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Maine AG Mills calls TABOR ‘burdensome’

By Dylan Riley
News Editor

Politics

Maine Attorney General Janet Mills said she will vote against TABOR II come Election Day during a visit to the University of Maine Thursday, Oct. 29. She also talked to students about her recent actions and advocated increased community response to public issues.

The Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center invited Mills to UMaine to receive the Distinguished Maine Policy Fellows Award and to talk to students and faculty about Maine politics.

“I think it [TABOR II] is burdensome and unnecessary,” said Mills, who added she was speaking as a former legislator, not as the attorney general.

“I just don’t think we need a state-wide campaign every time there needs to be a tax expenditure,” Mills said.

Cailin Higgins, a third-year education student, asked Mills what her thoughts were on Question 1 — the people’s

veto concerning Maine’s same-sex marriage law.

“We don’t teach divorce. We don’t teach foster parenting. We don’t teach adoption. We don’t teach marriage in schools, period. It’s not part of the learning results,” Mills said.

“I just don’t think we need a state-wide campaign every time there needs to be a tax expenditure.”

Janet Mills
Maine Attorney General

Susan Gendron, Maine’s commissioner of education, asked Mills on Oct. 7 to look into concerns some voters had about a court of appeals decision concerning same-sex marriage, and whether that decision or Maine statutes would require gay marriage be taught in schools if Question 1 fails to pass. Mills said last Thursday

she was unable to find any basis for those concerns.

“So I read the First Circuit decision. I talked with the attorney that represents the Department of Education; I talked with the deputy attorney general. We looked at the decision, we looked at the Maine law curriculum. I scoured Title 19(A), Title 22, 21 for references to marriage in educational sections of the statutes — couldn’t find any,” Mills said.

Mills went on to talk about her own opinion of same-sex marriage and Question 1.

“I felt that marriage equality was an extension of Maine’s constitutional right to a population that deserved equal treatment,” Mills said.

Mills said people have a right to object to issues in government and public services, but said the right is not constitutionally protected.

Kenneth Nichols, professor of public administration at UMaine, asked Mills what she thought of Maine’s ballot and people’s referendums.

Mills said money interests are dominating political campaigns in Maine, and that the legislature has questioned the



Edward Fontaine • Assistant Photo Editor
Maine State Attorney General Janet Mills speaks with members of the community in a luncheon held by the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center at the Innovation Center Thursday.

constitutionality of paying signature gatherers for campaign petitions. She said the legislature has talked about increasing the number of signatures a petition requires to become a question on the Election Day

ballot.

Amy Fried, associate dean of research in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, agreed with Mills. She said California has a lot of paid signature gatherers and Maine

is beginning to see them as well.

“It really is contrary to the spirit of Maine,” Fried said.

Mills defended Maine’s

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UMaine bridge technology collapses

Contractors used different technique than usual to fill arches with concrete

By Dylan Riley
News Editor

Construction

Two concrete arches for a monument in Cloke Plaza at the University of Maine collapsed during construction Thursday.

The arches were two carbon-composite tubes designed as bridge supports for the “bridge in a backpack” technology developed at UMaine’s Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center. The arches are typically filled from the top with concrete to form supports for bridges — such as for the Neal Bridge in Pittsfield, where the technology was recently employed. Construction workers at the plaza instead filled the two arches from the bottom.

“The technique being used to fill the arches didn’t work the way we wanted it to work.”

Dana Humphrey
Dean
College of Engineering

“It burst out the side of the cylinder because of the pressure, and that initiated a collapse of the first arch,” said Dana Humphrey, dean of the College of Engineering. “And then that first arch shifted a little bit, and that caused the second arch to also, basically, crack and the concrete spilled out the bottom.”

The site was littered with pieces from the two broken arches Friday afternoon, as well as scaffolding that had originally held the tubes erect. One of the scaffolds had been knocked down by the arches’ fall.

“The technique being used to fill the arches didn’t work the way that we wanted it to work,” Humphrey said.



Edward Fontaine • Assistant Photo Editor

Construction of a new plaza halted after two arches designed by the Advanced Engineered Wood Composites center burst as they were filled with concrete.

Humphrey said there is nothing wrong with the arches or the technology, just the technique the contractor used to fill them. He said the arches, though typically used on bridges, are designed for the position they had been placed in the plaza. Humphrey didn’t know the cost of the arches or the project.

“We were hired to put them up,

and obviously something failed,” said Blaine Door, one of the contractors working on the project.

Construction of the arches will be abandoned until next year. In the meantime, construction on the rest of the plaza will continue. Workers will repair sidewalks and put the Wingate Hall bell in a display case in the plaza as part of an art piece the arches were origi-

nally going to be a part of. Money for the project is coming in part from the construction of the engineering and science building, the Advanced Engineering Center and the AEWC, as well as part of the landscaping budget for the Advanced Manufacturing Center.

“I’m sure we’ll have a different technique for how to fill them [next year],” Humphrey said.

UM receives \$1.3M for wheat research

By Dylan Riley
News Editor

Education

The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s deputy secretary announced a \$19 million grant Friday which will fund the “Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food” initiative, which includes \$1.3 million for University of Maine research of wheat varieties.

Kathleen Merrigan, the deputy secretary, announced the grant at the Borealis Breads Bakery and Bistro in Portland. The UMaine research that the grant helps fund will attempt to find the wheat variety that produces the best yield and quality which is most optimal for the New England climate. Professor Ellen Mallory is leading a group of researchers and extension educators at UMaine that is conducting the research.

“[The] organic agricultural sector has been growing. The

trend has been generally for organic marketplace to grow about 20 percent a year, and that’s been true since about 1990,” Merrigan said.

Merrigan said the initiative is also focused on increasing the consumption of locally grown food, which she said Maine could become a leader in, similar to the way it has with renewable energy.

“I don’t see why it [Maine] won’t be,” Merrigan said.

Merrigan said she hopes UMaine students will recognize their importance in agriculture’s future. She said the average age of a Maine farmer is 59, and half of the agriculture department’s employees are eligible for retirement.

“I want to ask young people, ‘Do you want to be a part of this agricultural industry?’” Merrigan said.

Mallory said UMaine’s portion of the grant will be used to fund research into evaluating a wide range of

See Wheat on A5

SG candidates debate Thursday

News Brief

The University of Maine Student Government will hold its presidential and vice presidential debates Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the North Pod of the Memorial Union.

Students will get to cast their vote via FirstClass on Nov. 12. The presidential candidates are Brian Harris, Zachary Jackman and Ross Wolland. The vice presidential candidates are Nys-

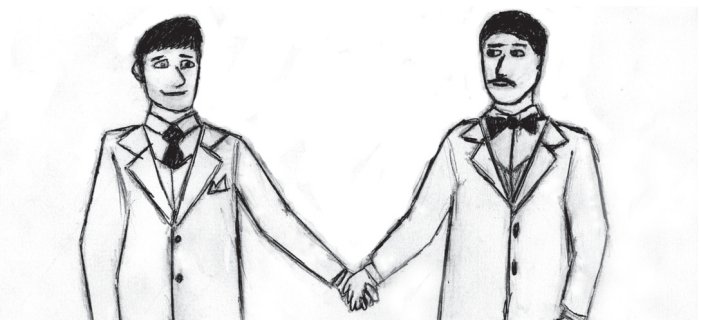
sa Gatcombe and Timothy Smith.

The debate will last two hours and will begin with the presidential candidates and finish with the vice presidential candidates. There will be three questions for both segments. Mario Moretto from The Maine Campus will be moderating.

The candidates will also give platform speeches Tuesday at 6 p.m. during the weekly General Student Senate meeting.

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Evangelicals, bigots
and zombies



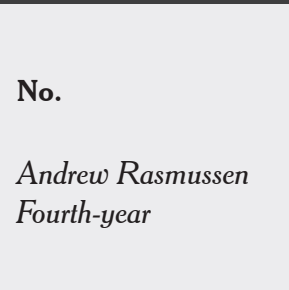
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Minutemen

Word of Mouth

How are you going to vote on Question 1?



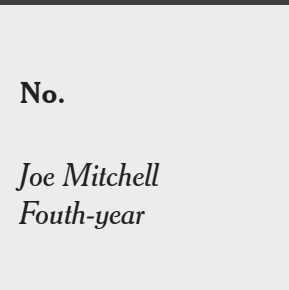
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First-year



No.
Andrew Rasmussen
Fourth-year



No.
Monika Kasiulis
First-year



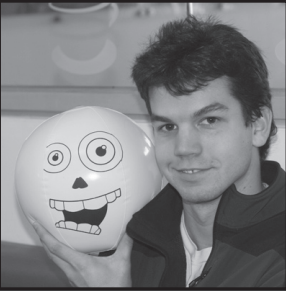
No.
Joe Mitchell
Fourth-year



No.
Ashley Bailey
First-year

No, because I don't think we have any right to tell people who we can and can't marry.

Harry Hayes
Fifth-year



No on 1.
Rebecca Hanks
First-year



No.
Miles Gagnon
First-year



Maine ballot 2009
Election Day questions wrap-up

The following are the questions on Maine's Nov. 3 ballot in the order they will appear, as well as a brief recap of proponent and opponent messages for each people's veto and citizen initiative.

Question 1: People's Veto

An Act to End Discrimination in Civil Marriage and Affirm Religious Freedom

"Do you want to reject the new law that lets same-sex couples marry and allows individuals and religious groups to refuse to perform these marriages?"

Proponents argue same-sex marriage will become a part of public school curricula if Question 1 passes.

Opponents argue repealing Maine's same-sex marriage law will deny marriage rights to a portion of the population.

Question 2: Citizen Initiative

An Act to Decrease the Automobile Excise Tax and Promote Energy

"Do you want to cut the rate of the municipal excise tax by an average of 55 percent on motor vehicles less than six years old and exempt hybrid and other alternative-energy and highly fuel-efficient motor vehicles

from sales tax and three years of excise tax?"

Proponents argue reducing Maine's excise tax will cut taxes for cash-strapped drivers and encourage purchasing of more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Opponents argue the reduction targets only a small portion of the population and that those who can afford fuel-efficient vehicles aren't in desperate need of a tax break. They also contend reducing the excise tax will hurt Maine's municipal budgets and towns' and cities' ability to maintain roads.

Question 3: Citizen Initiative

An Act to Repeal the School District Consolidation Laws

"Do you want to repeal the 2007 law on school district consolidation and restore the laws previously in effect?"

Proponents argue not all schools should be required to consolidate and that savings from the consolidation will remain.

Opponents argue it's too early to know if a repeal of the law will mean consolidation's savings will be kept.

Question 4: Citizen Initiative

An Act to Provide Tax Relief

"Do you want to change the existing formulas that limit state and local government spending and require voter approval by referendum for spending over those limits and for increases in state taxes?"

Proponents argue Question 4 — the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, also known as TABOR II — will put extra decision power into the hands of voters concerning taxes.

Opponents argue TABOR II makes unrealistic assumptions about what governments spend and will constrict tax revenue to such an extent that public services will be severely hurt.

Question 5: Citizen Initiative

An Act to Establish the Maine Medical Marijuana Act

"Do you want to change the medical marijuana laws to allow treatment of more medical conditions and to create a regulated system of distribution?"

Proponents argue Question 5 will increase patients' access to marijuana medication while creating a system for oversight of distribution.

The secretary of state's office is unaware of any organized opposition to Question 5.

Question 6: Bond Issue

"Do you favor a \$71,250,000 bond issue for improvements to highways and bridges, airports, public transit facilities, ferry and port facilities, including port and harbor structures, as well as funds for the Life-Flight Foundation that will make the State eligible for over \$148,000,000 in federal and other matching funds?"

Question 7: Constitutional Amendment

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to increase the amount of time that local officials have to certify the signatures on direct initiative petitions?"



Photo illustration by Alicia Mullins

UMaine investigates effects of road salt

By **Jamison Cocklin**
For The Maine Campus

Education

Road salt and its effects on cars, roads and state property is coming under scrutiny at the University of Maine Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center.

The Maine Legislature asked the Department of Transportation to examine the environmental, economic and safety issues of road salt to provide a better understanding of the chemical for those using it around the state. The transportation depart-

ment subsequently asked the Smith Policy Center in October 2008 to study the various aspects of road salt.

the study, said, “100 percent of this salt ends up in the environment. The question we will continue to look at throughout these types of studies is, will the environment be able to tolerate the impact over the long run? Is it a horrible effect? We have yet to determine this, but we do know it has a negative effect on water quality, ecosystems and plant life.”

Peckenham stressed the importance of monitoring the effects of road salt on the environment and said, despite better alternatives, there will always be an emphasis on cost-effectiveness that, for now, will not

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John Peckenham
Assistant Director of the Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research

ment subsequently asked the Smith Policy Center in October 2008 to study the various aspects of road salt.

“Our goal at the center is to provide a very clear picture of all the impacts of road salt, both good and bad,” said Peggy McKee, the research associate coordinating the project.

There are two approaches to snow and ice control: anti-icing and de-icing; de-icing is the approach with which most are familiar. It is characterized by allowing the snow to accumulate until there is enough to plow, and then, when it is plowed, a large amount of a sand and salt mixture is spread to provide traction. Anti-icing uses carefully calibrated equipment to spread a measured amount of salt early in a storm or by spreading a liquid form of salt brine on the roads that prevents snow from adhering to the road.

