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UMS sets system-wide plans to centralize administration and create mission differentiation among campuses



The UMS flagship, located in Orono, will see minimal changes throughout the system restructure.

Josh Quinit, Staff Photographer

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News Editor

The University of Maine System will be overhauling how their statewide campuses operate in terms of administrative functions and program initiatives in order to begin trimming the growing deficit currently weighing down Maine's public educa-

tion system.

UMS Chancellor James Page laid out the plans that will centralize administrative functions and create campus-specific program focuses at the Jan. 26 board of trustees meeting.

"Maine can no longer afford the system we have now," Chancellor Page said in a press release. "Maine

cannot afford a system weighed down by far too much administration."

The University of Maine System is composed of seven separate universities, at 10 statewide locations, educating about 30,000 students at present count. Without making changes, UMS is facing a \$37 million deficit for the fiscal year 2016. The Universi-

ty of Southern Maine and the University of Maine make up two-thirds of this budgetary shortfall.

Chancellor Page trumpeted the administrative overhead that comes with a system of this size as one of the main reasons for the restructure, which will begin taking shape over the course of the next year.

"[The current system] is not sustainable as it is, and that is primarily because there are no efficiencies built in," University of Maine Dean of Students Dr. Robert Dana said.

The slogan the system is using to brand these changes, "One University for all of Maine," nuances a total cohesion of all seven insti-

tutions. However, the reality of the plans will keep all campuses as singular degree granting institutions, but will break down barriers that had previously kept the Universities from operating like a typical state system should — together in their goals to educate the people of Maine.

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UMS unanimously approves policy to begin divesting its endowment from coal

Historic vote makes UMaine first public land grant university to take steps toward fossil fuel divestment

Lauren Abbate
News Editor

The University of Maine System Board of Trustees voted to divest the system's direct holdings from coal companies. The unanimous vote makes UMaine, as a part of UMS, the first land and sea grant university to partially divest from fossil fuels.

"By divesting, we will be protecting our endowment, the risk will be low and the message will be strong. By divesting, we will be protecting our endowment from a dying industry, we will follow our ethics as a university, and we will be on the right side of history again," Brooke Lyons-Justus, co-founder of the student and faculty coalition Divest UMaine, said to the Board of Trustees.

According to Divest UMaine, as of 2012, UMS had \$7.5 million of its \$121 million endowment invested in over 200 of the top publicly traded fossil fuel companies. The approved coal divestiture policy will affect 30 percent of the system's investment exposure to coal.

The vote was held at

the Jan. 26 meeting of the UMS board, but the board has been reviewing the possibility of a fossil fuel divestment plan for over a year, when Divest UMaine brought their cause for fossil fuel divestment to the board.

UMaine President Susan Hunter applauded the members of Divest UMaine for bringing the divestment conversation to the attention of the board.

"I think [Divest UMaine] did a great job at taking an issue and not only educating yourselves, [but] spreading your knowledge in a professional and articulate way. You've really done a great job," Hunter said.

"[We feel validation] in that they're finally accepting it as a real issue... but this is something that we've been asking for for a long time," Connor Scott, co-founder of Divest UMaine, said.

A 2014 report prepared for the board's investment committee by New England Pension Consultants (NEPC), advised that "the wholesale divestiture of fossil fuel could have an impact on the system's ability to manage risk, di-



Divest UMaine held numerous demonstrations on campus over the last year and a half.

Amanda Clark, Contributor

versify, and seek returns. NEPC also warned of additional costs associated with managing a fossil fuel-free portfolio."

The reason for the board's decision to only partial divest from coal was due in part to the complicated investment structure of the endowment — which

is mostly managed through mutual funds, commingled funds and limited partnerships. These investment styles would make full divestment a series of small tedious divestments.

"Originally we were going for full fossil fuel divestment... We're going to look at it as a victory because it

is a victory. But we're not going to stop now. The coal is not enough but it was a nice first step," Catherine Fletcher, co-founder of divest UMaine, said.

Across the nation, the conversation surrounding fossil fuel divestment has been growing. Currently, 15 American colleges and

universities have committed to divesting from fossil fuel.

Within UMS, the University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI) holds its endowment separate from the rest of the system. Last November, UMPI voted to ful-

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Low gas prices part of a larger national trend



Gas prices under \$2 per gallon are causing relief for Orono drivers.

Aubrie Howard, Staff Photographer

Samuel Shepherd
Contributor

University of Maine students and residents of Orono have seen a sudden decline in gasoline prices, reflecting a larger statewide and national trend toward cheaper prices at the pump.

According to GasBuddy, a popular gas price analyzing website, the average price of gasoline in Orono, as of Jan. 27, is \$1.97 per gallon. Gas prices are lower than they have been since early 2009, standing at an average of \$2.11 per gallon statewide, \$1.37 less expensive than at this time in 2014.

The national average is falling down under \$2 per gallon, according to GasBuddy estimates. While that is encouraging, Gas-

Buddy's senior petroleum analyst Patrick Dehaan stated that it will not last for long.

"Refineries have been processing less crude oil," he said in a press release. "Thus producing less gasoline, which will contribute to a soft bottoming out of the national average before a small recovery back in the very low \$2's."

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Oil rises seasonally during the winter, based on demand. Seasonal jumps usually happen in February, and this year will be no different.

See Gas on A4

UMaine Foster Center for Student Innovation receives Non-profit of The Year Award



Housed on the UMaine campus, the Foster Center for Student Innovation allows for student ideas to become reality.

Kyah Lucky, Contributor

Amanda Clark
Contributor

The Foster Center for Student Innovation received the Nonprofit of The Year Award from the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. The award was presented at the annual awards dinner on Jan. 21 at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. The event, which gathered business and community leaders celebrating the year's accomplishments, became the largest dinner party to occur in Bangor's history, with more than 1,000 individuals attending.

"When it came down to two organizations, what tipped the balance to award the Foster Center for Student Innovation was its major impact on the business community," the president and CEO of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, John Porter said. "The board was truly impressed with how innovative the center is in terms of outreach and internship opportunities for students

and businesses within the state of Maine."

The Foster Center for Student Innovation, which was opened in 2008, was nominated by the community, then voted for by members of the board to receive the award. This year, half a dozen nominations were submitted for the Nonprofit of the Year Award.

The Center provides students with the necessary resources and education to become successful and experienced entrepreneurs. The Center is home to student employees, interns, entrepreneurs and innovators. With ample amounts of natural lighting, open spaces to expand thoughts and ideas and a kitchen to fuel the active minds of students, the center is equipped to facilitate the creative process and further drive innovation.

The Center does more than just educate its students, the center houses "tenants": individuals or companies utilizing the center for their business

endeavors. Tenants receive a cubicle, access to printing and mailing services, as well as a plethora of campus resources — all free of charge. Tenants, both graduate and undergraduate students, have full 24/7 access to the building. By providing collaboration

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John Porter
CEO of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce

with Maine businesses and experts from across the state, the center is guiding students' ideas to success and training the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Though The Center helps hundreds of students with business counseling every year, the process of becoming a tenant is extremely selective, which provides a professional at-

mosphere that is conducive for both students; and the center as a whole.

"When a student comes to the center with an idea, we start out by having a conversation about resources available on and across the state — from applying to grants, finding

in our incubator."

In 2005, the need for an innovation center on campus became apparent; not for the lack of innovative ideas, but for the lack of necessary experience an individual needs in order to take an idea and make it a reality. The two largest programs the center runs is their business incubator, The Target Technology Incubator, and their business coaching program. Both allow students to test their ideas and grow their business with guidance from business experts and counselors within the community. Another opportunity the center provides is called Innovation Engineering, a program that provides a structured approach to innovative thinking to allow students to put their ideas to the test in an academic setting. The center offers a minor or graduate certificate that can be coupled with any major offered on campus, in an effort to promote leaders in innovation

across all disciplines.

"Some people think they are creative but don't know how to take their ideas and make them real... other people believe they aren't creative at all but can make things happen," co-Director of Programs and Outreach Renee Kelly said. "Here we are teaching students that they can be both."

A program called Innovate for Maine, connects Maine companies promoting innovation with eager students to provide them with knowledge from the field and applicable experience. Though some interns are located in specific companies, others are hired by a company and housed by the Foster Center for Student Innovation year-round.

Strong Mind Strong Body Inc., a nonprofit organization that offers summer camp to kids, flourished with the help of the Foster Center for Student Innovation. Kids attend-

See Foster on A4

Emera Center: a gift to the Orono community

Kyle Hadyniak
Staff Writer

Space may be the final frontier, but the Emera Center and its Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium ensures students only need to travel to the University of Maine campus to explore the universe's wonders.

Residing on Rangeley Road near the Hilltop complex since October, the center is a haven for those looking to learn more about astronomy, and all who utilize it think it is an exponential improvement from the previous planetarium.

The center's technological prowess shines greatest through its central feature: the 33-foot, 50-seat planetarium. Powered by ten custom-built computers, eight for rendering, one for audio, and one master computer, the planetarium feels like it's straight out of a science-fiction movie.

"There were many evolutions of technology we skipped when we built this facility," Emera Center Director Alan Davenport said. "The center's greatest achievement thus far is that it does an excellent job in what it was intended to do: provide a multi-educational experience."

The Emera Center's planetarium fully visualizes our universe's objects with colorful high-definition models. Even complex visuals, such as the innumerable asteroids in our solar system's asteroid belt, are rendered with precise detail; viewers can travel through the belt for a close look at the countless floating objects.

Viewing the asteroid belt's intricateness is but one example of the powerful software generating the planetarium. Sky-Skan, the same provider used by many planetariums worldwide, provides a wealth of viewable celestial objects. Scripted, educational programs are available to audiences of all ages.

"You can view not only any point on Earth, but every discovered planet, exoplanet, comet, asteroid, satellite, or moon," Mike Briganti, a fourth-year physics student who demonstrates the planetarium's complex controls, said. "This job is amazing because I get to educate students on a subject I love, without even having a teaching degree."

On request, Briganti was able to view, and even zoom in, on a high-definition model of the International Space

Station in its real-time orbit above the Earth. With the Sun in the background, casting a realistic shadow over the station's numerous modules, the station is only one model in the planetarium's enormous database.

Moving far away from the space station, Briganti flexed the planetarium's muscles by zooming out — all the way

The elementary show gives a tour of the Maine sky. The show "Earth, Moon, and Sun," for example, is hosted by Coyote, a character in Native American lore.

"Aside from planetarium programs, children are also exposed to models, astronomical activities, and digital exhibits in the center's multipurpose room," Davenport

mount planetarium programs to help educate people," Davenport said. "I wouldn't even call myself a scientist or an astronomer. I just love planetariums and what they can do for the community."

Bringing the Emera Center to UMaine wasn't an easy task, as various financial obstructions had prevented such an endeavor. However, in 2012, an anonymous donor provided \$3.2 million to make possible a new center, and Emera Inc., the parent company of Emera Maine, provided an additional \$1 million.

Pinpointing a suitable construction site was also a daunting task. A location must be dark enough for students to properly utilize the observatory, making anywhere near the center of campus impossible, yet it had to be close enough to campus so it is readily and safely accessible. As early as 1996, Davenport had been looking for a new location, and a 2006 lighting study confirmed that the space just behind Rangeley Road was a perfect fit.

The observatory, however, began with a troubled start. The technology behind it was complex to learn, according to Davenport, and there were some technical glitches that

manifested in its first months of operation.

Scott Mitchell, a physics senior who utilized the telescope for his undergraduate research, was one of the few who was allowed access to the observatory. As a test for the telescope, Mitchell and his team ventured to locate and identify exoplanets, planets that lay outside our solar system.

"It was great using this fancy new toy," a smiling Mitchell said of the observatory. A life-long science-fiction fan, Mitchell seemed in his element in the center. "It is much better than the old telescope. And the planetarium itself is incredible; we have the entire universe rendered in 3D at any time."

Despite being early in its lifetime, Davenport hopes the facility will be around for decades to come, as the Emera Center and its adjacent observatory have already sparked the interest of students and the community. As its staff grows more accustomed to its technology, and as more and more people come to visit, the window that the Emera Center opens to the final frontier will promise to remain available to inquisitive minds everywhere.

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Mike Briganti
Fourth year physics student

out. Scanning away from the Earth, the solar system, the Milky Way and even the Local Group — the 54 galaxies near the Milky Way — the entire observable universe was soon in view.

However, the center's main audience, children, don't usually view such enormous sights. For them, the planetarium plays scripted programs about stars and planets, subject matter more understandable for developing minds.

said. "We have the soda can demonstration, for example, that shows kids how much a can would weigh on different planets."

Davenport discussed the center with a gleam in his eye and a telling smile. His pleasure stems from his countless hours of planning, developing, designing and implementing features of the center during the building's construction.

"I love to develop and

ees once complete.

As the flagship of the system, and the only Land and Sea Grant university in the state, the University of Maine, will continue serving its research mission. UMaine will also serve as the engineering center for the state, with the majority of the system's engineering resources and programs already housed in Orono.

UMaine, as a comprehensive university, will likely see the minimal amount of change throughout the mission differentiation process.

"You never want the land grant sea grant university to be unattractive to students from every hill and holler," Dana said.

The University of Southern Maine, which has been

universities were brought together as a "system" 47 years ago, little has been done to break down barriers between the separate institutions.

"You had a system in Maine, but you really didn't... You had seven independent siloed enterprises operating by themselves... they all had every level of administration," Dana said.

A large part of restructuring the system will be done at the administrative level, eliminating the repetitive administrative functions that occur across campuses.

"[Campuses] are different but a lot of the things are the same," Dana said. "We are so large we cannot afford to keep doing what we are doing."

According to Page, whole

"It would allow you as a student to design your education how you want it done," Scott said.

For example, in the previous system structure, students who were enrolled in two classes at the flagship campus and taking two online classes from UMA, would not be considered full-time students anywhere — making them ineligible for financial aid. By creating a true system school, according to Scott, enrollment in classes will be taken in the aggregate throughout the system.

This flexibility between campuses will also aid students who will be affected by the reorganization of curriculums amongst the campuses; making it easier for students to seek out education opportunities at other campuses without affecting their graduation timeline.

"What they are really talking about [with the changes] is centralizing all those important functions and providing education in a more efficient effective way, that will still be very student centered," Dana said.

By choosing to fundamentally restructure the system, UMS will be able to maintain its zero percent tuition increase for in-state students.

UMS began exploring options to change the system structure in 2014 when it implemented the Academic Portfolio Review and Integration Process.

Going forward, the system is going to be exploring how to restructure the allocation of budgets. UMS will be bringing in a North Dakota based consultant, Ellen Chaffee, to help sort out the reorganization process. Chaffee will be working with 30 team members and 160 faculty members to determine where course offerings will be best suited, as well as how the system can better consolidate and cater to the needs of students.

"It's going to be a couple of rough years because it's never fun to make this kind of institutional change. It's never easy because it means giving up what you're used to," Scott said. "But at the end of the day it's going to mean a sustainable system: better resources for the student body, more access for the student body, more fluidity for the student body, more program accessibility."

Divestment from A1

ly divest from fossil fuels. "I would like to applaud the committee for moving in this direction, but I urge the committee to not end here. I think we need to look at our whole fossil fuel investment. I know you

applicants, 61 percent of enrolling students consider a university's commitment to the university when selecting where they will attend.

"Coal divestments shows: commitment to the environment, sustainability, and the future wellbeing of their students," Lyons-Justus said.

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Brooke Lyons-Justus
Co-founder of Divest UMaine

have looked at and talked about it but I don't think we are in a position to stop the dialogue about how we are investing in fossil fuels," Trustee Bonnie Newsom said.

In its presentation to the board, prior to the vote, Divest UMaine urged the board to consider the issues that matter to the student body UMS represents. According to a 2014 Princeton Review survey of college

This move in the direction of fossil fuel divestment is not the first time UMS has trail-blazed moving away from controversial investments. In the 1980s, UMS was one of the first university systems to divest from the Apartheid in South Africa.

Amanda Clark, a Maine Campus contributor and member of Divest UMaine, contributed to this article.

UMS from A1

"The idea is to have good students access, and that's why you're not talking about eliminating campuses. You want student success in terms of having all the support and services they need, but you are also taking a huge jump into making [the system] affordable," Dana said.

According to the system's most recent Multi-Year Financial Analysis, without significant changes, UMS will be facing a \$90 million deficit by fiscal year 2020.

"In a perfect world none of this would be happening... But the harsh reality is that [UMS] is very much in the red and something has to be done and I think that toying around with a couple of these options and getting some public input is not a bad idea," Trey Stewart, Chairman of the University of Maine General Student Senate, said.

"Curriculum-integration and mission-differentiation"

Currently, the University of Maine System campuses already have an essence of mission differentiation. However, the bare-bones model of program differentiation is creating repetition of curriculum offerings across the system, causing the Universities to compete for the same students.

By creating specific program focuses for each institution; and eliminating repetitive large programs that appear across the state, the system will no longer be creating internal competition.

