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SG candidates declared

Pomerleau, Sankare start Presidential campaigns

By Heather Sleeves

Two students have announced their candidacies for the position of student body president. William Pomerleau, the incumbent, and Gimbala Sankare, president of the class of 2010, have begun organizing their campaigns for the Dec. 3 vote.

Sankare's platform focuses on parking issues on campus. "The Campus Planning Committee came up with a campus master plan that involves solving the parking issue," Sankare, a second-year education major, said. "The issue of parking is not the actual space; it is the locations of the parking lots. One of the plans in the master plan is to move the locations and create more locations on campus for students to be able to park their car."

Sankare said there is a need to improve the relationships between on-campus and off-campus students. He added that commuter students can feel a little alienated. Sankare also said that the BAT bus hours can be problematic for commuter students who have to stay later than it runs.

Pomerleau, a fourth-year history major, said he supports the Zipcar program and would look into providing more funding to get additional cars on campus. The Zipcar program is a new rental car program on campus.

Pomerleau's campaign has a focus on Bumstock, which was an annual musical event that had been a University of Maine tradition that had been abolished last year. He plans to bring the program back by spring in a more cost-effective way, saving approximately $35,000 in comparison to previous years.

Both candidates say it is necessary for the student body president to be visible and to listen to constituents. "I feel like I have the student voice," Sankare said. "[Student Government] has lost the student voice. There are a lot of things students need and a lot of things that students want but there is a gap between students and student government."

Pomerleau agreed that the student president has to be as visible as possible, "but you can only do so much," he said. "There is no way that you can accurately represent everybody all of the time. That's the thing that is the downside of being a leader."

"I'm interested to see what Gimbala thinks that he really can do to make himself so much more visible," Pomerleau said. "I would suggest that it is not possible."

"I'm stronger than Bill Pomerleau because I will sit with a student no matter who you are and talk to you like somebody I've known for years," Sankare said. "It's a problem when students don't know why their president of student government. That's a problem because you are supposed to represent students."

Sankare is the vice president of the Student Heritage Alliance Center, a Residents on Campus representative for York Hall, a member of the Student Heritage Alliance and a member of the Student Government Association (SGA). Sankare's platform focuses on parking issues on campus. "Although Pomerleau is coming to UMaine as part of the "Guest Lecture Series," according to her, "lecture is somewhat of a misnomer." The event is titled "Conversations with Nadine Strossen," and she intends to engage in open conversations with UMaine students on "any issue[s] of concern with them within the broad spectrum of civil liberties issues."

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ACLU president to speak at UM

Strossen to encourage student debate on civil liberties and free speech

By Derek Dohachesky

On Thursday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m., the University of Maine will host a lecture by Nadine Strossen, President of American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and law professor at New York University. Strossen is being brought to campus as part of the Division of Student Entertainment's Guest Lecture Series.

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Abtin Mehdi-Arelog, director of the Guest Lecture Series and Derek Mitchell, vice president of Student Entertainment — which also helps to coordinate the Guest Lecture Series — also emphasized the open-ended nature of the forum.

"She will cover what students want her to cover," Mehdi-Arelog said. "I encourage the audience and classes to do a bit of research before they attend this lecture, because she will be able to provide a wealth of information on many student issues."

The event is one that is not to be missed. This event is one that speaks to students on any issue[s] of concern with them within the broad spectrum of civil liberties issues.

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Students urged to drink alcohol safely, responsibly

Awareness week dedicated to inform of risks, policies

By Meghan Hayward

This week UMaine will join than 3,000 campuses across the nation will be promoting National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week. The week is dedicated to inform students of the risks of alcohol consumption and their school's policies on the matter.

The University of Maine's Alcohol and Drug Education Program (ADEP) has modified the week in order to suit the UMaine campus.

"Students are aware of alcohol, we believe it’s more important to tell students how to be more responsible when drinking," Beth Peters, graduate assistant for the Drug and Alcohol Education Program said. "This is why we decided to call it Alcohol Responsibility Week."

Over 1,700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year as a result of alcohol-related injury or death. This number is frightening and needs to be taken seriously.

"We are not trying to prevent students from drinking, but we want them to be more responsible. We are trying to inform students about the harm and risks of alcohol consumption while they are being responsible and drinking. We also want them to know about the policies on the campus." Peters said.

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UMADCOWS take over Old Town Dairy Queen

UM students, Witter Farm cows pose for photo contest, showing who the real Dairy Queens are

By Chelsea Cameron

On Wednesday Oct. 24, a group of University of Maine students posed for a photograph in front of Dairy Queen with two dairy cow queens. The students, who are all taking a class this semester called UMADCOWS, which stands for University of Maine Applied Dairy Cooperative of Organized Working Students, are entering a photo contest sponsored by Holstein World magazine. The winner will get their picture on the front of a directory about the different university dairy programs and will be distributed to prospective students and parents, according to Holstein World’s Web site. The directory has been available for 22 years and contains information about 38 college and undergraduate programs, including UMaine’s. The programs are located in 25 states and Canada.

The class gives students a chance to get hands-on learning experience in a real-life setting, said Marsha Hamilton, livestock programs manager and assistant farm manager, of the J.F. Witter Teaching and Research Center. "The students learn a great deal from their class curriculum, so this gives them an opportunity to put this information together in a practical way," Hamilton said.

"We’re each assigned two cows and we’re responsible for their calf," Jennifer McGintee, a third-year student in the class, said. "The entire milking staff of Witter Farm is made up of students in the class. They are each assigned two milking bucket shifts per week, with two students at each shift. Every other week they are responsible for a 10 p.m. check of the barn. They take the animals temperature, monitor their diet and clean out the barn. There are currently about 15 students in the class and every two weeks they are responsible for being a herderperson. Their job is to take care of the cows and their calves, making sure their health and the health of this herd is good. The program is modeled after similar programs at the University of Vermont and the University of New Hampshire, said Jennifer Hamilton. She also said that since the students work with each other all semester, team building is also part of the experience. The class lasts for one semester, but students can choose to take it for two.