There are large costs associated with either method, as well as a number of environmental impacts. The average cost of delivered road salt is \$35 per ton, and numerous problems from corrosion of bridges, cars and trucks to increasing environmental issues have been linked to road salt. There are a number of alternatives to road salt, but it has proven to be the most inexpensive method of clearing roads.

John Peckenham, assistant director of the Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, who is working on the environmental aspect of

allow other methods to be used.

“It is an issue of money, but as time goes on, maybe in 10 years or so, we might find that we will have to rely on a different substance to clear up the roads. It will be an issue of growing concern,” Peckenham said.

The report will provide a compendium of the environmental, economic and safety research the center has been conducting on road salt.

“We haven’t done any independent research. Instead we have gathered research to provide the stakeholders such as the trucking industry, the municipalities around the state and other parties involved in the use of road salt with something that they can use to make better decisions when they use the chemical,” McKee said.

The state Transportation Department has a fleet of about 400 plow trucks used to control snow and ice on approximately 8,300 miles of state roads. Municipalities clear the majority of roads in the state.

In addition to the Smith Policy Center and the Mitchell Center, others taking part in the study include the School of Economics and the Department of Public Administration at UMaine. The report is expected to be complete at the end of November. Upon its completion, the center will present its report to the state Legislature, which will then decide whether to take any action based on its findings.



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor
Michael Jackson fanatics join the UMaine dance team in the halftime performance of “Thriller” that accompanied the marching band.

Gay former soldier speaks at UM about being discharged

By **Kaley Roberts**
Copy Editor

Student Life

Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell goes against the values taught by the U.S. military, according to an openly gay army lieutenant who spoke at the University of Maine on Oct. 29.

Lt. Daniel Choi spoke in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union as part of Coming Out Week, a sequence of events sponsored by Wilde Stein. Choi is a 2003 graduate from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point who served an extended tour of duty in Iraq from 2006 to 2007.

While he first thought of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell as “the greatest thing in the world” because it kept him from having to come out to those around him, Choi said that feeling changed when he met his first boyfriend, Matthew.

“I understood what the movies were talking about, what Beyoncé was singing about” Choi said. “[Falling in love] made me a better person. ... It

made me a better soldier.”

The army discharged Choi by letter in March 2009 after an appearance on “The Rachel Maddow Show,” during which he revealed his sexual orientation while speaking out against President Barack Obama’s lack of action toward repealing Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.

“I only told my mom, my

television, Choi received a letter from the U.S. Department of Defense stating he was “incompatible with military service” and “adversely affects the ability of the armed forces to maintain discipline, good order and morale.” In a letter to Obama, he called the discharge papers “a slap in the face to me, a slap in the face to my soldiers, peers

dier stated: “I was about to drive my Humvee off a cliff. ... I didn’t know how to continue on with my deployment because I’m gay, and then I saw you coming out.”

“It’s our responsibility to tell because ... you never know if that person hears that message just at the right time,” Choi said.

“We need to worry about those who are young and are growing up and need us to step up,” Choi said, rebutting the idea among the older GLBT community that “sometimes it’s OK to be patient about who we are, about telling others who we are.”

If the GLBT community does not work hard enough to ensure equal rights, Choi said they will have to answer to the next generation, which will be asking, “What did you do in 2009 when the battle was yours to be fought?” Choi said.

Along with fellow West Point alumni, staff and faculty, Choi help set up Knights Out — a community for openly GLBT soldiers. Its Web site is knightsout.org.

Daniel Choi
Former army lieutenant

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dad and Rachel Maddow,” Choi said.

Choi said one of the worst things about Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell is that “lying under [this policy] goes against the very first things we learn at West Point and in the army ... those values of honesty, integrity and courage.”

After coming out on national

and leaders who have demonstrated that an infantry unit can be professional enough to accept diversity.”

Choi told his UMaine audience about various soldiers he had spoken to since his appearance on “The Rachel Maddow Show” whom his candor has helped. An e-mail he received from a fellow sol-

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Corrections...

The Maine Campus welcomes corrections or clarifications to its articles. Please e-mail all such content to eic@mainecampus.com. Errors in opinion articles will be corrected on the opinion pages.

In the Oct. 29 issue of The Maine Campus, a story and photo about a public forum on the restructuring of the University of Maine System that appeared on Page A1 incorrectly identified Steve Butterfield as state representative for House District 15. He is state representative for House District 16.

Because of an editing error, an article explaining the positions of the candidates for Student Government president on Page A2 said Brian Harris wants to decrease transparency of Student Government. Harris has said he wants to increase transparency.

A report on the General Student Senate meeting that appeared on Page A3 stated that Skye Landry is both a student senator and chair of the Fair Elections and Practices Commission. Landry is not a senator. The same article said the senate voted on a resolution on whether or not to pay student senators who hold dual positions both salaries. The resolution was about whether to pay Student Government employees who hold dual positions both salaries.

Non-trad honored as New England’s golden student

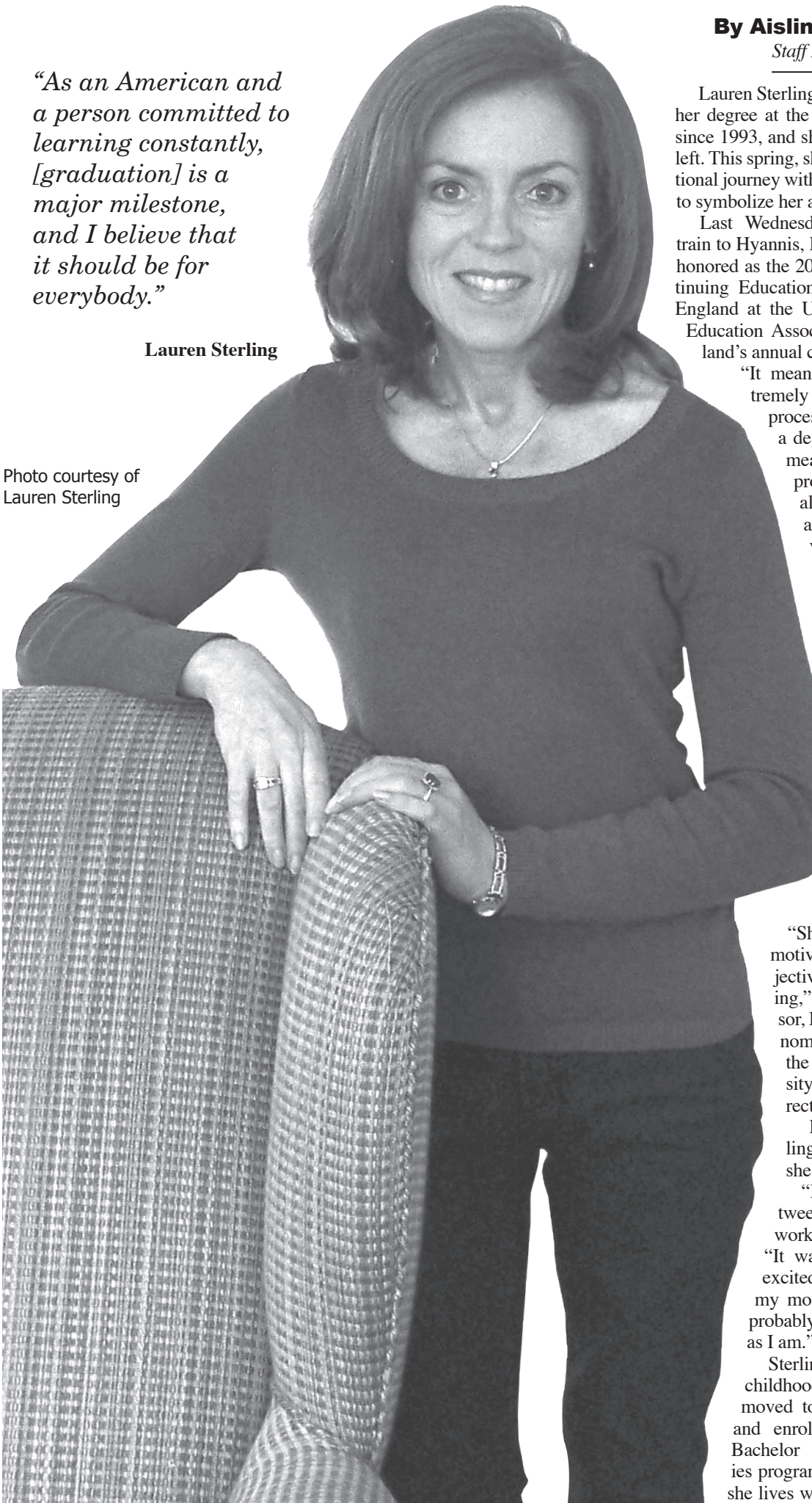


Photo courtesy of Lauren Sterling

Lauren Sterling

“As an American and a person committed to learning constantly, [graduation] is a major milestone, and I believe that it should be for everybody.”

By Aislinn Sarnacki
Staff Reporter

Lauren Sterling has been working on her degree at the University of Maine since 1993, and she has one math class left. This spring, she will end her educational journey with more than a diploma to symbolize her accomplishments.

Last Wednesday, Sterling took a train to Hyannis, Mass., where she was honored as the 2009 Outstanding Continuing Education Student from New England at the University Continuing Education Association of New England’s annual conference.

“It means the end of an extremely long but rewarding process of working toward a degree that has a lot of meaning for me in my professional life and also, more importantly, as a person, as an individual,” Sterling said.

All New England colleges and universities that are members of the University Continuing Education Association can nominate a student. Over 40 colleges are members in the region. Russell Witmer of Eddington was the last UMaine student to win the award in 1995.

“She’s tireless, devoted, motivated, all of those adjectives, and truly inspiring,” said Sterling’s advisor, Barbara Howard, who nominated her. Howard is the Bachelor in University Studies (BUS) Director.

Howard called Sterling when she learned she had won.

“I was driving in between meetings on my work day,” Sterling said. “It was great. I was very excited. I promptly called my mother of course. She’s probably as excited about this as I am.”

Sterling, who spent her childhood summers in Maine, moved to Waterville in 1993 and enrolled in the UMaine Bachelor of University Studies program. Now 48 years old, she lives with her husband, who

is the president of Colby College, and two stepchildren. In addition to taking college courses, she volunteers in the community and works full time for the Governor’s Children’s Cabinet in Augusta.

The Governor’s Children’s Cabinet meetings bring together the commissioners of five state departments — education, health and human services, juvenile corrections, public safety and labor. Sterling facilitates the meetings so the departments can work together to improve services to children and youth in Maine.

“It’s never easy going back to college as an older adult because of the financial obligations and work obligations and relationships — life — and it became more expensive,” Sterling said. “But I’ve always wanted a degree, and I’ll probably go on to get my masters as well.”

“It’s never easy going back to college as an older adult. ... But I’ve always wanted a degree and I’ll probably go on to get my masters as well.”

Lauren Sterling
University of Maine student

Sterling said one of the biggest reasons she came to UMaine was the variety of courses available online.

“It’s just an incredibly convenient way for a person like me to also go to school and work on a degree. It’s brilliant,” Sterling said.

The Bachelor in University Studies is a self-designed degree. Sterling worked with Howard to put together a study of courses that related to her career, such as courses on child development, nutrition, education, sexuality and sociology.

“The course I took in nutrition was incredible,” Sterling said. “It helped me to really understand a huge thing that is going on with child obesity in Maine and in my community. I am very much a part of groups that are working on that problem.”

She has volunteered as co-chair for the Greater Waterville Communities for Children and Youth Coalition since its opening in 1996. Under her leadership, the coalition has received more than \$5 million in grants for youth development.

“Back in 1999, [the coalition] learned that less than 23 percent of kids reported that they had a positive adult role model in their lives. So we partnered with Colby College and started probably one of the best mentoring programs in the country,” Sterling said.

Since then, schools such as the University of Maine, Bowdoin College, the University of New England and the University of Southern Maine have implemented the mentor program at their institutions. Currently, over 400 Colby students are paired with children in 13 different locations, mentoring them twice a week in after-school programs.

The coalition concentrates on the needs of the greater Waterville area, but Sterling also has a statewide view of children’s needs from her full-time job as a primary member of the Governor’s Children’s Cabinet and has ambitions to work nationally on positive youth development.

A couple years ago, the coalition, in partnership with non-profit organization Hardy Girls Healthy Women, created a community action kit and documentary about the harassment of gay and lesbian youth, which has been distributed

nationally. All Maine schools received a free copy of the documentary and a Web site, uglyducklings.org, was created for the project.

“It’s probably one of the projects I am proudest of,” Sterling said.

“Not only is she learning, but the children of Maine are benefiting at the same time, which is really great,” said Sterling’s coworker Susan Savell, executive director of Communities for Children and Youth.

“It’s just been an amazing process to watch her work both day and night to do her job and get this degree. She has just been tireless,” Savell said.

“She really is very deserving of such an award,” said Maine’s first lady Karen Baldacci, chairwoman of the Governor’s Children’s Cabinet. “If it was a national award, I can’t imagine anyone doing anything more. I think the governor’s and my days are pretty full, but I think her days are just as full or busier.”

“It’s just been a long journey, as it is for most non-traditional students who attempt to complete an education in the midst of enormous life responsibilities,” Sterling said. “As an American and a person committed to learning constantly, [graduation] is a major milestone and I believe that it should be for everybody.”

