that accounting wasn't for me, and that it was okay to change your mind in college," Daley said. "One thing I learned while at UMaine was that you should never be afraid of change, you should welcome it. Because of change, I now am set up to be able to follow my dreams and pursue a career which I love."

Daley is an accounting major with a minor in psychology, although she currently does not plan to pursue a career in accounting. She is set to graduate

in May and plans to apply for an internship to work for Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

"I worked at Disney for four months as a part of a college program in Orlando, Florida during the second semester of junior year, and after graduation I am going through the same program and have been accepted back for another four months," Daley said. "After that, I hope to apply for a job down there and continue working for Disney in sales, marketing and management. I am also moving down to Florida after graduation."

Daley is an Honors College student who is working on her capstone thesis project while also working for Team Maine, a program at UMaine that gives student tours, answers student and parent questions, runs orientations and leads Accepted Student Days campus-wide.

"The first time I came to this campus I knew that it was the school for me, and I knew that I had to be a part of Team Maine. I wake up every day and give a tour around campus that shows future students what life is really like here, and that this could be their second home," Daley said. "It makes me feel like I have a

purpose here."

For the past four years of her college career, Daley has been commemorating each day by posting a picture on her Facebook and Instagram accounts. When she wants to look back on her experiences, she can look at what happened on "Senior Year Day #45," or "Freshman Year Day #110." These reminders of things she's done at UMaine have made her time here worthwhile, and get her excited for life after college.

"I honestly wouldn't change a thing about my time here at UMaine. Nothing I have done here was a mistake or regret, they were all just things that showed me what I wanted to do with my life and who I wanted to become," Daley said. "If I wasn't an accounting major I wouldn't have the set of skills that I will now need to work in marketing, and I would not have figured out that marketing was the right step for me."

Daley is spending her last few months at UMaine making the most of it, taking pictures of fun things in her life every day, just as she has for her entire time here.



Jordan Daley at the Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fl.

Photo Courtesy of Daley.

### Irish from A12

fully experienced every place I visited. It's easy to rush through traveling: rush to your next train, rush your meal to make a tour,

rush through your day because you're anxious for the next. With the help of the Mind Spa's programs, I found comfort in the pause; the slower mornings and missed opportunities were my time to just be. Taking my time allowed me to feel

each step and really absorb the experience around me. I was in Ireland; physically and emotionally I was finally there.

Keeping mindfulness and mindful breathing in my pocket through my everyday life and travels en-

hanced my visit. Approaching every new place with a beginner's mind, accepting the rainy days — all seven out of seven of them — and connecting to the present made Ireland the experience of a lifetime. I'll never know enough words

to express my gratitude to the Counseling Center Staff for introducing me to Mindfulness and the breathing techniques so I offer a good old Irish idiom: "tanks a milli."

If you're anxious about traveling, my best advice

is to just jump in. Go for it. Keep your mind wide open, don't forget to breathe and BE in each moment. You will not regret a single moment and it will be the best experience of your life until the next time.

Breathe.

## NEW AND UPCOMING RELEASES

🎧 <i>Brazilian Girls, Let's Make Love</i>	Apr. 13
🎧 <i>Jason Aldean, Rearview Town</i>	Apr. 13
🎧 <i>Laura Veirs, The Lookout</i>	Apr. 13
🎬 <i>Submergence (in theaters)</i>	Apr. 13
🎬 <i>Rampage (in theaters)</i>	Apr. 13
🎬 <i>Borg vs McEnroe (in theaters)</i>	Apr. 13

### FEATURED STORY

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## Poetry Slam gives a chance for poets to grow



On Friday, April 6, student poets shared their work at the annual Poetry Slam held at the Memorial Union.

**Evan Loignon, Staff.**

## go!

*What's happening in and around Orono this week*

**Tuesday, April 10**

**Libby Lecture in Natural Resource Policy 3:30 - 5 p.m.**  
Buchanan Alumni House  
Free

**Tuesday, April 10**

**"Greenfire" in the Making 5 - 6 p.m.**  
Nutting Hall  
Free

**Wednesday, April 11**

**Wednesday Dinner at the Wilson Center 6 - 8 p.m.**  
Wilson Center, 67 College Avenue  
Free

**Thursday, April 12**

**Humanities in Medical Education: Chaning But Essential 4:30 - 6 p.m.**  
Coe Room, Memorial Union  
Free

**Thursday, April 12**

**Eurydice 7:30 - 10 p.m.**  
Hauck Auditorium  
\$10

### Griffin Stockford Contributor

The University of Maine Campus Activities Board (CAB) hosted their biannual poetry slam in the North Pod of the Memorial Union on Friday, April 6. Eight budding poets shared their original poems in a three-round competition.

The host for the night, Cameron Grover, started things off by telling the audience that they were part of the poets' performances. He encouraged audience members to snap when something resonated with them and to be

engaged and participative listeners.

Grover has been a part of many of the CAB's poetry slams and was visibly happy with the turnout for the ninth poetry slam the organization has put on since Spring 2014.

"Creative and emotional outlets that give students a voice are what is needed on college campuses today," Grover said.

Then it was time for the first round, which was highlighted by Annabelle Osborne's "10 things that will happen when the person you fall for just wants to be friends with benefits,"

Cara Morgan's piece about why Pride Month is bull---, and Jennifer McArthur's piece, which included lines such as, "You are Purell in an open cut" and, "You are the pots and pans on the stove after having just done the dishes."

The poetry slam felt very communal, so even though the poets were competing, they helped each other and gave feedback on one another's work.

"I wrote one of the poems I performed tonight last week from 4 to 5 a.m.," McArthur said. "But I have other poems I've worked on for two years. So I guess

it all depends on the poem. But I look at my poems almost every day."

"Poetry is alive. It's always moving and changing and evolving. And that also comes from people outside of your work," Morgan said. "So exchanging poems like we do and giving feedback to each other is so important."

Many of the evening's poems were deeply personal, and everyone had their own unique process for writing and recitation.

"My process is basically spilling my heart out and then making it into something decent," Osborne

said.