The picture stemmed from an idea to incorporate the dairy cows in with the restaurant, said McGintee. The original idea was to do it at McDonald’s, but then Dairy Queen was suggested. The models for the shoot were the cow Rosebud, and the calf, Rocky, who has a twin named Rambo, but if they didn’t cooperate it was useless. "It all happened kind of last-minute, we’re still not prepared," said Arielle Jones, a member of the group who contacted Dairy Queen.

"It all happened kind of last-minute, we’re still not prepared," said Arielle Jones, a member of the group who contacted Dairy Queen. Last year’s contest winner was the University of Minnesota. UMaine has not competed for this contest before, and Jones said the group is up for anything like this, including making T-shirts. The directory is also available online at dairybusiness.com. The contest is sponsored this year by Select Sires, Inc.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY

Introduction to Dreamweaver 9:30 a.m. Fogler Library Room 354. Web authoring application training.

Violence and Education: Why Universities are Very Violent Institutions 12:30 p.m. Bangor Room, Memorial Union. By Doug Allen, part of the Socialist and Marxist Studies Lecture Series.

Free Radicals in the Ocean and New Methods for Detecting Antioxidants 11:00 a.m. Room 354, Albert Hall. Part of the School of Marine Sciences Seminar Series.

Volleyball: UMaine vs. Bingham 7:00 p.m. Memorial Gym Complex.

FRIDAY

Culturefest 10:00 a.m. Field House. Exhibits, a food court, children’s activities and talent and style shows.

My Chemical Romance in Concert 8:00 p.m. Alfond Arena. With the Color Fred and the Pink Spiders.

SATURDAY

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Orono’s five-day forecast

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Reactions to First-Year housing mixed

By Chelsea Cameros

The University of Maine’s First Year Residential Experience (FYRE) is over a month old. The program includes first-year housing and programs designed to help students with the transition from high school to college. It will not be known if this program will help with retention rates, since they are tracked by the year. Tara Loomis, head of Residence Life, said “Clearly, we’ll be tracking the class of 2011.”

First-year housing is located in the former Hilltop and Cumberland complexes, as well as honors housing in Penobscot, Calvin and Balentine. “We’re very tight, housing-wise,” Loomis said. Residence Life is short on rooms for first-years, so some have been set up in temporary housing.

Feedback from parents when the students moved in was positive, according to Peter Harriman, assistant community coordinator for Knox and Androscoggin halls. He heard from parents who liked the idea that their children would go through college with the same group of people.

Residents have mixed feelings about the program. Some students have friends who are upperclassmen and they don’t live close to them.

Programs have been tailored to the needs of the students. Some programs have focused on test-taking skills, homework skills and biology tutoring. The Connections program is in charge of planning many of the programs in association with Residence Life. EJ Roach, director for the Connections program, said that he works along with Loomis to implement the programs. He is pleased with the turnout, such as biology tutoring, which has seen increasing attendance. One of the programs, a fireside chat with the associate deans, allowed students to voice concerns and questions. Planned for October is a session about illegal file sharing.

“We are recognizing things are popping up,” Loomis said.

Groups not involved with Residence Life also host programs, such as the Campus Activities Board and Peer Educators. These groups come together to help the first-year students with what they need. The groups are happy with the collaboration. “Everybody who is involved in helping students navigate those challenges were all there,” Roach said.

“I've had a lot of people ask me, ‘How do I do my laundry?’” Harriman said. “These are things upperclassmen don’t need to know.” Many of the programs deal with relationship advice and finances. For many of the first-year students this is the first time they have lived on their own. “Programs aren’t that easy to put on,” he said. The most popular event involves playing Wii while wearing beer goggles.

An incentive program will be introduced to encourage student participation, Roach said. Each week, a prize will be given to the person who attended the most events. They will also do it based on monthly and the semester-long attendance with bigger prizes.

The programs are not just for first-year students, Roach said. “All the programs we are providing are accessible to upperclass students as well,” he said. All first-
GSS debates office hours

Senators discuss accessibility to students on campus

By Alex Leonard

In the latest session of the General Student Senate, the most hotly debated issue of the meeting was an act that was previously postponed from last Tuesday’s meeting. The act would require 10 office hours for all executive positions and five office hours for board presidents. This brought to light the question of what was actually accomplished in said office hours. Currently there is no office hour requirement for those in executive positions.

President William Pomerleau and Vice President of Student Entertainment Derek Mitchell made the point that they are readily accessible to the public and spend ample time in their offices currently.

“Lot of the executive positions require external work and not office oriented,” Pomerleau said. He added that office aids do a fair amount of the administrative work. Senator Abin Mehdirazegahan attempted to amend the original act, but that was defeated by the senate. His amendment, which was heavily discussed, would have made it so that all executive positions would only have to spend five hours in office and an additional five outside of the office. Also, board presidents would only have to spend two hours in office and three outside.

Pomerleau was in favor of the amendment over the original act. “I am basically asking that the senate place a restriction on me,” Pomerleau said. “I am afraid in the future [of] people not doing [office hours], because if you’re not required to do something not everyone is always proactive.”

One of the major opponents to this amendment was Residents on Campus (ROC) President Justin Labonte. He argued that if there were no office hours then “why the hell do we have offices?” He later explained that he spent a substantial amount of time in his office and that it was important for those executive positions and board presidents to have time to meet with the students. He continued by saying that it would be hard to keep track of the five hours spent outside of the office to make sure those in executive positions were doing their jobs.

After the amendment failed, the act was discussed before being re-committed to the Executive Budgetary Committee (EBC). Newly appointed Sen. Dillon Bates was one of the opponents to the amendment and felt it was necessary to impose some requirement of office hours.

“Different executives do different amounts of work in the office and out of the office,” Bates said. “But I feel as a general policy there should be some office hours required.”

The major argument put forth by Mehdirazegahan and Pomerleau was that if the executive members were to be required to be in office they would not have time to meet with other people and groups both on and off campus. The resolution will be re-evaluated by the EBC and discussed at next week’s meeting.

