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WMEB upgrade held up by UM

By **Jamison Cocklin**
For The Maine Campus

Student Orgs

Because of overwhelmed University of Maine personnel, UMaine’s student radio station has failed to meet its October deadline for the completion of an upgrade to its tower on the Witter Farm in Old Town that would expand its coverage. The upgrade requires electrical work done by the university, which it has yet to start.

“We are relying on Facilities Management to install the electrical components.”

Tom Gruzza
WMEB station manager

it considers the upgrade a priority. The station is not yet facing a FCC fine for the delay.

According to station engineer Bill Ducharme, the crucial piece of equipment requiring so much electricity is a new antenna array. The current antenna uses 440 watts of power. The new antenna is larger and will use 4,700 watts of power.

In 2007, the University of Maine System office informed WMEB of an opportunity to expand its coverage, leading the station to apply for the wattage increase with the FCC.

The approval period lasted six months, during which the FCC investigated the possibility the increase would interfere with the signals of other stations. Typically, the approval period lasts longer for traditional radio stations, but the legalities have recently been relaxed for educational stations such as WMEB. Upon completing the investigation, the FCC determined there would be no interference and approved the increase.

Initially, when the FCC permitted the upgrade, it issued a strict October 2009 deadline for the project, and WMEB expected to meet it. The station is not yet facing a fine because the FCC has issued an extension until sometime after the winter months. The cost of the project is worked into the station’s operational budget for the next three years, and WMEB has purchased much of the equipment for the upgrade on credit. The equipment is currently stored on campus, waiting to be installed.

The station’s funding comes from the communication fee, which is currently \$15 a semester, per enrollee. The communication fee is a source of financing for a number of student media outlets, including The Maine Campus and ASAP. The split for WMEB amounts to a yearly operating budget of between \$50,000 and \$60,000 according to Gruzza.

Michael Murphy, the station’s advisor working directly with Facilities Management on

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Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Chelsea Sesto, a member of the Bear’s Den waitstaff, delivers an order and refills a customer’s soft drink. The Bear’s Den has recently taken on more staff and added more items to its menu.

Bear’s Den returns with expanded services

By **Kaitlynn Perreault**
Assistant News Editor

Dining

On Nov. 3, the Bear’s Den in the Memorial Union went back to the way it operated last year.

At the beginning of this school year, dining services administrators decided to remove the wait staff from the Bear’s Den and create a more limited menu. Director of operations at Black Bear dining, Kathy Kittridge, noticed an instant disapproval from students.

“The students were not pleased with that, so we added to the menu and brought back the wait staff-style service,” Kittridge said.

Each night in the restaurant there are two student-employee waiters or waitresses, one bartender and one cook — similar to last year. Kittridge has seen a high student demand for multiple staffers in the Den.

“We have the waitstaff that is back to serve the food. That was the No. 1 thing that people told us they wanted, was to have the people waiting on them,” Kittridge said.

With the servers back, along came an expanded menu to order from, with items such as chicken and mozzarella sticks.

“We had some items that were requested like chicken wings, whole pizzas made to order and mozzarella sticks,” Kittridge said. “Some of the other food items that were requested were things that people could share as a group

it gets busy in there. What they might do is try to keep the seating for just people who are ordering off the menu,” McAvoy said.

For now, Kittridge said allowing Marketplace food in the Bear’s Den is a favorable feature among students, and there are no plans to change the rule yet.

Josh Sjostrom, a fourth-year forestry student, said he noticed

to the Bear’s Den.

“When we started out this school year, we were allowing food from the Marketplace into the Bear’s Den, and we’re going to continue that to see how it goes throughout the semester because the students at some student meetings did indicate that they liked that feature,” Kittridge said.

In addition to the renewed wait staff and menu, Glenn Taylor, director of Culinary Services at the university, said the restaurant may undergo some appearance changes.

“We’re putting some mark-up drawings together to see if we want to change the look of the place. We’re at the point now of just trying to see who the right committee is that would review things like that. We do have a marketing consultant that is kind of looking at doing some mark-ups with new tables, booths, lighting, painting, to see what that look might look like. So we’re just kind of getting all that information together,” Taylor said.

Taylor added that if the changes were to take place, they would

Kathy Kittridge
Director of Dining Operations

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or just more pub-food type items, so we kind of expanded back into some of the more popular items from last year.”

As of now, students who purchase food from the Marketplace are allowed to bring it into the Bear’s Den. Depending on business in the restaurant, this is subject to change, according to Assistant Manager of the Marketplace Al McAvoy.

“That might be changed if

the reductions in dining services on campus at the beginning of the semester. He said he comes into the Bear’s Den everytime he eats in the Union so he can watch TV.

“[It] seemed like everything was always closed,” said Sjostrom, who added he found the Bear’s Den and other venues closed at inopportune times at the beginning of the year.

Sjostrom said the expanded staff and menu is an improvement

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Speaker of the House Hannah Pingree visits the University of Maine

By **Dylan Riley**
News Editor

Student Life

Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives Hannah Pingree stopped by the University of Maine on Tuesday to field questions from students and offer her view on how the state is handling issues from the budget crisis to job creation.

Pingree spoke with students in professor Mark Brewer’s American government class, who she said asked more than an hour’s worth of “very hard” questions. They asked her what the Maine Legislature is doing to create jobs in Maine.

“Frankly I don’t know yet,” Pingree told the students. “But the more that you are a part of that process, as the university system is engaged with us; that is important.”

Pingree said the state needs “young people to also step up” and help the state create jobs.

“I encourage you to find ways to create jobs so you can stay here,” Pingree said.

Owen McCarthy, president of the University of Maine Student Government, said visits from political officials such as Pingree are a benefit to students, “especially to students interested in politics.”

When asked about the potential budget cuts facing the University of Maine System,

Pingree said she has heard gossip about it in the Legislature, but she doesn’t deal as directly with state financing as Governor John Baldacci. She said leg-

When asked about same-sex marriage, Pingree said she was disappointed by the campaign’s loss on Election Day. Pingree attended the No on 1 campaign’s

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Hannah Pingree
Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives

islators would see any potential system budget cuts by January, and it will be “up to the university leadership” on how to meet potential budget targets Baldacci may approve.

party on Nov. 3 in Portland, where she spoke in support of gay marriage.