Green Team urges student action toward energy independence

By Kaitlynn Perreault
Assistant News Editor

Student Life

The Green Team of the University of Maine told students there’s plenty they can do to go green without working hard during an energy independence rally held Thursday in Neville Hall.

Former president of the Green Team Walter Lazarz spoke about the concern of global warming and a climate bill in the Senate. The Clean Energy Jobs and American Power Act will push for better daily routines to lead to climate sustainability.

“The current Senate bill advocates renewable energy, cleaner transportation, emissions reduction goals and emissions market policies,” Lazarz said. “Maine Representatives Chellie Pingree and Mike Michaud each supported the House version of the bill. However, the word is that Maine Sens Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins are looking to hear what the public thinks about this climate change bill.”

Lazarz thinks the public is not responding because many people are unaware of the problem.

“I feel like there’s a general lack of knowledge on this topic,” Lazarz said. “This is the real deal, and those options to fix it are here.”

Paul Wilson, vice president of the Green Team, said it is easy for students to contribute, no matter how busy they are.

“There are a lot of things you can do without really committing too much time. You can recycle. You can try to conserve energy, conserve resources by turning

off lights, turning off water. You can always support bills in congress and other initiatives that promote environmental responsibility, and that doesn’t have to take long. Usually you can just sign some sort of petition or even write a brief letter to your representative or congress member just indicating that you support it,” Wilson said. “There are all kinds of ways to help out. It’s not that hard to change your everyday life just a little bit to try to be more ecologically friendly.”

Lazarz said it is not just the students who are going to be key contributors toward energy independence. He also talked about the university, which has a campus plan dedicated to carbon neutrality.

“The University of Maine is currently using the Master Plan as the key to UMaine’s energy future. However, in recent speeches, President Robert Kennedy has mentioned Campus Sustainability Coordinator Misa Saros’ draft plan for the University of Maine to begin moving toward its commitment of carbon neutrality,” Lazarz said. Greg Edwards, president of the Green Team, said UMaine has been putting in the effort toward that carbon neutrality commitment.

“I know Wells [Commons] is looking to install hot water heating from solar panels, and I know the gym is now a LEED-certified building that uses all renewable energy as its power source,” Edwards said.

Lazarz said, in the end, it is all going to be a team effort.

“We’re all going to have the same end goal of seeking climate change,” Lazarz said.



Edward Fontaine • Assistant Photo Editor

Two carbon-composite arches knocked over scaffolding after they burst while being filled with cement Thursday at the Cloke Plaza construction site.

HIV testing offered as part of Coming Out Week

By Devin Shaw
For The Maine Campus

Student Life

HIV testing was offered on Friday as part of Coming Out Week, a weeklong schedule of events focusing on sexual diversity at UMaine. Testing was conducted by the Eastern Maine AIDS Network.

Students waited at the Rainbow Resource Center to take the test and learn their results.

“An important 20 minutes of hell” is how Zachery Knox, president of Wilde Stein, the University of Maine’s Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) student organization, described waiting for the results of his HIV test.

“It’s very important to know your status,” said Jonathon Nason, a former UMaine art student.

“Status” refers to whether or not you are HIV positive. All those in high-risk groups are encouraged to get tested to help protect themselves and others

from infection.

The actual test is simple and quick — no needle, no wait. A noninvasive oral swab detects the virus. Twenty years ago, testing was only possible on a blood sample, and it took a week or more to get results. Now, the swab test provides results in about 20 minutes with 99.6 percent accuracy.

Sharon Paul, a prevention and outreach worker for the Eastern Maine Aids Network, administered the tests. Paul is HIV positive and has been living with the

disease for seven years. She said “knowledge is power,” and that HIV treatment has come a long way. Paul emphasized the importance of testing but understands some people may be scared of the results. Despite the fear, she said it is better to find out early before becoming symptomatic.

Paul will return to UMaine to conduct more clinics throughout the year. She will also share her personal story at a Wilde Stein meeting Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the FFA room of the Memorial Union.

Police Beat



The best from Orono, Old Town and UMaine's finest

Absent brawl

Police received a report on Oct. 30 that two males were fighting in the Corbett Parking Lot at 1:17 a.m. The caller said one of the men was on the ground while the other was on top hitting him. Officers were in the area when the call was received and arrived within seconds but were unable to locate anyone.

Backpack blunder

A student at the Student Recreation and Fitness Center reported his backpack was stolen at 7:13 p.m. on Oct. 27 while he was exercising. He placed his backpack, containing a motorcycle helmet with a tribal design on it and a pair of tan Timberland boots, next to the cubby space on the floor near the basketball court. He

left to exercise for approximately 30 minutes, and when he returned, it was missing. The helmet is valued at \$150, the boots at \$50 and the black Nike bag at \$40. The case is under investigation, and police ask to be notified if the helmet is seen.

Missing jerseys

The athletic department reported at 3:55 p.m. on Oct. 28 that two women's basketball jerseys were stolen from the locker room sometime between Oct. 26 and 28.

Spotlight smash up

A building manager from the Buchanan Alumni House reported at 9:17 a.m. on Oct. 27 that someone had vandal-

ized three spotlights near the north end of the building. The damage is estimated at \$1,800. The case is under investigation.

Collins Center collision

A student riding his bicycle near the Collins Center for the Arts was struck by a vehicle at 6:50 p.m. on Oct. 29. Jordan Buck, 22, Brewer, was traveling on Rangeley Road when she turned onto the road near the Collins Center and felt something make contact with her 2005 Ford Focus. Bicyclist Christopher Kiss, 24, Orono, was transported to the hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Damages to the vehicle are estimated at \$200, damages to the bike are es-

timated at \$100. The case is under investigation.

Recovered student

Police received a report from Residence Life at 1:29 a.m. on Oct. 28 confirming the whereabouts of a student who had been missing since Oct. 16. After investigation, the student was located at her home.

Humans vs. Zombies vs. Law enforcement

Police received a complaint by a faculty member at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 22 who observed a male subject in camouflage clothing and a painted face entering a classroom with what was thought to be a toy gun. At 11:44 a.m.

on Oct. 28, a report was received from Oak Hall, stating a male was standing outside the building with a grey gun. On Oct. 29 at 12:37 p.m., police received a report stating a male was standing at one of the rear doors of Little Hall in all black with camouflage face paint, carrying a black rifle. On the same day at 12:40 p.m., a complaint was received that a male subject in all camouflage was standing on the soccer field. Police officers responded to all cases and confirmed all subjects were participating in the game Humans vs. Zombies.

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laws requiring the dissemination of campaign finance sources, which have come under criticism recently. The National Organization for Marriage sued the Maine state government two weeks ago claiming Maine's financial reporting requirements violate the First Amendment and are unconstitutional.

hitting other people is acceptable.

"What they grow up observing and understanding is different from what they should be observing and understanding," Mills said.

Mills recalled a case she worked with involving one young boy whose father killed his wife and then himself. She said she asked the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to help the child adjust after the loss of his parents, but

"What they [Maine children] grow up observing and understanding is different from what they should be observing and understanding."

**Janet Mills
Maine Attorney General**

"[Those laws] are critical to the functioning of a democracy," said Mills, who added the laws "help the people of Maine to know where that money is coming from. ... People voting on something have a right to know that."

Jonathon Nason, a former UMaine art student, asked Mills about her thoughts on the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

"That's nothing I have any say on," said Mills, who added President Barack Obama "knows what he's doing."

Nichols asked Mills what the student population at UMaine and other college campuses can do to help promote and advance today's public issues.

Mills said there has to be a cultural change — a shift — in the thinking of young Mainers. She said Maine children — mainly young boys — are too heavily exposed to domestic violence and the idea that

said the department told her that since the parents were dead, there was no need to help the boy. Mills said Maine children need good role models.

Speaking to reporters after her discussion with students, Mills said prescription drug abuse is one of Maine's biggest problems.

"Prescription drug abuse is responsible for more deaths than cocaine, more deaths than heroine, more deaths than amphetamines, more deaths than traffic crashes. In this state, and many other states across the country, prescription drugs affected 464 drug-affected babies born in Maine last year alone. Prescription drug diversion and abuse is the No. 1 cause of crime in our state," Mills said. "We had six homicides in the last 18 months or so over prescription drugs. People are killing each other over prescription drugs."

Mills met with students in courses and across campus throughout the day.



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Maine Attorney General Janet Mills (left) speaks at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center.

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wheat varieties during the next four years. The research was jump-started recently using winter wheat varieties planted at Rogers Farm on Bennoch Road in Stillwater. She said the research grant is also conducting tests of ways to optimally manage wheat growing and make the plants more fertile. Another part of the initiative is creating tools for farmers, such as interactive budgets "so that farmers

Merrigan said.

Merrigan said the initiative doesn't focus solely on wheat. She said. "It's about everything that's grown" or eaten, from grains to meats.

Launched in May, the know your farmer initiative is an extension of the 2008 Farm Bill, which provides flexibility for agricultural department programs to favor locally grown food.

"We all need to look at our home institutions and what's going on there. Our local restaurants, our campus dining halls ... ask ourselves,

"I want to ask young people, 'Do you want to be a part of this agricultural industry?'"

**Kathleen Merrigan
Deputy Secretary
Department of Agriculture**

can evaluate the profitability of growing bread wheat and figure out if it works for their system," Mallory said.

The initiative will also fund cooperative education — teaching farmers and industry members ways to employ the tools and findings the research will provide. Merrigan said the initiative involves not just researchers and farmers, but also millers, bakers and other industry leaders.

"It's not just kind of pure research; there's also extension components to it. So the idea is that it allows production to marketing of the organic bread market in Maine,"

"How are we voting with our forks?" Merrigan said.

Merrigan said if students would demand organic and locally grown food more, universities such as UMaine would buy more, and consumer demand is the driving force behind increasing organic and locally grown food production. Merrigan said the initiative is about "where we're going in agriculture in the future, and who the new young farmers are going to be."

Aaron Lavallee, communications coordinator for the Department of Agriculture, said UMaine is receiving the largest amount of the grant.

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Editorial: The Maine Campus' ballot card

On Tuesday morning, voting stations will open in town halls and schoolhouses across the state. Mainers will participate in the democratic process, and decide on some of the most important questions in recent memory. Newspapers cannot vote, but if they could, these are the votes The Maine Campus would cast:

Question 1: Do you want to reject the new law that lets same-sex couples marry and allows individuals and religious groups to refuse to perform these marriages?

No. It is important for Maine to take a stand to declare all human beings are born deserving of the same rights. This bill makes clear that the state will recognize marriage equally, rather than distinguish acceptable and unacceptable forms of human relationships. Leave that to the churches, and let them debate and mull their own positions in accordance with their own traditions. This bill poses no threat to that process.

Question 2: Do you want to cut the rate of the municipal excise tax by an average of 55 percent on motor vehicles less than six years old and exempt hybrid and other alternative-energy and highly fuel-efficient motor vehicles from sales tax and three years of excise tax?

No. The vehicle excise tax funds important road repair in our towns and municipalities. The proposed tax cuts disproportionately benefits Mainers who can afford new cars and hybrids. It is unfair for only the less wealthy to pay taxes from which all people benefit.

Question 4: Do you want to change the existing formulas that limit state and local government spending and require voter approval by referendum for spending over those limits and for increases in state taxes?

No. Since Colorado enacted TABOR, spending on higher education has dropped 31 percent.

For UMaine, a drop of that size represents a loss of \$27.7 million in state funding. That's teachers and staff who won't be paid, buildings that won't be repaired, research that won't be conducted and financial aid that won't be awarded. TABOR is wrong for all Mainers — especially those connected to this university.

Question 5: Do you want to change the medical marijuana laws to allow treatment of more medical conditions and to create a regulated system of distribution?

Yes. Medical marijuana is legal in our state. Doctors should be able to prescribe the drug as they see fit, and patients should be able to access their drugs safely.

Whether one agrees with these views or not, don't forget to show up at your local polling place and vote.

Readers Speak: Best of Web comments

RE: Letters: Same-sex couples are 'incompatible'

A "no" vote is a vote against God. Period. This is the first time in our country's history that a demonic agenda has forcefully torn at the psyche of Maine voters to comply with an abominable agenda. Our country was founded on God's love and blessings, and now it looks as though it might become the haven for even greater depravity when it comes to the indoctrination of children.

Now we're looking at the next generation of kids turning into sexually confused misfits, because if the gay culture has its way, heterosexuality and traditional marriage will become abnormal.

Please vote "yes" on Question 1, and keep Maine safe from homosexuality.

— Dave

In the states that have legalized marriage equality, traditional marriage is as strong as it ever was. Why in the world do you think heterosexuality is going to become abnormal? I'm a straight Christian guy. I want a wife, I'm not going to marry some dude because it's legal, and neither is anyone else.

I'm not seeing any abominable and demonic agenda here, either. None of the gay people I know want to indoctrinate anyone — they want to get married and live their lives in peace. They want to be able to visit their loved ones in the hospital and provide for their welfare.

Marriage and family are blessings from God. I can't for the life of me see why you are so intent on denying these blessings to people you don't like.

— Michael

Opinion

Monday, November 2, 2009



Like running around at night? Try this ...

Last week, the University of Maine was subjected to another round of Humans vs. Zombies. Campus came alive with students completely disconnected from reality, running around in ridiculous outfits ranging from army fatigues to Superman costumes. At every turn, some Nerf-gun-wielding wannabe hero was trying to protect his or her "human" brethren from the "zombie" onslaught.