"Right now the idea of differentiation is that you have an identity as a university you have something that you offer that no one else offers," University of Maine Student Government liaison to the Board of Trustees Connor Scott said.

Mission differentiation will also save the system money in terms of not having to allocate funds to separate campuses for the same programs, when these programs would be better served by pooling all of their resources on one campus.

Each campus is currently working on establishing its campus-specific mission and will be presenting their initiatives to the Board of Trust-

at the forefront of system shortfalls over the past year, will be oriented to resemble a "metropolitan university" - with the Maine Law and Business schools playing off of the opportunities that the campuses' location to Portland can provide for students.

Most likely, the University of Maine at Machias will be the hub for marine science education, the University of Maine at Farmington will be the state's school for education, the University of Maine at Augusta will continue its online education mission. The University of Maine at Presque Isle will be focusing on learning outcomes, while the University of Maine at Fort Kent works towards early college.

Liberal arts programs and programs such as mathematics will continue to be offered across the system.

"You have all these schools across the state that are competing with each other and it makes sense to pull them together so they can work together to educate the students," Scott said.

A system in name, but not in function

While the state's public

Don't drink and drive



Gas from A2

“Last year’s lift began the second week of February and saw the upward trend last until the beginning of May,” said Dehaan. “During which, the national average saw a rise of 35 cents a gallon. This year we’re expecting a similar rise.”

The former president of Shell Oil Company, John Hofmeister, stated in an interview with USA Today that he thinks gas prices will be around \$5 “within the next decade.”

Jonathan Rubin, a professor at the University of Maine School of Economics, said this lower gas prices could hurt renewable energy projects at the University.

“Orono is a unique town,” Rubin said. “A lot of renewable energy projects at the University will be put on hold while gas is so cheap. This can really hurt them in the longer term.”

Rubin explained that

oil prices were low because the United States is producing more crude oil and the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries nations were not slowing production to raise prices. With this surplus of oil, prices are being set very low.

Rubin said that when gas prices are low, it particularly helps the middle and lower classes in the United States.

“It gives them a little bit more money in their pocket,” Rubin said. “With more money to spend, it allows for consumption of other goods.”

For many students, money can be hard to come by while in school. With all gas stations in Orono priced at \$1.97 per gallon as of Jan. 27, travel is much easier for penny-pinching University of Maine students.

“I can afford to fill my car up now,” Andrew Raymond, a second year Business Administration student from Chelsea, Maine, said. “I could before, but I just didn’t want to spend



Gas prices for 2015 are projected to stay under \$3 per gallon.

Aubrie Howard, Staff Photographer

the money. The first time I paid under two dollars I was thrilled.”

According to the Bangor Daily News, on Jan. 12, two stations in Waterboro were the first to drop

their prices below \$2 in Maine. Raymond is just happy to have a little extra money in his pocket.

“I can afford to go out and do things now,” Raymond said. “I can afford

to waste time driving around, or maybe go out to eat.”

The lower gas prices are expected to last all the way through 2015, according to Rubin. The

average price of gasoline, according to the US Energy Information Administration, is expected to be \$2.33 per gallon in 2015, with a rise to \$2.72 per gallon in 2016.



The Foster Center is equipped with whiteboard walls and floor to ceiling window panels.

Kyah Lucky, Contributor

Foster from A2

ing the camp learn about sports, wellness, nutrition, health and hygiene. While this may sound like every other sports camp for kids, this one differs in a huge way.

The camp is free for kids that come from households that meet the Department of Health and Human Services low income guidelines. The founder, Roosevelt Boone, started the organization as an undergraduate at UMaine while studying kinesiology and physical therapy with a concentration in teaching and coaching. With the help of fundraising, donations, and grants, campers are able to attend the camp free of charge.

“Strong Minds Strong

Bodies would not be where it is today without the Foster Center for Student Innovation,” Boone said. “I will forever be grateful for all they have done for me.”

Boone is now the assistant football coach for UMaine, but that did not slow down his cause. After graduating, he created and now directs the UMaine Chapter of Strong Mind-Strong Body Inc., which continues to embody Boone’s values on health and fitness education to children around the world.

The camp is now offered in various parts of the country. In 2012, Boone took a trip to Ghana to teach children about physical education and health. Boone will be holding book drives in the coming months to send to a library in Ghana.



Be nice to animals!



The World This Week



Egypt releases imprisoned Al-Jazeera reporter

By Sarah El Deeb, Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) - A reporter for Al-Jazeera English was released from an Egyptian prison and deported Sunday after more than a year behind bars, but his two Egyptian colleagues remained jailed in a case widely condemned as a sham by human-rights groups. Australian Peter Greste was whisked away on a flight to Cyprus. His release came as a welcome surprise to fellow reporters and activists who spent months pressing for his freedom.

Horror in Japan as video purports to show hostage beheaded

By Elaine Kurtenbach and Karin Laub, Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) - Appalled and saddened by news of journalist Kenji Goto’s purported beheading by Islamic State extremists, Japan ordered heightened security pre-

cautions Sunday and said it would persist with its non-military support for fighting terrorism. The failure to save Goto raised fears for the life of a Jordanian fighter pilot also held by the militant group that controls about a third of both Syria and Iraq. Unlike some earlier messages delivered in the crisis, the video that circulated online late Saturday purporting to show a militant beheading Goto did not mention the pilot.

Ukrainian separatist advance forces mass flight

By Peter Leonard, Associated Press

SVYATOHIRSK, Ukraine (AP) - As fighting escalates around the town Debaltseve in eastern Ukraine, a growing wave of civilians are fleeing their homes, taking the risk of being struck by stray projectiles on their way, and often leaving family members behind. Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk said that around 1,000 of Debaltseve’s residents have been evacuated in the past days. Many end up at a government-owned holiday camp in the resort town of Svyatohirsk, where the sound of artillery fire is replaced with an uneasy quiet.



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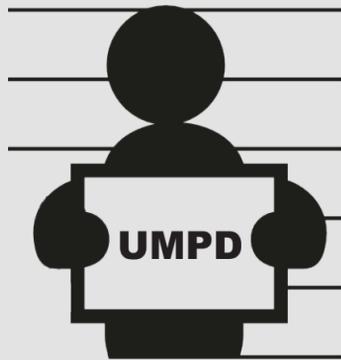
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Police Beat

The best from UMaine's finest



Lauren Abbate
News Editor

1/23

6:31 p.m. - No ice time

At the University of Maine men's hockey game against the University of New Hampshire, a 19-year-old male student entered the Alford Ice Arena and University of Maine Police Department

(UMPD) officers noticed he was staggering and exhibiting signs of intoxication. The officers called the University Volunteer Ambulance Corps (UVAC) to medically evaluate the student. He was transported to St. Joseph's medical hospital and referred to Judicial Affairs.

9:18 p.m. - Burnt bud

UMPD received a Resident Assistant (RA) report of an odor of burnt marijuana on the first floor of Knox. When officers arrived, they located the source to be in the room of Knox resident

Robert Cannell, 19. As Cannell opened the door for the officers, the burnt smell intensified and they noticed a marijuana grinder in the room. While Cannell admitted to smoking marijuana, another male in the room was confrontational when the officers asked if he had been smoking as well. He stated that his anger was proof that he had not smoked marijuana because he would be "more mellow" if he had. Cannell was summonsed for possession of marijuana.

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1:55 a.m. - Minor malfeasance

An RA conducting rounds on the fourth floor

of Oxford Hall witnessed three minor consuming alcohol and reported the incident to UMPD. When officers arrived, they located two bottles of alcohol in the room where the students had been drinking. The three students, one female and two males, remained polite and cooperative with the officers and they were referred to Judicial Affairs.

11:33 p.m. - Low on flame

UMPD received a call from a Knox Hall RA, referencing a smell of marijuana. When the officer reported to the second floor of Knox, they discovered the odor to be coming from the dorm of Andrew Calli-

nane. Officers confronted Callinane about the odor, at which point he turned over a blow torch, fuel bottle, a marijuana grinder and a warm vaporizer. Callinane was summonsed for possession of drug paraphernalia and referred to Student Conduct for the blow torch.

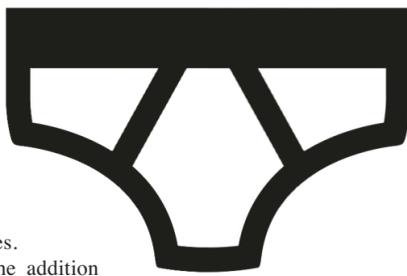
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10:56 p.m. - Andro no

An officer on routine patrol in Androscoggin Hall detected a smell of marijuana coming from the dorm of Nicolette Malfitano. When officers made contact with Malfitano, she remained compliant and turned over a mason jar

Briefs

Quick news from around the University of Maine System



Lauren Abbate
News Editor

University of Maine at Farmington gets go-ahead to build biomass heating plant

An \$11 million University of Maine at Farmington (UMF) proposal to build a wood-chip-fueled heating plant was approved by the University of Maine System board of trustees at their Jan. 26 meeting.

The plant is part of an effort to reduce the University's carbon footprint. Originally, UMF was pursuing extending a natural gas pipeline to the campus, but when it was discovered that pipeline wouldn't be complete until 2016, UMF began seeking other energy

alternatives.

With the addition of the plant, UMF is looking to plan its energy future around reducing the university's dependence on oil, and instead exploring renewable energy options. The biomass plant will allow UMF to eliminate 95 percent of its fossil fuel consumption.

The 5,885 square foot facility, which will house the boiler, will be housed on campus, and heat the school's facilities using hot water circulating through "closed-loop" piping. It is estimated that construction costs will be recouped through the energy savings the news system created in roughly 10 years.

UMF has offered to add the Town of Farmington Community Center to the heating circuit. If Farmington accepts the offer, it will cost the town about \$90,000 to connect the building to the plan — which will be paid back in savings after seven years.

The Farmington Planning board must approve and review the construction project, which is expected to occur March 9.

Groundbreaking is set to start by May 1. Construction is expected to be mostly completed by the time students return to campus on Sept. 15.

Veterinary Technology becomes a four-year bachelor degree program at UMA

The University of Maine at Augusta (UMA) is giving its veterinary technology associate degree program an upgrade by extending the field of study to a four-year bachelor degree program.

UMA began contemplating eliminating the associate degree program last March, due to the program losing roughly \$200,000 a year — the third most loss of any program at the school.

The creation of the four-year veterinary technology program is part of a larger UMA trend towards offering more bachelor's degree program.

The program itself takes three years to complete because of the mandatory laboratory and clinical courses students must take

to graduate. The additional fourth year of the new bachelor-degree program will allow students to focus in specific areas or take other classes offered at the school.

The program is going to be housed at UMA's Bangor campus. It typically graduates 30 veterinary technicians each year.

USM selects finalists in its search for permanent president

The University of Southern Maine (USM) Presidential Search Committee has selected three finalists for its position of presidency. These finalists will be visiting the USM campuses in early February.

The search committee selected these finalists from the 80 original candidates who responded to direct and national requests. This search resulted in the largest pool of applicants for a leadership position within

USM in the last decade.

The search, which began last October, was pioneered by representatives of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and community members. Finalists were selected based on their ability to lead and transform USM into a "Metropolitan University" that could partner with Portland and Lewiston-Auburn regions.

The three finalists are Glenn Cummings, who is currently the President of the University of Maine at Augusta; Dr. Harvey Kesselman, Provost and Executive Vice President at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; and Jose "Zito" Sartarelli, who is currently Chief Global Officer and Milan Puskar Dean of the College of Business and Economics at West Virginia University.

The three finalists will be making separate visits to USM where they will be meeting with member of the University's community.

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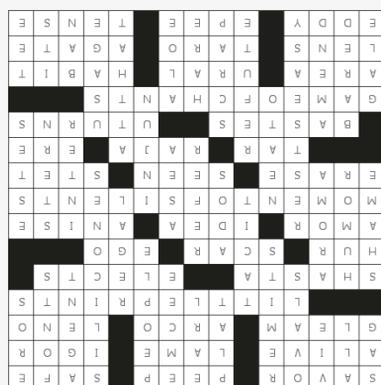
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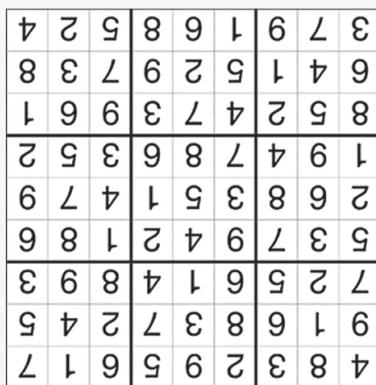
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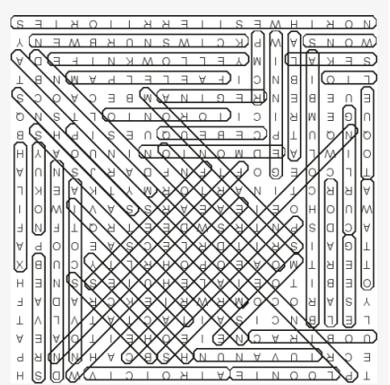
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EDITORIAL

UMS restructure has negative effects for academics

The University of Maine System's structure is often characterized as having an unsustainable bureaucratic structure, the inefficient excesses of which drive the institution's burgeoning multi-million dollar deficit.

Students on the Orono campus are very familiar with how these shortcomings manifest themselves. In recent years, housing shortages, building deterioration and underfunded programs have drawn the ire of those paying tuition. There are many voices demanding reform.

But now that reform has been announced, the cacophonous clamorings are unlikely to subside.

This is because, in order to reduce the cost of over-

head, the University has announced a sweeping unification plan, preparing the ground only with skeletal details and a perfunctory bromide, "One University for all of Maine."

Paradoxically, the plan seeks to unify the UMS and eliminate intra-system competition, by differentiating campuses by degree-programs. While some programs, like liberal arts, will be offered at all campuses, the higher demand programs — engineering, education, hard sciences — will only be offered in one location.

Any basic economics novitiate could explain that creating a niche market — the carving out of a unique identity — is how

businesses survive, both against outside competitors and across franchises.

The unification plan will put the highest demand programs, those from which the University makes the most money, directly in competition with each other. Not only will certain programs exist in a bubble, erecting a high barrier for collaboration across disciplines, which ultimately must degrade the quality of education, but they will exist at the expense of others.

A student, for instance, interested in education and business, will be greatly impeded in double majoring. The Farmington campus will be the center of the education program while Southern Maine's transfor-

mation into a "metropolitan campus" will make it the home of the business program. Rather than making a seemingly infeasible cross-state commute, one major must take priority.

This system can not sustain the type of rounded, cross-subject education that has become standard of liberal academic pursuits. The pool of resources, namely size of the student body, will not change. Rather, the University will have to pit one discipline against each other. Collaboration, rather than fostering, is likely to atrophy and die; a culture of hyper-specialization must naturally emerge.

Some similar fate seems possible for non-academic aspects of student life.

What clubs are likely to exist when campus culture is homogenized? Diversity of interests and perspectives increases exponentially across disciplines, which represent a spectrum of intelligences and approaches. Institutionalized education, which very much promotes systemic thinking, hardly encourages classic liberalism, a bulwark of Western society.

And, with campuses organized around majors, how likely are sports teams to thrive? This threatens the national viability of the University. Athletes are not going to be drawn to a university where sports and academics are at odds.

Sweeping change, and devoid of real details,

opens up the public dialogue to wild conspiracy theories and prognostications. But the outlined concerns are neither of these. Rather, they represent very rational, logical questions that students with a tangible stake in the future of the University ought to consider.

To be sure, these are extreme potential outcomes. But, without sureties in place to prevent them, they are entirely possible. And given that reality is linear and progressive, without sureties that guard against these possible extremes, they are likely to come to pass. The University's history of mismanagement only supports this conclusion.

Attacking privilege destroys rational discourse

Matthew Pinkham
Contributor

Self-denigration seems to be a trend in modern society. The demonization of traditional values, consisting of an industrious work ethic, responsibility and, most importantly, success, are typically integrated into the liberal Progressive's war cry. Of course, even the brazen hatred spewed by socialists and pseudo-Marxists can't be centered on overtly burning the temples of human endeavor. Instead, they're creative in their arguments.

The arguments of liberals championing the vague concept of "social justice" are the vanguards of this trend. The belief itself is fundamentally flawed — social justice is an indefinable, amorphous concept easily challenged by simply asking an individual to substantiate a definition.

Normally, this is how intellectual discourse is conducted; rational debates using evidence and reason leads to substantial and beneficial results.

But this cadre of liberals developed a clever trick to subvert the process, by using a myriad of spin tactics to sustain their chokehold on society. The most prominent example is their use of the word "privilege" and how it destroys any chance for rational discourse. From textbooks to coffee shops, social liberals broadcast a threatening message concerning privileges, and how society bleeds from its existence. But what does it mean?

Ultimately, Progressives have bastardized the definition of "privilege." For their campaigns, it no longer refers to a direct and defined benefit. Instead, liberals use it to define an invisible perk or

boon that a group of people have simply by existing. Their definition of what constitutes "privilege" is just as amorphous as their definition of social justice.