The senate also passed several resolutions, including money to the men’s and women’s rugby teams. The men’s rugby club was given $6,325 and the women’s club was given $5,580. Other allocated funds included: $3,600 to the International Affairs Association, $2,750 to the Nordic Ski Club, $1,958 to the Orono Student Nurses Association and $500 to the Progressive Student Alliance.

Vice President of Financial Affairs, Ash Deo, announced the following allocations: $200 to Central America Service Association, $75 to American Institute of Chemical Engineers and $350 to Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. The budget to begin the evening was $120,695.95 and after all allocations was $101,232.95.

Coming up...

The Maine Campus will be running a four-part series on University of Maine administrators. Watch for this in upcoming issues, starting Nov. 1

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Campus Commotion
On Oct. 19 at 11:07 p.m., six students were walking on Andreasen Road when they were approached by two males. John Tuell, 19, of Orono, was visibly intoxicated and became upset with the group. An argument ensued and Tuell pushed everyone in the group. Tuell was struck in the face. When officers arrived at the scene, Tuell was issuing a warning not to return to campus. The second male, Brian McGowan, 18, of Orono, ran and officers were unable to catch him.

He didn’t learn
On Oct. 20 at 1:23 a.m., officers responded to report of students shooting outside Gannett Hall. John Tuell, 19, was recognized as one of the students and was arrested for criminal trespass and issued a summons for assault.

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On Oct. 20 at 1:43 a.m., officers responded to disorderly conduct in Gannett Hall. Brian McGowan, 18, was found in the halls yelling "cops, cops." He fled the scene and was caught outside the Memorial Union. Officers found a bad of marijuana in his pocket. McGowan was charged with possession of marijuana and assault.

Speedy theft
A Hewlett-Packard Pavilion Laptop was taken from a third floor room of Oxford Hall on Oct. 20 at 3 a.m. The owner left his room to go to lunch and returned to find the computer missing. The computer's estimated value is $400. The case is under investigation.

Trunk of beer
An officer on patrol in Jenness Lot found a 30-pack of Budweiser Light in the open trunk of a Gold Nissan on Oct 21 at 11:07 a.m. The officer contacted the owner, Zachary Thibodeau, 18, of Orono, and charged him with possession of liquor by a minor.

Fraternity Vandalism
Beta Theta Pi reported to Public Safety that someone had damaged their new sign and two windows at the front of their house on Oct 21 between 4:00 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. The new sign near the sidewalk of College Avenue looked as if it had been damaged with a brick. Estimated damages to the sign are $1,500. Public Safety asks that if anyone has information on the vandalism to come forward.

Compiled by Alissia Sarnacki

Alcohol
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alcohol-related unintentional injuries; with 599,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 between 2012 and 2014, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 7% of college students reported using alcohol in the past 30 days.

Alcohol Responsibility Week is
a great way for students to gain knowledge on a variety of topics related to alcohol, Maryanne McAvoy, a peer educator, said, as well as for students to know how to drink responsibly and hopefully this week will be one step closer to getting the message out.

According to the college drinking prevention Web site alcohol.org, excessive alcohol consumption can lead to several risky issues. These include: assault, sexual abuse, violence, academic problems and vandalism.

According to ADEP's Web site their mission is "to change the campus drinking culture and gain a greater understanding of the dynamics of the drinking environment... By sharing stories, they also hope to provide substance abuse and related education and resources to individuals and encourage an environment conducive to academic success where substance abuse is not tolerated."

Alcohol Responsibility Week is one of the activities ADEP planned to carry out their mission statement and educate UMaine students.

If you have questions regarding an alcohol or drug issue, you can make an appointment by calling 888-1423. Students also have the option to call the ADEP office, located on the main floor of Memorial Union in room 255.

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Every so often, something happens to jolt me back into the full sense of presence in the world. More recently, while walking back from class with a harried mind, it was the soft crunching sound of leaves underneath my shoes. That comforting sound drew me into recognizing the sunlight, the slight breeze and all the other factors conspiring to create a beautiful day.

Times like these make me aware of the miracle of being on Earth. I'm not a particularly religious person — I'm always confusing God with beauty and vice versa. Perhaps I have some religion in me, hiding under a cloak of skepticism. To me, the fact that a squirrel is so perfectly designed to hold an acorn only verifies the stunning fact that they have honed themselves, over millions of years, to get that way. I don’t think it takes away from any sense of awe that I might have over the phenomenon.

Across religions, there have been a fair share of mystics hiding behind the curtains saying things I can agree with. You have the story of a Buddhist monk being beaten and yelling to his attackers that one day, they will all be Buddha, so that he would never lose sight of them as human beings caught up in delusions. In Islam, the Sufis tell us that a sense of love is within you, not from outside, that you can carry this love around like a suitcase in your heart.

Meister Eckhart, a Christian mystic, tells us “You may call God love, you may call God goodness. But the best name for God is compassion.”

With all this being said about compassion, gratitude, empathy and understanding, it is dumbfounding to see the tension which exists between the religious and the non-religious, particularly those with faith and those without. I admittedly live a spiritual life stripped of all bling: free from the tangled webs of religious complexity and dogma, I rarely spend time mulling over theories of the afterlife, or karma, or resurrection. To me, it seems impossible to actually fight about the source of my own happiness, and yet it seems to be something mankind is especially interested in doing.

Whether someone wants to believe the day is beautiful because God has made it that way or attribute it to the simple fact that it is so, we can both agree on the beauty of the day. We can all agree that birds are awesome; we can all agree on the beauty of the day. We can all agree that birds are awesome; we can all agree on the beauty of the day. We can all agree that birds are awesome; we can all agree on the beauty of the day. We can all agree that birds are awesome; we can all agree on the beauty of the day. We can all agree that birds are awesome; we can all agree on the beauty of the day.