This game is a huge annoyance to everyone not involved, but perhaps there is one redeeming quality. The sense of camaraderie among the humans was certainly commendable. So commendable in fact, it's a shame it has to end when the game is over.

UMaine can be a cold, scary and foreboding place — especially at night. If people are willing to run around at night across campus to escort someone to the library during HvZ, why hasn't a band of people assembled on any given night to help protect regular students? A UMaine chapter of the Guardian Angels might be taking it a little too far, but why not try something close?

It seems some people at UMaine have already come close. Last year, my roommate was walking home in the cold from just off campus when a blue car pulled up and told him they could give him a ride to his dorm. Without hesitation, he got in the vehicle. When it pulled up to his dorm, the people inside gave him specific instructions — he must "never forget the Blues Cruise."

Whether this band of people was actually driving around looking for weary souls to drive home is beside the point. They still acted as good Samaritans and portrayed a mythic sense of community protection. The Late Night Local operates in the same way — a mysterious van in which, if you are lucky, you just might catch a ride.



Kegan Zema
Style editor

UMaine doesn't need a group of modern-day vigilantes thinking they can stop every bike from being stolen or every woman from being sexually assaulted. But a simple group concerned with the well being of the campus and accessible to all students would make this an even greater place.

Most critiques of citizen peacekeeping will bring up the police. The university is lucky enough to have a great public safety department, as well as the protection of the

away from alerting the police in troublesome situations. With a community watch group, this scenario could be avoided.

Incorporating students with medical knowledge would be invaluable as well. Who knows what lives could be saved if someone with the same knowledge as a UVAC employee could be called upon without the resulting medical bills attached.

Even acts as simple as giving people rides home in the below-zero winter weather would be good deeds public safety fails to provide. Weather like that is dangerous, especially if the people walking in it are intoxicated.

Community watchers could also work with police, going places they can't. Perhaps while on patrol, they hear a window smash. What may have been an unsolvable case of vandalism is now made easier just because concerned students are on the lookout.

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People running around with Nerf guns are a far cry from an effective safety program, but if this attitude of amity exists then it should be acted upon.

Orono and Old Town police. Public safety's escort service is a brilliant one, and the blue boxes around campus are comforting.

The authorities can offer services citizens can't, but citizens can offer services the authorities can't. A community watch group would provide protection with amnesty. The threat of getting in trouble scares many people

should be acted upon. Costumed heroes should be left for the comic book pages, but honest citizens interested in helping out their college community could be a positive, possibly life-saving presence on this campus.

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‘No Shave November’: not just for men anymore



Annual no-shave ritual could fight nonsensical ideas of femininity.

Denise Bickford

Each year, my male friends participate in an event critical to the confirmation of manhood: The underground tradition of “No Shave November.” For the entire month of November, men are encouraged to not shave their beard, moustache or any other facial hair. They begin the ritual by excitedly shedding their beards on Halloween, heightening the fun and excitement in their near future. But why should this fun and excitement be limited to just men?

Most people will resoundingly decry women’s participation in this yearly ritual, thinking it’s gross for women not to shave. I beg people to think about this reasoning. Why is it fine for men to abstain from shaving but not for women? For years, women have been wasting their hard-earned money buying razors and shaving cream. They could be spending it on more important things than trying to uphold an ideal of femininity created by corporations like Gillette.

In the past, women were revered for being intellectuals. Queens and priestesses were turned to for their knowledge and guidance. All the hairy pop-stars of their day seemed to have no problems carrying on their bloodline. The average hairy Jane also had no problems getting a boyfriend. When did people lose this ability to look past the physical and love and know a person for who they are?

America has become more in love with commercial displays of affection than with our

fellow human beings. We buy candies and presents for loved ones, and if we don’t, we are considered heartless by the majority of society. Many of us do not know how to express love for people in words or actions anymore, so we use things we buy and the way we look. We are obsessed with looking different because it is a notion that we have grown up with. Society expects everyone to buy it, and women have been subject to the idea that they are the only ones who need to look good in order to succeed in this country.

We spend millions of dollars on makeup, tweezers, weight loss products and hair removal kits every year. If women just left themselves in their completely natural state all the time, we would have far fewer preconceptions about who these women were. They would be constantly presenting themselves as who they actually are.

Some people still don’t realize women are beautiful without the aid of hacking tools. It’s taken a long time for people to get past the patriarchal idea that women are just arm candy for men. That they are intelligent, sophisticated beings capable of being individuals. By conforming every day to a certain ideal of the beautiful American woman: a hairless, painted prototype. Women are not reflecting the ideals our mothers and grandmothers of previous generations have fought so hard to obtain for their children.

It is sad to think that when the women on campus read this, many of them will laugh or make remarks about the idea of a “No Shave November” for women. Growing body hair is not a display of manliness, nor is it an abomination for women. The truth is, it’s a natural process for both men and women, but somewhere along the line, society made it unnatural for women. This is what “No Shave November” should be about for men and women alike. It shouldn’t be a display of how “manly” you can be, but a reminder that both men and women should not be conformists to this or any artificial standard of beauty.

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Bigotry is ‘incompatible’ with Maine values



I don’t see the validity of an argument that relies on homophobic views of ‘compatibility.’

Maddy Glover

Same-sex couples are chemically and biologically “incompatible.” That’s quite a statement. It was penned in a letter to the editor in the Oct. 28 edition of The Maine Campus. The statement denotes a certain scientific displacement from what are actually being discussed — basic human rights in the state of Maine.

I’m not going to pretend to be well versed in the legal jargon of L.D. 1020 or the scientific nomenclature of perceived physical incompatibilities between same-sex couples. I’ll even admit, my general strategy for crossing the mall lately has been to latch onto innocent passers-by, use them as a shield against the aggressive No on 1 campaigners and let them take the fall as I saunter off to class while they are embroiled in political discussion.

Yes, I’m a procrastinator and only requested an absentee ballot by mail last week — no early campus voting for me. Let’s hope it gets here in time. I keep checking my mailbox, but no dice.

The author of the letter explains how marriage “is meant to build and strengthen society by creating healthy, happy families.” I struggle to understand how this lovely and hopeful definition of marriage is incompatible with a same-sex couple’s marriage.

Repealing the legality of same-sex marriage is an act of bigotry that cannot be tolerated anywhere, especially in Maine, where all ways of life are tolerated. Our state slogan, “The way life should be,” implies a unique culture where all are accepted

and welcomed. That Question 1 is even on the ballot is ludicrous. This is not what Mainers should be concentrating their efforts, time and money on. Same-sex marriage was already established as “legal” and socially acceptable, and by implication of that legality, same sex couples are “compatible” at the very least, in a strictly legal definition. The proposed repeal defies the tolerance this state and country stand for.

This letter seemed to appeal to the reader to vote yes on Question 1 on behalf of children. The author draws upon gender-neutral legal language and potential adoptive relationships between same-sex couples and their children to bolster the argument.

The author writes, “Your mother will no longer by law be your ‘mother.’”

I’ll put it this way: If same-sex parents adopt you, obviously neither of them is your biological mother. How would this change if your adoptive parents were “different-sex?”

Neither of them would be your biological mother either. Why not merely change the gender restrictive language in our legal documents to that which is gender-inclusive? Isn’t that why our legal documents can be amended and altered in the first place?

The author writes that the bill contains language that “must be construed to be gender-neutral for all purposes throughout the law.” If the author is only concerned with legal verbiage, well, that is a fairly easy problem to solve — through alternative means other than ostensible home wrecking.

On several occasions, I have agreed to volunteer for the campus No on 1 campaign. I just can never seem to find the time to actually go. Then I see the strange incoming call on my cell phone screen. That’s when I usually guiltily press “ignore” so as to avoid being reprimanded for my inability to keep my word. Despite my civic transgressions and political half-heartedness, I do not see the validity of an argument that relies on homophobic views of compatibility. I’m voting no on Question 1.

Maddy Glover is a senior childhood development student.

Firebrand evangelical has ‘quixotic’ charm



Michael Shepherd
Columnist

In the Oct. 19 edition of The Maine Campus, I discussed the freedom that should be afforded to groups who would like to spread their views on campus. Perhaps the most notable pursuer of that freedom at the University of Maine was Matt Bourgault of Consuming Fire Campus Ministries. In October 2001, Bourgault confronted UMaine students on their many moral shortcomings that he said helped lead to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.

Bourgault’s beliefs disgust me. They are outdated and don’t work in a changing society. So why did I end up respecting him?

Bourgault requested a telephone interview and was a polite interviewee. I didn’t expect that from someone who shouts at students for a living. He quotes Bible verses from memory with incredible knowledge of the citations. He is obsessed with scripture. He lives his life by it and demands that others do too.

His sermons are all over YouTube. He has been ridiculed in college newspapers and online forums. One group on Facebook is sarcastically titled “Disciples of Brother Matt,” the name he insists he be called. His radical beliefs are the butt of many jokes.

According to Bourgault, he has preached in approximately 40 states and at 100 college and university campuses, which he sees as hotbeds of ungodliness. He said the perpetrator of the 2007 Virginia Tech massacre, Seung-Hui Cho, was a victim of the world view of humanism.

“They robbed him of his faith and then Virginia Tech wants to say ‘no, no, no, we’re not responsible.’ Well, they are. Vicariously, they are,” he

said. “When you promote things on a university that are contrary to the word of God ... you’re going to breed a bunch of perverts.”

We were talking about condoms when he made one of his more outlandish statements, saying condoms are “bringing more problems than [they are] solving. Condoms are not safe. They don’t protect you in every case. An example of that is the AIDS virus. It is known that the AIDS virus is 10 times smaller than the pores in a condom.”

Condoms don’t eliminate any risk, but they do cut many risks drastically. According to a 2000 report by the National Institute of Health, condoms can reduce the transmission of HIV by 80 percent.

He has little regard for feminism, believing the Bible describes a “very clear pecking order” of the sexes. “We would totally disagree with Obama’s agenda of telling the housewives to go back to work,” he said.

But he insists that he isn’t a chauvinist, saying, “I’ve been married 20 years. We have seven children. I don’t think I hate women.” He went on to say that he and his wife raised their 19-year-old daughter to be “very, very chaste. She’s a very good girl. We trained her up to be this way.”

He weighed in on Maine’s new same-sex marriage law, which will go up for popular vote Tuesday. He lamented Maine’s passage of the law, saying it was “a sign of the times” and “an abomination of God.”

Bourgault’s beliefs disgust me. They are outdated and don’t work in a changing society. So why did I hang up the phone respecting him?

There is something strangely quixotic about the man. He struggles against the status quo for a change he sees necessary for our salvation. Tomatoes fly at his signs. Students scream at him and sometimes try to push him around. But he buttons up his white shirt, dons his signature red tie, grabs his signs and his dog-eared Bible and puts it all on the line. He’s got guts. He knows that he is right, even when we all think he isn’t. This is admirable.

We all want a pulpit for our opinions. Bourgault creates his own among a hostile crowd, and for that, if nothing else, he deserves some respect.

“I’m committed. And by the grace of God, I’ll continue to preach,” he declared.

Well, Brother Matt, I hope you do.

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Animal cruelty: Every critter deserves a good home

Everyone loves animals. Almost everyone I know has a pet of some sort, from a goldfish to a horse. Pets provide us with companionship. They entertain us, and they love us unconditionally. As a former animal science student, I have been exposed to various aspects of animal issues — the animal rights activist's standpoint, the veterinarian's, the animal behaviorist's, etc. Overall, I believe the most important priority is informing the general public on how to understand and properly care for animals.

Since I was 12 years old, I've loved rats. I am well aware that to many, a rat is not a conventional pet.

However I guarantee that if you ever own one, or know someone who does, you will be convinced that they are probably one of the best, low-maintenance pets out there. They can use a litter box, they can learn their name and tricks like fetch, and they love human companionship. They're pretty much pocket-sized dogs. I'll elaborate more about these fantastic critters at a later date, but what I want to focus on is the story of Noonan.

Three weeks ago I was sitting in class when I received a text message from one of my roommates. He told me there was a rat hanging out under the steps of the empty apartment building next to us. It instantly piqued my interest, but I assumed he probably meant a wild rat. The next message I received was a picture message, showing a small, black hooded rat. It was clear this was no wild rat. I immediately left class and returned home, but at this point the rat was nowhere to be found.

After several efforts with two different no-kill traps, it was clear I was going to have to catch this guy predator-style. Rain had been coming down all morning, and the last thing I wanted was for him to be outside for another night. As I was getting in my car to leave for class, I spotted him picking at grass in front of a nearby apartment. I grabbed a jacket from my car and decided to stalk him and pounce when he least expected it. I probably looked like a hungry cat to anyone driving by, but I caught my rat.

The next night, the temperature dropped considerably. I am fairly certain a small, malnourished, drenched-to-the-bone rat like Noonan wouldn't have survived.

With the help of some friends from Mainely Rat Rescue — an organization founded by four women who saw a need to save unwanted and often misunderstood pet rats, according to their Web site — we decided he was probably only around 6 weeks old. He was stinky, skinny and definitely mite-ridden, but boy was he affectionate. Now, he's healthy, neutered and plump, and in another week or so, he'll be living in luxury with my other four rats. He is, without a doubt, the friendliest rat I've ever owned.