“Gay marriage is an initiative younger people seem to be comfortable with, as indicated

by the University of Maine vote on that issue,” Pingree said. “I don’t think it’s a question of if — it’s a matter of when, that some kind of a marriage law will be allowed. I think it will happen — if I had to guess — in several years.”

Pingree said she believes Maine voters will vote again on gay marriage in the future and that UMaine’s student votes will be driving the return of the issue. She believes a future initiative will pass.

Guests at Pingree’s reception in Fogler Library included Chief of Public Safety Noel March, Provost Susan Hunter and Associate Dean Kenda Scheele.

“We have these events periodically,” Hunter said. “It’s

great for students, it’s great for faculty.”

Hunter said the chance to connect with Maine policy leaders is beneficial to students and the university, which McCarthy agreed boosted UMaine’s reputation.

Mary Cathcart, senior policy associate at the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, said Pingree was the third visitor to campus as a recipient of the Distinguished Maine Policy Fellows Award. Maine Attorney General Janet Mills, who came to campus Oct. 29, was the second. Sen. Richard Rosen from the Legislature, R-District 31, was the first.

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University of Maine celebrates Veterans Day

ROTC, Gamma Sigma Sigma honor current and former U.S. soldiers with annual library vigil, ribbons

By Kaitlynn Perreault
Assistant News Editor

Student Life

Cadets from the Army and Navy ROTC programs stood at attention on the Fogler Library steps on Veterans Day at the University of Maine to honor the United States.

“The reason we stand here is not so we can get our name out there, but it’s more in remembrance of the veterans on campus,” said Matthew Colpitts, midshipmen first class. “The professors, the students, anyone who is walking by — this is so they

“I’m definitely proud of my father and the time he has served for his country.”

Morgin Cossar
Gamma Sigma Sigma member

can see we still care about them and that we appreciate what they do for us.”

Colpitts served overseas once before with his twin brother. The experience hit home for Colpitt, and on a day like Veterans Day, he said it means a lot to him.

“It’s something I have really enjoyed. There’s nothing like serving overseas with your twin brother in a country like that. So it’s a bonding experience like you’ll never have before,” Colpitts said.

Gamma Sigma Sigma members honored the veterans by tabling in the first floor of the Memorial Union. Students came up to the table and wrote on a yellow ribbon the names of those they have known who have served the United States.

A member of the sorority, Morgin Cossar, said honoring the veterans meant a lot to her,



Members of Army ROTC and Navy ROTC stood in silent vigil while presenting colors in front of Fogler Library on Veterans Day 2009 to honor all those who have fought.

as her father served in the first Gulf War.

“I’m definitely proud of my father and the time he has served for his country. So doing something like this, I feel is a grand gesture,” Cossar said, “but I usually just tell him myself what it means to me.”

Another member of the sorority, Samantha Spires, believes that while not everyone agrees with

the wars, everyone needs to show support for Veterans.

“We all need to show a little more respect. People are definitely appreciative, but I don’t think we say it enough. People need to be a little bit more outspoken and be like, ‘Thank you for what you do,’ and maybe show it a bit more than we do on a regular basis,” Spires said. “None of us would ever just willingly go out there

and risk our lives day in and day out like they do. So you just have to say ‘thank you’ and let them know we’re thinking of them and that we want them all to come home safe.”

Colpitts said today’s veterans do not ask for any recognition, which is the reason to recognize them on Veterans Day.

“This day is really for them to give them remembrance for

what they did. A lot of times they walk through the streets, they walk around campus, not asking for recognition and not asking for anything but to serve the country. This is the day of the year that we show appreciation and support for them, and say, ‘thank you,’” Colpitts said.

Spires recommended students get involved — not necessarily by joining the Army or Navy, but

simply by being active, for example by becoming a greeter to welcome the troops home.

“Students could volunteer to be troop greeters. Just go to the airport and welcome them home. If more people get involved, I think they’d appreciate it if they see younger faces, people their own ages coming out, instead of just the older generations,” Spires said.

Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

GSS approves trip funding, recognizes student grievances

By Maddy Glover
Staff Reporter

Student Senate

The University of Maine General Student Senate agreed to formally voice student grievances in regard to Black Bear Dining services and prepared for upcoming Student Government elections during its Nov. 10 meeting.

GSS Voted on an allocation to the International Affairs Association, which received \$2,800 for lodging for the 2010 Model United Nations in Montreal, Canada. The Model UN lasts four days and takes place at the Sheraton Hotel. Participants must lodge at the Sheraton in accordance with Model UN regulations, despite cost. Originally the allocation was \$1,800, but Sen. Nelson Carson amended the resolution to increase funding by \$1,000.

Sen. Timothy Smith supported the resolution.

“[It’s] abundantly clear that the purpose of the group will be inhibited if funding is not provided. I just think that it’s imperative that we fund this,” Smith said.

The Maine Outing Club received \$1,080 in funding for their Sugarloaf cabin’s annual property tax, fire insurance and plowing service, which was originally voted down in the Executive Budgetary Committee. Sen. Peter Christopher introduced the resolution.

Sen. Benjamin Goodman opposed the allocation because of its annual costs. The Maine Outing Club has received SG funding in the past.

“[The cabin] is a capital asset the group is taking on. They inherited it, they work with it,” Goodman said.

Senator Nate Wildes disagreed.

“It doesn’t matter what we fund, my point is that we’re funding this investment as a student service. I really don’t like that

we’re ignoring the end result and getting nit-picky about the items we’re funding,” Wildes said.

“A club of 55 people that get to go to Sugarloaf to pay \$24.18 out of their own pocket,” said Vice President of Student Entertainment Abtin Mehdizadegan. He said \$24.18 isn’t that much.

The Services Committee presented a resolution to recognize student grievances in regard to Black Bear Dining. The committee sent the resolution to a FirstClass folder where it was introduced as a resolution at the meeting.

“Why is this resolution on the agenda if it wasn’t voted on by the committee?” asked Sen. James Lyons.

Goodman moved to discharge the resolution from committee

and reintroduced it to the table. The resolution passed. Listed grievances included inconsistent hours of operation, cost, inconsistent meal size, decrease in meal exchange options, lack of eco-friendly disposal options, lack of credit or debit purchase options and the need for a revitalized Bear’s Den.

“I think what this does is legitimizes the student voice,” said Goodman of the Services Committee’s resolution.