This is the first key to their clever lie — since their privilege label has no meaning, it can be stuck to anything. Anyone can be labeled as "privileged" in the eyes of social justice. Born into a wealthy family? You've been privileged. Working hard to fund your own college? That's your privilege. Skin color? Privilege. Gender? Privilege. Any possible identifying factor in an individual's life could potentially be a privilege. Try to deny it and you're immediately condemned as a slave to a privilege so ingrained that you're blind to even the possibility of its existence.

Now, up to this point the idea seems harmless. A

collective running around accusing individuals of being "privileged" is more amusing than hurtful, right? It's no more destructive than a dysfunctional record player.

This is where the deceptive part of their gambit moves into play. To the social justice advocate, privilege is oppression. How is this possible? How can one person's labeled benefit, whether it is money or initiative, intelligence or strength, be harmful to another? This is because social justice advocates are ultimately Marxist by nature. The world is a collective, or should be, for them. This means anything that exists outside of their political ideology is threateningly oppressive.

Do these people really believe this? I can only assume so, given the propensity for the phrase "check your privilege." How often

does that half-thought appear in discussion? Often enough, if you regularly discourse with the Progressive left. The phrase, "check your privilege," serves as a barrier and a threat. It's a roadblock telling the opposition some feature of their existence is fundamentally corrosive and they are wrong, literally and figuratively, for existing as such.

This is the final phase of the clever lie. Using "privilege" in this manner creates an instant "us versus them" dichotomy, which is a dehumanization tactic. A target's invisible privilege makes them an aggressor. Somehow, somehow, this "privilege" makes the target a villain. Now that their opposition is a dehumanized villain, it makes it so much easier to degrade and demonize them. After all, their "privilege" makes them an oppressor, and

oppressors should be punished, right?

This brings the topic full-circle. To avoid a rational discourse, social justice advocates use the tactic of "privilege blaming" to dehumanize and destroy their opposition. By the end of a discussion with this breed of liberal, the target is ripe for self-denigration and ready to hand over this "privilege" to others who, according to their accuser, deserve it more. The newly anointed will even assault other "privileged" souls, just to show how repentant and innocent they are. It's a self-indoctrinating army fueled by self-loathing and envy.

To paraphrase Ellsworth Toohey, the villain from the novel "The Fountainhead," to break a man's soul you make him hate himself. I fear the Progressives have taken this to heart.

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Plus size a plus: redefining the standards of true beauty, one post at a time

Cameron Grover
Contributor

Something very new is happening. Tess Holliday, whose real name is Tess Munster, has just become the first model of her size to be signed to a major fashion and modeling agency. Standing in a fierce pose at five feet and five inches, wearing a size 22, she has taken the world by storm with her powerful brows and smoldering looks. Celebrating different body types is hardly a new thing for some people in certain parts of the world, but to some, news like this is a bold new

frontier.

Holliday has used her Instagram account and taken to the internet to promote her version of beauty and what should be widely accepted. Bullied out of high school at the young age of 17 because of her looks, the 29-year-old just signed a contract with Milk Model Management, a modeling agency in the United Kingdom. Years after she was bitterly mistreated by classmates, Holliday, who was named one of the top plus-size models in the world by Vogue Italia and Refinery 29, started the movement #EffYourBeautyStandards

to encourage other women to celebrate their bodies, no matter their shape, something which Holliday was previously denied.

I think it is fantastic that we see Holliday gaining success, and I hope that many others follow in her footsteps. Holliday has taken her love for herself and spread it, reaching all corners of the world. I have seen my own friends post on social media using Holliday's hashtag, completely unaware of the woman who started it all. Even though I am incredibly impressed with what Holliday has accomplished, I am also quite

impressed with what Milk Modeling has done and said to the world by signing her to their agency.

"I think we're the only agency with a model of her size. She is by far the largest model I have in the [curves] division," Anna Shillinglaw, the owner and director of Milk Model Management told the Daily News. By making this move, not only is pressure put on other agencies to follow suit, but also on the rest of the world. It is my belief that soon we will see women and men of Holliday's size in advertisements and campaigns and it will be up to us as

the foot-voters to take in those advertisements and keep on buying and watching.

It is wonderful that the body-positivity I have seen growing in many places has been given one more light to look to as a beacon of hope. In high school, I worked tirelessly on the Civil Rights Team, and saw and heard of more accounts of bullying than I can ever hope to recall. Working with a school district to try and prevent bullying of any kind caused me to see just how poorly people treat each other.

Upon hearing Holliday's story, I knew it

would be attached to a tale of overcoming obstacles. I hadn't counted on hearing that she was bullied in high school. The idea sent chills down my spine, and then hope stopped my melodrama short. I hope for everybody who was ever bullied, for everyone who ever will be bullied, to have a story like Miss Holliday. What better slap in a bully's face than to carry on and then one day be paid to be the exact person for which you were bullied? I say, kudos and carry on to Miss Holliday, and to anyone that she and Milk Model Management inspire with this decision.

Proven benefits should outweigh potential risks when it comes to vaccinations

Allyson Eslin
Contributor

For the first time in more than a decade, the United States is being threatened by an outbreak of measles, the painful virus that rendered the world helpless to treat it for over a thousand years. Now, more than 50 years after the first measles vaccination was patented, this treacherous virus is making a comeback in a dramatic way.

But why are these diseases coming back?

Certainly, by now, you know the narrative. "Vaccinations cause autism." Or, at least, that's what the talking points say.

But the truth of the mat-

ter is, for decades now, we've been spoiled, not harmed, by these vaccinations. The situation we've allowed to emerge in our Western states, wherein dozens have been infected from a patient zero at Disneyland, is one that exemplifies our society's distance from the reality of past American suffering and current troubles in other, less medically privileged countries.

Our generation and the generation before us have been brought up in a "bubble of safety," the gravity of the terrible effects of these diseases squandered by the efficacy and prevalence of immunizations in the decades leading up to

the development of the anti-vaccination movement. But, in the process of becoming safe, we've forgotten why we are so lucky as to live free of these terrible illnesses, and have demonized the very thing that has allowed us to live in relative security.

There is no valid evidence that vaccines pose a significant threat to the health of our children. The only study to support such a conclusion has been entirely discredited, its primary researcher subjected to disciplinary action and its findings condemned by a telling majority of other scientists.

But even if its findings were legitimate, which, let

me be clear, all of the evidence supports that they are not, what are we saying about our priorities when we refuse to vaccinate the most vulnerable people in our lives? Is not the implication that the risks of autism outweigh the risks of some of history's most virile and deadly diseases? Is that not insulting to the millions of Americans currently living with autism-spectrum disorders?

At this point you may be asking, "Why do the choices I make for myself or my children matter anyway?"

It matters because, when you make the choice not to immunize your children, you are putting them and other people, especial-

ly other kids, around them at risk.

Part of the reason vaccinations are so effective is herd immunity. To put it simply, when everyone who is medically able to be vaccinated, those who cannot be because of immune disorders or allergies, or even those who did not form proper antibodies despite vaccination, are protected by others in their community, who are less apt to contract and spread these pernicious diseases and whose immunity interrupts the chain of infection.

When you eliminate this protection, you are not only harming your children, but the most vulnerable around

them — the elderly, the sick and the young.

The utility of vaccinations is not something that is up for debate. They have nearly eradicated centuries worth of painful and scary illnesses that our ancestors could only pray to avoid. We are privileged to have such distance from the truth of these dangerous and painful illnesses — but we need to remember that we've not always been so lucky.

If we're going to condemn the very thing that has made the modern world such a medically benign place, then we need to at least be sure that we're doing it based on facts, not myths.

Debate over availability and widespread use of drones in society remains turbulent

Nathaniel Trask
Contributor

Since drones became popular amongst the general public, the ethics of their use have been highly debated. From taking high-resolution aerial photos or video of public events, such as concerts or sporting events, to surveilling enemy movements in a combat setting, there is no question that drones are useful to various groups of people, such as journalists, photographers and hobbyists.

Though these man-made birds in the sky do not defecate on pedestrians as do their avian counterparts, they do cause their fair share of problems. Somewhat surprisingly, the rules

instituted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) do not apply to government agencies. Instead, they need special authorization to obtain clearance. Meanwhile, private citizens who wish to operate a drone can simply order one and begin flying it without any training or the logging of any flight hours. This puts them on equal footing with drone experts.

While the FAA seems to have good reasons for prohibiting government agencies from flying drones, the recent revelation of NSA spying being one example, I am not sure completely eliminating drones from commercial use is a good idea. Since 2012, Congress has limited the use of com-

mercial drones to licensed users. The FAA has yet to pass similar regulations because there are still many drafting issues.

There is good news for online shoppers, though. Current regulations do not stifle corporations like Amazon or Google from delivering their products via unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). Both companies began testing drones a long time ago in preparation for the future of package delivery. Soon Google X, Google's semi-secret facility which was created to make major technological advancements, and Amazon's new Prime Air will be making deliveries by automated carrier pigeons a reality.

If laws allow this type

of activity to happen, then where does the FAA draw the line? Drones fly at fairly low altitudes, so there will not be many problems regarding height. But if a random Amazon package pops up on your doorstep and you did not order anything, you may question the accuracy of the deliveries.

There have been many notable issues with drones in the past. Most recent was the recreational drone that crashed on the White House grounds on Jan. 26, putting the residence on lockdown. The incident highlights security vulnerabilities. Had a craft been loaded with explosives and landed on the grounds while the President and first lady were home, the

outcome might have been tragic. To prevent further issues, the FAA even demanded that no UAVs fly within 30 miles of University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, AZ, the location of Super Bowl XLIX, starting an hour before the game and ending well after it is over.

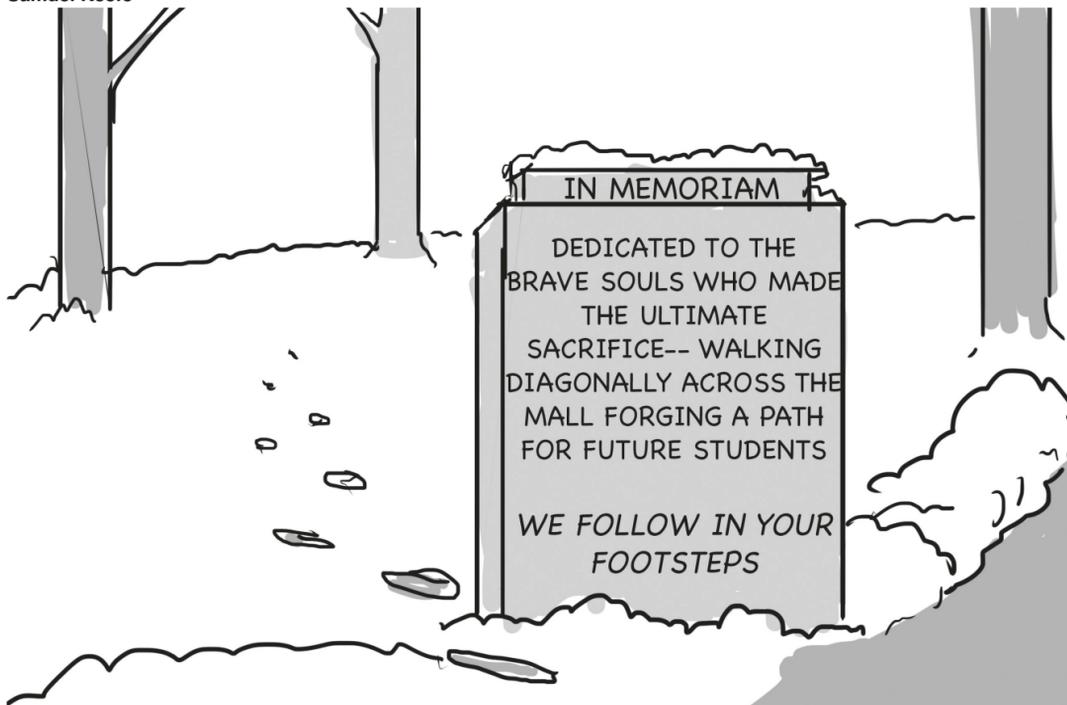
Drones have not been used for major acts of terrorism on U.S. soil as of yet, but if further security measures are not enacted, the use of UAVs could become more dangerous.

But, of course, there is still freedom for the common person. Regular, everyday enthusiasts, photographers and so forth can still fly their drones, provided they are minding air-

space and private property guidelines.

The future for drones is bright. It is brilliant technology developed for useful purposes that gives us new perspectives of the world and make our lives simpler. Obviously, the invention of drone technology was meant as an aid to society, not an ever-present threat of destruction at the hands of terrorists. Though great inventions can often bring great destruction, this is not to say that these vehicles are completely bad. Their usefulness far outweighs their troubles. Once these problems are addressed, then perhaps we can further adapt them into our technology-based lifestyle.

Samuel Keefe



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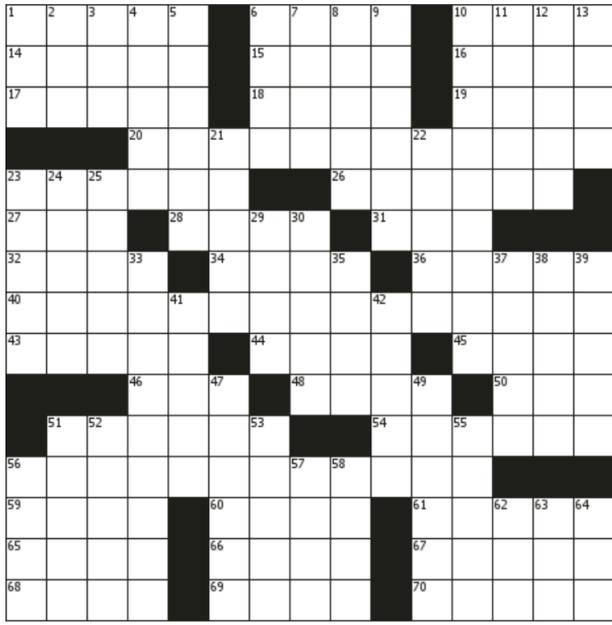
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14. Kicking partner
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17. Shine
18. U.S. oil giant
19. Late-night monologist
20. Wallet-size photos of a children's story character?
23. California peak
26. Chooses
27. Judah Ben in an epic film
28. Capone facial feature
31. Trip for a narcissist?
32. Valentine's Day cherub
34. Light bulb for Wile

Down

1. Give in to gravity
2. The works
3. Compete
4. Elongated O's
5. Sends in payment
6. Land map
7. Viscount's superior
8. Quizmaster
9. Women and children, e.g.
10. Caulk compounds
11. Bond or Smart
12. Type types
13. Greek counterpart of 32-Across
21. Unspoken
22. Royal
23. Public humiliation
24. It's good for a laugh
25. Potpourri emanation
29. Brouhahas
30. Give someone the business?
33. Relaxes

35. Between ports
37. Prefix with play or act
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51. Revealed to the world
52. Change a bill
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62. Prohibit
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64. Pigskin holder

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Sudoku

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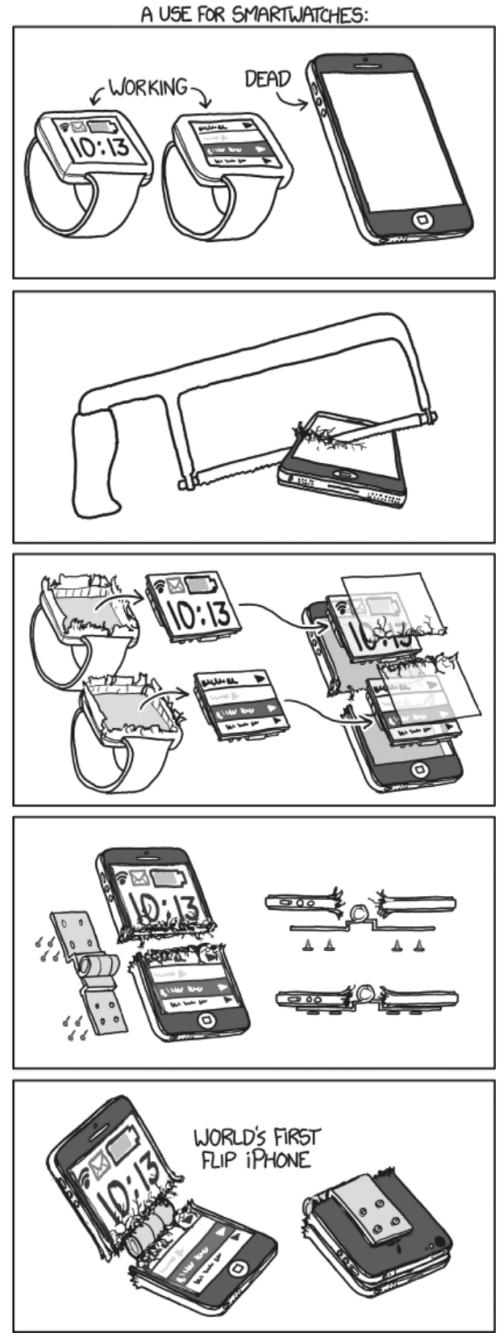
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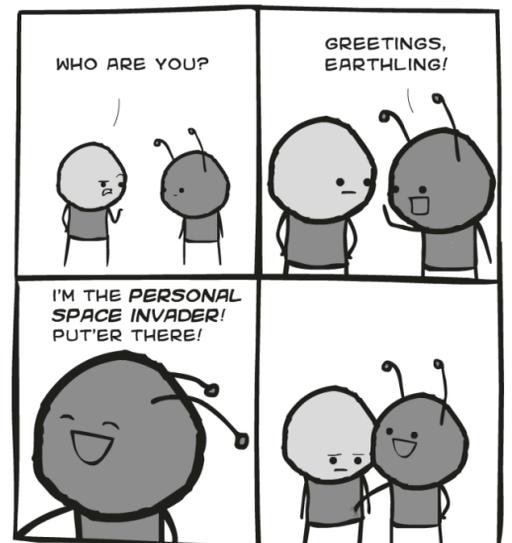
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50 Cents

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Lindsey Allen

Anthony Panciocco
Sports Editor

People say that history is dead, but Lindsey Allen begs to differ.