Who knows how Noonan ended up where he did. Perhaps he simply escaped, slipping through a small crack or an open door. Unfortunately, I tend to believe he was unwanted for one reason or another and was intentionally dumped outside. Maybe someone had a snake or reptile that wouldn't eat him, or realized how profusely rats procreate. Of course, animals use their instincts to survive, just as a human would. I had seen Noonan cleaning himself in runoff rain water from the building and pulling berries off low bushes and eating them. Yes, he was living, but just barely.

Last semester, some friends of mine had a similar experience when they found a small black and white rabbit that had been abandoned along the Witter Farm road on the last day of the semester. A week or so prior, the rabbit, along with a picture, had been posted for free on FirstClass. I guess the 15-minute drive to the Humane Society is simply too much for some people. Perhaps they forget that we live in Maine — coyotes have been spotted on the farm road, not to mention foxes and cats. That rabbit was a sitting duck.

Don't get me wrong — I understand how the food chain works. What I don't understand is why someone would willingly take on the responsibility of an animal, just to abandon it to fend for itself in the wild. If you take on an animal, regardless of what it is, it depends on you to live. Ideally, you should have an animal for the entirety of its natural life. Obviously, sometimes the unexpected comes up. When it does, be prepared to make sure your animal goes somewhere — be it a new home or a shelter — where it will be cared for.

If you have any pet- or animal-related questions you would like to see discussed in this column, please feel free to contact the writer at jessie.darkis@umit.maine.edu.



The Pet Pundit
By Jessie Darkis

Orchestra goes global

Concert incorporates Guatemalan student musicians

By Maddy Glover
For The Maine Campus

Minsky Recital Hall was filled nearly to capacity Halloween night as chattering audience members prepared to enjoy combined efforts of the Orquesta Juvenil Municipal de Guatemala and the University of Maine orchestra. The sounds of instrumental tweaks and tunings filled the recital hall as student musicians flipped through their music and assembled.

The concert featured music by Antonin Dvorak, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov and Aaron Copland and was guest conducted by James Ball of Albion College. The concert began with Dvorak's "New World" symphony followed by Korsakoff's "Capriccio Espagnol" and Copland's "Hoe-Down" from Rodeo.

A cross-cultural connection between the Orquesta Juvenil Municipal de Guatemala and the UMaine orchestra has been further strengthened during the past week as UMaine hosted 12 Guatemalan student musicians.

"Es muy bien. I mean it's exciting and we can learn a lot," said Orquesta Juvenil Municipalde violinist Jeanyfer Campos of the exchange experience.

The 12 exchange students attend the Orquesta Juvenil Municipal de Guatemala, a school and orchestra in Guatemala City founded in 2006 by director and conductor Bruno Campo and of Isabel Ciudad-Real, president of the Music and Youth Foundation. Campo is an internationally renown musician. In 1998 he was honored with the title of UNESCO Artist for Peace and currently serves as president of the Commission for the National System of Orchestras, Choirs and Youth Bands of Guatemala.

Campo's passion for music and its beneficial use for social development is evident and contagious. Since his school's establishment, Campo has seen student registration rise to approximately 900 students and plans to clone his educational model across his country. Campo explained that there are already four metropolitan youth orchestras in Guatemala, with two more in the works.

"We give the schools to [students] in their own towns," said Campo of his program. During the performance he could be seen, video and digital cameras in hand, documenting the

concert. Campo understands the capacity music has in improving the quality of life and hopes to spread this valued understanding not only throughout his homeland, but internationally as well. His youthful energy and enthusiasm cannot help but spread to those around him.

Anatole Wieck, UMaine music professor and orchestra conductor, first experienced the power of Campo's program when funded by a Fulbright grant. He mentored young musicians

"I think the principle objective is the sisterhood [and] friendship between the students"

Bruno Campo
Director and conductor
Orquesta Juvenil Municipal de Guatemala

in Guatemala and witnessed Campo's work first-hand.

"He does an amazing job ... starting [the school] from scratch," Wieck said.

He described his hope for continued exchange opportunities between UMaine and Campo's student musicians:

"We're working on it. Right now it's on an informal basis, but it would be pretty easy to form," said Wieck of a formalized music exchange program between the two schools.

"I had a swell time over there ... the kids are so sweet," Wieck said of his own experience in Guatemala.

Between Campo, Wieck and both schools' student musicians, there have been a total of five exchanges with four UMaine orchestra members visiting Guatemala last spring. UMaine Assistant Conductor Christopher Keene described the overall cultural experience as "very exciting" and explained the music choices were meant to celebrate and represent the fusion of cultures. The performance was characterized by bi-cultural influence, ranging from Native American-inspired beats in "New World." Spanish melodies in "Capriccio Espagnol" and plunky American Western sounds in "Hoe-Down" from Rodeo.

"[The concert] will be a lot of fun," Keene said prior to the show.



The half time show during Saturday's football game consisted of a Michael Jackson montage that included a mass "Thriller" dance.



The '60s were alive and well on Saturday at the Halloween Late Night in the Union — LSD not included.

The Little Star That Could
Wingate Hall
Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Lidral Duo
Union Central, Memorial Union
4:15 p.m.

All Around the World Bingo
Main Dining Room
Memorial Union
8 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

Election Day Voting
Multi-purpose Room, Memorial Union
On-campus residents only, bring photo ID
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
(Orono residents vote at the town office or Birch St. School)

Canadian Studies Graduate Lecture Series
Bodwell Area
Collins Center for the Arts
12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

Interested in Internships?
Walker Room
Memorial Union
3:15 to 4:05 p.m.

Circo Aereo
Collins Center for the Arts
7 to 9 p.m.

Chamber Jazz Concert
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Pathways to Animal Domestication
Bangor Room
Memorial Union
2 to 3 p.m.

Kickin' Flicks: "District 9"
Collins Center for the Arts
9 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 5

FOCUS on Majors & Careers
111 DPC
11 to 11:50 a.m.

Undoing the Imperial Presidency
Bangor Room
Memorial Union
12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

A Conversation on Activism and Philosophy
Levinson Room
The Maples
4 to 5 p.m.

New Writing Series: Dan Beachy-Quick
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4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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Disney Trivia
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8 p.m.

A more comprehensive list of postings is available at mainecampus.com/calendar. To submit your event, invite calendar@mainecampus.com via iCal or Google Calendar.

CD: New Moon Soundtrack

By Kegan Zema
For The Maine Campus

My favorite part of “Twilight” was the credits for two reasons: the movie was over, and they were playing “15 Step” by Radiohead. For a movie targeted at mainstream teen girls, the soundtrack is quite striking. Leave it to a vampire love story to elicit new content from artists like Thom Yorke and The Killers. The collection on the “New Moon” soundtrack is bred for indie hipsters, not Robert Pattinson fan girls.

The music speaks for itself beyond its association with the films. From the get-go, poster boys Death Cab for Cutie come out swinging in all their indie-pop grandeur.

Thom Yorke’s song is immaculate. “Hearing Damage” is a fuzzy electro trip that could be on any Radiohead album. It’s well on par with his releases over the summer like “These Are My Twisted Words” and “All for the Best,” which were astounding.

The collection works because it mixes established artists straying from their normal material with lesser-known artists. Being squeezed in between

Yorke and Death Cab is a tough job, but Band of Skulls hold their own with “Friends.”

The Killers add a dreary, piano-heavy lament called “A White Demon Love Song” that’s better than any of the material on their last album. It’s uncharacteristic of them, and Brandon Flowers’ voice sounds much more natural than it has lately.

The only returning artist from the “Twilight” soundtrack, one of the year’s top sellers, is Muse. They contribute a remix of “I Belong to You” off of their latest release, “The Resistance.” This song doesn’t have quite the power of “Supermassive Black Hole,” their contribution to the last soundtrack, but still packs some of Muse’s signature punch.

The soundtrack is bogged down by spacey ballads from indie girls Lykke Li and Anya Marina. These songs appeal a bit more to the movie’s demographic, but fail to add to the artistic mood the other artists create.

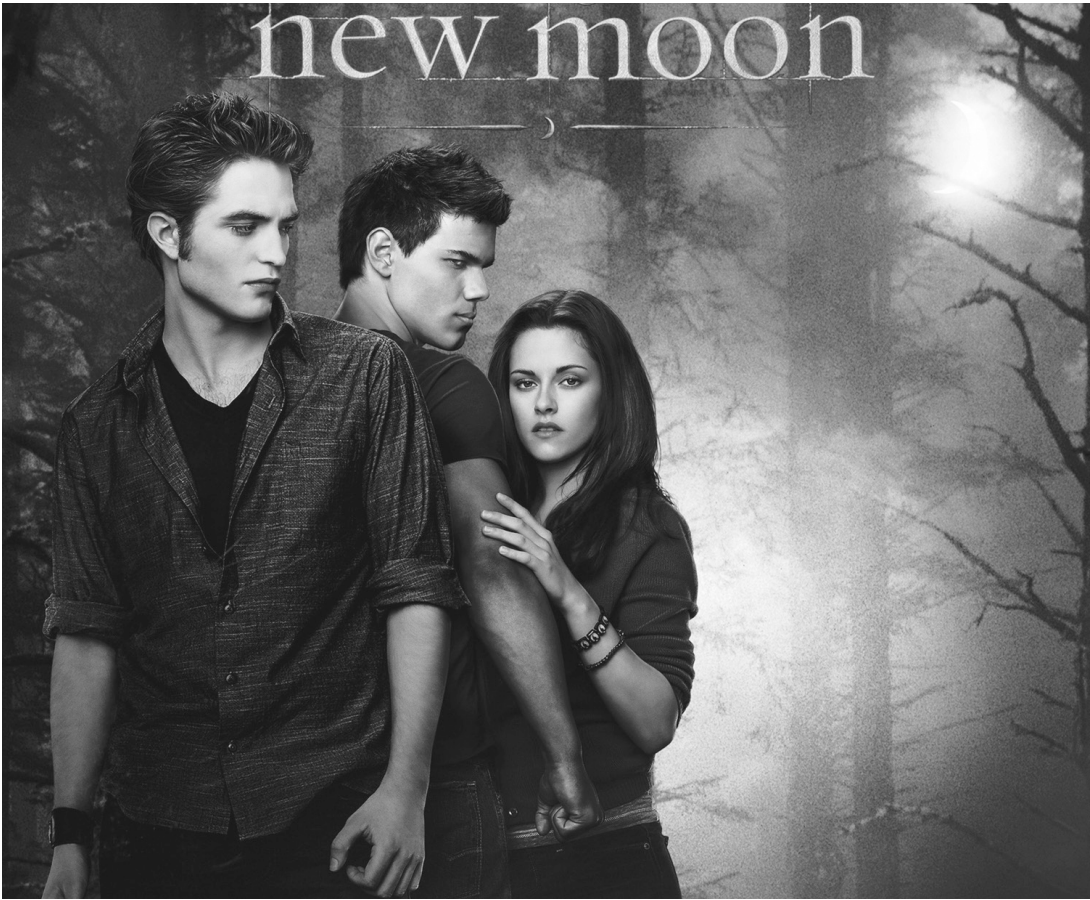
The ballad by blues rockers The Black Rebel Motorcycle Club, “Done All Wrong” is chilling and adds to the aesthetic better than the reverby

female whining, and guest artist Victoria Legrand delivers a great performance on Grizzly Bear’s spacey track “Slow Life.”

The biggest surprise on the album comes from treadmill rockers OK Go. So far this band has been little beyond gimmicky songs, outfits and performances, but all of that changes on this album. “Shooting the Moon” is a mature track that blends acoustic guitar and synth in some unique ways. It is down tempo, something they couldn’t really do before and finishes with a super distorted breakdown reminiscent of “The Bends” era Radiohead. If this is any sign of OK Go’s future, this is good news.

Indie-music-laden soundtracks are most-often destined for success ever since “Juno.” This one is not going to be the indie album of the year as some have predicted, but it’s a solid collection. There are a few throw away songs, but there are also enough pleasant surprises to save the album. If people can swallow their pride and discount its connection to the movie, they will find some great material.

Grade: B-



Atlantic Records



Columbia Pictures

MOVIE: Michael Jackson’s This is It

By Matthew Ducharme
For The Maine Campus

“This Is It” is a documentary about the rehearsals Michael Jackson had before his 50-concert tour in London. He brought in dancers from around the world to help in his performances. Videos of his rehearsals with dancers and musicians were recorded on set, collected after Jackson’s death and composed together into a masterpiece of his final performance.

During the movie, Jackson is revealed to the world as not just the King of Pop, but the King of Pop and Performing. He was there behind the scenes and on stage to help the dancers, musicians, backup singers and special effects personnel. He would tweak little details to make them just right. He commanded the performance on stage by using all elements he wanted, such as walking from one side of the stage to

the other and having the performers be an “extension of Michael” while he performed.

Jackson’s performance stamina and skills hadn’t changed a bit since his heyday. He was keeping up with, or even at times surpassing, the younger backup dancers. His techniques looked clean and amazing. There was no moonwalk, but there were smooth arm movements and quick footwork. To help magnify the appearance of his performance, Jackson cleverly used videos in the background to place emphasis on particular songs.

He had recording sessions with a green screen and some of his background dancers to help direct videos for the background to special songs. In one song, he had the background dancers dress up as soldiers and perform their number in front of a green screen. Later, the video was shown to have the soldiers multiplied by thousands doing the exact same

movements as the few originals had done. In the video for “Thriller,” the background was a graveyard, but the camera filming the dancers dressed up as zombies gave them a 3-D effect.