Senate voted to send to the Legislative Relations Committee a resolution recognizing the effect of Question 1 on the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities of Maine. Sens. Ryan Gavin, Smith and Pardis Delijani sponsored the resolution.

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Nate Wildes
Student Senator

UMaine students sail through classes

By Grady Kelly
For The Maine Campus

Education

Forget the dorm life. Students now have the opportunity to experience an entire college semester at sea.

Thanks to a recent partnership between the School of Marine Sciences and the Ocean Classroom Foundation, UMaine is now offering students the chance to live and work on the Spirit of Massachusetts, a 125-foot traditional sailing vessel and earn 12 credits in the process as part of the SEAmester program.

No sailing experience is necessary for the 10-week voyage beginning in early March from St. Thomas, a small territory in the Virgin Islands; it will end either in Rockland or the Darling Marine Lab in Damariscotta. John Petrillo, SEAmester head educator, will be on board with the students. Petrillo has completed 11 voyages as an educator at sea. According to Petrillo, the trip has an extensive travel

itinerary.

“The boat will head south along the Caribbean as far as Trinidad. There will be at least four or five other stops in tropical waters before the ship turns north, following the eastern coast all the way back to Maine, with another three ports along the way home,” Petrillo said.

“Showers will be a distant memory by the trip’s end.”

John Petrillo
SEAmester Head Educator

Elaborating on student responsibilities, Petrillo said, “Each student will be treated as a member of the ship’s crew from day one and will know how to properly sail her before the voyage ends.”

Students will stay busy, and sleep will be that much more precious.

“In addition to myself and the students, there will be 10 professional crew and six to

participated in the Ocean Classroom voyage in high school, reflected on her trip.

“You completely forget about the outside world when you’re on that boat. No one cares about showers or Internet. Having no music was hard to get used to but we made our own. We must’ve had five guitars on board,” Weiss said.

There are no restrictions on who can participate, according to William Ellis, Associate Dean of the School of Marine Sciences. “Right now, it is a fixed curriculum of 12 credits offered through the School of Marine Sciences.” He said that students who are not Marine Science students can still take the voyage, and he has been

eight teachers aboard. Watch and classes take place in eight-hour shifts, with four hours of sleep or rest afterwards. Classes are taught during watch as well as sailing responsibilities,” Petrillo said.

Subjects ranging from celestial navigation to native language and history will be taught by the professors onboard, while the captain and crew will teach the basics of sailing.

“The worst part was having to get up in the middle of a storm at four in the morning to go do watch for two hours at a time, watching for basically nothing. I don’t remember ever getting a good night’s sleep,” according to Weiss.

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Locked or unlocked

A student locked his black HM mountain bike to the Memorial Gym bike rack at 3 p.m. Nov. 9 and returned three hours later to find someone had broken the lock and taken the bike. The bike's estimated value is \$500.

A student locked his green Next seven-speed bike to the Cumberland Hall bike rack at 2

p.m. Nov. 6, and returned at 10 a.m. Nov. 10 to find the lock cut and the bike missing. The bike's estimated value is \$120.

A student locked her blue and silver Next Breakpoint Pro Aluminum Series bike to the Cumberland Hall bike rack at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 8 and returned at 10:53 p.m. Nov. 9 to find the cable had been cut and the bike missing. The bike's estimated value is \$100.

A student left his unlocked aquamarine Vector bike in the Cumberland Hall bike rack from Nov. 3 to 4. When he returned, it was missing. The bike's estimated value is \$50. The cases are under investigation.

Stolen permit

An employee parked her Ford Explorer in a handicap zone outside Shibles Hall at 8 a.m. Nov. 10 and returned at 10:30 a.m. to find someone had entered the vehicle and removed her handicapped permit. The case is under investigation.

Drunken lobbying

A police officer on patrol came across an intoxicated student in the Gannett Hall lobby at 1:14 a.m. Nov. 8. The

student, Ian McGinley, 19, was visibly intoxicated and unable to find his MaineCard to gain access to his room. Due to his level of intoxication, McGinley was issued a summons for possession of liquor by a minor by consumption.

Hiding pride

Police received a report from a male student that sometime between Nov. 7 and 9, someone had removed the pride flag from the flagpole in front of Fogler Library on the university mall. The flag's estimated value is \$50. The flag was found attached to the Beta Theta Pi fraternity sign Nov. 9. The president of Beta returned it the same day, who told Zachary Knox, president of Wilde Stein, he was not the thief. Knox theorized a person

likely was intoxicated and stole the flag as a prank. The flag was returned to the flagpole on the mall Monday afternoon.

Cumberland contraband

Residence Life called police to the first floor of Cumberland Hall to investigate possible drug activity at 11:11 p.m. Nov. 7. Officers arrived and knocked on the door of a room from which they could smell burning marijuana. When the door was opened, six people were inside. Officers spoke to the two residents and the other four people were identified and asked to step out of the room. When resident Nicholas Stewart, 18, was asked if there was any contraband in the room, he pulled a small bag of marijuana out of a desk drawer and a glass bong

out of the refrigerator. Stewart was issued a summons for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The other people in the room were referred to Judicial Affairs for smoking marijuana.

Blocked Escape

A cement block was thrown through the rear window of a student's 2001 Ford Escape, which was parked in the Beta Theta Pi Parking Lot from 9:30 p.m. Nov. 6 to 10 a.m. Nov. 7. She found the damage when she returned to her vehicle. Total estimated damage is \$400. The case is under investigation.

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UM to use last of H1N1 vaccines

News Brief

The University of Maine will run out of swine flu vaccine by the end of Friday. The university has scheduled a second round of free clinics for students starting Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cutler Health Center, which will use the last of UMaine's supply.

The 550 slots available for students and community members filled up with people wishing to get vaccinated in about four hours, according to Joe Carr, director of University Relations. Carr said no one is able to predict when UMaine will receive more vaccine.

Friday's clinic is open to people younger than 25 years of age, pregnant women, caregivers of infants less than six months old and people between the ages of 25 to 64 with underlying medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes and cancer.

UMaine recommends anyone in more than one category signs up for the clinic at umaine.edu/h1n1/shotclinic.

"This one is open to employees in health-related risk groups," Carr said. "So it's a broader scope."

Swine flu disproportionately affects children and young adults, according to the Maine Center for Disease Control. In June, the World Health Organization declared swine flu a global pandemic.