Herein lies the problem: when compassion takes a back seat to ideology, we argue about stamping a particular brand name on our sense of wonder. It is sold to us. —
Too many college students "waiting on the world to change"

Abtin Mehdizadegan

Apathy is usually defined as the absence or suppression of passion, emotion, or excitement. As a student senator, I have found an incredible amount of student apathy on many issues regarding Student Government. Even as a student, it appears to me. It's a plague that is sweeping the campus, and we need to find a way to combat it before it is too late.

To many, college is just driving to campus, going to class, driving back home and maybe a little drinking on the weekend—which is fine, when academics are a priority. However, we all need to look beyond the big picture.

In a few years, we will plague head-first into our careers, get married, head -first into our careers, get married, have kids and actions. People may say that SG doesn't accept our urges and pleas. As Ben Franklin said, "He that lives upon hope will soon perish." It is not to mention the smokers themselves.

From there, the facts remain: The campus does not adequately enforce current tobacco policies, makes it to perform based upon the reality of situations where they were too risky whatsoever, simply to gain compliance. This kind of power should be used in self-defense or the protection of others—not just to make an officer's job easier.

I want it to be known that I am against the use of less-lethal force or even lethal force by officers when the situation calls for it. That being said, the power of police and security personnel is given legitimately by the people that they are supposed to "serve and protect."

When that power is exercised against civilians, the officer or officers should be put under the finest microscope that the people have at their disposal in order to determine that said exercise of power was completely necessary, then that officer should be charged for the same crime that another civilian would be charged with, because the use of power was not legitimate. Let those who have the means of lethal force be made to defend their use of it, instead of leaving the burden of proving the abuse of power on the shoulders of the victims.

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"We, the people" give legitimacy to. Until the best possible checks of that power are in place to prevent its abuse; maybe "We, the people" should be more concerned with taking away some of the power that the police has, not just restricted to buying "Don't Touch Me, Bro!" T-shirts.

Mario Moretto is a third-year international affairs major with a concentration in anthropology.

Idealistic ideas for smoke-free campus should go up in smoke

Bill Pomlerau

In an idealistic world, there would be no parking problem, a hot dog would cost 75 cents in the Marketplace, tuition would stay the same and students would still be able to smoke without fear. In an idealistic world, the answer would always be "yes."

The problem is that we live in the real world. Therefore, we have to face the reality of the situation. In a real world. Chris Harmon, in his editorial about the tobacco-smoking movement; I am opposed to declaring it a tobacco-free campus; distanced my position and perspective and was grossly inaccurate.

There have been two General Student Senate meetings this semester about the tobacco-smoking issue— not two. One supported the formation of a University committee looking into a tobacco-free campus, and the other opposed making tobacco smoke illegal on campus.

My two main points, contrary to what Sen. Harmon has stated, are as follow: First of all, making the University of Maine a tobacco-free campus will not be enforceable, nor will it work. Students will continue to smoke, and there is still a great number of students who don't believe this policy needs to be made. Second, the campus should pursue an informational campaign about the effects of tobacco smoking and provide information about the dangers of addiction to education at student costs. These decisions haven't been made hastily or based on emotion. My role as a political official lies within what I feel is in the students' interest, rather than my own. I have spoken with many of the students about their feelings on a tobacco-free campus. I found a small majority of non-smokers most strongly supported eliminating smoking. Other non-smokers did not care or didn't think it should happen; this is not to mention the smokers themselves.

From there, the facts remain: The campus does not adequately enforce current tobacco policies, makes it to perform based upon the reality of situations where they were too risky whatsoever, simply to gain compliance. This kind of power should be used in self-defense or the protection of others—not just to make an officer's job easier.

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Estabrooke Hall is allegedly haunted by numerous spirits creating an alternative supernatural living environment for students.

By Brett Sowerby

What is it about old buildings that makes us scared? Is it the creaking and groaning of boards and doors? Is it a consistent lack of sleep mixed with stress to create hallucinations?

Among the older halls on campus, stories of hauntings run rampant. Talking to the residents of Estabrooke, it was obvious that University of Maine students did not lack imagination.

Walking through Estabrooke Hall, especially alone at night, there was a feeling of mystery that was prevalent throughout the building. The haunted walls, with cracking paint revealing older coats from years gone by to the eerie basement — the alleged hot zone for paranormal activity.

Speaking with the residents of Estabrooke, it was obvious that the question of haunting was a highly debated topic. Before hearing many of the personal sightings, residents explained what had been changing over the years in the rumor mill. The stories ranged in believability from the playing of certain music that angered spirits to someone's claim that Stephen King based his model of the old hotel in "The Shining" off of Estabrooke.

According to residents, there is a certain room on the third floor that has "bad energy." This room's atmosphere leads its inhabitants to cry on a much more regular basis than normal. This was confirmed by several separate interviews. A past resident spoke of her experience in the room and how "I just felt this upset energy," she said. Stopping by the aforementioned room, the current resident seemed unconcerned — and not the least bit upset — and attributed the bad experience of others to living next to the bathroom.

Isaac White, a second-floor resident, explained his experience while he stayed in Estabrooke over a summer. He was alone on the floor and went out to get a drink of water from the fountain. As he was leaning over, he felt hands wrap around him. "I just felt like someone was embracing me." Ghostly hugs aside, White also explained one of the stories regarding the alleged spirit in the basement. White said that it was supposedly a Maine native who died on the land, and even though the area is much different now, the man still wanders the pounds. That particular ghost is said to be...
Audience attention aroused at sex & religion round table: homosexuality addressed

By Casey Hill

The bumps quickly filled to its full capacity with students, faculty and community members. I was sitting in on the second of a three-series discussion titled “Religion and Sexuality.” Covering those two topics and how they relate to each other, this week's discussion focused more on sexual identity and orientation and how they tie into the views, beliefs and laws of different congregations, churches and religions represented.