Famous songs, like “Billie Jean” and “Thriller,” were sung alongside other hits, such as “Man in the Mirror” and “The Way You Make Me Feel.” Jackson performed these songs with short lapses for dancing segments in the performance. His voice had as much energy as his dancing, and throughout the performance Jackson enjoyed every moment he sung on that stage.

“This Is It” was Jackson’s final curtain call. One can imagine him watching this video from beyond the grave, thinking, “I knew I needed a little more simmer from the guitar there.” To every fan around the world and especially the Jackson family, this film was needed to finally have closure.

Grade: A

Humans vs. Zombies: an inside look

By Matthew Ducharme
For The Maine Campus

Humans vs. Zombies, or HvZ, has been a part of campus life since last year, yet those not involved know little about the game’s inner workings. HvZ is essentially a giant game of tag with two types of players: humans, wearing yellow armbands, and zombies, wearing red armbands. Humans become zombies after being tagged by zombies. The winners are the humans who last the longest and the zombies who tag the most humans.

Within these boundaries lies an intricate world that consumes players as they go through their week. Simple activities such as getting to class can become brushes with danger. On Tuesday, I was particularly vulnerable because

I had a class in Bennett Hall — a hot spot for zombie activity. I waited until 30 minutes past the hour to go anywhere — that was a survival rule for humans, always try to travel 30 minutes past the hour when traffic was less dense. I was able to slide past the other zombie hot spots, which included the Memorial Union and the mall. Having two classes in the same building became tiny blessings as my mind was continually occupied with avoiding the zombie onslaught.

Seasoned players hold an advantage over beginners. On Monday evening when the game began, a group of first-years tried to fight zombies instead of fleeing. They fell prey quickly, as the ratio began to change from the two zombies and 304 humans that started the game.

As midweek came around, I

was having more adventurous run-ins with zombies. After a meal at Wells Commons, I was forced to sprint all the way to Estabrooke Hall — clutching my dessert in my hand the whole way.

Some people get more into the game than others. There were rumors of a zombie dressed as a ninja who would leap from trees to tag people. A sharp eye was needed to avoid zombies. I found myself hurrying through my meals just to get a step ahead of the zombies.

On Friday I ran into two extreme zombie encounters. First, I slowly walked past two zombies five feet away, and neither gave pursuit. Unfortunately my luck ran out when I was tagged by a zombie after my last class of the day.

After I was turned into a zombie, a great sense of

anxiety was lifted. I had made it until Friday afternoon, far past my expectations at the beginning of the week, and I decided I would not hunt any humans. During my time playing the game, I learned a bunch of things. I learned a lot about campus after I was forced to take alternate routes to get to class, and I learned about all the escape doors in every building I went to. I learned to trust people, even though I didn’t know them well, as all playing gave a sense of togetherness. Lastly, I learned running away from zombies is a good cardio workout.



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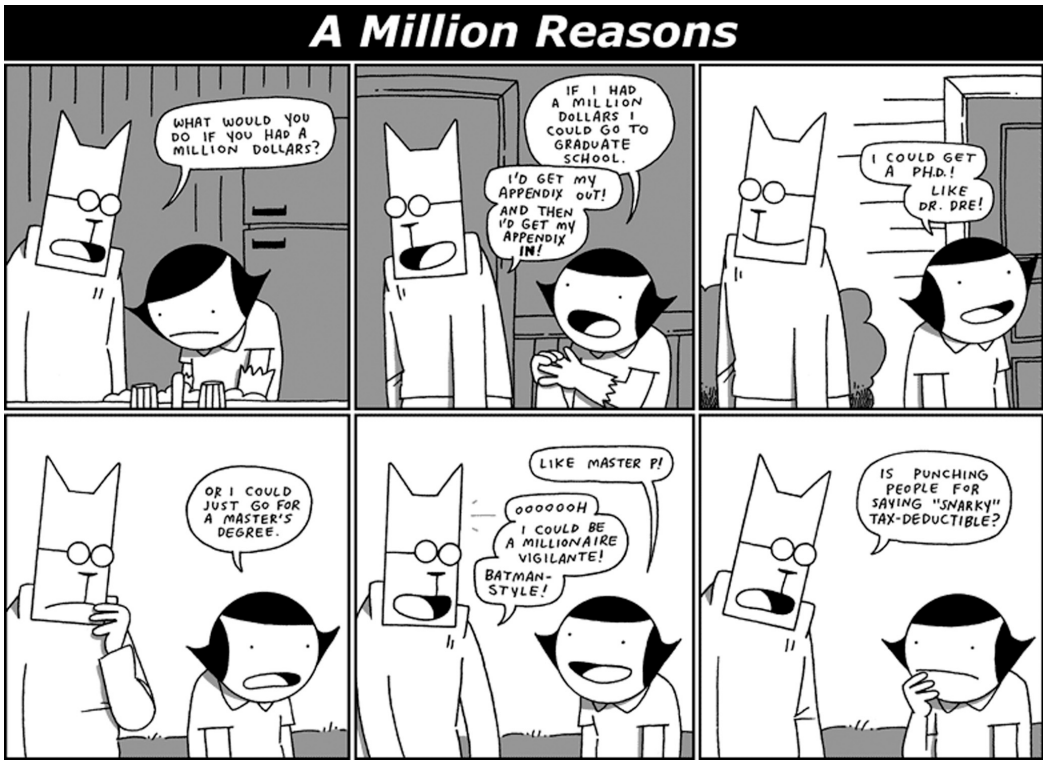
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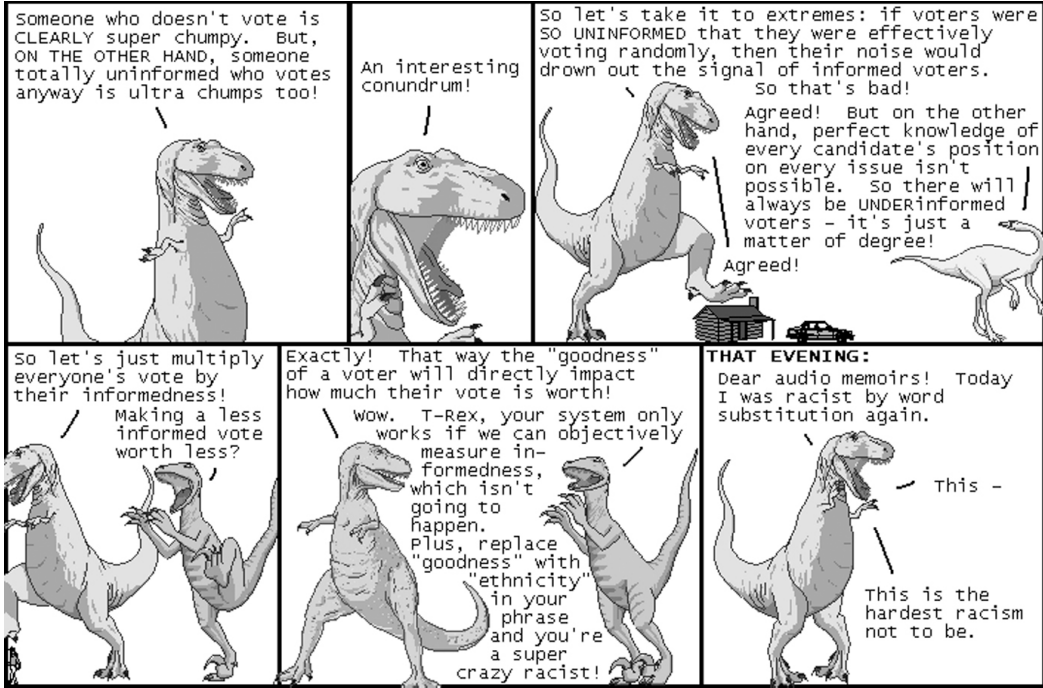
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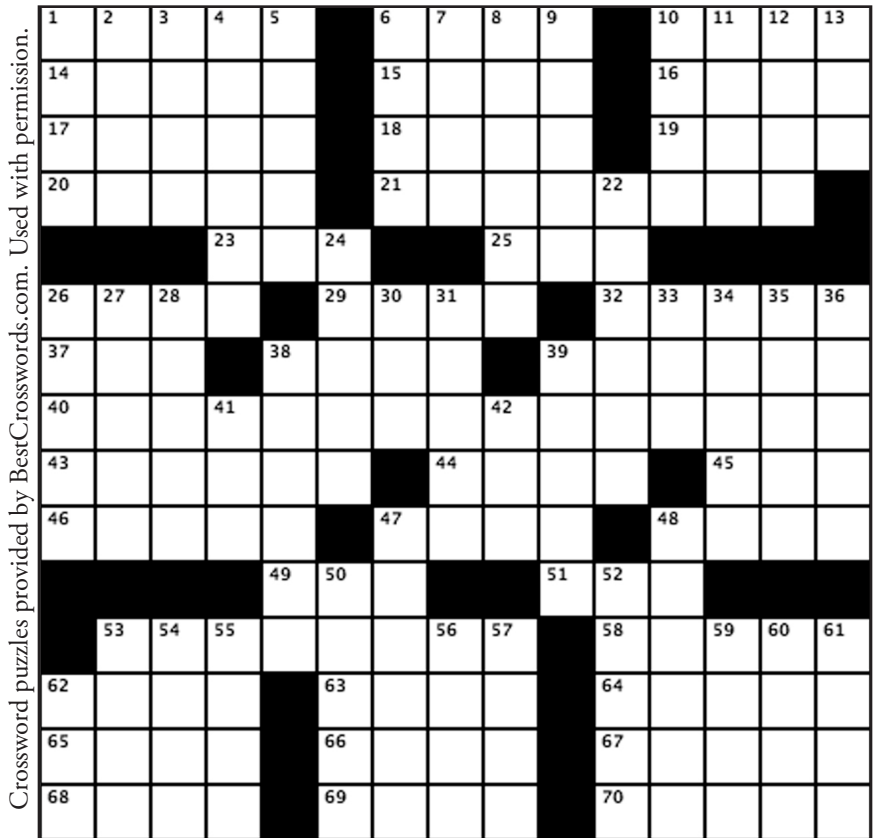


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in Sports

Across

- 1- Glasses, briefly
- 6- Roman god of war
- 10- Bluish white metallic element
- 14- Name
- 15- To ____ (perfectly)
- 16- Biblical garden
- 17- Free laces, say
- 18- Furnace
- 19- Beethoven's birthplace
- 20- Intimidate
- 21- Minor work
- 23- Lump
- 25- Cry ____ River
- 26- Lacking
- 29- Fill with cargo
- 32- Small branch
- 37- Botanist Gray
- 38- Small dam
- 39- Missing
- 40- Informally
- 43- Sea nymph
- 44- Threadbare

- 45- Goose egg
- 46- Ain't right?
- 47- Treater's words
- 48- Celebration
- 49- Possessed
- 51- Large body of water
- 53- System of reckoning time
- 58- Green ____ is the place to be
- 62- ____ contendere
- 63- Very small
- 64- Sift
- 65- Part of Q.E.D.
- 66- Kitchen addition
- 67- Born before, senior churchman
- 68- Lucie's father
- 69- Stains
- 70- Sierra ____

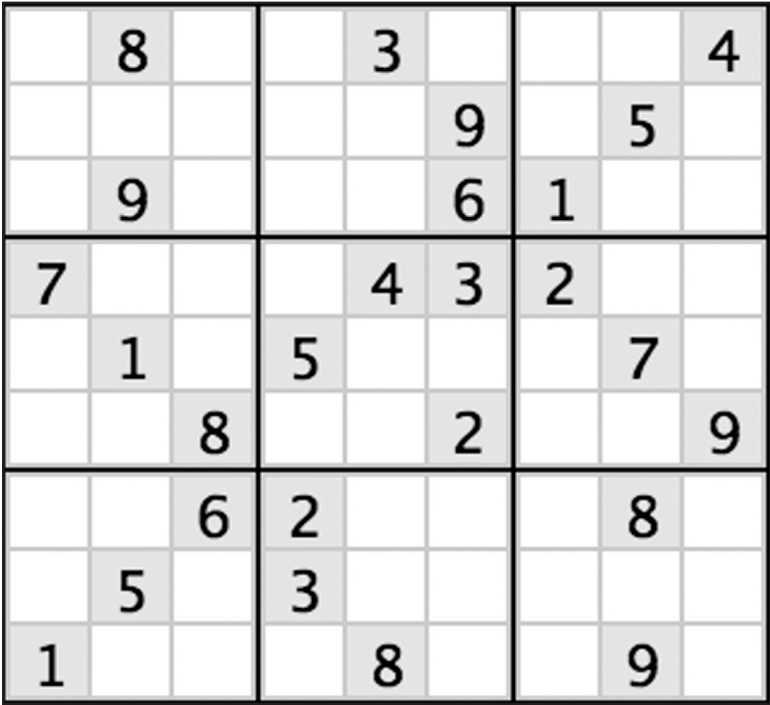
Down

- 1- Collar fastener
- 2- ____ colada
- 3- Famous last words

- 4- Holds on tightly
- 5- Handle
- 6- Mackerel shark
- 7- Take ____ from me
- 8- Illuminate again
- 9- Have a feeling about
- 10- Domesticated cattle of India
- 11- Billy ____ had a hit song with "White Wedding"
- 12- Branta sandvicensis
- 13- MSNBC rival
- 22- Nonmetallic element
- 24- Run in the wash
- 26- Sweatbox
- 27- "Lou Grant" star
- 28- Mother-of-pearl
- 30- Direct a gun
- 31- Destroy by immersion
- 33- Sun Devils' school
- 34- Intervening, in law
- 35- Dark

- 36- Genre
- 38- Contort
- 39- Buenos ____
- 41- Dusk, to Donne
- 42- ____ de guerre
- 47- Peculiarity
- 48- Fluent
- 50- Chipped in
- 52- Art supporter
- 53- An apple or a planet will have this at the centre
- 54- Exclamation to express sorrow
- 55- Monetary unit of Lesotho
- 56- Chip in
- 57- Deli breads
- 59- Fix up
- 60- Level
- 61- Shrivelled, without moisture
- 62- Actor Beatty

Sudoku Puzzle



• Each row must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

• Each column must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

• Each 3x3 box must have numbers 1 - 9 in any order but each digit can only appear once.