The next two rounds were highlighted by Aliya Uteuova's "A Sacred Lesson," in which her grandmother compares the fingers on a palm to the religions of the world, Harmony Stetson's piece that compared surrounding oneself with others who have like-minded opinions to "strategically placed windows" in a home and a moving piece by Morgan about a friend's overdose.

"That was something that took me three years and I wrote it in 40 min-

See Poetry on A10

## Breath of fresh Irish air

### Maggie Gautrau Photo Editor

I wanted my first time traveling outside of the United States to be special. Just two weeks before spring break, I booked a flight to Ireland. I was nervous about being so far away from the safety of my everyday life's relentless monotony and comforting certainty. I planned every piece of the trip down to the minute to avoid wasting a single moment. I was fully packed only hours after I purchased my ticket to the Emerald Isle. I had every detail sorted, yet anxiety still clouded my space for excitement.

I stepped off the plane feeling uneasy. "Toto," I said looking down at my rolling carry on, "I don't think we're in Orono anymore." I found certainty in my checklist. Go through customs — check. Exchange money — check. Find a bus to Dublin City — oh no. How do I find the proper bus? How will I know where to get off? How far is my hostel from City Center? Why are all these signs in Gaelic, I thought people in

Ireland spoke English?

Pause.

Breathe in. One, two, three, four. Hold. One, two, three, four, five. Breathe out. One, two, three, four, five, six. Repeat.

Calm.

I repeated this breathing exercise, pushing the fresh Irish air through my lungs until calm washed over me. I anchored myself, connecting my mind and body with breathing. I opened my eyes to the bustle of the Dublin airport for another grounding practice. I counted five things I could see, four things I could touch, three things I could hear, two things I could smell and one thing I could taste. The calm deepened and I was here, now, present in Ireland.

Over the past year I have been attending workshops offered by the Mind Spa at the University of Maine. Programs like Cultivating Calm, Mindfulness, Info Session Mondays and Meditation Fridays helped me strengthen my tools for finding my calm. These programs, led by the outstanding Counseling Center staff, guided me back to my



Temple Bar in Dublin, Ireland.

Maggie Gautrau, Photo Editor.

body so I could be calm in anxiety's storm and present for life. The simple action of breathing, connecting to my breath, allowed me to BE in Ireland.

I spent my first day touring Dublin. I learned the rich history of how the city

came to be, that the Guinness harp opens to the right and the Ireland harp to the left, and that most of the Gaelic on the street signs is translated comically wrong. I toured the wondrous Cliffs of Moher, spent a day exploring the overwhelmingly

gorgeous views of the Ring of Kerry, grabbed a pint of cider in the town of Killarney and crossed the Carrick Rope Bridge overlooking a "Game of Thrones" filming location in Northern Ireland. Each experience more beautiful than the last as I

steadied my anxiety with breathing and engaged with what I was experiencing. The grass really is greener there.

I toured Ireland top to bottom, left and right, and

See Irish on A11

# Sports

Monday, April 9, 2018

## UMAINE RESULTS

4/7	Baseball vs. Stony Brook	Loss	1-4
	Softball @ Albany	Loss	2-3
	Baseball vs. Stony Brook	Win	4-2
4/8	Baseball vs. Stony Brook	Loss	2-5
	Softball @ Albany	Win	4-3

Conference scores, standings and upcoming schedule on B4



**TRACK AND FIELD**  
**Black Bears travel to New Hampshire**  
 Both Track and Field teams travel to compete in meet against four teams  
**B2**

**SOFTBALL**  
**Softball splits weekend**

Black Bears end weekend with a win and a loss.



**B3**

## Maine Baseball drops series to Stony Brook



Christopher Bec makes contact with the ball during the second game of a double-header on Saturday, April 7

Matthew Lavoie, Staff

**Arman Garavanian**  
 Contributor

### Maine 1, Stony Brook 4

The University of Maine Black Bears (9-21, 5-4 AE) returned to Mahaney Diamond on Saturday, April 7 to take on the Stony Brook Seawolves (17-12, 6-3 AE). Pitching for the Black Bears was third-year Eddie Emerson. On the mound for Stony Brook was second-year Brian Herrmann.

Both teams were scoreless until the fourth inning when Maine's fourth-year designated hitter Jonathan Bennett ripped a single back up the middle scoring fourth-year catcher Christopher Bec from third to take a 1-0 lead.

It continued to be a pitchers' duel until the seventh when Stony Brook's first-year catcher John Tuccillo doubled off the left field fence and was driven in by fourth-year infielder Bobby Honeyman's double off the fence in right to tie it at one. First-year pitcher Matt Geoffrion took over for Emerson with one out and immediately ran into trouble.

A passed ball sent Honeyman to third and he was then brought home on a single between first and second by second-year outfielder Chris Hamilton to take a one-run lead for Stony Brook.

The Seawolves extended the lead to two in the eighth when a base hit to left from second-year infielder Nick Grande slipped through Maine third-year outfielder Colin Ridley's legs. Grande would then score on a single to left from Tuccillo to take a 4-1 lead.

Ridley made up for his error later in the inning when he threw a dart home to make Tuccillo rethink going home on a single to left, saving a run.

Fourth-year sidearm pitcher Connor Johnson took over on the mound for Maine with one out and runners on second and third in the eighth. Johnson kept Stony Brook scoreless for the remainder of the game, but so did Herrmann as the Seawolves held on to beat the Black Bears by a final score of 4-1.

Herrmann went the full

nine innings, allowing only one earned run on six hits and a walk with five strikeouts.

Emerson was solid in his outing, giving up just two earned runs on four hits with no walks and four strikeouts.

**Maine beats out Stony Brook in Game 2, tying up series**

**Maine 4, Stony Brook 2**  
 The University of Maine Black Bears and the Stony Brook Seawolves played Game 2 of their double-header on Saturday afternoon at Mahaney Diamond. The Black Bears looked to tie the series at one game apiece after dropping the first game by a score of 4-1. Pitching for the Black Bears was fourth-year John Arel. Third-year pitcher Bret Clarke was on the mound for the Seawolves.