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happen during Winter break.

"If we get the approval and the committee to look at tables and chairs, we could potentially have that in place beginning of second semester," Taylor said. "We just want to make sure we're making the right decisions and that the right people are involved."

Kittridge and Taylor agreed their biggest focus is to promote the Bear's Den. The two hope to have nightly specials such as "wing night Wednesdays" or a similar event to make the Bear's Den more attractive to students.

"If you go to the Bear Brew or if you go to Margaritas, there are certain things that happen on certain nights. We need to get the Bear's Den to have the same kind of thing going where it's the place to be because it's this [event] happening on Tuesday, and on Wednesday it's this [event]. That's what we're working on right now," Taylor said.

With all of these changes combined, McAvoy believes that — in the end — all of the work will pay off and create a more inviting atmosphere.

"I think it's a work in progress. The difference now is I think there's a determination there to make the Bear's Den successful, to make it a place that students want to hang out in. They want to go there and they want to relax and enjoy each other's company. From this point forward, I think there's a real determination there to make that happen," McAvoy said. "It's just a matter of reinventing. It's a matter of finding the right atmosphere with the right menu items, and I think it will all come together."



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Squeeling tires caught the attention of students on campus. Curiosity lead to the discovery of a forensic class outside of DPC studying tire patterns. UMaine Public Safety and Orono Police Department teamed up to safely lay down tread marks to be studied.

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"It's been going great," Cathcart said of Pingree's visit. She said Pingree "really is one of the most powerful people in the state" and meeting her is equally beneficial.

Cathcart said the center typically invites two public officials to visit campus each semester.

"[Students] learn more about what our government is like," said Cathcart, who believes the visits

from officials help motivate students to think about public service. She said the visits also let policymakers hear from students firsthand and see the kind of research being conducted at UMaine.

"Every year since 2003, we've had a more difficult budget job to do, and I know that at the University of Maine you've had to be creative and do difficult things and work harder to make it work. And all I will say is, 'I'm sorry, I feel your pain,'" Pingree said. "I hope that you will work with us as

closely as you possibly can during this upcoming budget."

Pingree ate breakfast at the center Tuesday, visited Brewer's class and then talked to students of professor Philip Trostel's public finance course. Afterward she toured UMaine's zebrafish research facility.

"It's good to let the Legislature know about the things we're doing with the Advanced Wood Composites Center, the fish ... and how much we can impact the state of Maine," McCarthy said.

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the upgrade, said the project is nearing completion. He expects a clearer picture concerning the exact finish date to emerge sometime early next week.

"Facilities Management has been cooperative with us, and I have been communicating with the Facilities office about the completion of the work necessary for the transmitter upgrade. We'll

be able to actually throw the switch on and start transmitting with our new equipment soon," Murphy said.

The station's plans for an upgrade are a part of a greater effort to build its image. Despite the setback, WMEB is still working on improvements.

"It's not frustrating, just a little disappointing. As of right now it's out of our hands," Gruzca said. "We are still working on our Web site extensively. We've created things like a music blog for our

DJs and a Now Playing list that allows our listeners to identify the music they are listening to, if they don't know who the band is. We're always trying to improve."

Gruzca said students working at the station make crucial decisions, like the move to increase wattage, with only mild assistance from a faculty advisor. An advisory board oversees station activity.

"The faculty advisor points us in the right direction. The important decisions are made by

the students, and then they are filtered through our advisor for approval," Gruzca said. "We face very limited interference from the university. Their role is strictly advisory. They help us to make certain decisions and make sure we are keeping up with all the regulations of a radio station. They make no content or editorial decisions; they are just there to help."

According to Gruzca, the station is an outlet to get hands-on experience in the broadcast

world for those who wish to enter the field. For those who are not going to enter the field, he emphasized the station's role as a source of "passion and education through music for the communities surrounding Orono."

"The music we play is usually underground or independent. We provide an alternative to a lot of the other stations in the area. There are a lot of weird gaps in our current coverage; the proposed upgrade would expand thorough coverage to

within a seventy mile radius of the Bangor area," Gruzca said. "This would help cover those gaps and improve our station's role in the surrounding communities. That is our main goal with this upgrade. By being able to better deliver our coverage and increase our signal it will allow us to serve the community better, it will provide us with more listeners. The station has always been shaped by its listeners and more listeners means a better station."

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working with other departments to integrate independent study into the curriculum.

"We're trying to allow ambitious students to complete a project in addition to the SEAmester curriculum for another three credits toward their respective major," Ellis said.

The program is not cheap, according to Ellis.

"The cost, from a student perspective, tuition is exactly the same, along with a \$12,000 voyage fee, that includes room

and board. Ocean Classroom is currently offering a 20 percent rebate, which is about \$2,400, for beginning the application process before Nov. 15," Ellis said. "They get the classes and the labs as well as real boat experience. The first hand extended experience is unmatched. It is an absolute transformation for the students after the 10 weeks."

Not to be confused with the Semester by the Sea program currently offered at UMaine, which consists of a fall semester living at the Darling Marine Lab in Damariscotta, SEAmester is a completely new offering at the university.

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UMaine graduate shows students his solution to a simple problem

When Clegg returned home for winter break that year, he asked his mother to make him a blanket with sleeves so he could continue to comfortably flip through TV

Clegg said. "Even some of my closest friends didn't even know about it."

Clegg and Collins made it clear the Slanket is the original blanket with sleeves. Although the Snuggie has a wider advertisement reach, Slanket came

It comes in a variety of styles — including a pirate theme, called “Walk the Plank” and a “siamese” Slanket for two, which includes four arms.

"I think it takes a combination of cre-

"I always felt like in Maine, I can't do anything from way over here, but you can. I've seen it happen from other Maine companies all the time. So, don't let that stop you. The world is a small place," Clegg said.