In the front of the room sat eight panelists, all from different churches and religious backgrounds. Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism were all represented. The conference began with each panelist speaking for five minutes about how homosexuality is viewed within the beliefs of their church. Some proceeded to tell their own personal stories while others chose to read scriptures to present their denomination’s point of view on such matters. Though each panelist’s information differed in many ways from the other, there were also some instances where similarities really stood out. For instance, Reverend Stephanie Salinas of the American Baptist Church, Alvia Winslow from the Campus Crusade for Christ, Rabbi Fred Nebel and Father Bill Labbe all stated that Jesus Christ did not condemn anyone for their sexual orientation or identity and that no judgments are being passed Reverend Salinas specifically made it clear that there is a lot of tension within the Baptist church because people are in disagreement about whether homosexuality itself crosses the line.

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when it comes to living a moral and pure life, or whether the failure to accept homosexuality is in what is crossing the line. After the panels were done, the floor was opened up for questions from the audience. Issues that kept surfacing during the discussion were same-sex marriage and interpreting age-old teachings from thousands of years ago — as from the Bible or the Torah, etc. — with modern times. The audience was extremely receptive and provided intelligent and legitimate questions, along with some dissenting opinions that kept the conversation moving.

Dr. Sandra Caron, professor of family relations and human sexuality at the University of Maine, serves as the coordinator, organizer and mediator of this entire series. “There has been an amazing turnout so far. People show great interest in learning how different faiths approach sex and sexuality,” Dr. Caron said.

Sean Fitzsimons, president of Campus Crusade for Christ and a member of the audience, expressed that “This is a brave event where [people] come together to take stances on different views related to the topic — it’s an excellent way to hear about controversial issues in a non-threatening environment.” “Religion and Sexuality” is co-sponsored by Women in the Curriculum. The third and final segment of the series, which will focus on gender roles, will take place next Tuesday, Oct. 30 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the FFA Room in Memorial Union.

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Music by Candlelight

By Andy Wright

Although not at the Bear’s Den this week, Java Jive still had battery-powered candles and on every table to keep the atmosphere alive. Then Katie Bradley showed up, a tough chick with guitar skills and a voice to match. Bradley had a few friends along to accompany her performance on the guitar and vocals. Mike Jand流氓 was on bass and Thomas Meehan on drums. This was one of the first times there was a full drum set at Java Jive this year, but this was a night of firsts.

Brady’s first song was accompanied by violinist Stacey Troper. The name of the song was “Roses.” The violin added a nice melody, making up for the difficulty in hearing the lyrics. Troper bid her adieu and the next song started up under the name of “All For Love.” Meehan got into the stick skills, spinning his drum sticks and flipping them through the air. Meehan was the personality in that song.

Katie Bradley touched on some deep and controversial subjects in her next song, interestingly called “The Gay Song.” “The Gay Song” talked about religious beliefs versus sexual preferences. She played this one to her fullest, really hitting deep inside. Her guitar skills showed, giving an almost “I dare you” feel to the song.

One of two covers of the night from her, Bradley did “Kiss the Rain” by Billy Meyers. Some of the audience expressed that “This is a brave event where [people] come together to take stances on different views related to the topic — it’s an excellent way to hear about controversial issues in a non-threatening environment.”

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Top 20 Albums for 10/25

1 MADLIB Beat Konducta In India, Vol. 3-4  
2 ELECTRIC SIX I Shall Exterminate Everything  
3 JENS LEKMAN Night Falls Over Kortedala  
4 ANIMAL COLLECTIVE Strawberry Jam  
5 M.I.A. Kala  
6 DIGITALISM Idealism Astralwerks  
7 FLAMING LIPS UFOs At The Zoo  
8 TABIB KWELI Eardrum/Warner Bros.  
9 CALVIN HARRIS I Created Disco  
10 HEALTH Heath  
11 STARS In Our Bedroom After The War  
12 MOTION CITY SOUNDTRACK Even If It Kills Me  
13 DONNAS Bitchin’  
14 HOT HOT HEAT Happiness LTD  
15 AESOP ROCK None Shall Pass  
16 WE ARE WOLVES Total Magique  
17 VOODOO GLOW SKULLS Southern California Street Music  
18 VIA AUDIO Say Something Say Something Say Something  
19 YELLE Je Veux Te Voir EMI  
20 TINY MASTERS OF TODAY Bang Bang Boom Cake

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angry, but White said, “I think he’s territorial and con-

fused,” noting the change that has taken place in the area.

Travelling down to the pool hall, it had a look of age, of a
time gone by—like the early ‘80s—with dated furniture, an
elaborious amount of carpets and candelabras that
decorated the room, it certainly set the mood for a haunting.

As the maze-like basement was entered, sounds from above were muffled. Walking through the kitchen—ground zero for the paranormal—a normal room was
found. Sitting alone in the kitchen was not actually fright-
ening; sounds from the laundry room wafted in to create
strange echoes, but no more alarming than other buildings
on campus.

Turning the lights off, the room was bathed in the red light
from the exit sign. Sitting alone in this environment,

with the darkness and the isolation from the rest of the
building, gave a peculiar feeling, as if someone was
watching.

The most startling event of the evening occurred next.
Walking briskly away from the haunted kitchen in the
narrow winding hallways of the basement, a knob turned
and a door opened abruptly. It was a member of the cus-
todial staff that was there after hours, who apologized
quickly. Nothing makes a person feel more indicious
that being scared for no reason.

Resident Tavi Merrill spoke of his experience in the basement.
“I’ve been studying at about 2:00 a.m. and am really
glad that I don’t believe in hauntings... Hearing the
stories can lead you to feel creeped out late at night.”

Bet母校 Theta Pi haunted house lies between Hancock Hall and the Alfond Arena.

According to house legend, on the third floor, where no one currently lives due to fire codes, a spirit resides.

The spirit is that of an old housemother. She supposedly
lived on the third floor and died there from a heart
attack. Most of the brothers felt as though the ghost was
there to look after them. Her name was Evelyn, and she
now scolds Beta brothers who are misbehaving.

“If a brother sees [Evelyn] they’re probably doing
something wrong,” Patrick Nichols said. Nichols went on
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ing for someone to come home to go to a football game

Beta Theta Pi, on Munson Rd., is rumored to be haunted
and protected by former house mother Evelyn.