Third-year infielder Jeremy Pena tripled to left on Maine's first at-bat of the game and later scored from third when Bec grounded in to a double play, putting the Black Bears up 1-0. Stony Brook tied the

game at one in the next half inning when Honeyman tagged and scored on a sacrifice fly to left field off the bat of third-year outfielder Christian Montes. Stony Brook took the lead one hitter later when third-year infielder Brandon Janofsky singled to left, scoring third-year catcher Sean Buckhout.

Maine tied the game at two in the following inning when Ridley doubled down the right field line, bringing home Bennett. Ridley was then brought in by second-year catcher Cody Pasic on a double to center, giving the Black Bears a 3-2 lead.

Maine extended the lead to two runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning when Ridley drove in second-year infielder Kevin Doody from second on a base-hit to right field.

Second-year pitcher Cody Laweryson came in to close out the game and did so, picking up his second save of the season.

Arel was credited with the win, improving to 3-0 on the year. Arel went six in-

nings, giving up five hits and two earned runs while walking two and striking out five.

**Stony Brook takes Game 3 to win series**

### Maine 2, Stony Brook 5

The University of Maine Black Bears returned to Mahaney Diamond on Sunday, April 8 to host the Stony Brook Seawolves in their third game of a three-game weekend series. The teams split the two games on Saturday. Third-year pitcher Nick Silva got the start for the Black Bears with second-year Greg Marino pitching for the Seawolves.

Stony Brook got off to a strong start, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning. Second-year outfielder Michael Wilson got the scoring started when he singled to right field, scoring Grande and advancing Tuccillo to third. Tuccillo was then brought in on a sacrifice fly to center off the bat of Honeyman to extend their lead to two. The score was brought to 3-0 later in the inning when Hamilton singled in Wilson.

The Black Bears got a run back in the bottom

half of the first when Bec was brought in from second on a single to right by second-year first baseman Hernen Sardinas.

However, the lead would go back to three runs in the next half inning when Grande scored on an error.

Tuccillo extended the lead to 5-1 in the fourth on a hit to the left side between Maine's shortstop and third baseman that scored Grande from second.

The Black Bears added one more run in the bottom of the seventh but it wasn't enough, as they went on to lose 5-2 to Stony Brook, dropping two of the three games in the weekend series.

Marino was credited with the win, putting him at 2-1 on the season while Silva fell to 2-3 on the year.

The Black Bears return to the diamond on Friday, April 13 when they travel to New Jersey to take on Monmouth University. The game is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Stony Brook will play again Tuesday, April 10 against Iona. The game is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

## Red Sox early season assessment

**Matt Hammond**  
 Contributor

While just eight games into the 2018 baseball season, the Boston Red Sox appear to have cut losing out of their diet. The club has won their last seven games after dropping what looked like a sure win on Opening Day March 29.

What has kept the club on their war path has been their starting pitching. Composed of two Cy Young Award-winning pitchers in David Price and Rick Porcello, the Red Sox

may have the best starting rotation in all of baseball. Following their eighth game in the 2017 season, the Red Sox pitching staff had allowed 32 runs. After their eighth game this season on Saturday, the Red Sox pitching staff had only been tagged for 19 runs, an AL best.

The effectiveness of the Red Sox rotation has been capitalized by the early success of David Price. Price, who spent most of last season on the disabled list, has pitched two seven-inning shutout starts

this season. He struck out 10 batters in his 14 innings of scoreless baseball, as well as picking up a win in his first appearance.

The Red Sox have faced just the Tampa Bay Rays and the Miami Marlins, so it is difficult to arrive at a reasonable prediction for how the rest of their season will pan out, but the Sox are rolling in Florida. The team is no stranger to the state, considering their spring training facility in Ft. Myers has found early success on the road. It was touching to see David Price show

up his former Tampa Bay Rays, and then see Hanley Ramirez outplay his former Marlins. The Sox are 5-1 on the road. If the Red Sox road record was considered a team in the AL Central, the first place Minnesota Twins (4-3) would find themselves runners-up.

This season may be a comeback year for Rick Porcello. Porcello won the coveted Cy Young award for the Red Sox in his impressive 2016 campaign. Porcello won an MLB best 22 games that season. Last season the 29-year-

old righty posted a 11-17 record, and led the league in losses. This season Porcello has won both of his decisions and sports a 2.84 ERA. In Saturday's game, Porcello retired 17 consecutive batters and struck out seven.

The hitting for the Red Sox has been led by shortstop Xander Bogaerts. Bogaerts had a monster game Saturday against the Rays in which he went 2-3 with a grand slam, a walk and six RBIs in the 10-3 win. Third baseman Rafael Devers and left fielder J.D.

Martinez each hit their first home runs of the season in the game. Bogaerts currently leads the team in hits (13), home runs (2), runs batted in (9) and batting average (.371).

In the pipeline for the Red Sox is a test of how well the club can perform against teams outside of Florida. The Sox will face their longtime rival New York Yankees in a three-game homestand that begins on Tuesday, April 10 and concludes Thursday, April 12.

# Track has strong showing in meet at New Hampshire



Black Bears travel to New Hampshire to compete against four different opponents.

File Photo.

## Adam Darling Sports Editor

The University of Maine outdoor track team competed against four opponents at the Reggie Atkins Track and Field Complex on the University of New Hampshire campus on Saturday, April 7. The men finished in second place with 168 points, while the women took home first with 166 points.

Fourth-year Benjamin Davis dominated the sprinting events, taking first place in both the 100-meter

and 200-meter (22.36) sprints. Fourth-year Mozai Nelson had strong showings in both of these events, finishing third in the 100 (10.99) and just missing tying Davis in the 200 (22.37).

The 800-meter saw the Black Bears take three of the top four spots, with fourth-year Jacob Johns (1:57.70) and first-year John Hassett (1:58.58) finishing first and second, while first-year Ethan Orach (1:59.31) finished fourth. In the 1,500-meter, Maine took the sec-

ond through fourth spots, thanks to third-year Aaron Willingham (4:05.38), Johns (4:10.25) and Hassett (4:11.21).