Gary Clegg
Inventor of the Slanket
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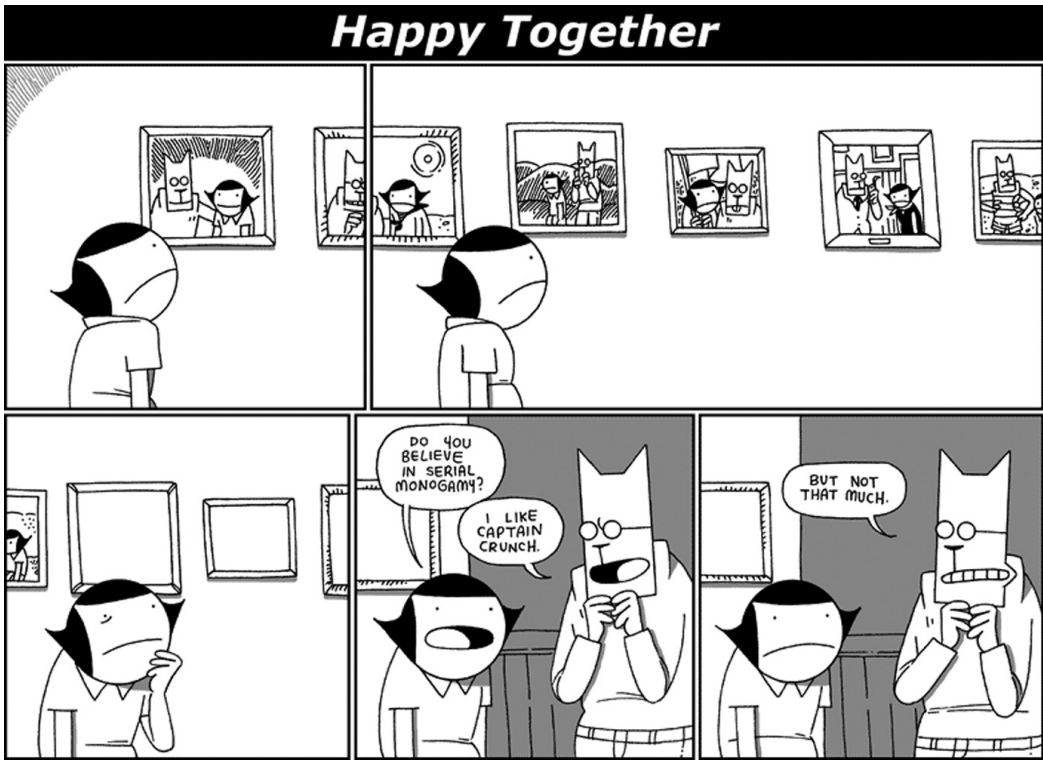
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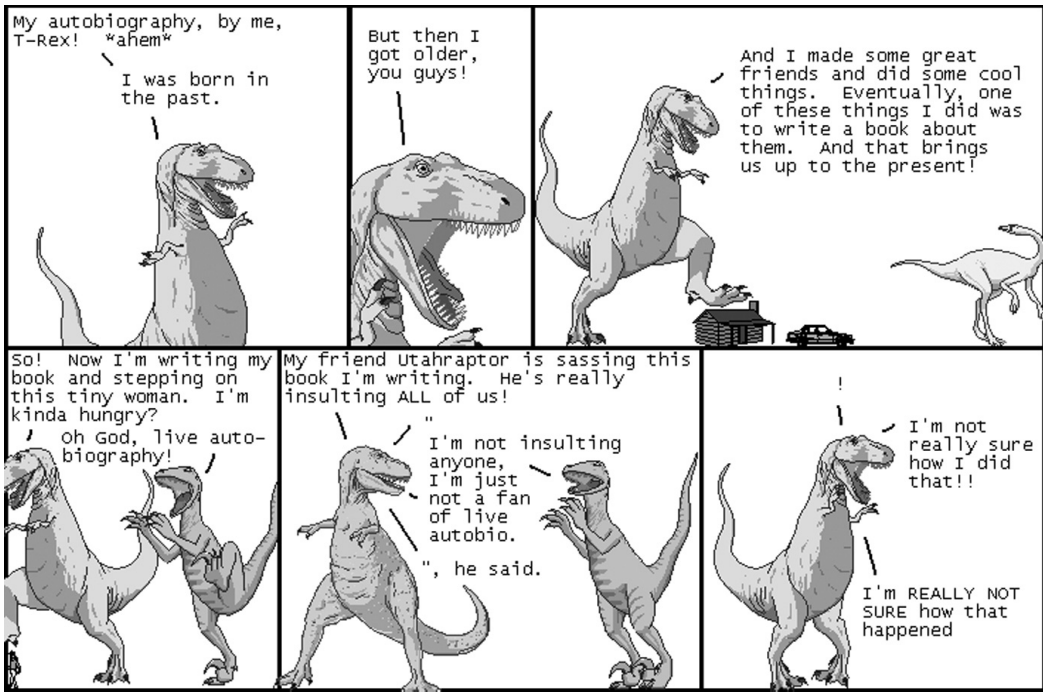
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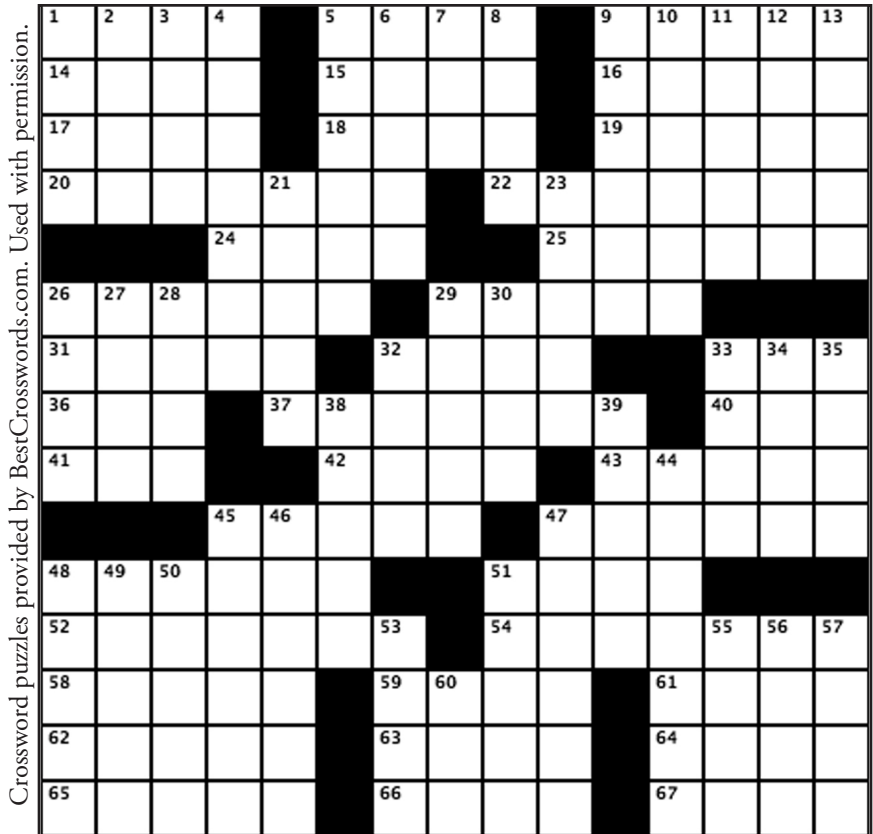