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Hard

Horoscopes

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - A business failure or argument with a friend might upset you. Your love life might get tense if you turn down an invitation. You are advised to be more understanding with people close to you. You might want to unwind a little.

Taurus - April 21 to May 20 - You are advised to postpone any visit you have planned for today. This is a good time for making future plans regarding your home. In the afternoon you may receive a significant amount of money or be offered a good part-time job.

Gemini - May 21 to June 21 - You may have a misunderstanding with your loved one and decide to leave on a trip with friends. Don't play the part of the victim. This is not a good time for making decisions regarding your love life, for you may regret them soon.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - In the morning, a business partner whom you have trusted may disappoint you. The sooner you get over it, the better. You will be energetic and able to succeed in everything you will do together with your loved one.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - An argument with an older lady in your family might give you food for thought. You may want to ask yourself whether you have been treating others right lately. Be more cautious in order to avoid a scandal or a disappointment in your sentimental life.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 - A business meeting may not turn out the way you planned. Do not give up. This is simply not a favorable day for business. You will have a good time in the company of your loved one. You may make plans regarding a trip or a visit to relatives.

Libra - Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 - Although you seem to have a lot on your plate today, you are advised to spare yourself and relax more. In the morning you might be tempted to spend a big sum of money. Be careful, for this is not a good time for spending big or investing.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - This is not the right time to initiate new activities. You might not be able to find the best solutions and could end up disappointed. In the morning you will have your head in the clouds and neglect important issues.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - People might not appreciate your ideas, but this will not put you off. Don't sign official papers today, and postpone making plans regarding a new business. You will be glad you put it off.

Capricorn - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20 - Unexpected events will make you change your schedule today. You may have to leave on a business trip, which is likely to upset your loved one.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - The money you were supposed to receive a couple of days ago may not come up today either. Be careful if you are thinking of postponing a trip scheduled for today: it might upset the harmony in your love life.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - You will tend to feel head-in-the-clouds and are prone to neglecting important issues. This is not a good time to start new projects, because you will tend to rush and blow everything. You can achieve everything you have planned for today if you will manage to focus on matters of importance.

Halloween Theme

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| FAT JOE | STETSASONIC |
| FOXY BROWN | THE ALCHEMIST |
| GANG STARR | THE FAT BOYS |
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| FLASH | THE PHARCYDE |
| HEAVY D | THE ROOTS |
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Rams stop UMaine in the pool in close meets

By Laila Sholtz-Ames
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine women’s swimming and diving team dropped a close battle 155 to 145 to the University of Rhode Island at Wallace Pool on Saturday. The men’s team fell as well by a final score of 145-141.

The Black Bears faced off against a tough URI squad in their home-opening swim meets. The women’s team, who narrowly won their first meet against Bryant University and dropped their second against Boston University last week, hoped to get back on track. Under the leadership of interim head coach Susan Lizzotte, the women have had success in the relay races, an event they also won in the meet against Boston University.

On Saturday, Samantha Graham and Jennifer Trodeen won events for UMaine, with Graham taking the one-meter and the three-meter diving events and Trodden winning the 100- and 200-meter breast stroke. Despite these strong performances, it was not enough to stop the Rams.

The men’s team had similar success in the pool despite

the loss. After losing at Boston University, junior Brian Landry used his quickness to garner victories in the 100- and 200-meter breaststroke. Landry, who had success this season in both events, also competed in the individual medley and leads a squad that consists of several upperclassmen, giving strength and leadership to an already talented and well-rounded team.

“I’ve had success this year because I’ve been able to stay healthy so far, and the training in and out of the pool that our coach Susan Lizzotte has had us do has greatly helped all of my races, and the team as a whole,” Landry said. “My goals for the rest of this season are to help my team win the rest of our dual meets, especially the conference ones we have left, and help them perform well at the America East Championships in February.”

The URI men were ranked tenth in the Atlantic 10 conference and returned a squad of several upperclassmen to this year’s squad.

Both the men’s and the women’s teams will take the pool once again when they head to Stony Brook University to take on the Seawolves in New York next weekend.

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

Boston University senior forward Nikki Lloyd’s first half game-winner snapped a three-game losing streak for the Terriers’ field hockey team, but the 1-0 win Sunday against the University of Maine was only a tune-up for their semifinal meeting with the Black Bears in next weekend’s America East Conference Tournament.

The last regular season game for both teams simply arranged the seeding of the four schools that qualified for the postseason. B.U. (8-11, 4-1 America East) clinched the second seed for the tournament, hosted by top seed University at Albany on Nov. 6-7. UMaine (12-6, 3-2) is the third seed, and the University of New Hampshire rounds out the field.

“Obviously you want to play every game as hard as you can, but when you are going to be playing the same team again next week in the postseason, you can’t show too much,” Lloyd said. “Obviously you want to win, but you want to have more of a tactical game.”

The Terriers earned eight penalty corners in the first half to UMaine’s one and finally converted on the sixth with 2:52 left before halftime. Junior midfielder Allie Dolce dribbled in and found Lloyd at the left post to flick the ball past UMaine sophomore goalkeeper Brittany Fleck.

“(Dolce) is just so strong on the ball,” Lloyd said of the assist. “It was terrific teamwork.”

UMaine gained momentum in the second half, outshooting the Terriers 7-3. They did not allow another penalty corner and took five of their own. The Black Bears failed to solve BU freshman goalkeeper Julie Collins though, who made five saves after replacing junior Amanda Smith at halftime. Smith made three first-half saves.

“In the first half, we definitely had some big momentum swings in their favor, and I think in the second half we had some of that in return,” UMaine coach Josette Babineau said. “I think in the second half we had a much better effort.”

Babineau pulled Fleck for an extra attacker following a timeout with just over six minutes left in the game and UMaine took four penalty corners in



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor
Jamie Flagg moves the ball upfield in Sunday’s game against Boston University. The Terriers beat the Black Bears 1-0.

the final five minutes, but their normally efficient penalty corner unit could not convert the equalizer.

“Both teams, because we’re playing each other in the playoffs next week, penalty corners are kind of going to be a draw because nobody wants to really show anything before next weekend,” Babineau said.

The Black Bears were fortunate to start the second half with only a one-goal deficit. The Terriers outshot UMaine 11-2 in the opening half and forced Fleck to make several brilliant stops. Fleck (12-6) made 11 saves in the loss.

“We would like to convert a few more,” Lloyd said. “[Fleck] had some excellent saves and really tested us.”

“I thought [BU] played well and earned their chances,” Babineau said. “There were some at the end of the first half that I thought we just gave out too many penalty corners where we could have done a little bit better in that situation. So [we were] definitely fortunate that they had a string of penalty corners at the end of the first half that they didn’t score on.”

Babineau was not overly disappointed by the loss given the circumstances and is looking toward next weekend’s matchup.

“I think we played a pretty good game,” Babineau said. “I think we had some chances, and maybe just a little disappointed that we got kept off the score-



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor
Elizabeth Lincoln watches after hitting the ball toward the goal on Sunday afternoon. UMaine fell to their conference rival Boston University 1-0.

board.” Babineau looked at the game situation as more valuable than a practice.

“We’re still a young team, so any game that we can have is still very positive for us,” Babineau said. “You gain so much more in a game situation than you do at practice, as much as you can try to prepare for the other team and try to imitate what they do, until you actually face them. We gained a lot of experience in the game.”

BU coach Sally Starr felt the Terriers were snake-bitten in their non-conference schedule and commended the Terriers’

effort to preserve the lead and hold an explosive Black Bear offense off the scoreboard. BU scored just two goals in their final four games.

“Maine’s a very, very good hockey team,” Starr said. “In the second half, Maine was a little bit quicker. I was really expecting a very close game today and a very hard-fought game, and that’s exactly what we had.”

Prior to the game, UMaine’s five seniors Courtney Gingrich, Mallory Pollard, Jackie D’Amato, Ellen Andrews and Jaime Flagg were recognized at midfield.

UPCOMING GAMES

FRIDAY, NOV. 6

Women’s Hockey
vs. Providence in Orono
7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7

Swimming and Diving
at Stony Brook in Stony Brook, N.Y.
TBA

Football
at James Madison in Harrisonburg, Va.
3 p.m.

Club Football
vs. Vermont in Orono
5 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
vs. Husson (Exhibition) in Orono
7 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8

Women’s Hockey
vs. UConn in Orono
Noon

Men’s Hockey
vs. Boston University in Orono
4 p.m.

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our crosses away from the goal-keeper, and we were shooting it right at her. We didn’t make it easy on ourselves.”

The Black Bears’ inability to convert an insurance goal left them vulnerable. UNH striker Shaunna Kaplan’s rising shot over the head of Price-Leibenzeder was UNH’s first shot on goal of the half, after UMaine already had 11. Kaplan found an opening in UMaine’s swarming defense to make her offering from the top of the box.

“The goalie was playing out of her box, so I just took advantage of it,” Kaplan said.

The sixth-seeded Wildcats held their own in the first half, despite averaging a goal less per

game in the regular season than the Black Bears. Wilson finally broke the stalemate in the 35th minute when the ball pin-balled out of traffic to her at the top right corner of the box, where she squeezed a shot between Yost and the near post.

“I think they were trying to clear it, and I think I just blocked it and it just happened to be there,” Wilson said.

The Black Bears outshot UNH 13-4 in the second half, and Martel’s game-winner was the first shot in overtime.

Price-Leibenzeder stopped five shots in her first career playoff game for the win. Yost made nine saves.

“It’s a lot of pressure, but I give (Price-Leibenzeder) all the credit in the world,” Martel said. “She’s been working hard.”



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor
Sean McNally lays it in for 2 points in Sunday afternoon’s exhibition game against Laval. The Black Bears, who were picked to finish eighth in the America East conference, won the contest 89-58.

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Robby Dee found Dimmen in the left faceoff circle from the slot, and Dimmen’s wrister beat Vermont sophomore goaltender Rob Madore’s glove side.

Shemansky flicked in a bouncing puck in traffic at the right post with 7:48 remaining in the game to seal the win.

UMaine was rewarded for playing a motivated opening period and went into the first intermission with a 2-0 lead. The Black Bears had a third goal in the period waived off when Dimmen was called for charging after bowling Madore over on the play.

The Black Bears spoiled Vermont’s first power play with a shorthanded tally by senior right wing Kevin Swallow 5:27 into the game. Speedy UMaine freshman center Matt Mangene chased down an errant puck at the Catamounts’ blueline along the left boards and his backhand in front rebounded out to Swallow, streaking through the slot to bury the puck in an open net.

“Great play by Mangene,” Swallow credited. “He beat the defenseman wide, put it on net. I didn’t really have to do much.”

UMaine extended their lead to 2-0 midway through the period. After Vermont returned one player from the penalty box to turn a 5-on-3 to 5-on-4, UMaine sophomore right wing Spencer Abbott at the mid-point found Shemansky camped at the left post to tip the pass in.

Madore made 35 saves on 39 shots on goal, while falling to 2-3-0.

Sneddon anticipates some changes next weekend.

“There will be a lot of line changes, guys in the stands,” Sneddon said. “We had a lot of blank stares in the first period, and you can’t give a team in their own building that much energy.”

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The field goal came after the Black Bears had a touchdown pass by Mike Brusko taken away. Brusko faked a quarterback draw and found Landis Williams wide open in the end zone for the score. The referee, however, ruled Brusko down for a loss on the play as he said he faked a knee.

“My knee didn’t touch, and he didn’t say that my knee touched,” Brusko said. “His call was that he thought I was faking taking a knee and he said once you fake taking a knee, you’re automatically down.”

Cosgrove disputed the call and believed a penalty should’ve been called on the play if the referee said he was faking a knee.

“If you’re calling an act of deception you should’ve penalized us,” he said. “You see [University of Florida quarterback Tim] Tebow do that all the time.”

Brusko was also influential in the punting game, in addition to his quarterbacking and receiving duties. Used to punt against the wind that was blowing hard toward the north end zone all afternoon, he used his low kicks for a 35.5-yard average among his four punts.

In the fourth quarter, with the windy conditions at the back of the Black Bears, Smith directed a scoring drive that put the game out of reach,



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor
Derek Session makes a run with the ball in the Black Bears victory over UMass Minute Men Saturday afternoon.

capping off a 6-play, 71-yard drive with its only rush. The sophomore scored on a quarterback draw from 5 yards out, leaping over defenders into the end zone.