The 4-x-100-meter and 4-x-400-meter relays netted Maine 14 more points on the day, as Davis, Nelson, first-year Seth White and third-year Andrew Smith finished in 42.89 seconds while Nelson, second-year Andrew Clement and fourth-years Elijah and Isaac Yeboah clocked in 3:29.59.

First-year Elijah White stepped up in the jump-

ing events, finishing second in the long jump with a distance of 6.93 meters, and taking first in the triple jump at 14.17 meters. In the throwing events, fourth-year Adam Lufkin took second in the discus at 46.21 meters and fourth in the shot put at 14.52 meters. Maine also netted points in the hammer, thanks to fourth-year Raymond Ngo and first-year Stephen Urli finishing ninth and 11th respectively.

On the women's side, third-year Lauren Magnuson and second-year

Cassidy Hill netted the Black Bears 11 points with a third (12.40) and fourth (12.47) place finish in the 100-meter. Hill would go on to win the 200-meter at 26.07. The Black Bears would pick up another first place in the 400-meter, as first-year Catherine Christiansen finished in 1:01.33. Second-year Elisabeth Redwood finished the event in third with a 1:01.76 finish. Second-year Tiffany Tanner took second in the 800-meter with a time of 2:20.24.

Maine would take first

in the 4-x-100, as third-year Ariel Clachar, Hill, Magnuson and first-year Anna Schumann finished in 49.52 seconds. The Black Bears also took second in the 4-x-400, as Christiansen, Redwood, Tanner and second-year Brittany Torchia clocked in at 4:07.81.

Clachar and Schumann were key pieces for jumping. Clachar would win the long jump with a total distance of 5.59 meters, while Schumann took home the triple jump with a total dis-

See **Track** on **B5**

## This has to be a dream

### Grase Whitney Contributor

You all know what "this" is. My most dazzling friend and colleague, the magnificent Kyrie Irving, is out for the year. The knee he hyperextended is now infected because the doctors may have been double agents for the Cavs and put dirty screws in during surgery. He's finished. Done. Boned. Whatever you wanna call it, it stinks to the high heavens. Not only is the Celtics' season basically over with Kyrie and Marcus Smart out, but now the haters have some serious ammo against Kyrie. He's hurt that knee too many times now. I'm not saying he's injury-prone, because a couple of them were freak injuries that nobody could avoid, but it definitely isn't good for him to need a second surgery on this one. Put me down as someone who is assuredly not a fan of repeated knee injuries.

Did I mention that this really stinks? I have absolute confidence in Scary Terry Rozier to hold his own going into the playoffs, but they have no

shot at the Finals now. Zip, zero, zilch, nada, no chance they get past either the Cavs, Raptors or Sixers without their two best players (Kyrie and Gordon Hayward) and their best defender in Smart, as well as a key bench piece in Daniel Theis. Unless they luck into playing the Heat, there's a decent shot they don't even make it out of the first round. The Wizards and Bucks are both probably just as good as, if not better than, the Celtics minus Kyrie, Smart, Hayward and Theis. I feel like I've been riding in a hot air balloon since mid-November and a fighter jet just flew right through it and sent me tumbling back to earth. Total ball-buster. They lose Hayward and then rip off 16 in a row, are the best team in the East for the majority of the season, overcome Kyrie and Smart being hurt to make a late run at the No. 1 seed, and then it all goes away in a two-day span. The Raptors blow them out and Kyrie is out for the year. I guess I'll take this year as a bonus?

This also renders the Eastern Conference play-

offs pretty much over. No team has a chance at the finals other than the Cavs, Raptors or Sixers, and including the Sixers might be pushing it. Until LeBron loses, I'm not gonna bet against him. He's made it eight years in a row for a reason, and the Raptors always choke. I'm just hoping the C's draw the Heat in the first round and can make it competitive against the Cavs for a few games in the second round. If they get the Bucks or Wizards, forget it. The Bucks would dominate inside with Giannis and Jabari and the Wizards would run the Celtics out of the building.

I've been trying to go about my day as usual, but it's hard. A part of my life was just taken and put in a blender right in front of my eyes. Maybe not a blender, actually. Perhaps they laid it down on the table and inserted bacterially infected screws into my ailing knee, ensuring that King James returns to the Finals for the 375th year in a row. Perhaps. It's just a theory.

## What to expect in this year's NHL playoffs

### Emma Lindblad Contributor

With only a few games remaining in the NHL regular season, it's time to shift your brain into "playoff mode." It's OK if your favorite team didn't make the playoffs; there's always next year. As for the teams who did make the playoffs, they will begin their battle for the infamous Stanley Cup on April 11.

So, who are the big contenders this year? Well, the reigning Stanley Cup champs, the Pittsburgh Penguins, have clinched the second place spot in the Metropolitan Division, so you know they're looking to win their third cup in a row. For all you Boston fans out there, the Bruins also picked up a playoff spot in Atlantic Division.

As for the Western Conference, both the Nashville Predators and the Winnipeg Jets have clinched playoff spots in the Central Division, followed by the newbies, the Vegas Golden Knights, who have locked up the Pacific Division. According to ESPN,

the Knights became the first NHL team to earn a playoff berth in its first ever season since the Oilers and the Whalers in 1979-1980. Not bad for a team whose odds of winning the Stanley Cup went against them 500-1 at the start of the season.

Now, let's talk about the teams who will be focusing on their golf swing, rather than hockey. Jonathan Toews and the Chicago Blackhawks will be watching the playoffs from the sidelines because, according to CBS Sports, the Blackhawks will be missing out on the playoffs for the first time in 10 years. However, their story right now is pretty interesting. Netminder Corey Crawford was injured, along with the backup goalie, which forced the Blackhawks to put in their third-string goalie, Collin Delia. Then, Delia got injured, forcing the team to call up an emergency goalie, Scott Foster, a 36-year-old accountant who played college hockey at Western Michigan University. I'm sure the Blackhawks are pretty upset at the whole situation, but Foster was

pumped.