Allen, a fourth-year history student from Herman, Maine, fell in love with the subject in her first semester at UMaine. She is particularly interested in Roman and ancient history, though she likes to explore different subjects.

"It's fascinating to me because most of what we use today in terms of government, we've gotten so much from those cultures, whether it's Roman history or Greek history. They developed so much of our understanding of government and stuff like that," she said.

Allen began her college days at Eastern Maine Community College for a year to get some of her general education requirements out of the way. Her first choice was American University, but it was too expensive to go to a private school out of state.

"I really like [UMaine] and I like the atmo-

sphere but I just chose to work on my studies," she said.

While most college students meet people in the dorms freshman or at on-campus organizations, Allen has had a harder time meeting people as a commuter.

"I haven't gotten a well-rounded experience just because I transferred and never really got into organizations or clubs," Allen said. "I never really did because that first semester really knocked me off of my feet."

While Allen hasn't had the type of college experience socially that she would have liked, she gets most of her support from her boyfriend and her best friend who she went to EMCC with, the latter of whom is studying in Canada.

"My boyfriend and I get into arguments because he's really into American history and I'm big on European [history]," Allen said. "Until I went cross-country one summer I didn't realize how much diversity and how much country we do have to offer."

Though Allen hasn't travelled overseas yet, her number one destination is Italy for all of the history that it offers and its location in Europe. After that, she wants to

take time to travel across the rest of the continent hunting for history.

With all of her travels in front of her, Allen remembers fondly a need for adventure at a young age.

"When I was little, my grandparents took a trip to England and I wanted to go with them so bad," she said. "I sat in their luggage and told them that they had to take me."

After college, Allen wants to pursue her passion in history with graduate school.

"I'd like to do grad school but the problem with here is they discontinued Latin, so I kind of got screwed over with that," she said.

To help her better understand her studies, Allen is pursuing an independent study to learn Latin with one of her professors. This work ethic and drive is one that she says "keeps her out of trouble," and keeps her grades up.

Allen's dream is to work in a museum, presenting history to the public in a way that is engaging and easily understood.

With a good work ethic and attitude going forward, Allen will likely be speaking Latin and working in a museum in no time.

Super Bowl XLIX halftime show reactions

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How I Hear It
Derrick Rossignol

Editor's Note: The first part of this column was written before the Super Bowl XLIX halftime show, the second part during, and the third part after.

Before

Before Deflategate, there was "Paygate": It was rumored that the NFL wanted performers to pay for the ability to play the Super Bowl. "Um, nope," said most, including Katy Perry, who appeared on ESPN's "College Gameday" and said, "I'm not the kind of girl who would pay to play the Super Bowl."

And yet, she's set to perform, although she maintains that she didn't pay for the opportunity. Regardless, one of the biggest names in pop is performing the "biggest concert of the year," as the ads have been billing it, which I'm sure tons of music fans and promoters would refute. Bruno Mars did well last year, and the year before was Beyonce, so that obviously went poorly and the Internet hated it. Kid-ding, although her publicists didn't care for the unflattering photos that only became more prominent when they requested their removal.

The two singles Perry re-

leased in 2014, "Birthday" and "This Is How We Do," didn't do as well as she probably would have liked; neither were as grand as "Dark Horse," which topped the Billboard Hot 100. The most recent two singles peaked at No. 17 and 24, respectively.

Halftime could prove useful to Perry, a superstar without a major success in the past year. Lenny Kravitz, who is either doing nothing or only the biggest possible thing, and Missy Elliott, another past-prime entertainer, are also on board, so let's hope they don't dilute Perry's pure pop sugar too much.

During

Aliens just placed the stage on the field.

This is by far the most impressive giant cyborg feline with red crystal eyes I have ever seen. How is this thing real? How is this thing moving? What do they do with this thing when it's no longer necessary?

Nice use of 3D projection during "Dark Horse," like what's been en vogue during NHL pre game the past season or two. The grungy tin-man dancers are also on point.

And for some reason, Lenny Kravitz is singing "I Kissed A Girl" and not wearing a gigantic blanket-scarf. Why does the world want us to think he's some sort of rock god?

Beautiful Flaming Lips-style costumed beach balls, surfboards and dolphins for "Teenage Dream." ALL OF THE THINGS THAT DON'T NORMALLY SING

ARE SINGING. TREES, SHARKS, EVERYTHING. The sharks have legs.

Get. Ur. Freak. On. Eels actually had a sweet cover of this song a few years ago. I can't decide if it makes sense for Missy Elliott to be here or not, although "Music Makes You Lose Control" is welcomed. Cut your hair, though.

Katy Perry's microphone has a Nintendo Wii Remote strap. Now she's riding the shooting star from the "The More You Know" PSAs.

She's had like 30 outfit changes so far. And that's a wrap.

After

There was something about Perry's performance that didn't achieve the grandness it was striving for. This might be more of a problem with pop music than Perry in general, but since her music is so tightly produced, it doesn't leave much room for anything new live. Her performance came off flat, or at least like a lite version of one of her concerts. She only had about 12 minutes or so, but epic has been achieved during halftime before.

Some people will find reasons to love it and others reasons to hate it. Regardless, Katy Perry reinserted herself into the international zeitgeist of now, which is the main goal of performing at halftime anyway. There's a reason the NFL wanted musicians to pay: it puts them in front of a large audience and boosts their brand, which Perry needed after an off 2014.

At least we won't have to see legged sharks again.

Film explores relationship of art, love and marriage

COLUMN



Documentary Theater
Chase Brunton

Every now and then, there is a documentary that seems plain in premise, yet somehow captures the attention of enough people that it becomes something bigger. In the case of the art film "Cutie and the Boxer," the concept and its execution were interesting enough to garner a nomination for "Best Documentary Feature" in the 2014 Academy Awards.

"Cutie and the Boxer" stars Noriko and Ushio

Shinuhara, a pair of married Japanese artists struggling to make a living in New York City. They have been married for 40 years. Noriko (Cutie) is a painter, who moved to NYC when she was 19 to expand her art. Ushio (the Boxer) is a sculptor and pop artist, and also a painter — he makes his paintings with boxing gloves soaked in paint. When the two met, Ushio was more than 20 years older than Noriko, but the two quickly warmed up to one another. Forty years later, they are still living in an apartment in New York, honing their art and struggling to make a living from their creations, while also struggling to tolerate each other.

The film follows them as they live together and work on different projects. But

we also learn the interesting story of how they got to be where they are today. Noriko, who is arguably the star of the film, shares her story with the viewer through her paintings, which come to life with the help of animation. Her story is interesting, although occasionally heartbreaking. As she reveals, Ushio is an egotistical, unruly, irresponsible alcoholic who neglects his wife and ignores his responsibilities as a father.

One really is left wondering — why did she put up with this guy for all those years? Even she herself seems to realize this, as she reflects, "I should have married a man with more stable income, who took responsibility for his actions." The film's tragic side is most pronounced

during a brief scene when we meet their son, Alex, a severe alcoholic who takes after his father.

What's obvious is that Ushio and Noriko have a symbiotic relationship. Regardless of how one might feel about Ushio, the couple have chemistry, and the film is an intriguing meditation on love and art. Much of the film's tragedy lies in the fact that the art often comes first.

One thing that stands out in "Cutie and the Boxer" is the lack of setup. With the exception of a few interview-type moments where Ushio or Noriko speak to the camera, everything simply unfolds naturally, with little to no influence from the film crew. But the story is a fine one, and its subjects interesting enough that the result is thorough-

ly watchable. In even some of the best documentaries, the viewer is relegated to a position of observation, to a seat in the theater. In this film, you aren't just observing; you're a guest in the home of two married artists. As you watch, you'll become immersed in the world of these two people and the curious life they have made.

You'll feel as they feel, suffer as they suffer and laugh as they laugh. As flawed as the relationship can seem, the exploration is still worth it for the rare insights it provides into a long-term marriage. Some movies show extraordinary environmental events, or capture some phenomenon seldom revealed on film. "Cutie and the Boxer" shows something almost

as elusive; insight into an honest-to-god relationship, full of passion, rough spots, unspoken beauty and the casualness of two people who have lived together for 40 years.

It didn't win the Academy Award it was nominated for, but it was up against heavy competition that year, namely the anti-SeaWorld narrative "Blackfish" and the provocative meditation on mortality "The Act of Killing." Nonetheless, "Cutie and the Boxer" is a worthwhile trip into the workings of a beautiful, flawed relationship and the lives of two people for whom art and love are everything. And if that's not enough, there's also buckets of paint punched onto a canvas.

Remembering summer camping on Pleasant River

COLUMN



Adventure Time
Molly Joyce

It's getting to that point in the season where it seems like the snow and cold will never end. And although I love winter, I can't help but reminisce of the warmer, sunnier days when it was still light out at four in the afternoon.

This past summer, two of my best friends and I went camping on Pleasant River, in Katahdin Ironworks State Park. Due to all of our crazy work schedules, we were only able to camp for one night, but given how much we all were working, we'd take any time off we could get.

So on a beautiful Sunday morning, we packed up my friend's SUV and headed out for one of our last summer adventures.

I had always wanted to camp on Pleasant River. The campsites run along the banks of the River within Katahdin Ironworks State

Park, and are set back just far enough from the access road to the Gulf Hags trailhead that you know they're there, but can't see them.

Our plan was to get to the campsite relatively early, unpack and then head out for a day hike of Gulf Hags. But after reaching the campsite, setting up the tent and placing our chairs around the fire pit, we all felt too settled to leave.

Our campsite was one of the farthest back on the access road. It was set back off of the riverbank, adjacent to a stream that fed into the Pleasant River. The bank of the stream sloped

downward, where there was an area of flat gravel just above the waterline, a perfect place to pitch our tent.

One of the best parts about how "out there" we were was that none of our phones had service. So there was no need to be constantly checking for texts, Snapchats or Facebook notifications. Time became obsolete, with no where to be and nothing to do, we were able to kick back, relax and just enjoy where we were.

There was nothing overly exciting that happened while we were camping. We just hung around the fire pit

all day. The only struggle we had was trying to start the fire and keep it going throughout the night — and that was an adventure in itself.

We couldn't have asked for a better day. There was not a cloud in the sky and the weather had that warm August feel. I would recommend Pleasant River to anyone looking for a place to camp during the summer. There is very little traffic around the campsites, which allows for a more secluded feel. You are also very close to various trailheads, lakes and

not to mention, you're right on the river. You are truly immersed in the Maine Wilderness, and being on Pleasant River on a nice summer day, you couldn't paint a more quintessential picture of Vacationland.

As I fight my cabin fever through this long winter and I look back on that camping trip to Pleasant River, I realize now that even taking time to go off the map to enjoy one of the last lazy days of summer can be one of the best adventures. I can't wait to go back this summer.

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Snow blankets the University of Maine Mall on Friday, Jan. 30, 2015.

Alan Bennett, Contributor

Snow from A12

ridiculous questions about stuff we carry, though, like items you would never find in a grocery store. I got asked about tarps from one customer," she said.

Watt said she doesn't know the exact number of customers who were shopping before the storm, but did say it looked like double the amount of customers on a typical day.

So what was it people were buying? Why were register lines so crazy?

"I got asked countless times where [beer] was in

the store," Watt said. "The customers kept telling me they needed to stock up."

It seems to be a trend that beer is a storm sell-out. In 2004, in the wake of Hurricane Frances, Wal-Mart stores in Arkansas reported beer was the top-selling item pre-storm, according to the New York Times.

In Old Town, the local Hannaford was reminiscent of a hunting ground — a pack of lions set upon the unsuspecting gazelle. That is, if you could park your car.

Inside, it was chaos, like gridlock traffic with the stoplights out of order.

Students weren't thrilled, to say the least.

"I wanted tomato soup because I ran out, and there was no tomato soup," said Annie Morgan, a music education student at UMaine.

Morgan also lamented at the long lines and crowded aisles.

But for others, the storm was blown out of proportion.

"We could have way more blizzards, that's just one blizzard," Hannah Gowen, a medical laboratory science student at UMaine, said.

"We live in Maine, let's be real, here. It's just snow," Gowen, who

shopped in Bangor on Monday, said.

"I think weather can be unpredictable anytime, even in Maine. But we know it snows in Maine," Watt said. "People who live here should be cautious about winter safety, but acknowledge that storms happen. They happened last year, they'll happen next year, and every year after that."

"The media definitely hypes it up," Tanika Gorham, a journalism student at UMaine, said of the attention the storm received prior to its stop in Vacationland.

Gorham is right. Tues-

day's storm was called the "Blizzard of 2015" by many media outlets including ABC News and CBS News.

But remember, winter is far from over. In the meantime, Watt has some advice for those who feel the need to stock up before storms.

"Don't go shopping the night before to get all of your things you may need for the storm. Everyone does it and it's always hectic," she said.

In other words, be smart and be safe, and always check the forecast ahead of time and plan your beer purchases accordingly.

Merrill from A12

Bangor campus when it was part of the University and worked behind-the-scenes at Stoddard and Stewart Commons when they were in operation.

With such a history at the University, of course she has stories to tell. She still remembers one time when an unnamed employee — in attempts to either move or taste-test the product, she's not sure which — dumped gallons of blue cheese salad dressing on the floor of a walk-in refrigerator at the Bangor campus.

"We had to clean it up,

but knowing what happened to the individual [...] it was okay," she said. "It was a good laugh."

And that laugh is heard today in the Union. It's lighthearted and genuine, and chances are you might have heard it if you have ever been one of the 2,000 students, faculty and staff going through Merrill's register line every day.

"I like interacting with the students, they make you feel young. I'm an old girl, you know," she said with a hearty chuckle. "They make my day."

Her jovial nature stems from her undying love of helping others. At 65, Merrill has committed her life to charity and helping those

in need. Every Thursday night, she and others at the United Methodist Church in Bangor put on a free dinner for up to 200 hungry individuals in need of a hot meal.

To Merrill, helping others is just a part of who she is.

"I love it. I always have," she said. "I think everybody should reach in and help where it's needed. I was taught that from [childhood]. If you see a need you get in there and do what you can, if you can."

And what's she bringing? Salad, of course.

Charity aside, for Merrill, cooking just comes naturally.

"It's a passion," she said.

And it's a passion she wants to share with the world. In her retirement, she plans to write a cookbook and hopes to have it published. According to Merrill, she's been working on it for about five years. The book will feature classic recipes passed down through her family, among others she has adapted for herself. Salads will undoubtedly make an appearance.

And everything is done by her, from the recipes themselves to the photos of the dishes. Currently, she's working on designing the graphics.

"I'm not going to say,

'Oh gee, now that I'm retiring I'm going to dry up and die,'" she said, speaking about her upcoming retirement. "I hope not!" she added.

She certainly doesn't see her retirement as an ending. Instead, it's a new beginning, another chapter in her life. Merrill said that she will stay in Maine and, at the tender age of 65, plans to finish her degree in business. She says one is never too old to finish what they've started. Following the loss of her husband in 2004, Merrill is determined to live each day for herself.

"It was his time," she said of her late husband, "and I still have things left to do. You have to go on.

Watson from A12

ey, make a lot of decisions and they don't have a clue to what most of us do. So a lot of times the decisions that they make aren't very good because they're making decisions on something they don't know," Watson said. "So sometimes I wish those people knew more about what we do. But at the same time, it's the students and the people in this building that I'm concerned with, because that's who I deal with and most of them people know what I do. So I'm okay with that."

Watson's work doesn't end when he leaves campus at 2 p.m. every day. He plows driveways, chops wood and hunts deer. He's not a carpenter, but he built a house. He's not an electrician, but he taught his

28-year-old daughter to install car stereos. He just bought a welder to learn how to do that too.