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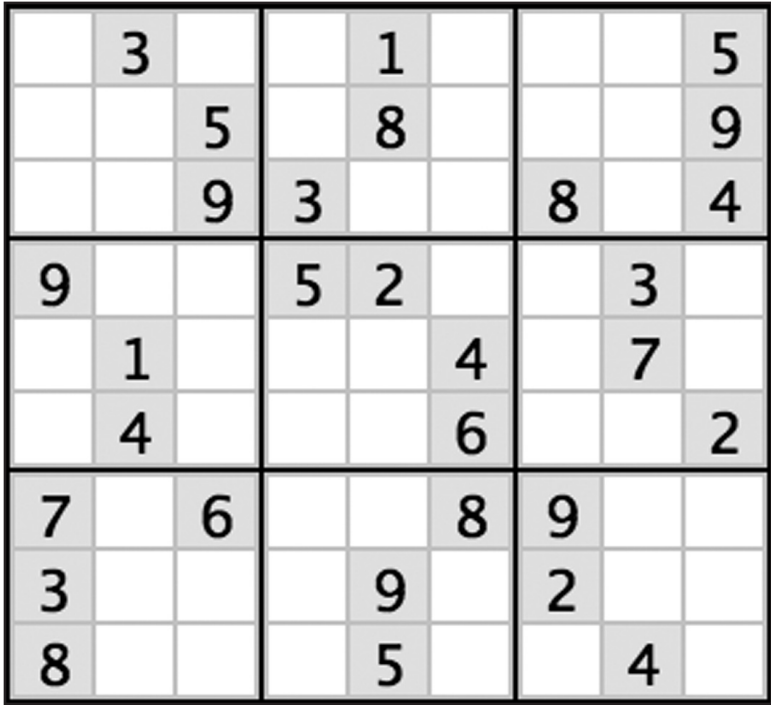
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 - 18- American space agency
 - 19- Inclined
 - 20- Disown
 - 22- Fit for drinking
 - 24- Exposed
 - 25- Elder
 - 26- Resides
 - 29- Frozen dew
 - 31- Actress Anouk
 - 32- Trompe l' ____
 - 33- Song syllable
 - 36- Big bang cause
 - 37- 11- or 12-year-old, e.g.
 - 40- Crone
 - 41- Loser to DDE
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 - 2- Adriatic port
 - 3- Ages
 - 4- OK to consume
 - 5- Givers
 - 6- Floored
 - 7- Beetle juice?
 - 8- Break, card game
 - 9- Speaks publicly
 - 10- Genetic anomaly
 - 11- "The dog ate my homework," e.g.
 - 12- Greeting
 - 13- Fall bloomer
 - 21- Valleys
 - 23- ____ Mio
 - 26- Group of individual facts
 - 27- Fermented grape juice
 - 28- CPR experts
 - 29- Stench
 - 30- Monetary unit of Cambodia
- 32- It's blown among the reeds**

 - 33- Yonder thing
 - 34- Contest, ethnicity
 - 35- Elderly, matured
 - 38- Absolute
 - 39- Model Campbell
 - 44- Emily Dickinson, e.g.
 - 45- Plaque
 - 46- ____ Fideles
 - 47- Knocker of a door
 - 48- Heartburn
 - 49- One in a cab, say
 - 50- Doppelganger
 - 51- Abnormal body temperature
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Horoscopes

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - You will be able to find original solutions to your professional problems, but co-workers may not be happy about it. An older person may come up with all sorts of reproaches. You are advised to avoid controversies.

Taurus - April 21 to May 20 - You will initiate an action that will be successful and profitable. A friend's support will help you overcome all difficulties. Moderate your criticism and avoid controversies. Today you'd better avoid speculations of any kind.

Gemini - May 21 to June 21 - You will have many original ideas that will bring you financial benefits. A former school-mate will offer you the opportunity to join a new business or to change your job. You are advised to only make a decision after having thoroughly considered all the aspects involved. Your loved one's advice may prove to be very helpful.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - This is a good time for partnerships, investments and signing contracts. Don't be shy, because you can accomplish a lot today just by speaking your mind. You should make future plans regarding your sentimental relationship.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - You have been planning to start a new business. Here's good news for you: Chances are you will find the best approach and will manage to get financial support. Your health is good, but you may want to pay more attention to your need for rest.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 - Today might be a special day for you, at least in the love department. You might even decide to get married. You have no reasons to worry over money. An older relative will offer you all the support you need. You are advised to pay due attention to your tasks at work.

Libra - Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 - In the morning you may be facing some financial difficulties, but you will manage to overcome them easily. Today is a favourable time for artistic activities. Your talent, creativity and originality will ensure your success in society. You are advised not to neglect family duties.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - You will have the opportunity to meet an important person who may be willing to share some of his or her business experience with you. This meeting might encourage you to make daring plans.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - You may have a busy day, with a lot of errands to run. You will be making preparations for an important journey which might mean a major step in your career. Your loved one will prove to be supportive. You'd better not neglect your need for rest.

Capricorn - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20 - You are determined to complete a task you have started a while ago. An older relative will offer you financial support, but will also try to impose his/her own views.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - You will have the opportunity to solve a domestic problem. You may either decide to buy a new house or make a property exchange. An older woman in the family may not agree with your plans, but you are advised to ignore her opinion.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - You will be successful in professional and domestic activities. In the morning you will be energetic and capable of stimulating people around. Your loved one will be right by your side. You are advised to take advantage of your original ideas.

Editorial: Careful consideration key for trustees' vote

The Issue: The upcoming vote by the board of trustees on Chancellor Pattenaude's restructuring plan.
What We Think: Before putting any plan into effect, trustees should know beyond a shadow of a doubt that it is the best course of action for the University of Maine system.