Another team that will not be making a 2018 playoff appearance is the Dallas Stars. With a loss to the Anaheim Ducks in the last few games of the regular season, the Stars' wildcard hopes were crushed. According to Black Out Dallas, the Stars page on Fansided, this will mark the eighth time in the past 10 seasons that the Stars will not be competing for the Stanley Cup. Sorry Stars fans.

"I'm an Ottawa Senators fan and they didn't make the playoffs. They go from making it very far in the playoffs last year and losing to Pittsburgh right before the finals, to being one of the worst teams in the league so it's pretty disappointing," fourth-year University of Maine soccer player Kendra Ridley said.

As the NHL season starts to intensify, it's important to note that there is always next year and the sun will always rise the next day, so don't get too upset about the outcome. That being said, feel free to scream at the television all you want for the next few months.

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# Softball splits series with Albany



Softball travels to Albany, New York, splitting the weekend series with Albany after the final game was cancelled to weather

File Photo.

## Chase Whitney Contributor

The University of Maine Black Bears softball team traveled to Albany, New York, to take on the University of Albany Great Danes over the weekend of April 7 and 8. After the weather changed, the original plan of a Friday-Saturday-Sunday series, it was planned to be a three-game series with a game on Saturday afternoon and a Sunday doubleheader. However, the second game on Sunday ended up being canceled due to inclement weather. Despite the shortened schedule, the series still lived up to expectations.

The first pitch on Satur-

day was set for 2:30 p.m. As the away team, Maine was up at the plate first. Fourth-year outfielder Erika Leonard and third-year infielder Laurine German led off the first inning with a single apiece, but the Black Bears could not capitalize with the runners on base, and their half of the inning ended. Fourth-year pitcher Annie Kennedy took the mound for the Black Bears with a record of 6-3 on the season. Also boasting an impressive ERA of 1.66, Kennedy showed her stuff early on forcing three straight groundouts from the Great Danes in the bottom of the first. Maine was scoreless in the top of the second, and Albany led off the bottom of the second

with a single, but Maine pulled off a textbook 6-4-3 double play and then Kennedy struck out the third batter to end the inning.

Fourth-year first baseman Kristen Niland got the scoring going for Maine with a two-run shot in the top of the fourth, her first homer of the season, giving the Black Bears a 2-0 lead. Kennedy continued to pitch lights out, letting up only three hits in five innings while striking out five as well. In the bottom of the fifth, the Great Danes finally got on the board with a game-tying double from third-year infielder Chelsea Henige. The Black Bears had a chance to score the go-ahead run in the top of the seventh but couldn't

pull through. Kennedy retired the side to head to extras.

Kennedy was replaced by first-year pitcher Kyleigh O'Donnell. Albany came up in the bottom of the eighth and singled home the game-winning run, and the game ended with Albany up 3-2.

Black Bears win Game 2.

Game 2 of the series began at noon on Sunday. The Black Bears got the offense going early, with a walk and a steal from Leonard, an RBI single from third-year infielder Maddie Decker, back-to-back walks from third-year infielder Alyssa Derrick and Niland and a sac fly from third-year infielder Meghan Royle. O'Donnell took the

start for the Black Bears with a comfortable three-run cushion in the bottom of the first, where she retired the side.

In the bottom of the third, Albany got themselves on the board with a two-RBI double from third-year infielder Kelly Spear. The bottom of the fifth came up with the score still at 3-2, advantage Black Bears. Fourth-year outfielder Rachel Carlson got on base to start the inning, and she was doubled home by Niland to make it 4-2 heading into the sixth.

The Great Danes added another run in the sixth to cut it to 4-3, but O'Donnell made sure she got out of the inning with no further damage by making a nasty

diving catch. Maine went scoreless in the top of the seventh, and after O'Donnell issued a walk to start the bottom of the final inning, Kennedy was sent in to close it out. With a runner on third, the Great Danes could not bring her home, and the game ended with a final score of 4-2 Black Bears.

Due to the second game of the doubleheader being canceled, the Black Bears play next against UMass-Lowell at home on April 11, another doubleheader. First pitch for Game 1 is at 2 p.m. at Kessock Field, and first pitch for Game 2 is at 4:30 p.m. Albany will go on to play on Saturday, April 14 against Hartford, in Hartford, Conn.

# That's a wrap on March Madness basketball

## Emma Linblad Contributor

All of the madness of March is finally over—and it truly was madness, but in a positive way. We saw some underdogs rise to the challenge (fellow America East opponent, University of Maryland Baltimore County) and we also saw some big dogs fail to perform at the standard for which they are known (University of Virginia). With another March Madness in the books, we can now reflect

on the 2018 tournament and predict what might happen next year in terms of coaching changes and future winners.

Let's start with the amazing game between the UMBC Retrievers and the No. 1 seed overall, the University of Virginia Cavaliers. This game took place several weeks ago now, but it seems like yesterday that an unknown school was stepping out of the darkness and into the spotlight. It was a "David beating Goliath" sort

of feeling and it was awesome, but not so awesome for the people who chose Virginia to win the whole thing.

The facts for this game should have made the winner very obvious. For example, according to WFMY News in Greensboro, North Carolina, 80 percent of the country could not tell you the school's full name, where it is or what conference they were from, and whether or not they were the actual 16th seed. Furthermore, the funniest

thing was the score of the game, 74-54... not really that close NCAA history was truly made.

Now, moving onto Loyola-Chicago's journey at the NCAA tournament. Not only did they play great basketball, but their cheerleader was by far the best. Sister Jean Dolores Smith, the team's 98-year-old chaplain, sat courtside every game, scouting the opponent and cheering on her boys. The semi-final 69-57 loss to Michigan was heartbreaking for ev-

eryone (unless you're a Michigan fan, of course). This team even had former President Barack Obama tweeting about and cheering for them.