"They don't pay you enough money, so we can't hire people to do that, you figure out how to do it yourself, or you go without," he said.

He's a jack of all trades — a mentality formed at a young age when following his dad around, an "honorary old bastard" doing work. At age 16, Watson didn't know how to drive, but changed his friend's car starter. After being taught how to hunt with his dad when he was younger, by age 17, Watson helped his dad shoot his first deer.

His skills in manual labor helped him power through the hard times in his life, like when he came upon financial hardships after he and his wife divorced.

"It was tough for quite a few years to make ends meet after that. I guess you go without, whatever you have to go without and make ends meet," Watson said.

The process taught him about himself, that the "grass isn't always greener on the other side." He moved to a mobile home — he feels lucky to have his own place.

"There's nothing you can do, you can only do what you can do. Just keep going, you know."

In the meantime, he'll keep getting up at 3 a.m. — he likes the morning. He'll cut down trees and pull them with his ATV to turn into firewood — the woods give him a place to relax. In a few more years, he's going to teach his 5-year-old granddaughter how to build a computer.

Because, yes, he knows how to do that too.

Gallant from A12

"I try to make a difference everyday for what goes on to make it better for students. We are basically here because the students go to school here. The students, whether they feel like it or not, they come first.

"I'm really a pretty boring person," Gallant said loudly over the buzz of the Toolcat, which is used to plow the snow.

But Gallant is far from boring.

"I think I have been to 40-plus states so far in my lifetime," Gallant said.

Some of his favorite places he has gone are New York City, Washington D.C., and his favorite, Las Vegas. He's driven across the country a few times, been to many different national parks such as Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, the Redwood Forests and the

Grand Canyon, and has been to the Macy's Day Parade a few times as well.

Along with traveling, he also enjoys carpentry, which he puts to use in the three apartment houses he has been working on in Old Town. He volunteers for UMaine Football, where he has been a ball boy since 2001. Gallant enjoys spending time with his wife, Heidi and his 13-year-old daughter, Logan. He also has a 27-year-old son who lives in Georgia, so he likes to talk to him when he gets the chance.

Gallant is someone who flies under the radar here at the University. He comes off as more on the quiet side, but is extremely friendly and willing to help anyone if asked. As the snow falls down this weekend and students stay inside during this cold, blustery day, Gallant and his crew will be working a possibly-16-hour shift to take care of all the snow.

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What's happening in and around Orono this week

Monday, Feb. 2

Guys on Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy
3 p.m.
Penobscot Theater

Evolving Approaches to Collaborative Learning Boundary Spanning Sustainability Science
3 to 4:30 p.m.
Norman Smith Hall

The Natural Philosophy of Hurricanes in the Anthropocene
4 to 6 p.m.
Buchanan Alumni House

Wednesday, Feb. 4

A Cappella Concert to support Alternative Breaks
7 p.m.
Neville Hall 101

Workshop for Artists/Writers on Grant Writing and the Application Process
6 to 7:30 p.m.
Bangor Public Library

Guys on Ice: An Ice Fishing Musical Comedy
7 p.m.
Penobscot Theater

Kickin' Flicks: The Fury
9 p.m.
CCA

Thursday, Feb. 5

U.S. Capitalism and Militarism from the Birth of the Nation to the Present
12:30 to 1:45 p.m.
Bangor Room

The Ghosts of Jeju Island
7 to 9 p.m.
Little Hall

Emerging Dance
7:30 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall

Friday, Feb. 6

Stars
7 to 9 p.m.
Emera Astronomy Center
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Saturday, Feb. 7

Kickin' Flicks: The Fury
2 p.m.
Bangor Room, Union

Sunday, Feb. 8

Earth, Moon and Sun
2 to 4 p.m.
Emera Astronomy Center

Chamber Music Series: Voice
3 to 5 p.m.
Minsky Recital Hall



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Reviews

MUSIC

Music from Mainers



Artwork courtesy of album artists

Derrick Rossignol
Editor in Chief

Maine's music scene is active and strong. Some of its artists decide to stay, while others feel the need to branch out into larger markets. Whatever the case, the past couple months saw some great releases in Maine music and the next couple seem to be offering more of the same.

The Mallett Brothers Band, "Lights Along The River" (upcoming 2015)

Members of the Maine-based group are either from New England or Tennessee. The group has opened for acts like Charlie Daniels and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Based on that background information, their aesthetic is predictable and pleasantly so. Their most recent album, 2013's "Land," is primarily upbeat, alternative country that's as fresh as it is timeless. "Take It Slow" does anything but — the guitar picking and midtempo melancholy of "Blue Ridge Parkway" are pillars of the release that prove Americana works in a variety of moods and settings.

For their upcoming fourth album, the group packed a van full of gear and drove to Sebec Lake to record. They sought seclusion, setting up in a camp only accessible by boat.

"From singing gang vocals at a microphone on the beach, to catching guitar and drum reverb coming out of the mountains behind us, to cricket sounds and the wood stove crackling, this record genuinely feels like a living thing to us," the group wrote on their website. "It's as natural as we could make it, in a place that truly felt like home for the time that we spent."

The Mallett Brothers Band is currently offering pre-orders for the album, which will help them cover costs of production and all that good stuff.

Zach Jones, "Love What You Love" (upcoming 2015)

Portland-based Zach Jones' greatest asset might be his self-awareness. His previous two records, 2012's "Things Were Better" and 2013's "The Days," were firmly rooted in the soul and blues of yesteryear. His breezy voice anchored tunes like "Why Pretend" from the former album, while delightful throwback instrumentation and production sensibilities define the title track of "Things Were Better."

His upcoming album, "Love What You Love," is described by Jones on the (fully funded) Pledge Music page for the album as a "pop/rock album, with vintage pop sensibilities, that occasionally dabbles in the acoustic, singer/songwriter realm. It's

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a continued look at the hardships of growing older, as well as the complications and confusion brought on by relationships, love, life, and loneliness. It's an examination of all these things, but observed through a positive lens."

The titular lead single falls very much in line with that description, and is perfectly pleasant because of that. "Love What You Love" does not yet have a firm release date.

Lady Lamb The Beekeeper, "After" (March 3, 2015)

Portland's Aly Spaltro, best known as Lady Lamb The Beekeeper, now residing in Brooklyn, N.Y., is probably one of the Maine artists who's had the biggest impact on the modern indie scene. Her last album, 2013's "Ripely Pine," was given an A- review from Consequence of Sound, and her latest single, "Billions of Eyes," was highlighted by Pitchfork, which called her a master of simile: "On 'Billions of Eyes,' the epic-in-miniature first single from her upcoming follow-up, 'After,' she describes the clouds on a gray day "like wool gone through the wash."

Epic-in-miniature is right, and this sound would be fantastic live. Lady Lamb The Beekeeper has been a mainstay at the KahBang! Music & Art Festival the past few years, so here's to that actually happening this summer.

ZEMA, "Solo Act" (single; Jan. 23, 2015)

Former Maine Campus Style Editor Kegan Zema has done a lot since graduating from the University of Maine a few years ago: he moved to Brooklyn, managed a vegan ice cream shop, served New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony at said vegan ice cream shop, founded 1989 Recordings, played in a band called Journalism and released electropop as Dessert Lips, probably all among other things I have no clue about.

Now he's going about it under his own name, releasing "Solo Act," his debut single as ZEMA, late last month. As one SoundCloud commenter said, it's "so f---ing new wave," but it's more new, new wave: throwback, but decidedly modern, like the hipster reappropriation of (grand)parents' clothing. More importantly, its hot fire and perhaps the finest thing to emerge from this newspaper since Stephen King.

MOVIE

"The Interview"



John Logan
Contributor

"The Interview" is Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg's new comedy film, the one that generated an enormous amount of controversy after Sony cancelled the premiere of the film and numerous theater chains around the country stopped it from being released, all due to the threat by North Korean hackers' opinion of the film. After all of this trouble, the film was finally released, and it isn't nearly as controversial, or funny, as one would hope.

James Franco plays Dave Skylark, an immature yet loved talk-show host who lands an interview with the leader of North Korea, Kim Jong Un, thanks to his best friend and producer, Aaron Rapoport, Seth Rogen. The two are then ordered to assassinate Kim by the CIA. The film follows their journey to North Korea, and the many misadventures they embark on while trying to kill Kim. However, these misadventures end up being forgettable.

The saving grace in "The Interview" is James Franco's performance. Franco's work as Skylark takes the mediocre dialogue he has been given and makes it tolerable with his unrestrained delivery and ridiculous physicality. Rogen isn't quite as funny as he has been in recent memory, such as in films like "Neighbors" and "This Is The End." He is given the task of playing the straight-man against Franco's zany and unpredictable Skylark, but almost all of his dialogue is either exposition or terribly written jokes. It was a shame to see considering how funny Rogen and Franco normally are together ("Pineapple Express," "This Is The End"). The two undoubtedly have chemistry here, and although it is entertaining to watch the two of them, their performance feels unsatisfying.

All of the funniest moments in the film — which

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were few and far between — involved Franco's character. He has an endless amount of charisma to offer, the script just could not seem to match up with it. The film isn't necessarily poorly acted or poorly directed, it just relies too heavily on its dull script.

The script by Dan Sterling has a promising premise, but Sterling fills it with pointless gags and jokes that may generate a chuckle at first but are then driven into the ground to the point of losing all of their comedic bite. There is so much potential for creative, satiric and relevant humor here, given the film's premise, but it is wasted on unsatisfying sexual jokes and pop culture references such as Katy Perry's "Firework."

Running at 128 minutes, "The Interview" loses all of its momentum once the pair of journalists reach North Korea and, besides sporadic chuckles, loses all of the laughs. It seemed as if Sterling knew how he wanted the film to open, and how he wanted the film to conclude, but just couldn't seem to come up with memorable or funny moments in the middle portion of the film. Without the presence of Franco and Rogen and Goldberg's direction, this film would be an absolute disaster.

The most important aspect of a comedy film is if it is funny or not, and "The Interview" is mediocre at best when it comes to laughs. Perhaps if Rogen and Goldberg wrote the script, the film would have had the same laid back and enjoyable feel of their other films, and would have been exponentially funnier. "The Interview" isn't a total disaster, but it is an extremely overlong and disappointing comedy.

GAME

Grim Fandango



Matt Baucum
Contributor

The ethical question of remaking video games has been brought up in recent years due to the increase in "classic collections" and other types of remakes that now get released regularly. Some will claim it's a cash grab, while others say it's to improve upon an already great game.

The problem is, not many developers talk about why they want to remake one of their old games, so the true answer is unknown. That's why it's highly recommended that before you begin playing "Grim Fandango: Remastered," you watch the short documentary on the process of getting this game out, and listen to the commentary as you play the game. Very few developers appear to have as much dedication that Tim Schafer, the original director of "Grim Fandango," and his team at Double Fine have.

Frequently, it's referred to as a heritage game, as opposed to a remake, and with good reason too, as it is next to impossible to play the original "Grim Fandango" anymore — eighteen years of improvements to computer technology will do that to a PC game.

As far as improvements to the game, there are three main points to cover. First are the graphical improvements. "Grim Fandango: Remastered" is a sharp-looking game. Despite the use of the original models, which can look blocky and unattractive at times, the textures on this models have been redone, and even the background art has been touched up to display a higher resolution.

The next point is the music. "Grim Fandango" already had one of the greatest soundtracks ever, featuring many traditional pieces mixed with a lot of jazz and even rock, however Double Fine took it a step further, and had the soundtrack recorded at the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, and it sounds phenomenal. The final update was the inclusion of fans. The development team went out and tracked down all the fans who had modified "Grim Fandango" over the years and hired them to help recreate their modifications in the final release. These included point and click controls, support for newer operating systems, etc.

The story of "Grim Fandango" follows Manny Calavera, a travel agent of the dead, on his four-year journey through the afterlife along with his friend Glottis, a demon who wants nothing more in life than to drive fast, "tricked out" cars. Manny's job as travel agent

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has essentially put him into the role of the grim reaper. He goes and collects dead souls from the land of living — a horrifying and surreal land and offers them travel packages to heaven based on how good of a life they left and how much money they were buried with, a Mexican tradition that inspired this game. Unfortunately, Manny has been in a slump, only making cheap sales while his competitor, Dominic Hurley, has been getting all the premium souls. After stealing one of Dom's clients, the gamer discovers that the system is rigged in order for Dom, and his boss, Hector Le Mans, to steal their patron's gold. It's Manny and Glottis' job to help save the afterlife from this evil.

The story is fantastic in every way. It's creative, interesting, and it's still goofy. This game is funny. Despite the noire-like setting and the 18-year-old jokes, this game still delivers laughs at every turn. Glottis is perhaps the main source of these jokes, as the lovable giant oaf. He is perhaps the most interesting character. Being a demon summoned for one job, repairing vehicles, Glottis isn't supposed to have outside aspirations. Yet, he wants to build and drive hot rods. Not only that, he wants to be Manny's friend, even with the anti-social nature of the other demons you meet along the way. Despite his goofy, dumb exterior, Glottis is perhaps the deepest character in the game because his strong desire to be an individual as opposed to another cog.

The game play consists of regular '90s adventure game style. Though, it is somewhat simplified, there's nothing on the level of using a rubber chicken with a pulley system to cross a gorge — from another great Tim Schafer series, "Monkey Island" — the puzzles do become quite complicated early on, and some do require a degree of "pixel hunting" or finding the one spot you can click in. Though Manny's head tracking was impressive at the time, it's more a nuisance nowadays. It's recommended to play on either the PC, Tablet, or Vita for the point and click controls. You'll need to work more with other finicky objects.

However, despite this, "Grim Fandango" still holds as one of the best games of all time.

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Those who help make UMaine possible

Rod Watson

"You can only do what you can do."



Danielle Walczak, Culture Editor

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Culture Editor

If Rod Watson has ever stopped you while he's mopping in the Memorial Union, he probably asked you to take your shoes off. He was also probably joking.

"I'm a wicked wise guy, so I mess with people all the time. I don't even have to know them and I'll mess with them," said Watson, lead facility manager in the Union.

In the snowiest time of the year, the floors he cleaned will be dirty with slush and road salt in a half an hour. He'll clean them again.

For Watson, life is a matter of perspective.

After working as a janitor in the Union for 30 years, Watson has seen it all.

"I'm pretty good that way, you can only do what you can do," Watson said. "If you can't do anything about it, you can't do anything about it. Just let it go."

At age 54, Watson has lived in the Orono and Veazie area his whole life. Before coming to UMaine, he worked as a janitor for the Bangor School Department. When he first arrived at UMaine in 1985, he hoped he could move up from a janitorial position to a carpentry or electrical shop posi-

tion, but the University stopped allowing workers to transfer jobs, so he stayed in the Union.

"I just liked this building so I stayed here," Watson said. "I think I like pretty much everything about my job. We get to deal with a lot of students and that's why we're here. So that's enjoyable."

Watson oversees the four janitors who clean the Union. Over each forty-hour week, Watson watches UMaine change around him. Students come and go, and money always goes.

"When I started here, they seemed to have a lot of money. Whenever the University bought furniture or something they would buy good stuff that would last them for years," Watson said. "It was always good stuff and it was worth it. But now there's no money so it's just like everything they buy now doesn't last and then you need to buy more and you don't have the money for it."

However, it never stops Watson from doing his job. Despite the adversity, he remains, as he said, "a simple guy."

"There's a lot of big people for the University who make a lot of mon-

See **Watson** on A10

Kathie Merrill

"Have a good one."



Alan Bennett, Contributor

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Contributor

It's lunch time. The Bear's Den is a zoo of people scouring the cafeteria in search of prey. They claw their way to the pizzas and fight over the last croutons of the salad bar as if they would never eat again before making their way to the lines, which now extend to the back of the space.

For those employed by University of Maine Dining, it's another chaotic day.

But amid the carnage, she is calm and cool, poised to take on the challenge that is the mile-long line of students before her. She leans to her left, then to her right, swiftly scanning items and swiping cards as quickly as they come to her. She hardly has the chance to look up from her post before she asks if you would like a receipt. You'll probably say, "No, thank you," and she'll respond with her signature. "Have a good one."

She's Kathie Merrill, the register on the right. Surely you've seen her — she's been working for the University for 33 years.

Merrill grew up in Bangor, but moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where she graduated high school.

She returned to Maine and studied business at Beal College in Bangor before, as she said, life became too busy and she had to leave school.

But she doesn't have any reservations about moving back to Maine.

"It's where I met the love of my life," Merrill said.

When her late husband began working for the University's Printing Services, Merrill made the decision to work for UMaine to save money on fuel costs.

That was 1981, and it didn't take her long to make a name for herself. Merrill became the "salad queen" of Dining Services and held that title for many years.

"The salad bars were mine in the past. I came up with the recipes, the ideas," she said, speaking about the earlier methods of food preparation before the dining facilities become institutionalized. "I had free reign. I could order what I wanted."