On Monday, the University of Maine System board of trustees will vote on Chancellor Richard Pattenaude's restructuring plan — a document that for the past year has been a source of concern at the system campuses. The result of this vote will affect every campus, from academic programs to administrative offices.

The plan — known as “New Challenges, New Directions” — is the culmination of months of introspection, argument, debate, comment and inspection. The board of trustees should take care to consider all it heard from students, professors, faculty and staff at every university and every level of higher education before it casts its vote on the plan. During Monday's meeting, the board should ask itself one question above all: Is this what every campus wants?

The University of Maine System needs a plan to fix its financial problems, and it is fair to say the majority of campuses have faith in the trustees, but the urgency of the situation belies a more immediate need to be careful and delicate. Not every campus is the same and the plan will likely not fix every problem. It may even create new ones.

Everyone — students, professors, faculty and staff — should go to the meeting Monday and echo this message. The more people at the meeting showing the board the weight its responsibility carries, the more it will undertake this introspection and careful deliberation before voting.

The system needs restructuring. UMaine and its fellow campuses can no longer continue under the academic and financial structure they currently employ. If the chancellor's plan is put into action after Monday's meeting, campus communities and trustees alike should continue to engage in dialogue to make sure it's working. If it isn't yet the best plan it can be for all the campuses in the system, the board should exercise discretion and give more time to tweak the plan.

Letters to the editor

This story [“California rape voyeurs ...” Nov. 5] disgusts me beyond words. There is something mentally wrong with everyone who stood by allowing such crimes to happen and continue. The behavior of the offenders and the voyeurs is inhumane.

My heart goes out to the girl who is the victim. No one should ever have to bear such an experience. I hope there are maximum sentences for all those who committed these crimes. Please keep us posted of the outcome.
— **Laura Beard**

Readers Speak: Best of Web comments

RE: Dean Dana inhibits dialogue ...

Dean Dana's remarks as chronicled in the Nov. 5 Maine Campus showed true leadership. He is doing his job very well.

This issue of discrimination through rights to marriage is very simple. I hope Dr. Dana continues to show students that now is always a good time to do the right thing.
— **Robert**

I would say that supporters of same-sex marriage view this as a moral issue as well. Matters of civil rights and equal protection are value-laden, so I would think most supporters consider it a moral imperative to extend protections to same-sex couples.

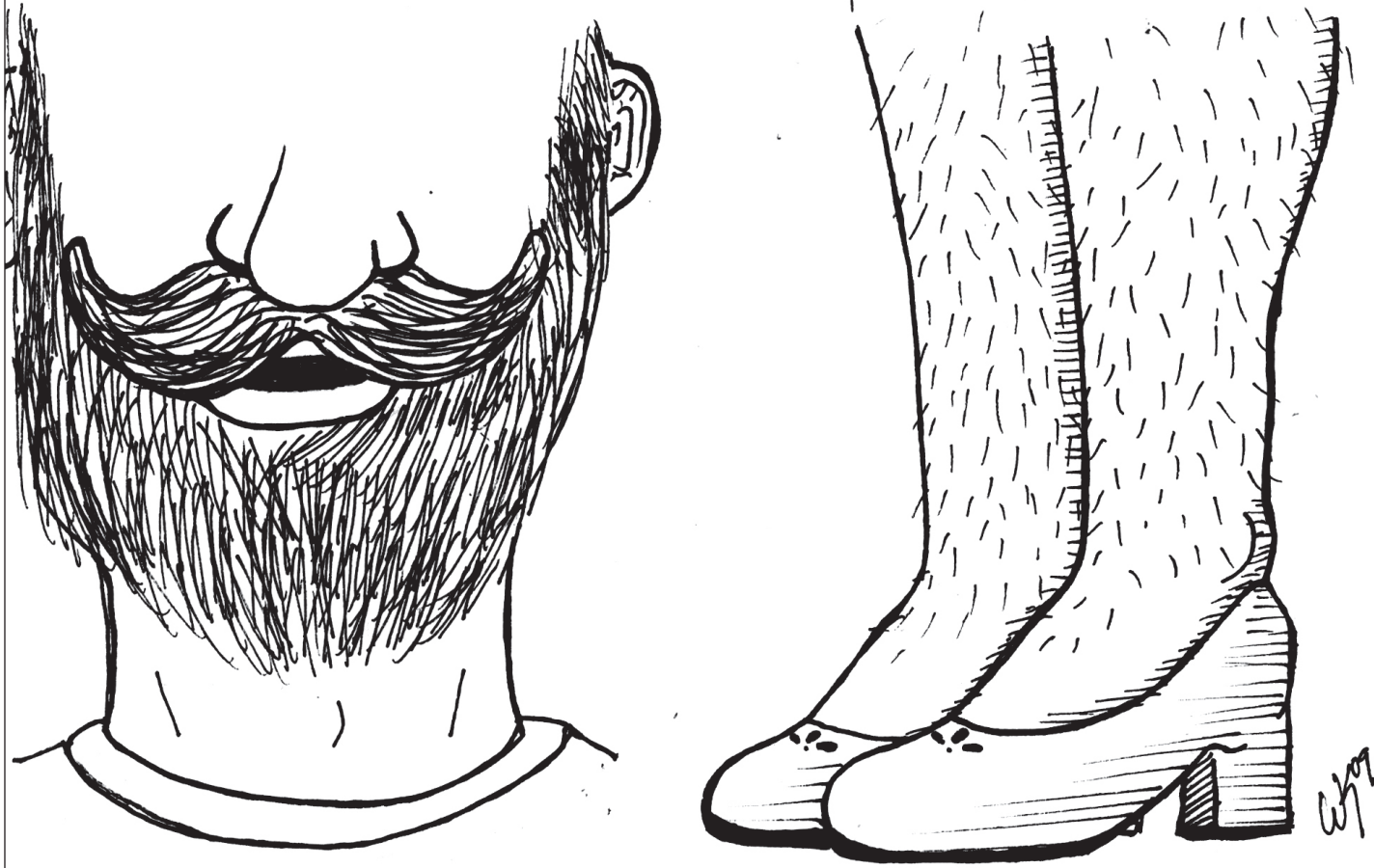
As far as opponents of same-sex marriage viewing this as solely a matter of morality — not one of discrimination — I would say that, to define “traditional marriage” as the only morally acceptable form of marriage is to disparage same-sex marriage as immoral (you essentially said as much when you said society should be careful not endorse something that is immoral).