There will always be a loser and a winner, and this year's winner, for the third time in their school's history, was the Villanova Wildcats. They were down by seven in the first half, which eventually bloomed into a 22-point lead over the Wolverines and then that was that. The final score ended up

being 79-62, a 17-point deficit, which according to USA Today, was Villanova's scoring margin for the whole tournament.

So, there we have it, another tournament has come and gone. There were obvious upsets and overall exciting basketball. This tournament will be forever known for its "David vs. Goliath" battles and the moving stories that make you remember why you watch the tournament in the first place: for the love of the sport.

# The desire for perfection in statistics

## Matt Hammond Contributor

Sports fans can be placed into several categories. Perhaps these are aligned with the fan's self-ascribed learning style. The auditory learner can listen to the game on the radio, while the visual learner watches their team on fancy screens. The kinesthetic learning fan engages in the sport

themselves for the amusement of others. While fans engage in a blending of the formats, everyone has their preference. For me, it's in the numbers.

The numbers have a certain feel. It is unnerving to see your favorite player come up short of a round number in their final season total. Milestone expectations are ingrained into the observing fan early on. The 30/30

milestone in baseball is a season that displays both power at bat and speed on the basepaths. The 30 home runs and 30 stolen bases in a season club has "members of hall of fame" potential. As a young fan I learned of the historic 30/30 seasons of Barry Bonds, Jose Canseco and Barry Larkin. Matt Kemp learned how close is close enough in his own 30/30 season in 2011. The then

26-year-old all-star hit 39 home runs and stole 40 bases. He stole 40 bases and he fell one home run shy of the 40/40 club. I'll say this louder for the people in the back, 39 home runs and 40 stolen bases is still a 30/30 season.

While the feats of these athletes are impressive, the nitty gritty statistics diggers adopt preferences for a general neatness of the numbers. It is re-

markable that one home run or one stolen base can keep an athlete out of elite company. Giancarlo Stanton, while he led the MLB in home runs last season, fell short of an elite group as well. By hitting 59 home runs last season for the Miami Marlins, Stanton joined a club of 30 men who have hit 50 home runs. Stanton falling one homer short of 60 kept him out of the elite 60 home run

club. The five members are all-time home run leader Barry Bonds, World Series Champion Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Roger Maris and Babe Ruth. This isn't to degrade the impressiveness of socking almost 60 homers, but I'm going to say this once more: 39 home runs and 40 home runs is still a 30/30 season.



# Around the College Circuit

## UPCOMING SPORTS



### BASEBALL SCORES

04/07	<b>Stony Brook</b>	4	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	0
	<b>Maine</b>	1	<b>Binghamton</b>	3
	<b>Stony Brook</b>	2	04/08 <b>Stony Brook</b>	5
	<b>Maine</b>	4	<b>Maine</b>	2
	<b>Hartford</b>	9	<b>Hartford</b>	7
	<b>Albany</b>	10	<b>Albany</b>	3
	<b>Hartford</b>	9	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	2
	<b>Albany</b>	0	<b>Binghamton</b>	10
	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	1		
	<b>Binghamton</b>	5		

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE STANDINGS	AE RECORD	OVERALL
1	<b>Stony Brook</b>	6-3	17-12
2	<b>UMBC</b>	4-2	9-15
3	<b>Binghamton</b>	5-4	9-15
4	<b>Hartford</b>	5-4	9-18
5	<b>Maine</b>	5-4	9-21
6	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	3-6	10-17
7	<b>Albany</b>	2-7	10-14

**Wednesday, April 11**

**Softball**  
v UMass Lowell (DH), 2 p.m.

**Friday, April 13**

**Baseball**  
@ Monmouth, 3 p.m.

**Saturday, April 14**

**Baseball**  
v Sacred Heart, 10:30 a.m.

@ Monmouth, 2:30 p.m.

**Men's Track**  
@ Wildcat Invitational, 11:00 a.m.

**Women's Track**  
@ Wildcat Invitational, 11:00 a.m.

**Softball**  
v UMBC (DH), 12 p.m.

### SOFTBALL SCORES

04/07	<b>Hartford</b>	5	04/08 <b>UMBC</b>	0
	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	14	<b>Binghamton</b>	7
	<b>Hartford</b>	5	<b>Hartford</b>	1
	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	14	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	11
	<b>UMBC</b>	3	<b>Maine</b>	4
	<b>Binghamton</b>	6	<b>Albany</b>	3
	<b>UMBC</b>	8	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	2
	<b>Binghamton</b>	6	<b>Stony Brook</b>	3
	<b>Maine</b>	2	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	4
	<b>Albany</b>	3	<b>Stony Brook</b>	0

### CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE STANDINGS	AE RECORD	OVERALL
1	<b>UMass Lowell</b>	5-1	11-17
2	<b>Maine</b>	4-1	13-15
3	<b>Binghamton</b>	2-1	9-14
4	<b>Albany</b>	3-2	15-9
5	<b>UMBC</b>	2-4	7-23
6	<b>Stony Brook</b>	1-2	12-13
7	<b>Hartford</b>	0-6	6-17

**Sunday, April 15**

**Softball**  
v UMBC, 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 18**

**Men's Track**  
@ Holy Cross Multis, TBA

**Women's Track**  
@ Holy Cross Multis, TBA

**Softball**  
@ URI (DH), 2:30 p.m.

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# 5 Reasons to watch the NHL playoffs

**Arman Garavanian**  
Contributor

With the regular season wrapping up on Sunday, the NHL playoffs are nearly underway. If you're a hockey fan you know that this will be one of the nuttiest post-seasons we've ever seen. If you're not, you're about to find out why you need to tune in.

**Reason #1: The Penguins vs. Capitals rivalry**

It's official, folks: Alex Ovechkin's hair is gray. In his 13-year career he's recorded 604 goals, 1,119 career points and zero Stanley Cup appearances. It seems like every year he's stopped short by Sidney Crosby and the Pitts-

burgh Penguins and every year it seems like everybody is talking about how it's the Capitals' year to win a cup. With the Capitals and Penguins holding the No. 1 and No. 2 spots in the Metropolitan division, it's looking like they might meet up once again in the second round of the playoffs. Could it finally be Ovi's year?