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This set the stage for David Sprague, who played at the first open mic night this year. He lulled the audience with his originals and Counting Crows vocals, giving a nice comfortable atmosphere back to the room. Occasionally he threw in a cover, such as “Push” by Matchbox 20. Sprague played one other cover, “Boston” by Augustana, which his voice matched almost perfectly.

There was also what he called that “song you write, and you know all your guy friends are going to make fun of for you.” He sang it anyway, because it got the attention of the women in the room, which is what usually happens when you write a beautiful song. I’m sure there’s more songs where that came from.

That was the end of the set for this week, but Java Jive pushes on as usual with open mic night next Tuesday, Oct. 30th. Again, e-mail Brian Monahan on FirstClass if you’re interested in playing. Be there or be four-sided.

30 Days of Night

By Kayla Riley

"30 Days of Night" is not your grandfather's vampire movie. Teeming with gory special effects, "30 Days of Night" surpasses all the previous vampire flicks in almost every way. It steers away from the recent cinematic representations of vampires such as "Blade" and "Underworld." Unfortunately, "30 Days" lacks the simple suspense and terror of the originals. Although this horror film is a welcome variation from the seemingly endless "Saw" sequels and overdone "Halloweens" it repines, it fails to live up to its hype.

The premise of "30 Days of Night" derived from a graphic novel series by Steve Niles. The style of the graphic novel was integrated well in some of the scenes for a powerful effect. Also, the original cameraman angles added drama and suspense.

The story is set in a small town called Barrow, Alaska, that sits at the northernmost point of the state. It is so far north that for 30 days during the winter, there is no sunlight. The movie begins, the town is preparing for this seasonal event. Most of the town cleans out to travel to lighter destinations for the month, but the hardcore dwellers remain.

Once darkness settles on Barrow, the disturbing creatures of the night reign. These revamped beings are fierce and ruthless. The inspiration for these vampires seems to draw from 1922’s “Nosferatu.” Although their black clothing and pointy teeth are nothing revolutionary, they seem to have developed their own murderously society that seems, in loose terms, organized. Their wicked high-pitched screeches are chilling to the bone as they frantically attack their next victim, followed by gallons of bloodshed. Even the best vampires couldn’t save this movie.

Creative and mildy stirring, Hartnett is a lackluster hero. Melissa George of “Alias” and “The Amityville Horror” attempts to shine in her role but does little to add interest to an already mediocre script. The few surviving characters are hardly memorable. Any decent performance offered by the surrounding cast is erased after their necks are torn up.

The countless scenes of splattering fluids and overdone gore detract from the simplicity of the classic blood-sucking creatures of the night. After leaving the movie, it is shocking to find that two hours of one’s life have been spent waiting for an abysmal movie to turn on its head and change course into an adequate film. Sadly, graphic novelist Steve Niles’ ingenious ideas did not fit seamlessly onto the big screen. The concept of vampires inhabiting a town for 30 days of darkness while its citizens are helpless to protect themselves sounds thrilling, but "30 Days of Night" only succeeded in sucking the life out of moviegoers. It’s straight-to-video, in-your-face gore and poor acting is for you, go see this movie. Otherwise, skip the gruesome flick and find a more worthwhile way to celebrate Halloween.

Grade: C-
Aries
March 21 to April 20
You may have guests from out of
town or be invited to pay a visit to
relatives. An older person in the
family could give you useful advice
in a sentimental matter.

Taurus
April 21 to May 20
Today is not a favourable time to
travel or deal with business and
investment matters. Your apathy
and lack of practical sense may lead
to disappointment and failure.

Gemini
May 21 to June 21
A close relative might ask you for a
loan. You'd better help if you can
afford it, for it may be about a health
matter. In the afternoon you may
receive a piece of news that will give
you food for thought.

Cancer
June 22 to July 22
Today is a favourable time for learn-
ing. Your communication skills will
be excellent today and you will have
good chances to obtain benefits
from commercial transactions.

Leo
July 23 to August 22
Your state of nerves may put you in
unpleasant situations, especially at
home. You are advised to keep calm
and focus on completing the tasks
at hand. Avoid controversies with
your loved one or an older person in
the family!

Virgo
Aug. 23 to Sept. 22
In the morning you will have to run
several errands for a personal inter-
est. You will be more sensitive than
usual and will tend to exaggerate.

Libra
Sept. 23 to Oct. 22
You are full of energy and have a lot
of ideas that will bring you apprecia-
tion in society. Moderate your enthu-
siasm and avoid going beyond cer-
tain limits! Controversies are to be
avoided as well.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 to Nov. 22
In the afternoon there may be ten-
sions between you and your loved
one if you decline an invitation to a
party. You are advised to avoid over-
reacting in sentimental matters.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 to Dec. 21
Business meetings and relationships
with family and friends are favored.
In the morning you might meet a
person whom you have not seen for
a long time.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 to Jan. 20
You might be facing minor difficulties
at home, but you will manage to
solve them in no time. You can dif-
fuse a tense atmosphere with a kind
word.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 to Feb. 19
An old sentimental issue may resur-
facing. You may even have a quarrel
with your loved one.

Pisces
Feb. 20 to March 19
You might be facing sentimental
problems that will take you to a state
of confusion. You can rely on your
friends' support in order to cope with
the situation. It would be wise for
you to consider an older lady's
advice, which may prove useful in
diffusing a potential family conflict.
WEBSITE OF THE WEEK

Cow Abductions
cowabduction.com

Alien cow abduction

It's a serious problem. Countless bovines have disappeared from dairy farms everywhere, and the numbers of missing cows are on the rise.

A rapidly growing collection of alien abduction evidence and documentation is posted on this site including photos and video testimonials.

The cow abductions seem to be most concentrated in California. There are in this time, however, reports of cow abductions in at least 27 other states, and even scattered reports of missing cattle in Europe and Russia.

The site's purpose and intent is to raise awareness of this ever-growing problem and the undue hardship that it places on farmers and their families around the world.