Things have changed, but that's not to say she doesn't enjoy her job now. Merrill has been at the Bear's Den Marketplace for 10 years. Prior to her stint at the main dining hub on campus, she worked at UMaine's

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Bart Gallant

"Everybody is a part of what makes this whole place function."



Delaney Fitzpatrick, Contributor

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Despite the 18 inches of snow that fell from the sky during Nor'easter Juno, Tuesday was just another day for Bart Gallant, Groundwork Supervisor for the University of Maine.

Gallant, born and raised in Millinocket, Maine, has been working at The University of Maine for 18 years.

"Our shop, it should be retitled to general services because we do a lot of things that do and don't pertain to ground maintenance. We do whatever it takes to help the campus move along everyday," Gallant said.

The ground maintenance crew does a variety of different jobs on campus, from moving furniture, mowing grass to pre-construction work.

As proud as he and his crew are of the work they do on campus, there are downfalls.

"For all the work we put in to try to make the campus look good, someone is out there vandalizing it," Gallant said.

This is his biggest pet peeve. He also doesn't like going around and picking up other people's trash.

"It's a waste of resources for us to have to go and pick that up," he said. "We

could be doing a lot more service to the campus then picking up garbage that kids don't throw away.

"There is always crazy things going on in this campus that we see and hear about everyday. Just a few seconds ago, the guys over the radio were just saying that as they were plowing, they saw a car driving by pulling a person on skis behind it." Gallant chuckles as he talks. "It is all probably fun, but it's also dangerous."

Along with a few laughable student stories, he also mentioned some things he thinks are great about this campus.

"When I am out doing my job and I think of the campus rec. center and when it was starting to be built, that was amazing," Gallant said.

He thinks that the New Balance Student Recreation Center is a great place and brings in interest when it comes to attending UMaine. He is also impressed with the Advanced Structures Composite Center and some of the research that they do, such as the wind and wave project, which is being built to test windmills for other projects.

"Everybody is a part of what makes this whole place function. It's a team effort to me," Gallant said.

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'Snow my gosh'

Pre-storm hype bigger than actual snow fall

Alan Bennett
Contributor

Winter storm Juno, as Tuesday's storm was named, set records in New England, set records in New England, with 22.2 inches of snow coming down in Portland and 14.9 inches in Bangor, according to the National Weather Service.

The storm was dubbed a blizzard and was predicted to dump upward of 30 inches on New York City, according to The Weather Channel.

But that didn't happen.

In fact, NWS admitted it messed up in predicting a storm with potentially historic snowfall, according to BBC News.

Although the storm was a bust in parts of the Northeast, the storm did achieve one thing: mass hysteria. If you dared to travel to the grocery store on Monday night, you surely got a taste of the horror. Lines that extended into aisles, empty shelves where loaves of bread once sat and broken eggs were commonplace at supermarkets across Maine

as forecasts continually called for more snow.

Brittney Watt, a social work student at the University of Maine, was working at the Hannaford on Union St. in Bangor on Monday, and lived to tell the tale.

"It was very crazy in the store," Watt, who was restocking shelves, wrote in an email. "I felt like everywhere I turned I had to make sure I wouldn't bump into someone."

"I got asked some pretty

See **Snow** on A10



A bench is rendered unusable by the second snowstorm in one week on Jan. 30, 2015. **Alan Bennett**, Contributor

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1/31	Women's ice hockey at UNH	Loss	5-2
	Men's basketball vs. Albany	Win	4-0
2/1	Women's basketball at Albany	Win	56-42
	Women's ice hockey at UNH	Win	70-61
	Men's ice hockey at UConn	Win	4-2

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Black Bears drop two games

UMaine fights hard, falls in two conference games last week

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Women's swimming competes

Weitz, Bleeker lead the way for women's swimming at UNH

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Women's basketball tied for first place

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Since the University of Maine lost their first conference game of the year to the University at Albany, they have been on a tear. Winners of their last eight games, the Black Bears have seized control of the America East Conference. Their record is now 16-6 with an 8-1 mark in conference play.

Black Bears blow out rivals

The women's basketball team had the Cross Insurance Center crowd rocking Thursday night when they blew out America East rival University of New Hampshire (UNH) with a near-perfect game, 87-56.

UMaine takes second place in the conference from UNH with the victory.

The Black Bears shot the ball better than they have all season, opening the game 8-8 from the field. They shot a stunning 61 percent and 57 percent from beyond the arc. UNH didn't necessarily have a bad game, but struggled to keep up with the Black Bears, shooting 44.9 percent from the field and 38.5 percent from downtown.

"Offensively they did whatever they wanted to do," UNH head coach Maureen Magarity said.

Third-year forward Liz Wood was efficient, going 9-10 from the field for 24 points and seven boards.

"Today was really the first day that we saw the offensive efficiency in a game

that we see in practice all the time," Wood said. "It was exciting."

UMaine took control early and never looked back. A steal by Wood led to an early jumper from third-year forward Anna Heise for a 2-0 lead.

The Black Bears' offense clicked on all cylinders. Their defense was active early, earning the Black Bears 18 points off of turnover.

Third-year guard Sophie Weckstrom sparked an 11-0 run with a three-pointer that was capped by a three-pointer from Heise to extend the UMaine lead to 23-9. Heise finished with 17 points and four boards, while Weckstrom had 12 points and three assists.

Third-year forward Elizabeth Belanger was key in keeping the game from getting too out of hand early. Belanger scored 14 points and four boards with five assists.

The Black Bears went into halftime with a 40-24 lead.

Wood picked up where she left off in the second half, converting three straight layups to open the frame.

The Black Bears continued their efficient shooting throughout the second half, with most of the starters staying in until about the 7:00 mark.

Second-year UNH guard Kristen Anderson was strong form beyond the arc, connecting on 4-8 from three. She pulled up short after running into a UMaine play-



Forward Liz Wood contemplates a pass.

Aley Lewis, Photo Editor

er in the second half and had to be carried off. Her sister, fourth-year UMaine guard Courtney Anderson, was there to help.

The UMaine defense continued its strong performance in the second half as the offense paced them to the victory.

The Black Bears will face a tough test when they travel to take on the University at Albany Sunday at 2 p.m.

"I think we want to carry this momentum into that game," Wood said. "If we continue to perform like that, I don't think there's a team in this league that can

stop us."

UMaine takes first

The Black Bears are now tied for first place in the conference with Sunday's victory over the University at Albany.

The battle between the two best defensive teams in the conference was tough and gritty. Points were come by, particularly in a first half that ended with a 16-16 stalemate.

Liz Wood connected on just one shot in the game, though she pulled down a game-high nine rebounds.

The Black Bears were led by Koizar, who had a game-

high 17 points including several big layups and free throws late.

UMaine struggled uncharacteristically from beyond the arc, going just 4-22. Albany couldn't get anything going from downtown either, going 0-10.

It was a back-and-forth affair for the first half, with the largest lead coming on a three-pointer from Koizar that gave UMaine a 16-10 advantage.

Third-year defending player of the year Shereisha Richards nailed a layup at the end of the half to knot things up at 16. Rich-

ards played all 40 minutes and had 15 points and eight boards for the Great Danes.

The Black Bears came out shooting in the second half, storming out on a 10-2 run.

Third-year UMaine guard Chantel Charles was the story of the second half, where she scored 11 of her season-high 16 points.

Albany clawed back to cut the Black Bears' lead to 37-34 with 7:28 remaining, but consistent shooting from Charles and Koizar were able to keep the Great Danes at arms length for the rest of the contest.

Pats earn fourth Super Bowl

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Last night, Tom Brady etched his face onto the Mount Rushmore of quarterbacks when he won his fourth Super Bowl ring. The New England Patriots took down the Seattle Seahawks in a wild 27-24 game.

Brady showed why he is considered one of the greatest of all-time, throwing for 328 yards and four touchdowns. He also broke Joe Montana's Super Bowl touchdown record, which now stands at 12.

The Seahawks employed a defensive gameplan akin to last year's Super Bowl, in which they allowed Brady to complete short throws and then punished receivers with their hard-hitting defensive backs. Last year, Peyton Manning set the single-game Super Bowl record for completions and his team scored eight points. The system works when it bends, but does not break.

It worked early on, where in his first couple of drives Brady was 8-10 without a touchdown.

It broke when Brady picked apart the Seahawks with short slant routes, taking advantage of running back Shane Vereen and his

small, quick group of wide receivers. Brady's touchdown to Brandon Lafell pass made it 7-0.

Seattle's wide receivers were given no room by the Pats' secondary early. The Pats were also able to stack the box and give Marshawn Lynch little to no running room, though Russell Wilson found a way to manufacture a couple of big first-half touchdown drives with the help of a little-known wide receiver named Chris Matthews. Matthews gave the Seahawks their first big gain of the day and later caught a touchdown to send the game into halftime tied.

The beginning of the second half encapsulated what the Seahawks are all about. Bobby Wagner made a fantastic read on a pass and intercepted it. The momentum swung, with the Seattle offense coming alive and quickly getting the Pats' defense on their heels. Russell Wilson showed great playmaking ability with a long run and touchdown pass for a 24-10 advantage.

The Seahawks intensity defensively was matched only by Pete Carroll's increasingly aggressive gum chewing. They blanketed receivers and did a good

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Men's ice hockey falls to UConn

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The University of Maine men's ice hockey teams appeared to be gaining some momentum before dropping going 1-0-1 last weekend against the University of Connecticut Huskies. The Black Bears are now 10-6-2 overall and 5-8-1 in the Hockey East Conference.

UMaine falls 2-1

The Black Bears dropped a heartbreaker to the University of Connecticut Huskies 2-1 in overtime. UConn had not played a game in the Alfred since the 2010-2011 season, which resulted in a 3-3 tie. With the loss, Maine moves down to ninth place in the Hockey East standings.

Game one began with a scoreless first period. Maine would get the better of the chances however, when a few point blank shots taken by first-year forward Liam Pecararo and second-year forward Brady Campbell were stopped by Huskies' goaltender Rob Nichols.

"[Nichols] has been solid all year long...we're happy with the way he's been playing," said UConn Head Coach Mike Cavanaugh said, "but he's also part of a team, and if it was five on zero he would not be able to make the saves that he did."

Maine first-year forward Malcolm Hayes almost caught UConn on a change



A scrum ensues in front of the UConn net.

James Winters, Freelance

halfway through the first period, but the puck got caught in his skates as he crossed the red line and the defense was able to catch up.

UConn would be the first to get on the board in the second period, when Black Bear goaltender Matt Morris turned over the puck behind his own net, leading to a goal for UConn.

After the puck was dumped into the Maine zone, Morris stopped the puck behind the net, thinking one of his defenseman would be there to break it out. But fourth-year UConn captain Ryan Tyson was there instead. Tyson passed the puck to the top of the crease, where third-year forward Patrick Kirkland was waiting. Kirkland took a shot

that was stopped by Morris, but the rebound was poked out from under his arm, and fourth-year forward Cody Sharib poked it into the net to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead.

"It was a miscommunication," Morris said on the Huskies first goal, "I didn't hear the defenseman call a play, I thought he said 'leave it.' It's my fault."

Maine would get a golden opportunity on an odd man rush later in the period, when third-year defenseman Ben Hutton carried the puck into the offensive zone as part of a three on two. He ripped a slap shot that was headed top shelf, but Nichols was able to make the glove save to deny Maine of the tying goal. Backed by a strong de-

fensive performance, UConn took the 1-0 lead into the second intermission.

Even Maine Head Coach Red Gendron commented on the strong effort put in by Nichols and the Huskies defense.

"We have to give credit to UConn, they played well," Gendron said, "The University of Connecticut played an exceptional game and were backed by an outstanding goaltender."

After dominating most of the third period, the Black Bears would find the back of the net with just 6:05 remaining in the game.

Black Bear third-year forward Steven Swavely took the initial shot on goal that

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Men's basketball drops two on the week

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Contributor

The University of Maine men's basketball team dropped a pair of games last week, the first to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) and the second to the University at Albany. The Black Bears see their record slip to 2-20 with the losses.

UMaine falls to rivals

The Black Bears hosted UNH Wednesday night at the Cross Insurance center in Bangor. UNH was all over the Black Bears early, jumping out to a 9-0, and eventually a 19-3 lead.

Fourth-year forward Zarko Valjarevic cashed in on a jumper at the 8:00 mark for his only two points of the night, sparking a 5-0 run.

Despite shooting just 28 percent from the floor, Maine ended the first half on a 17-3 run, cutting the lead to just 23-20 at the intermission. The run was fueled by third-year forward Till Gloger, who had eight points and rebounds, along with third-year guard Shaun Lawton who tallied six points, three boards and a steal.

The Wildcats had a very balanced scoring first half with six different players scoring, lead by second-year guard Daniel Dion with six.

"I was just really disappointed in our team's toughness tonight," UMaine head coach Bob Walsh said. "UNH just came out and was tougher than we were."

The Wildcats came out of the locker room strong, building a 27-20 lead after a couple of free throws and a layup, but the Black Bears weathered the storm, thanks to three-pointers from first-year guard Kevin

Little and second-year guard Troy Reid-Knight, eventually cutting the lead to 33-32.

First-year guard Kevin Little hit a floater in the lane to give Maine their only lead of the game at 34-33. From there, the Wildcats went on a 11-0 run, led by first-year forward Tanner Leissner, who had seven points. UNH continued to stretch their lead all the way to 51-39 with just under four minutes left.

The Black Bears began to battle back and chip away at the lead, sparked by Little's 18 points in the second half. After a series of free throws by both sides, the Black Bears were able to get the score to 58-56 after a Kevin Little layup.

The Black Bears were able to keep pace in the final minutes through poor free-throw shooting and aggressive offense from Little. Lawton had a chance to tie things up in the closing seconds, but air-balled it.

"It was a good look, I just short-armed it," Lawton said.

"I'm really proud of those kids, this is uncharted territory for us," UNH head coach Bill Herrion said. "We've lost the last few years, we're learning how to win. That's the kind of game we lost the last few years."

With the win, the Wildcats move to 12-9 overall, 5-3 in the conference, while the loss knocked the Black Bears to 2-19, 1-7 in America East play. The Black Bears will be back in action on Saturday, Jan. 31 as they play host to America East-leading University at Albany at 2 p.m.

Black Bears play Albany tough

The Black Bears played host to another conference ri-



Shaun Lawton drives for the basket Saturday.

Elizabeth Holt, Staff Writer

val, the University at Albany, Saturday afternoon, a game in which they fell 77-59.

Heavy hearts occupied the Cross Insurance Center as the mother of Albany third-year guard Peter Hooley's mother passed away after a long and courageous fight against cancer.

"This situation has been tough on our team, and I think we did what Sue Hooley wanted us to do tonight, which was get a win," Albany head coach Will Brown said.

The tone of this game was set early as the offense was fast and furious. Great Danes third-year guard Evan Singletary got off to an incredibly hot start, scoring eight points in the first five minutes including two,

three-pointers.

Maine was able to hold their own from beyond the arc and keep pace with the number one offensive team in America East with early three's from fourth-year forward Zarko Valjarevic, third-year guard Shaun Lawton and second-year guard Troy Reid-Knight. Maine was able to shoot a very respectable 44 percent from beyond the arc in the first half, in a very tightly contested first 20 minutes which saw Albany lead 30-27.

The Black Bears came out of the locker room firing with a couple baskets from first-year guard Aaron Calixte and Zarko Valjarevic to give Maine a one point lead, and then Troy Reid-Knight opened it up for the Black Bears with a three-point-

er to give Maine a 36-32 lead.

Albany decided to switch up their defense from a man-to-man to a zone, and from then on, they took the game over with a 16-0 run over the next five minutes. First-year guard Wheeler Baker sparked the run with three, three pointers en route to a 60-44 lead for the Great Danes with under eight minutes to go. Reid-Knight put in a layup to finally put an end to the run. Albany outscored Maine 17-0 in points off turnovers, and shot an incredible 68 percent from the floor along with 64 percent from the three.

"It's just unsustainable. Not even close to good enough to have a chance to win," UMaine coach Bob Walsh said after

the game in regards to Albany's shooting in the second half.

Albany was led by Baker and Singletary who each had 21 points, along with fourth-year forward Sam Rowley who added 17 points. For the Black Bears, Aaron Calixte led the way with 15 points, with 11 from Zarko Valjarevic and 10 from both Shaun Lawton and third-year forward Till Gloger, who also grabbed eight rebounds. The Black Bears were also playing without first-year standout Kevin Little, who had to be away from the team for a family matter.

The Black Bears will be back in action on Tuesday Feb. 3, when they travel to the University of Vermont.

The good, the bad and the 'huh?' of the MLB

Cody Lachance
Contributor

The MLB hot stove has heated up and cooled off as teams re-tooled to make a run for a World Series championship. Every offseason, teams are judged by how well they addressed their needs and how well their new players will play for them, or how former players perform with their new teams. Let's take a look at a few teams and see how they did this offseason. Here's the good, the bad and the "huh?"