**Reason #2: The Las Vegas Golden Knights**

Who could have predicted this? Only in the NHL would an expansion team clinch their division the year they enter the league. But this isn't just any expansion team. This is a team that has THE "Real Deal" James Neal,

and everywhere he goes his team dominates. Neal has been to the Stanley Cup the past two seasons, winning one with the Penguins and losing last year with the Nashville Predators. Maybe he'll be able to take the Knights to their first ever Stanley Cup final.

**Reason #3: The Kings vs. Sharks Rivalry**

The Los Angeles Kings and San Jose Sharks have met in the playoffs four times, beginning in 2011. They've split those four series 2-2. One of those series was the Kings' insane comeback in which they entered Game 4 down 3-0 in the series and managed to win four straight to take the series. As of now,

the Kings are just barely hanging on to the third spot in the Pacific division with only a one-point advantage over the Anaheim Ducks who have a game at hand, so we may or may not see the Kings and Sharks face off for a fifth series. Let's hope for a Ducks losing streak. Although the Sharks and Ducks wouldn't be a bad series either.

**Reason #4: The Big Bad Bruins**

This has been an excellent year for the Boston Bruins. It seems like they've dominated no matter who's been in their lineup. Last week they won without Zdeno Chara, Charlie McAvoy, Rick

Nash, Patrice Bergeron and David Backes, five all-star-worthy players. Just recently they called up Ryan Donato as well. Donato, who's still taking classes at Harvard, signed an entry-level contract back in March. He's tallied seven points in eight games. SEVEN. In eight games. While taking classes at Harvard. With this kind of determination in their lineup, look for the Bruins to make some noise in the playoffs.

**Reason #5: The Unpredictability**

It's not very often that a No. 1 seed goes to the Stanley Cup finals. Last year the Predators and the Penguins played for

the Cup. The Penguins entered as the No. 2 seed in the Metropolitan and the Predators entered as the second wild card spot in the Western Conference. Every No. 1 seed was done by the second round with the exception of the Ducks.

There's always one unlikely hero in the playoffs. Last year it was Pittsburgh's Jake Guentzel, who had 13 goals and eight assists after recording 16 goals and 17 assists during the regular season. Tune in to find out who it will be this year.

# Reactions to the first week of the MLB season

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The Major League Baseball season is underway, and there have been pleasant surprises and massive disappointments so far. Let's take a look at some of the big storylines.

**Shohei Ohtani is the real deal**

The scouts probably got it wrong when they said that Ohtani couldn't adjust to big league pitching. After a very rough Spring Training (2-20 with 10 strikeouts at the plate, 27.00 ERA) questions swirled around whether or not he would start the season in the minor leagues to make the adjustments.

Then he went on to have three straight games with a home run, including a 449-footer off Cleve-

land ace Corey Kluber. On top of that, he had a strong performance on the rubber against Oakland (where a three-run homer by Matt Chapman was really the only blemish over his six-inning start with six strikeouts) He's only going to get better from here.

Side note, he pitched on Sunday. It was nothing special. He only went seven shutout innings with 12, yes, 12 strikeouts while retiring the first 19 batters he faced. And here's a tidbit of history for you you: he became the third pitcher in the modern era to hit home runs in three straight games and strike out at least 10 in a game, joining Babe Ruth and Ken Brett as the only other players to do so. Lesser known fact, Ohtani became the first player since Jim Shaw

in 1919 to record two winning decisions and hit three homers in his team's first 10 games.

**What about Didi?**

The big talk (pun intended) surrounding the Yankees this offseason was the pairing of Giancarlo Stanton and Aaron Judge. And while they have put up respectable power numbers (on base plus slugging percentages of .831 and .930 respectively), the focus has shied away from shortstop Didi Gregorius. Gregorius leads the team in home runs and runs batted in, and nine of his 11 hits on the season have gone for extra bases. On top of that, his plate discipline has been through the roof, having struck out just three times and walked eight times over the first nine games. Unreal for a

guy who was only figured to be a stopgap solution in replacing a legend in Derek Jeter.

**The Mets have met the Meds**

The Mets had their 2017 season ravaged by injuries, as the majority of their Opening Day lineup spent a good portion of the season on the disabled list. David Wright is still dealing with his spinal stenosis diagnosis, and the only starter to pitch 200 innings for the season was Jacob deGrom.

In what turned out to be a in absolute disaster in terms of communication throughout the organization regarding player health, New York knew that they needed to try something different. Over the offseason, they cleaned out their medical staff and

started over. They hired Jim Cavallini, who served in a similar role in the United States Army, into a newly created role called director of performance and sport science. They fired head trainer Ray Ramirez and replaced him with Brian Chicklo.

The way-too-early returns for this turnover have made the Mets a formidable adversary to the Washington Nationals. If that rotation can not only stay healthy, but return better than before, they have a shot to challenge Washington in the division.

**Big trades not paying dividends in San Francisco**

The Giants were looking to boost their offensive output in a year that saw them finish near the bottom in terms of homers and score

just under four runs per game. They made a huge trade with Tampa Bay to acquire third baseman Evan Longoria, then followed that move with a trade with Pittsburgh for outfielder Andrew McCutchen. Both figured to add a boost to a lineup that needed one.

So far, that has not happened. Longoria has two hits for the entire season. Just two. That is unacceptable for a guy you agreed to take on for the next four or five years at \$22 million a year. McCutchen needed a 6-7 performance in a game on April 7 to boost his average over .200. Now slow starts do happen, but when Joe Panik, who has 30 career homers, is the only source of offense in the first four games, there is a problem.

**Track from B2**

tance of 10.93 meters.

First-year Sarah Vancore (11.15 meters) and fourth-year Rachel Bergeron (11.08) finished third and fourth respectively in the

shot put to pick up 11 points. They would team up for eight more points with fourth place (Vancore at 32.92) and sixth

place finishes (Bergeron at 32.65) in the discus. First-year Allison Fayard won the hammer with 43.39 meters, while third-year Kayla Gre-

enawalt took second in the javelin with a 33.75-meter throw.