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Having A Party?
ID Your Guests

While the thought of asking your guests for an ID may sound ridiculous, think again. You're having a party and friends bring more friends. It gets loud and your neighbor calls the police. The police arrive to investigate the noise complaint and tell you the party is over. It is not uncommon for the police to ID your guests as they are leaving. If any of your guests are under 21, you could receive a summons for furnishing a place for minors to consume alcohol, a Class D crime.
Football
from page 16
virtually no passing game, but
recently redshirt first-year
quarterback Adam Farkes, who
will be playing in his hometown
of Boston for the first
time, has emerged as a more
reliable signal caller.
"The thing I hope will result
from [the Stony Brook game] is
that we get a young, inexpe-
rienced quarterback who will
never make the mistakes he did
at the end of the game," said
Cosgrove of Farkes' two late
interceptions that overshad-
owed his two-touchdown per-
formance. "He is going to be
an outstanding player in this
league, but the process is put-
ting a little bit of a bite into
him right now.
If Farkes can continue to
improve, as he will look to
throw for multiple touchdowns
for the third-straight game, the
UMaine offense could begin
rolling once again.

Soccer
from page 16
Binghamton may be ranked
d sixth, but they played with as
much intensity as any other
team we faced this year," Pekrul
said.
Before the match on Sunday,
the UMaine soccer team held a
clinic at the field for a few
local high schools. The clinic
helped the players improve on
their skills and meet and greet
the players from the squad.
Pekrul said that the high school
players really enjoyed the clinic,
and the match.
"We had the players ask
some questions and some even
brought soccer balls for us to
sign. After the clinic the teams
watched as our players play," Pekrul said.
Fortunately, the high school
teams were not disappointed,
as they were able to watch the
Black Bears capture the victo-
ry.

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Maine vs. Stony Brook
Saturday, Oct. 27th
1 p.m. - Alfond Field

Women's Soccer
Maine vs. Stony Brook
Sunday, Oct. 28th
11 a.m. - Alfond Field

Volleyball
Maine vs. Binghamton
Friday, Oct. 26th
7 p.m. - The Pit

Maine vs. UMBC
Saturday, Oct. 27th
7 p.m. - The Pit

Men's and Women's Basketball
Blue White Scrimmage
Sunday, Oct. 28th
2 p.m. - Alfond Arena

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Red Sox fans flood Stewart quad in celebration of the victory which catapulted their beloved New England team into the 2007 World Series.

Red Sox Nationalism

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Hockey
from page 16
his maturity. According to
Kerluke, Ryan struggled in his
early years of college but has
shown a tremendous improve-
ment. It shows that academics
are also important to his future
success.
"That's what puts a smile on
my face. Growth in the class-
room, as well as on the ice," Kerluke said.
Ryan has the chance to make
his dreams come true. With his
home town of Boston for the first
time, has emerged as a more

NFL
from page 15
show hints of last season's intensi-
ty, so when they square off this
Sunday it could define where each
team ends up by year's end.
Carolina and Tampa Bay stand
atop the NFC, but both face tough

Sox
from page 15
went back and forth until Pedroia
sealed the deal with a two-run
homer over the Green Monster,
making the score 5-2. The eighth
inning is really an outstanding
football player," said Cosgrove.
With an improving offense,
the defense, which has always
been the foundation of UMaine
football, got a spark last week
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been the foundation of UMaine
football, got a spark last week
with the return of junior line-
backer Andrew Downey from
injury. "(Downey) is really an out-
standing football player," said
Cosgrove of his third-team all-
conference linebacker. "He adds
to the personnel of our defense,
and it is good to have him back. We're [also] hoping
to get a couple more guys back
this week."

The Black Bears will gear
up for a game against the
Vermont Catamounts on
Thursday. With the only two
games left in the season, it's impor-
tative that the team comes out
playing hard. Even though the
Catamounts are seated in last
place in America East Conference play, Pekrul said
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Halfway point of NFL season approaches, leaders emerging

By Kevin Bailey

We are almost midway through the 2007 NFL season. It seems like just yesterday Indianapolis kicked off the year with a trouncing of the Saints, but in truth, most teams have played seven games in, deep enough to examine how their respective seasons have developed so far.

Who would have guessed that both Bills, Tampa and Green, would rest atop of their divisions after last year’s disappointing campaigns? Who could have guessed that last year's leaders of offensives from Cincinnati and St. Louis would have settled at the bottom of the standings? The NFL is a league of parity, and teams are surprised at where they currently stand—some pleasantly and some not so much.

The New England Patriots continue to roll and face an unprecedented lack of competition from their division foes. The Pats could clinch the division by week 10, as their competitors are a combined 3-17 on the year. They face a tough Washington Redskins defense this week, but they won't look past the matchup they should have no problem. On a related note, New England's average margin of victory through seven games is nearly 23 points, with Brady throwing 27 touchdowns and two interceptions.

The tough AFC North is starting to heat up, after divisions-leading Pittsburgh dropped a tough loss to Denver and Cincinnati tallied a crucial victory against the Jets. These two teams square off this week in a battle that will go a long way in determining the victor of the division.

The always-competitive AFC West is no different this year. San Diego has over taken the Kansas City City is showing signs of life and Denver looks to ride the momentum of a huge, last-second win over the Jets. With half of a game start, Kansas City is looking for a way out and Denver looks to add to their win streak. The Indianapolis Colts proved on Monday night that they still top-dog in the AFC South by stamping on the Jaguars, who sit two games back along with the Tennessee Titans. The Jaguars take on ranch week, this week as they attempt to gain ground on the undefeated Colts, who face off against an underrated Carolina Panthers squad.

On the NFC side of the ball, there is little breathing room in the standings. Dallas, undefeated before becoming the latest victim of the Patriots, still remains the biggest threat in the conference and proved it with a victory against Minnesota, but they had not yet put their division, as the last-round Giants and improving Redskins will always play tough. With Dallas being the only one of those four teams on a bye week, it could really blow the standings wide open.