The Good: Chicago Cubs

Cubs fans have a lot to look forward to as Theo Epstein is finally making some moves that look like they may make the Cubs a potential playoff contender. The most notable acquisition was signing the diamond of the free agent class in starting pitcher, Jon Lester.

Lester brings to Chicago a championship pedigree, as he has won two World Series rings during his time with the Boston Red Sox.

Although he is 31, Lester has never been a pitcher to blow batters away with high-speed fastballs. Instead, he uses off speed pitches to confuse hitters and produce results. Lester could be a great role model for the young Cubs dugout and locker room

as well, teaching the players how to win on the big stage.

The passing of Chicago Cub, all-time great Ernie Banks will give the team more fuel this season. "Mr. Cub" is probably the most iconic Chicago Cub player of all time, and I believe the players will be playing with more energy knowing that Ernie is looking down on them. It's just a shame that Banks couldn't see the Cubs win a World Series before his passing.

The Bad: New York Yankees

As of late, it appears the "Evil Empire" has turned more into the "Old Empire" as the Yankees continue to fall to the ranks of mediocrity in Major League Baseball. All of the iconic Yankees from the late 1990s to early 2000s run are all gone. Jeter, Posada, Mussina, Rivera; and Torre are afterthoughts on a roster managed by Joe Girardi.

The confusing part is the Yankees made no major plays during the free agency period. They have glaring holes at many positions, and the only major move was trading for shortstop Didi Gregorius. Scouts say he could be the next Jeter, but who really knows.

The biggest story surrounding the Yankees is the continued clown show that is

Alex Rodriguez. It seems like the legal trouble will continue into the 2014 season and could be a distraction.

The "Huh?": Boston Red Sox

The three stooges that run the Red Sox have struck out again this offseason. The Red Sox talked big about getting a top-line pitcher, but ended up with an overweight third basemen who has three World Series rings and seemingly nothing else to play for, and an injury-prone diva SS/3B that they plan to move to left field. What?

The Red Sox must think that they're going to just outscore their opponents because as of now their starting rotation is Clay Buchholz, Wade Miley, Rick Porcello, Joe Kelly and Justin Masterson. Not quite the starting rotation fans expect from a club with money like the Red Sox.

The Red Sox look like they'll have to make a move for a top of the line starter to be a legit World Series contender. While their lineup looks like it could be an elite group, 2011 taught Red Sox fans that you better be careful when you try to buy a championship through just your lineup. Between Lucchino, Henry and Werner, nobody knows what the three stooges will do next, but it will be entertaining I'm sure.

Life as a collegiate athlete in conference play

Anna Heise
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Ten years ago was the last time a Maine women's basketball team was able to do what we just did: Win seven consecutive games.

After losing the first conference game against Albany in a hard-fought battle, we faced Hartford next. I think each one of us remembered the painful loss to Hartford last year in the conference tournament. It was time to show them that we weren't the same team anymore. A 40-22 scoring advantage in the second half led us to our first victory in conference, 68-57. Not only did we shoot 44.8 percent from the floor, but we also matched a season high with 13 steals.

Next up was UMass Lowell. Led by Liz Wood and her first career triple-double (11 points, 13 rebounds, 10 assists), we won the game by a score of 68-54. Starting off with a 21-3 run, we never gave up the lead. Once again, it was our good defense that forced UMass Lowell to 23 turnovers, which we turned into 26 points. The win helped us to climb to 10-6 on the year and 2-1 in conference play.

After getting some rest,

we made our way down to Stony Brook on Saturday. Playing Stony Brook is always tough, simply because they have some really good players, like fourth-year forward Sabre Proctre. We started off slow. It was a tight first half and our biggest lead was 10-5. In the second half, Stony Brook put together a 7-1 run to take the lead with less than five minutes to play. Our free throw shooting down the stretch helped us to get a 58-55 win.

We didn't have time to celebrate because our next game was right around the corner. Binghamton was scheduled for Martin Luther King Day. Our team opened the game with a 7-0 run and took a 33-24 lead into halftime. We oftentimes struggle with handling a lead, but this time, we knew we had to come out strong in the second half, because Binghamton would do the same. We did so and won the game by a score of 70-48.

Next up was Vermont. It was about to be a great night: not only was it a doubleheader, which is always a lot of fun, but it was also our You Can Play Night, which celebrates inclusion for everybody who wants to play sports at UMaine. Once again, it was Liz who

secured us the win. Her 30 points were the first in UMaine history since Ashley Underwood in 2007. Not only did we pick up our fifth straight win, but we also won by 28 points. All in all, it was a really successful night, with almost 2,500 people in the audience.

A day after the victory, we took the plane to Washington D.C. for our game against UMBC. We went 18-for-45 from the field and shot 72.2 percent from the free throw line. For the third straight game, we were able to hold our opponent under 50 points and picked up our sixth-straight win with a score of 56-42.

After a rest day, it was time to get prepared to take on UNH. It was rivalry week, but more importantly, it was the chance for us to move up to second place in the conference. We started off the game with a 15-4 run. It was a night where it almost seemed like we couldn't miss. We shot 60 percent from the field and 57 percent from behind the arc. Impressive numbers that led to an 87-56 victory.

With the win against UNH, we improved to 15-6 and 7-1 in conference play. A great accomplishment, but we are not done yet. Go Black Bears.

Super Bowl from B1

job of shutting down the quick receivers that had evaded them on underneath routes for much of the first half.

The Patriots, however, would not be denied. Tom Brady continued to fight,

and clinched the game on a clinic with a slow, methodical fourth-quarter drive that gave his team the game-winning 27-24 advantage.

Julian Edelman, one of the most consistent producers for New England all year, was huge in Sunday's game, catching nine passes for 109 and a touchdown.

The Seahawks weren't done, as Jermaine Kearse made a spectacular circus catch on his first and goal at the four yard lines with 30 seconds left.

Instead of giving the ball to notoriously strong and successful goal line back Marshawn Lynch or throw a low-risk fade into

the back of the end zone, Seattle inexplicably elected to throw the ball across the middle of the field where it was picked off, sealing the Patriots' fourth Super Bowl title.

It's been difficult for Patriots fans who saw their team lose in 2008 and again in 2011, so this will be a sweet one.



Updated NHL power rankings

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Staff Writer

At the halfway point of the lengthy National Hockey League season, the top teams in the league will begin to separate themselves from the pack. After looking at the teams at the top of the standing, breaking them down and comparing their schedules, statistics and other factors, here is a list of the top 10 NHL teams one week after the break.

1. St. Louis Blues; 2nd in Central Division, 3rd in Western Conference

The Blues have continued to impress during the 2014-15 season, jumping out to a 29-13-4 record before the All Star break. Currently, the Blues have won nine of their last 10 games, and the one loss was to Detroit in overtime. The Blues are led by their leading goal and points scorer, Vladimir Tarasenko, who has scored 24 goals with 24 assists on the season. The Blues are anchored by a pair of goaltenders in Brian Elliott and Jake Allen who both have a .900 plus save percentage and with Elliott posting a sub two goals against average (GAA).

The Blues continued to roll into the second half with a win over their division leading Nashville Predators, and then went on to beat the Carolina Hurricanes on the road. Their efforts have earned them the number one rank.

2. Montreal Canadiens; 2nd Atlantic Division, 2nd Eastern Conference

As a Bruins fan, it pains me to place the Habs this high on the list, but they have earned their spot. They entered the break with a 29-13-3 record, and finishing with two big wins versus the Islanders and Predators. With players like Max Pacioretty, Tomas Plekanec and PK Subban leading the way on offense, backed by a goalie like Carey Price, who has posted a 2.03 GAA, this team is hard to stop right now.

They opened the second half with three straight wins versus the Washington Capitals, Dallas Stars and the New York Rangers, this team has not skipped a beat over the All-Star break. Look for this team to make a deep playoff run come June.

3. Anaheim Ducks; 1st Pacific Division, 1st Western Conference

Despite being the top team in the west, the Ducks are not invincible. They

opened the season with a strong first half, earning their division and conference leading record of 31-10-6. They are led in total points by forward Ryan Getzlaf with 50, but the nearest player to him only has 32. The Ducks are still high on the list because of their 7-1-0 month of January. Their goalie, Frederik Andersen, is still playing well between the pipes.

The Ducks fell to third on the list due to two big losses, a 6-3 loss to the San Jose Sharks and then a 4-1 loss at home to the Chicago Blackhawks. But this team is down, but not out, and you can probably bet you'll see the Ducks in the playoff bracket in a few months.

4. Chicago Blackhawks; 3rd Central Division, 4th Western Conference

The Blackhawks are never a team that should be counted out. With players like Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews and Patrick Sharp, these guys are always dangerous. Not to mention having a man like Corey Crawford in net, who has played well despite being on the short end of a few close games.

It is because of a few bad losses that the 'Hawks are only fourth on this list. Before the break they were 30-15-2, but have started the break at just 1-2, taking two tough losses to San Jose and the Los Angeles Kings that have set them back.

5. Tampa Bay Lightning; 1st Atlantic Division, 1st Eastern Conference

This team continues to play well after the break, going 30-14-4 start to the season. With three players that have scored over 40 points, including the deadly Steven Stamkos, this team is a force to be reckoned with. Their speed as a team and their relentless attack is often too much for teams to handle. And with Maine hockey alumnus Ben Bishop making over 1,000 saves and losing only eight games, this team is playing well.

They were set back by a 4-2 loss to Carolina to begin the second half, but have since bounced back to win their last two straight. They have a tough matchup against the Blues and Stars on the road.

6. Nashville Predators; 1st Central Division, 2nd Western Conference

The Predators have been a bit of a surprising team this season and have jumped into one of the top spots in the west with a 30-

10-5. They are getting some production from Mike Ribeiro and second-year center Filip Forsberg, and we can not forget defenseman Shea Weber, who recorded the hardest shot at the NHL Skills competition with a 105 MPH slapshot.

The real problem for the Preds' is the fact that their star goaltender, Pekka Rinne, who has posted a 1.96 GAA, was injured on Jan. 13. Since his injury, Nashville has been 2-2-2, giving up over three goals per game. They bounced back with a 4-3 win over Colorado Avalanche, but have lost two games in a row; one to the Blues and one to the Avalanche again. So without Rinne, this team could continue to slide down the standings.

7. Detroit Red Wings; 3rd Atlantic Division, 3rd Eastern Conference

Hockeytown, USA continues to impress as the season continues, and they have worked towards a 27-11-9 record. With talent like Henrik Zetterberg, Maine alumnus Gustav Nyquist and Pavel Datsyuk, this team is always dangerous and will put up a heck of a fight in every game. Former Maine goaltender Jimmy Howard has performed well this season, but has since gone down with a groin injury in January.

But since Howard's injury, the Wings have won seven of their last eight games, and eights of their last 10. Without Howard, the Red Wings' playoff hopes are up in the air, but so far so good, and they remain in the top 10.

8. New York Islanders; 1st Metropolitan Division, 4th Eastern Conference

The Islanders are another surprise team in the NHL this season. They finished the first half of their season with a 31-14-1 record, good enough for the top spot in their division. Captain John Tavares continues to score goals, leading the team with 23. The Isles are also anchored by a strong defense led by former Bruin Johnny Boychuk, who also has 25 points, 21 of which are assists. The Islanders have also won 32 games after only having played 49 this season, the second fewest in the NHL.

The Islanders took two hard losses to begin the second half, a 4-1 loss to Detroit and a 5-2 loss to Boston. But they did manage to put the Rangers down by a score of 4-1, so they will

remain in the bottom half of the top 10.

9. New York Rangers; 3rd Metropolitan Division, 7th Eastern Conference

The Rangers were a dominant team in the first half, posting a 31-14-1 record. Their offense has been a tad sluggish at times, with Rick Nash and Martin St. Louis leading the way. Henrik Lundqvist is still an elite goalie, and is part of the reason why the Rangers are still on this list. The Rangers have won six of their last 10 games, but some of those losses have come to teams that they should be able to beat.

The Rangers began the second half with a big loss to their rival, the Islanders, but were able to beat the lowly Hurricanes. Their hard fought 1-0 loss to Montreal is one of the only reasons they stayed on this list. After barely beating the Ottawa Senators before the break, this team needs a few big wins to get back up in the rankings.

10. Boston Bruins; 4th Atlantic Division, 6th Eastern Conference

Call me a homer, but the Bruins have turned their horrible start into potential playoff contention. The Bruins began the season with scoring inconsistencies and frankly, they looked pretty horrible. But they have since turned their offense around and have won eight of their last 10 games. Offense is still at a premium, Patrice Bergeron and Carl Soderberg topping the points total with 33 and 32 points respectively. But the B's have some young talent, rookie David Pastrnak and Seth Griffith showing they can put the puck in the net. Tuukka Rask has been solid for Boston in net, making over 1100 saves en route to 22 wins.

The B's have gained momentum since the break, winning both games versus talented opponents. Their most triumphant victory came on the road against the Islanders, winning the game 5-2. If Boston can continue to win big games and be consistent on offense, they could become a legitimate playoff team.

Anything can happen in the NHL and these rankings are subject to change. Anyone can beat anyone, and in one of the longest seasons in all of professional sports, every win counts as the final half of the season begins.

Swimming travels to UNH

Adam Hitchcock
Contributor

The University of Maine Women's Swimming and Diving team traveled down to rival University of New Hampshire (UNH) in a dual meet Friday night as a part of rivalry week.

The UNH Wildcats defeated the UMaine Black Bears 176-99. The standouts for the Wildcats included first-year swimmer Liza Baykova who won the 200-yard freestyle in 1:51:11, second-year swimmer Sarah Broderick who won the 100-yard backstroke in 58.45 seconds, second-year swimmer Katie Mann who won the 200-yard butterfly in 2:02:74, and fourth-year diver Nicole Zahka won the three-meter dive with a score of 271.60.

For the Black Bears, second-year diver Hayli Weitz, won the one-meter dive with a score of 187.20.

Other Black Bear standouts included third-year swimmer Angela Bleeker was able to take home first place in the 200-yard backstroke in

a time of 2:24:38, third-year swimmer Cassandra Bonnett won the 500-yard freestyle in 6:21:62 and fourth-year senior Abby Linn was able to capture the 200-yard individual medley title with a time of 2:21:94. Maine also won the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:42:10.

Members of the relay team were some of the most successful UMaine swimmers this year, which included fourth-year swimmer Naja Harvey, second-year swimmer Katerina Mosquera-Cardi, first-year swimmer Chloe Adams and first-year swimmer Emily Borger.

The next time the University of Maine Black Bears women's swimming and diving team will be competing is on Thursday Feb. 12 in Worcester, Mass., when they will compete for the America East Championships.

This is the last dual meet for the Black Bears, ending a very successful regular season campaign. In dual meets, UMaine was 3-3 including big wins against Providence College, Bates University and Bryant University.

Perrodin leads track and field

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Sports Editor

The University of Maine men's and women's track and field teams travelled to the University of New Hampshire (UNH) for a meet with the host school, the University of Vermont (UVM) and Bowdoin College. Both teams took third place finishes on the day, but performed well in field events.

Mens' team falls

UNH won the men's meet with 182 points, followed by UVM, UMaine and Bowdoin in fourth.

The Black Bears were led on the day by first-year Connor Harris, who took second place in the high jump and second in the triple jump.

First-year sprinter Mozai Nelson had himself a day as well, taking first place in the 55-meter dash and second place in the 200-meter dash.

UMaine's 800-meter relay took second on the day, paced by second-years Lucas Bourget and Levi Frye.

The Wildcats took first and second in the shot put, with second-year Michael Shannon taking first with a 48-11.50 and

first-year Nicholas Ritzo taking second.

Wildcats take down women's team

The standings were the same for the women's side as on the men's, with UNH taking first, UVM second, followed by UMaine and Bowdoin.

Throwing events were where the Black Bears received most of their points for the women's side.

Second-year UMaine thrower Ashley Donohoe took first in the shot put, while first-year Rachel Bergeron took home a fifth place finish.

Third-year thrower Emily Boardman took first in the hammer throw for the Black Bears.

Third-year UNH runner Lauren Perrodin dominated the sprinting events, taking first place in the 55-meter dash and the 200-yard dash, the latter of which she just barely edged out second-year UMaine Teal Jackson by .08 seconds.

UVM shined in the 1000-meter run, taking the top three spots. They were led by third-year Hilary Rawding, who finished in a blazing 2:55 to lock up the first spot.

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was blocked in the slot. The rebound was chased down by Maine first-year forward Nolan Vesey who passed the puck to third-year forward and captain Devin Shore, who buried the rebound over the stick side shoulder of Nichols to tie the game at one apiece.

For Shore, it was his ninth goal of the season, which is tied for the team lead. He was also playing in his 100th consecutive game in a Maine sweater.

After fighting off a barrage of shots and odd man rushes by UConn, the Black Bears and Huskies went into the sudden-death overtime period tied 1-1. After facing five shots, the

After a turnover in the neutral zone, the Huskies brought the puck into the Maine zone on a two on one. UConn first-year forward Corey Ronan passed the puck to linemate and classmate Spencer Naas, who shot the puck from inside the

left circle. The puck snuck under the blocker side arm of Morris and trickled into the net with just 20.3 seconds remaining.