Both teams will be back in action next Satur-

day, April 14 at 11 a.m. for the Wildcat Invitational in Durham, New Hampshire.

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NBA WESTERN CONFERENCE		OVERALL
1	<b>Houston</b>	64-16
2	<b>Golden State</b>	57-23
3	<b>Portland</b>	48-32
4	<b>Utah</b>	47-33
5	<b>New Orleans</b>	46-34
6	<b>San Antonio</b>	46-34
7	<b>Oklahoma City</b>	46-34
8	<b>Minnesota</b>	45-35

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE		OVERALL
1	<b>Toronto</b>	58-22
2	<b>Boston</b>	54-26
3	<b>Philadelphia</b>	50-30
4	<b>Cleveland</b>	49-31
5	<b>Indiana</b>	48-33
6	<b>Miami</b>	43-37
7	<b>Milwaukee</b>	43-37
8	<b>Washington</b>	42-38

**Upcoming Games:**

**NBA:**

**Monday, Apr. 9**  
**Toronto v Detroit**  
 Chicago v Brooklyn  
 Oklahoma City v Miami  
 Cleveland v New York  
 Orlando v Milwaukee  
 Memphis v Minnesota  
 Sacramento v San Antonio  
 Portland v Denver  
 New Orleans v LA Clippers

**Tuesday, Apr. 10**

Charlotte v Indiana  
 Philadelphia v Atlanta  
 Boston v Washington  
 Phoenix v Dallas  
 Golden State v Utah  
 Houston v LA Lakers

NHL WESTERN CONFERENCE		OVERALL PTS
Central	1 <b>Nashville</b>	117
	2 <b>Winnipeg</b>	114
	3 <b>Minnesota</b>	101
Pacific	1 <b>Vegas</b>	109
	2 <b>Anaheim</b>	101
	3 <b>San Jose</b>	100

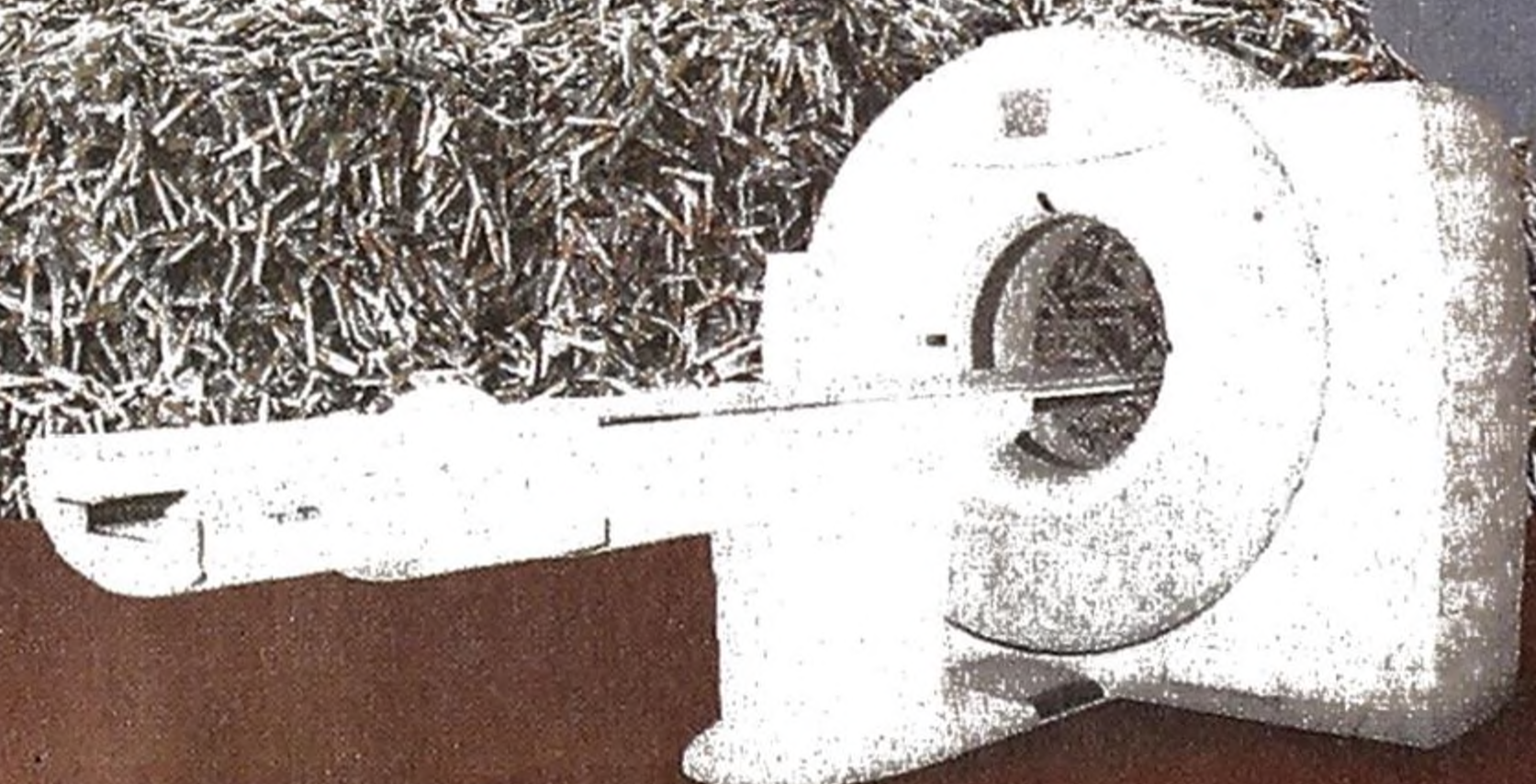
NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE		OVERALL PTS
Atlantic	1 <b>Tamp Bay</b>	113
	2 <b>Boston</b>	112
	3 <b>Toronto</b>	105
Metropolitan	1 <b>Washington</b>	105
	2 <b>Pittsburgh</b>	100
	3 <b>Philadelphia</b>	98

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