On the two-point conversion attempt though, Smith

threw an interception to Ke’Mon Bailey, who returned it to the opposing end zone for two UMass points, making it 19-9.

The UMaine defense held strong in the final few minutes, not allowing any points



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor
Warren Smith attempts a pass on Saturday afternoon against UMass. Smith scored both Black Bear touchdowns in the win over the No. 19 Minutemen.

the rest of the way.

In the opening quarter, the Black Bears showed their first half prowess putting points on the board first. After UMass’ opening drive of the game came up empty on an Arman-

do Cuko missed field goal, the Black Bears drove down the field and Waxman converted a 25-yard attempt for a 3-0 lead.

The Minutemen capitalized in the second quarter on an

11-play, 77-yard drive, capped off by Jon Hernandez’s 1-yard touchdown run to make it 7-3.

The opportunistic Black Bear defense recovered at the end of the first half, and sophomore linebacker Donte Dennis intercepted a pass at the UMass 46.

Smith, who gained 265 total yards, then directed the offense deep inside Minutemen territory, with the big play coming on a 25-yard pass to Jeremy Kelly on fourth down. Smith then found Ty Jones for a 7-yard touchdown on a leaping grab by the junior wideout to make it 10-7 at the half.

“We just try to respond off of their energy and when they turn the ball over we try to respond because the momentum’s in favor,” said Smith of the defense’s forced turnovers.

He was 19-for-35 through the air on the afternoon and passed for 226 yards. Landis Williams was his top target on the afternoon, catching six balls for 77 yards.

Dennis led the Black Bear defense with two interceptions and a fumble recovery. Vinson Givans had seven tackles and Jordan Stevens contributed a sack.

No. 19 UMass fell to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the conference with the loss.

UMaine is on the road next Saturday as they travel to Harrisonburg, Va., for a conference matchup with James Madison University at 3 p.m.

Football’s Ricky Williams becomes a mad scientist

By Michael Pare
For The Maine Campus

Column

Dr. Ricky Williams?

In case anyone had forgotten in the wake of Ricky Williams’ return to a normal life (at least publicly) over the past couple of years, he has reminded us again that he is in fact out of his mind. Recently Williams made it known that he has some very ambitious plans for his post-football career, which could be coming very soon. The Miami Dolphins running back plans to retire after the 2010 season and practice Holistic medicine as an osteopathic physician. That’s right: Ricky Williams, the pot-smoking crazy who quit football in 2004 to grow out a scraggly, hermit beard and live in a tent community in Australia wants to be a doctor. To that end, he has been taking pre-med night classes at Nova

Southeastern University, focusing on pre-algebra and English, and practicing massage therapy in his spare time.

OK, not to be cynical, but I see three immediate problems. First, if Ricky Williams is taking pre-algebra at the age of 32 and plans to be a practicing physician of any sort, he is in big trouble. I took pre-algebra in 8th grade. He has five more years of schooling ahead of him before he is capable of doing math at a college level. Second, during his four years at the University of Texas, he completed only five semesters of college. Even if he retired and enrolled full-time in college right now, at his rate of credit hour accumulation it would take him three and a half years to complete his undergrad and then another seven to finish medical school. This is all assuming he does not lose his mind again and go picnicking with the bush people of Africa. Finally, if Mr. Williams thinks that he is furthering his medical career by practicing amateur massage

therapy, he has another thing coming. That would be like me saying I want to be an accountant after I am done being a journalist because I have been playing a lot of Monopoly. Williams told Dan Patrick in a Sports Illustrated interview that if he calls him in 10 years, he will be speaking to a doctor. If that turns out to be the case, I tip my hat to the man, but I think it is more likely Williams will be wearing a straight jacket than a lab coat in 2019.

Melo changing for the better

There are a lot of athletes blessed with so much talent that they can be successful by just going through the motions. They are so good that they are hampered by complacency and surpassed by less talented, more driven players. Michael Vick has been the poster child of this syndrome for the NFL, and until now Carmelo Anthony has been for the NBA. Before Vick decided the real money was in underground, domesticated

animal fights, he was a guy with all the physical tools, but none of the mental presence required to take him from being a good player to a transcendent player. A wise, frothing-mouthed lineman from “The Little Giants” once said football is 80 percent physical and 40 percent mental. While his math may be questionable, his suggestion is sound. With all the physical tools in place, 40 percent is what separates benchwarmers from starters, starters from all-stars, and all-stars from MVPs — in any sport.

Carmelo Anthony had that first 80 percent all along, but the other 40 hadn’t arrived until this year. Nicknamed “Melo,” he has a reputation for complacency since he entered the league. He has struggled to remain in shape, he has been plagued by carelessness off the court and on defense Carmelo has been a marshmallow, but there has been nothing fluffy or soft about the way the he has started the 2009-2010 season. In his first two games, Anthony has tallied 71 points in

81 minutes of utterly dominant play. When the other teams were lumbering around the court with their legs barely beneath them late in the second half, Anthony was flying around the court like a man possessed, single-handedly propelling his team to victories in the fourth quarter. In perhaps the most iconic play of the young season, after he missed a 3-pointer, Anthony pounced like a lurking defensive back on an outlet pass from Paul Millsap, took one dribble, and dunked over the Utah Jazz forward like he was not even there. An invigorated Anthony then marched across the baseline pounding his chest, yelling “I’m back! I’m back!” The last time Melo was “back” might have been in his one year at Syracuse University. While there, coach Jim Boeheim described him as “by far, the best player in college basketball. [And] It wasn’t even close.” If Melo really has put it all together, then George Karl might be saying the same thing about professional basketball at the end of the year.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Adam Shemansky – Men’s Hockey

The freshman forward from Robbinsville, N.J. scored a pair of goals, including the game-winner in Friday night’s upset of No. 10 Vermont. Shemansky leads the Black Bears in goals this season with five and is second on the team with seven points.



Corey Conner – Cross Country

Conner won the America East Championship on Saturday in Burlington, Vt., capturing the women’s individual title with a time of 17:56.90. The Townsend, Mass. native also won the New England Championship and will move onto the NCAA Championship in December.

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Smith, 'D' power Bears past CAA rival Minutemen

UMaine forces six turnovers, sits in second in CAA North

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

The University of Maine football team preached "growing up" the past two weeks. Since its 38-21 loss to the University of Richmond on Oct. 17, the Black Bears were left with yet another loss where they outplayed their opponent through the first half yet stumbled again in the last two quarters.

With two weeks to prepare for their next opponent following last week's bye week, the Black Bears may have finally turned the corner.

Warren Smith had two touchdowns and the UMaine defense forced six turnovers as the Black Bears held on to

a halftime lead and defeated conference rival UMass 19-9 Saturday afternoon at Alford Stadium.

"They came today in a very physical, nasty mood and we persevered," said UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove. "We were relentless to get the win

"To me, I felt like some of the younger guys have only experienced us being up in the first half, and then something happens in the second half and we end up losing the game," said senior captain Mike Brusko. "It started to feel like that was almost our fate."

"It was absolutely enormous for us, for guys to be a part of it, to experience it and to understand that we can be winning at halftime, go on and build on that lead and go win a football game."

Holding a 10-7 halftime lead, the Black Bears tacked on a 32-yard field goal by Jordan Waxman in the third quarter to extend their lead to six points.

See Football on **B5**



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Derek Buttles appeared to make a touchdown grab, but the referee ruled it incomplete when the ball hit the ground on the tackle. The Black Bears won over UMass 19-9.

Power play propels UM past UVM

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine men's hockey team, which started the season 1-5-0, went to their most effective asset Friday night and beat the 10th ranked University of Vermont Catamounts 4-1 at Alford Arena.

The Black Bears (2-5-0, 1-2-0 Hockey East) went 3-for-10 on the power play and added a shorthanded goal, while Vermont was 0-for-5 with the man advantage. Both UMaine's wins have come at home.

UMaine freshman left wing Adam Shemansky scored a pair of the power play goals at the net front to lead the charge. With one of the most potent power play units in the Hockey East Conference, UMaine has scored a power play goal in each of their first seven games.

"We talked about playing a full 60 minutes tonight, and we did," Shemansky said. "We're very happy with the outcome."

Shemansky leads UMaine with five goals, and his 7 points is 4 behind team leader Gustav Nyquist.

"It seems like all my goals are coming from the same area," Shemansky said. "I just have to keep going to those dirty areas and good things are going to happen."

Friday's game was the first of two single-game weekends for UMaine. The Black Bears will host defending National Champions Boston University next weekend. Vermont lost their second straight Hockey East contest to fall to 2-3-0 (1-2-0 Hockey East). The Catamounts will return home to Gutterson Fieldhouse next weekend to



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Kyle Solomon controls the puck at the blue line in the home opener against Michigan State. The Black Bears picked up their second win of the season on Friday night with a 4-1 win over No. 10 Vermont.

host UMass-Lowell and Providence College after playing four of their first five games on the road.

"We played a very unemo-

saves, including three on breakaways to earn the win (2-1-0). UMaine's 4.67 goals allowed per game entering the game was nearly a goal more than their

second period. Vermont sophomore right wing Matt Marshall beat Darling's five-hole with a slapshot from the right faceoff circle. Marshall's first goal of the season was assisted by senior center Brayden Irwin and sophomore defenseman Drew Mackenzie.

"Technically I dropped my butt, which lifted up the front of my pad and it just snuck under me," Darling said. "That was my fault, but I can live with it. We got a 4-1 win."

UMaine made a one goal game 3-1 18 seconds into the third period when junior defenseman Jeff Dimmen scored on a power play that had carried over from the second. Junior center

See Hockey on **B4**

PKs doom UMaine in '09 conference semis



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Laura Martel controls the ball in last Thursday's America East quarterfinal against UNH. Martel scored the game-winner in overtime, but the Black Bears fell in penalty kicks on Sunday afternoon to Binghamton in the conference semifinals.

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

The University of Maine women's soccer team was eliminated from the America East Conference Tournament Sunday by Binghamton University in a scoreless semifinal that was decided by a shootout.

After receiving a first round bye, the host Bearcats, seeded second of the six teams that qualified for the playoffs, handed the third seeded Black Bears their second semifinal loss in consecutive seasons. Binghamton will advance to play top seed Boston University in the Championship Game next weekend. UMaine lost to B.U. 1-0 to end last year's run.

Binghamton (9-6-2, 6-2-1 America East) netted all four of their shootout attempts, while UMaine converted two. UMaine midfielders Kelsey Wilson and Stephanie Frenette-Blais accounted for the Black Bear shootout goals.

UMaine freshman goalkeeper Meagan Price-Leibenzeder made seven saves in the game, while Binghamton outshot UMaine 14-8. Both teams recorded just one shot in the first half. Binghamton keepers Jen McEachron and Erin Imam each played 55 minutes, with Imam making the only two saves required before the shootout.

UMaine finished the season at 9-5-3 (6-2-2 AE). The Black Bears have qualified for the post-season in seven consecutive seasons and have appeared in four

America East Conference title games.

Price-Leibenzeder was named to the America East All-Rookie Team, and senior co-captain backs Anjelica Hodgson and Cristina Di Ielsi were named to the All-Conference First and Second Teams, respectively. Senior striker Laura Martel was named Striker of the Year after a conference leading 25-point season on 12 goals and one assist.

In UMaine's 2-1 Quarterfinal win Thursday against the University of New Hampshire, UNH equalized at 1-1 with 7:59 remaining in regulation to force overtime before Martel converted a cross from sophomore striker Carolyn Nellis 1:46 into the extra frame.

Nellis chased down a feed from senior striker Veronique Fleury in the corner and lifted the centering serve which UNH goalkeeper Ally Yost got a piece of on the way by before Martel booted a confident shot that Yost could not keep on her side of the goal line.

"I knew Martel was going to be there," Nellis said. "She finished it. A great finish."

Martel had a game-high five chances on goal in the game, including a low running shot from the top of the penalty box with 29 minutes left in the second half that banged off the left post.

"We made it easy for their goalie (in the first half)," Martel said. "We weren't getting

See Women's Soccer on **B4**

Conner crowned '09 AE champion

By Derek McKinley
Staff Reporter

After three weeks of waiting for competition, New England champion Corey Conner was eager to make another big impact for the women's cross country team. On Saturday at the University of Vermont, the front-running sophomore took the Black Bear women on her shoulders and ran the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 56.9 seconds to win her first individual America East conference championship.

Conner's victory propelled the women's team from their preseason conference ranking of fifth to second place behind the heavily favored women of Stony Brook University, who placed their three top runners consecutively behind her and all five scorers in the top 12 places.

"[New England's was] a confidence booster for sure, but our conference is really competitive and there [were] so many great girls running in the race," Conner said. "I [didn't] really have any expectations going into the race about winning."

Conner's performance will cement her place in UMaine running history, but one runner does not make a team and the women got outstanding performances from its other runners as well. Junior Vanessa Letourneau took 11th place in 19:04.20, senior Jordan Daniel earned 22nd place in 19:37.10, and junior Allie Conner nabbed the 25th spot in

19:40.30. Freshman Whitney Chamberlain rounded out the women's scoring team, finishing in 31st place in 19:55.90.

"I'm so proud of Corey, and not surprised at all," Daniel said. "If anyone deserves it, it's Corey. She's a powerhouse."

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Jordan Daniel
Women's Cross Country
Runner

of fifth, managed a disappointing seventh place finish.

The Binghamton men, including Masters' former Bangor High School teammate Casey