For Naas, it was his 11th goal of the season and his fourth game winning goal for the Huskies. Despite the loss, Maine outshot UConn 42 to 35. Both goaltenders played well, Nichols stopping 41 shots for the Huskies in the win, and Morris making 33 saves in the loss. Both teams could not capitalize on the powerplay, Maine going 0-2, and UConn going 0-3 on the man advantage.

"What a college hockey game that was. I thought it was back and forth, both goaltenders were outstanding...it was the epitome of a great college hockey game," Cavanaugh said after the game, "either team could have won that game."

"We didn't come out the way we wanted to, especially at home," Shore said, "We dug ourselves a hole over the course of the game and paid for it in OT...We've got to do more, we didn't get the job done, lucky for

us we've got another shot on Sunday."

Gendron was not pleased with his team's performance on Friday night, because of the disconnect between the team's game plan and the way the it was executed during the game.

"We talked in the locker room about how we were going to play versus a team like that, and after the first period we weren't doing that, so as a result, we didn't succeed," Gendron said after the game, "The University of Connecticut; if you don't play them tough for a full 60 minutes they'll wind up beating you...so to me, even though the game was lost with 20.3 seconds left, the game was lost in the first period."

Black Bears draw

The University of Maine men's ice hockey team relinquished an early 2-0 lead to tie the University of Connecticut Huskies 2-2 in Hartford on Sunday afternoon. Black Bears second-year forward Cam Brown and fourth-year defender Jake Rutt both tallied goals for Maine before first-year goal-

tender Sean Romeo allowed a pair Huskies goals to knot the contest.

Maine gained a 2-0 lead through the first half of the contest before the Huskies tallied two goals in under a minute to tie the Black Bears. The third and overtime period rendered no goals, moving the Black Bears to a 10-16-2 overall record and UConn to 8-12-6.

The opening period was back and forth with both teams generating scoring opportunities. Both Romeo and Huskies second-year netminder Rob Nichols were stout between the posts.

The Black Bears opened up a 1-0 lead in the final minute of the opening period. Third-year defender Conor Riley brought the puck to the net and fired a shot at Nichols. Nichols made the initial save, but the puck rebounded off his pad and back into the crease. Cam Brown recovered the puck for Maine in a scrum of players in front of the net and fired a shot by Nichols from point-blank range to give the Black Bears a 1-0 lead before the

first intermission Brown's goal marked his seventh of the season.

Maine built on its lead near the halfway point of middle period. Second-year forward Blaine Byron stole the puck from a UConn defender at mid-ice and headed towards Nichols on a break-away opportunity. Byron deked left and shot, but Nichols made the save with his right pad. Byron recovered the rebounding puck and skipped it to Rutt, who sent a shot by Nichols to secure a 2-0 lead.

The Huskies responded four minutes later and tally two goals in the twelfth minute of action in the second period to tie the contest.

Third-year forward Joey Ferriss passed the puck back to second-year Joonas Kunnas in the offensive zone. Kunnas ripped a shot at Romeo, deflecting off Romeo's pads and into a scrum of players in the crease. Fourth-year forward Ryan Tyson recovered the puck for UConn and fired the puck by the outreaching arm of Romeo to cut the Black Bears lead in half at 2-1.

UConn knotted the contest just 34 seconds later.

After the faceoff, Huskies third-year forward Shawn Pauly skated up ice and fired a shot at Romeo from the slot. Fourth-year forward Trevor Gerling skated into the crease from the side of the net to catch the rebound to the left of Romeo and chip the puck into the back of the net to tie the Black Bears 2-2.

Neither team was able to tally a goal in the third period or overtime, ending the contest at a 2-2 tie.

Both teams threw 32 shots on net, and both goalies made 30 saves. With the tie, Maine moves to 5-8-1 in Hockey East conference play and the Huskies move to 5-6-3. UConn owns eighth place in the conference and the Black Bears sit at tenth.

Maine returns to action this Friday when they host Notre Dame for the first time at the Alford Arena as a Hockey East conference opponent. The Fighting Irish are currently in fifth place in Hockey East. Puff drop is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Around the Conference



UPCOMING GAMES



MEN'S ICE HOCKEY SCORES

1/30	UMass Lowell	1	Penn State	4
	Merrimack	2	UVM	2
	Providence	2		
	Boston College	3		
	UMass	5		
	BU	9		
1/30	UNH	5		
	Notre Dame	2		
1/31	UNH	3		
	Notre Dame	5		
	Merrimack	1		
	UMass Lowell	4		

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	HE RECORD	OVERALL
1 BU	11-2-2	16-4-4
2 Boston College	9-5-2	16-8-2
3 UMass Lowell	9-5-2	16-8-3
4 Providence	8-6-0	16-9-1
5 Notre Dame	6-5-3	11-14-3
6 UVM	7-6-1	15-9-1
7 Northeastern	6-7-1	10-11-4
8 UConn	5-6-2	8-12-5
9 Merrimack	5-7-2	14-9-3
10 Maine	5-8-0	10-16-1
11 UNH	4-9-1	9-15-2
12 UMass	3-12-1	8-17-1

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Men's Basketball
at UVM
7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6

Men's Ice Hockey
vs. Notre Dame
7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Men's and women's track & field
vs. Holy Cross
10 a.m.

Men's Basketball
vs. Binghamton
1 p.m.

Women's Ice Hockey
vs. UVM
2 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey
vs. Notre Dame
7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 11

Women's Basketball
vs. Hartford
2 p.m.

AROUND THE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Men's Basketball

Binghamton vs. Hartford
7 p.m.

UVM vs. Maine
7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Hartford vs. UNH
7 p.m.

Wednesday Feb. 11

Binghamton vs. Hartford
7 p.m.

UMBC vs. UMass Lowell
7 p.m.

UVM vs. Stony Brook
7 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 14

UVM vs. Binghamton
1 p.m.

Albany vs. UMass Lowell
5 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey

UConn at Providence
7 p.m.

UMass Lowell at UMass Amherst
7 p.m.

UNH at UVM
7:05 p.m.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY SCORES

1/26	Princeton	2		
	BC	4		
1/30	BC	4		
	Providence	2		
	Northeastern	4		
	UVM	3		
	BU	4		
	UConn	3		

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	HE RECORD	OVERALL
1 Boston College	16-0-0	25-0-1
2 BU	12-4-0	17-6-2
3 Maine	9-5-1	10-12-3
4 Northeastern	7-8-1	8-13-4
5 Providence	5-9-1	6-17-4
6 UConn	5-9-3	7-15-6
7 UNH	4-10-0	7-18-1
8 UVM	2-13-0	11-16-1



MEN'S BASKETBALL SCORES

1/28	Stony Brook	58	Hartford	46
	Hartford	63	UVM	65
	UVM	72	Binghamton	76
	Albany	66	UMBC	49
	UMBC	44		
	Binghamton	47		
1/31	UNH	56		
	Stony Brook	68		

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	AE RECORD	OVERALL
1 Albany	9-0	14-7
2 UVM	7-2	12-10
3 Stony Brook	6-3	15-9
4 UNH	6-3	13-9
5 Hartford	4-5	11-11
6 UMass Lowell	3-6	9-13
7 Binghamton	3-6	4-20
8 UMBC	1-7	3-18
9 Maine	1-8	2-20

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCORES

1/28	Binghamton	55	UMass Lowell	66
	UMBC	71	Binghamton	49
1/29	Stony Brook	58		
	Hartford	60		
	UVM	48		
	Albany	89		
2/1	UNH	52		
	Stony Brook	60		

CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	AE RECORD	OVERALL
1 Maine	8-1	16-6
2 Albany	8-1	15-7
3 UNH	6-3	14-7
4 Hartford	5-3	11-11
5 Stony Brook	5-4	12-10
6 UMass Lowell	2-6	8-12
7 UMBC	2-6	7-14
8 Binghamton	2-6	4-17
9 UVM	0-8	3-17

THE BIG TIME

Highlights from last week's professional action

The **New England Patriots** won their fourth Super Bowl Sunday, defeating the Seattle Seahawks 27-24.

Tom Brady broke Joe Montana's record for Super Bowl touchdown passes, which now stands at 12.

Houston Rockets forward Dwight Howard likely out for a couple of weeks with an injured knee that has been bothering him.

The **NFL Hall of Fame** inducted Mike Tingelhoff, Jerome Bettis, Junior Seau, Will Shields, Bill Polian and Ron Wolf last week.

Aaron Rodgers was named NFL MVP for the second time in his career, receiving 31 votes.

UNH at UVM
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76ers tanking in progress

Spencer Bergholtz
Contributor

The Philadelphia 76ers are historically one of the most beloved franchises in the National Basketball Association. They have a tradition of exciting players and a trio of championships to their name. However, they are currently in the middle of a rebuilding process. The process takes time and patience for everyone, especially the young players who have a lot of talent and are used to winning. Though tanking may not be fun in the present, at least the players and fans know a bright future is ahead.

As bad as it may sound with the rules of the NBA draft lottery, there is a way to tank the right way and Philadelphia is definitely doing just that.

The way tanking works is that teams try to lose as many games as they can so that their team gets the highest possible draft pick in that year's draft. It's simple math: the higher the pick your team has, the better players you will get. After a solid 2011-2012 regular season by the Philadelphia 76ers, they were ousted early from the playoffs yet again by the Boston Celtics. This was the end of it all in Philadelphia for a lot of their best players, as they wanted to move on to bigger and better teams. They realized the core of guys they had in Philadelphia just wasn't going to be enough to ever win or even go deep into the playoffs.

The offseason was an atrocity to fans of the 76ers, but the owners and general manager knew it was time to start tanking. They traded away their all-star point guard Jrue Holiday to New Orleans for a first-round pick in the following years draft. Then the 76ers played very poorly themselves, earning another first-round pick. Fortunately for them, New Orleans played awful too, so they ended up with two, top 11 picks in 2013.

Draft night gave the Sixers fans something to look forward to as they selected Nerlens Noel at number six

overall and Michael Carter Williams with the pick they got from New Orleans at 11. Noel was the most talented big man in the draft that year and Michael Carter Williams turned out to be rookie of the year. Noel was sidelined for the season with a torn ACL, which really just furthered the tanking cause. While Carter-Williams developed and put up big numbers his rookie year, the team was terrible yet again.

This gave Philadelphia the number three overall selection in the 2014 draft and they used it on the best big man once again: Joel Embiid from Kansas. This was an excellent pick because they now have the two best, young, big men in the game with Embiid at center and Noel at power forward. Coincidentally, Embiid will miss his entire rookie season just like Noel did. Embiid has a bad fracture in his foot that required surgery and 10-12 months recovery. This is good for Philadelphia because it will give them a great draft pick yet again, but this time around, they will be aiming for the best scorer that they can find. Since they already have a great young point guard in Michael Carter Williams, alongside the two towers in Nerlens Noel and Joel Embiid. A young, talented shooting guard, or a small forward, will fit perfectly in between those guys.

For 76ers fans, this is probably the end of the tanking era, and basketball will be fun to watch again in Philadelphia starting next year. They did do it the right way and arguably have the most young potential in the league now. After this year's draft, there will be no more excuses or lack of talent in the lineup. Michael Carter-Williams will be entering his third season and hopefully playing at an all-star level. Noel and Embiid could be the best down-low presence in the NBA in the next couple years. They will also land one of the top scorers in the 2015 draft to help the cause next year and into the future. If next year pans out for the 76ers, it may further the "tanking" trend that we've seen in the NBA.

Women's ice hockey splits games

Cody Lachance
Contributor

The University of Maine women's hockey team split a weekend series versus their rival the University of New Hampshire (UNH) Wildcats. Maine would open the series with a big 3-0 shutout win on Saturday and finish the series by dropping a close game 4-2. The Black Bears would earn just two points in the Women's Hockey East standings, maintaining their number three ranking.

Treacy Shuts Out Wildcats

Maine's first win of the weekend series was backed by a stellar performance by goaltender Meghann Treacy. The first 40 minutes were dominated by UNH, when the Wildcats outshot Maine 26-14. Treacy was strong in the opening two frames, turning away many quality scoring chances, including a point blank shot in the opening minute of the game.

Maine did get a few chances on the power play in the first period. UNH third-year forward Heather Kashman and first-year defenseman Amy Schlager both went off for hooking, at 1:59 and 5:10 into the first period, respectively. The Wildcats would get a chance of their own in when second-year defenseman Anna Wright was called for cross checking at 18:18 of the first period.

Neither team was able to convert on the player advantage through the first two periods of play, each team getting two chances. The Wildcats did get the most shots on net during the second, but Treacy was there to keep the shutout intact.

Maine began the scoring in the third period on the

power play. Schlager took her second penalty of the game at 5:27 of the third, and about a minute and a half later, Maine had a 1-0 lead.

Maine first-year forward Victoria Hummel received a pass from fourth-year forward Hailey Browne down low on the right circle and began to skate the puck into the slot. While making the turn into the slot, she lost the puck. It went right to first-year forward Brooke Stacey, who slid the puck past UNH goaltender Vilma Vaattovaara. For Stacey, it was her third goal of the season and second game winner in as many games.

Maine would strike again at even strength at 17:44, this time Browne converting on an odd man rush. Maine was able to create a four on one rush, and fourth-year captain Jennifer More found Browne who led the rush to the left circle and fired a shot top shelf that beat Vaattovaara to give the Black Bears the 2-0 lead.

UNH would pull Vaattovaara, in favor of the extra attacker, with just under two minutes to play. After some sustained offensive pressure by UNH, Maine third-year forward Audra Richards cleared the puck from the defensive zone that made its way all the way down the ice for the empty netter. It was the eighth goal of the season for Richards, which tied her for the team lead with More.

Maine was outshot 36-22 by the Wildcats. Treacy would stand tall in net, stopping all 36 shots to record her ninth win of the season and third shutout. Vaattovaara did not play a bad game either, making 19 saves on the 21 shots that she faced. Maine finished

the night 1-3 on the power play while UNH went 0-2.

UNH Wins Close Game to Earn Split

This time, UNH opened up the scoring in the first period, striking at 11:45. First-year forward Brooke Avery received a pass from linemate and fourth-year defenseman Jess Ryan. Avery skated the puck into the left circle and then fired a shot that beat Treacy to give the Wildcats a 1-0 lead.

UNH would add to their lead in the second period on the power play, after Wright took a penalty for checking at 7:53. The Wildcats made quick work of the Maine penalty kill, scoring just 13 seconds later. Schlager passed the puck to third-year forward Nicoline Jensen who scored her fifth goal of the season to increase the lead to 2-0.

Just under a minute and a half into the third period, the Wildcats scored the game winner. Kashman would tally UNH's third goal of the game when she broke into the Maine defensive zone off a feed from third-year forward Sarah Carlson. Kashman would make a few moves before putting the puck past Treacy.

After the third goal, Maine coach Richard Reichenbach pulled Treacy in favor of second-year backup goaltender Mariah Fujimagari.

After the score became 3-0, Maine began to claw their way back into the game. More would answer the Kashman goal just under two minutes later, when she received a pass from second-year forward Emilie Brigham. More would beat Vaattovaara for her team leading ninth goal of the season, and cut the UNH lead to 3-1.

Next, it was Brigham's turn to score, and she would do so after receiving a pass from Stacey in the offensive zone. Brigham's shot beat Vaattovaara high, and with a little under nine minutes remaining in the game, UNH's lead was only 3-2.

UNH would respond late in the game, when second-year forward Jonna Curtis scored her team leading, 11th goal of the season with an assist from fourth-year forward Kayla Mork. That was the only goal Fujimagari would allow.

Despite a late power play opportunity for the Black Bears, the Wildcats would hold on to earn the split, even after Maine pulled Fujimagari for the extra attacker.

UNH's victory was backed by a strong performance in net by Vaattovaara, who made 18 saves. Treacy would make 35 saves for Maine in 31:12, while Fujimagari would stop seven shots in 16:38. UNH outshot Maine again by a 46-20 margin. Both teams had two chances on the powerplay, Maine going 0-2 and UNH going 1-2.

After the weekend, the Black Bears are 10-13-3 (9-6-1 WHEA) and hold the no. 3 rank in Hockey East by a four points. They trail the Boston University Terriers by five points. The Wildcats are 8-18-1 (5-10-0 WHEA) and currently sit in sixth.

Maine has won three of their last five games and will look to continue their success at home for a conference game versus Vermont. Maine was able to beat Vermont twice at the Gutterson Fieldhouse in Nov, and will look to take game three of the series on Feb 7. The puck drops at 2 p.m. at the Alford Arena.



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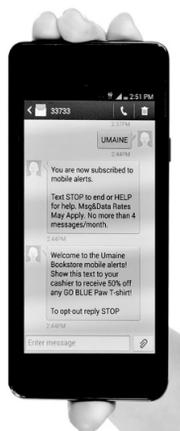


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