The teams in the NFC North have been beating up on each other, so far the Packers find themselves on top due to Brett Favre's return to his gun-slinging ways. Green Bay faces off against the revived Broncos this week in a classic Monday night showdown. Detroit, 2-2, trails by just a game and Chicago, 3-4, is starting to do the job defensively against the pack.

“We had a good game plan last time and just didn’t stick with it long enough,” Whitman said.

In addition, he thought that the team relied too heavily on the passing attack and did not establish a running game. These were contributing factors to another poor offensive outing, he said.

The Black Bears are set to take on the University of Vermont for the second time in three weeks on Saturday. Maine looks to avenge its 20-12 loss two weeks ago. Whitman said it is essential for the defense to assert their ferocity early.

With a win by more than eight points, the Black Bears will clinch the number three seed and home field advantage in the first round of the playoffs. The game will be played at 4 p.m. in Vermont and can be heard on-line at weat1390.com.

Boston Red Sox: World Series Champions 2-for-4?

By Caleb Savage

Right before I'm about to go to bed after an incredible night, I hear a group of people chanting outside. I look out my window but don't see any signs of people. But I immediately suspect it must be a rally for the 2007 American League Champion Boston Red Sox, who, moments earlier, won Game Seven of the ALCS, beating the Cleveland Indians 11-2, sending the team off to its second World Series since 2004.

Later that night, I ran outside to join along with hundreds of members of Sox Nation, who were chanting "Let's go Red Sox," and "Yoowwww," for Kevin Youkilis, who has had a phenomenal postseason so far, garnering four homerauns and nine RBIs for an incredible .425 batting average.

The Sox are paired off against the Colorado Rockies who, for their first time in their franchise's history, made it to the illustrious World Series.

The Rockies are on a tear right now, winning 21 of the past 22 games, and have played and sweeping their opponents in both of their post season matchups this year. The big question for the Rockies, however, is can they play good baseball after an eight day reprieve? That's a question that is being talked nonstop by baseball analysts around the world. The last game they played was their third game against the Arizona Diamondbacks to complete the sweep and give them their first ever National League Pennant.

Who is even on this Rockies' roster? The one person in their lineup that I know about is the only one you have probably heard about All-Star hitter Todd Helton. One of the key factors for the Rockies' success this whole season has been their excellent farm system that produces so far. The Rockies have a combined era of no more than 3.00 in the postseason key players to their team like Troy Tulowitzki, who is the number-one candidate to win National League Rookie of the Year, and their star pitcher Jeff Francis. Francis led the young Colorado team with a 3.5 ERA in the National League Championship Series.

For some fans who are just tuning in to the World Series matchups this year, the Boston Red Sox and the young Colorado Rockies team, look for very low scoring games, as both teams have dominating pitching staffs. The Rockies have a combined era of no more than 3.00 in the postseason so far.

On the other side of things, the Boston Red Sox hitters have been on fire in their run for their second American League Pennant title since 2004 and another dramatic come-from-behind series win. In game six, we saw the outstanding hitting performance of J.D. Drew, who garnered five RBIs in the win. Then in game seven, we saw the outstanding hitting performance of J.D. Drew, who garnered five RBIs in the win. When in game seven, we saw the outstanding hitting performance of J.D. Drew, who garnered five RBIs in the win. That was the last game, and the Sox took home the championship.

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**Football hopes to recover**

**Team sees Boston visit as opportunity to break streak**

By Adam Clark

Injuries, inexperience and mistakes: When you have those three things against you, there are bound to be struggles. Especially among the Colonial Athletic Association's top teams, the University of Maine Black Bear football team has experienced all these problems this season and has not won since their season opener.

The Black Bears look to snap a six-game losing streak and try to salvage the rest of the season Saturday afternoon as they take on the Northeastern Huskies at Hadlock Field.

UMaine (1-6, 0-4 CAA) is coming off a 30-23 double-overtime loss at 5-6 Stony Brook this past weekend where they held a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter. It marks the second straight week holding a lead in the second half of a game and still losing.

"It was a very, very difficult loss for us with a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter," said head coach Jack Cosgrove during Monday's CAA teleconference. "We [just] let it get away."

While UMaine has seen its share of struggles so far this season, it has also shown a lot of growth in the classroom. His academic ability has grown with his injury is under control and he feels 100 percent healthy.

"I took better care of my body, I spent less time out and I ate better food," Ryan said.

Ryan spent this summer training with his older brother Mike, who is a great puck-handler and playmaker and has the ability to pull away from his opponents. He is able to go on the ice when we need it the most. 'He has a bright future in the NHL and defenses giving up just under 30 points per game,' said assistant coach Dan Kerlue.

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**Soccer victorious**

**Black Bears secure spot in playoffs**

By Seth Poplaski

It was a battle of the bears Sunday as the University of Maine women’s soccer team battled against the Binghamton Bearcats of New York. Although the score was tied 0-0 in the first half, UMaine scored two goals in the second half to win the match 2-0. Maine improved their record to 5-6-3 and 3-2-1 in conference play.

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**Billy Ryan fundamental to Maine hockey's success**

**Senior forward and team captain gives his views on this year’s team and necessities for surprising the critics**

By Candace Daley

With the loss of nine top scorers from last year, the University of Maine men’s hockey team will have their hands full this season. They have to step up their game but, according to senior forward Billy Ryan of Milton, Mass., that should not be too much of a challenge. Although the Black Bears are not ranked as high in the polls as they would like to be, Ryan thinks they will turn it around and succeed at surprising people. They may have lost great players, but they have gained a lot of good recruits.

Ryan has grown along with the team and, as a captain, should help all 10 first-year players on the team.

As a senior on the team, a lot is expected from Ryan, since he is one of the squad’s few remaining big goal scorers from last season. He has grown stronger and faster the last two years. He has great hockey sense and good hands with great vision on the ice. He is a great puck-handler and playmaker and has the ability to pull away from his opponents. He is able to go on the ice when we need it the most. ‘He has a bright future in the NHL and defenses giving up just under 30 points per game,’ said assistant coach Dan Kerlue.

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