Immoral or not, same-sex marriage would provide legal rights, so it's impossible to divorce the “morality” of opposing it from the reality of also discriminating against a group of people.
— **Derek Dobachesky**

Opinion

Thursday, November 12, 2009

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Counseling is key to fighting depression

There are more than 21 million people fighting depression in the United States. In Maine alone, the condition affects roughly 1 in 10 people. Numbers like these show us it's common for a person to be in a low place, mental health-wise. With winter right around the corner, people will be fighting off Seasonal Affective Disorder — commonly referred to as “winter depression.”

But only one-third of people who suffer from depression seek out any sort of treatment. Depression isn't something to be ashamed of. It's something to be dealt with head-on.

If you are in a state of mind that keeps you from living your day-to-day life, it's time to put pride aside and put your mental health first. When depression hits, you may lose sleep, which keeps you from functioning properly. Or maybe you'll sleep too much and miss out on work, school and maintaining your friendships. People fighting depression may constantly think negative thoughts. These thoughts sometimes even result in suicide — 15 percent of the clinically depressed choose to end their lives. Why do so many people's stories end this way?

Many view the act of seeing a counselor in a negative light. When people do consider counseling, they may fear others will think they're crazy. I know because for a short time, I was one of those people.

A couple years ago, I found myself in a mental place I couldn't get myself out of. Eventually, I shut myself off from those closest to me. I slept all day and would only go as far as I needed to get food. Classes weren't an option in my mind.

Looking back I realize how unhealthy all this was. Going down was so much easier than trying to fight my way out of this hole.



Amy Brooks
Photo Editor

My loved ones were concerned about what was going on. They didn't know where their outgoing and optimistic friend, daughter, sister and cousin had gone. I couldn't blame them for wondering. I had the same thoughts running through my head.

The support of friends and family is always helpful, but even they can only help so much. Their hearts might be in the right place, but they're likely to try and instill their own beliefs, telling you how

what one session will do to start you in the right direction. With a counselor, there's no need to worry about having judgment passed on you. Their job is to help you, but you have to take the first step and go to them. The feeling you get from taking control lifts a weight from your shoulders.

We have a great resource here on campus connected to the Cutler Health Center: the Counseling Center. There are probably lots of people who don't seek out mental health counseling due to prohibitive costs. As a young college student, I wouldn't have been able to afford the fees attached to most counseling sessions. But at the Counseling Center on campus, students can speak with a mental health professional free of charge.

No matter how small or big the situation seems, only you can decide if it's important enough to ask an outside party for help. But if you are in the 12 percent of males or 26 percent of females battling depression, put

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they would overcome your problems and expecting their methods to work for you. That's why I realized going to a counselor would be helpful for me.

Counseling was important because it got a more objective person to help me come to some sort of peace of mind. It's amazing

some real thought into seeking counseling. It's OK to recognize something is wrong and to fight for the piece of you that gets lost through depression. There's no shame in wanting to improve your life.

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Dean Dana did the right thing in defending GLBT civil rights

Zachary Knox

For two weeks, we have been subject to stares, slurs and harassment everyday. This is our reality. This is our life. This is the gay community. We have heard from people who have accused us of wanting to destroy society, people who feel “unsafe” because there is a pride flag on the mall (which was, at one point, stolen), and people who have deemed us unfit for equal rights because we are “a pack of queers.”

All of this in Orono, Maine — your community, which has become rampant with the sort of bigotry and prejudice that brings to mind radical racism of the 1960s. We are the minority for whom too few stand up and say: “You have been wronged!” Last Wednesday, Dean of Students Robert Dana stood up and did just that in the face of anti-gay sentiment in the state of Maine. He has been chastised for defending us, and some have called for him to be fired.

There are those who might say voting yes on Question 1 was a reflection of personal beliefs, not a form of homophobia. But a yes vote was a vote against civil rights and equality. A yes vote was a prejudiced vote because regardless of where you stand, this was never a political or religious issue. This was a moral issue, and many have failed to see the side that is right.

Regardless of religious beliefs on homosexuality, marriage is a civil right. This was the context of Dana’s speech. He stood on the mall to defend a minority that has been denied basic equal rights that are afforded to all other Americans. We are a minority that is demonized by the right as something that threatens America. Former Republican Sen. Rick Santorum once asked, “Isn’t that the ultimate homeland security, standing up and defending marriage?”

Are we really so threatening we should be targeted by the same department that protects Americans from

terrorists? Now, more than ever, we need someone to stand up for us and to assert we are not a danger to this country or this community, but are open and active members of it, fighting for our rights.

Despite their victory over equality at the ballot box — or maybe because of it — opponents of marriage equality have stepped up their attacks on the GLBT community. One member of Wilde Stein was told while canvassing for the No on 1 campaign that all gay people should be sent to an island to die

because they are disgusting. This is the cultural climate we live in. Many of our daily lives are punctuated by incidents like this. These incidents happen with a regularity that is alarming. To hear Dana, a respected member of our community, suggest we are deserving of equal rights in a safe place was a great relief.

It may be unprecedented for an administrator to choose sides on these sorts of issues.

If Dana had stood up 40 years ago and said about black people what he said last Wednesday about the GLBT community, he would have received the same reaction from groups and individuals that we see today as antiquated organs of hate and prejudice. Dana was not taking a political stance, condemning Republicans or Democrats or chastising voters for their choices on taxes or political reform. He was taking a stand on civil rights — rights that ought to be guaranteed by the very principles that legitimize our government and our political culture.

The Wilde Stein Alliance for Sexual Diversity unequivocally stands behind Dana and his speech and urges all faculty and staff members at the University of Maine to defend the civil rights of all Americans regardless of their sexual orientation.

Zachary Knox is president of Wilde Stein. Kendra Schindler contributed to this article.

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Much more than just our health at stake in health care reform



Our current health care system forces people like me to choose between caring for a loved one and pursuing our dreams.

Anya Rose

Last week, gay marriage was repealed in the state of Maine. The final vote was so narrow, I wonder if my active involvement could have made a difference. The day after the vote, a professor asked our class who had helped in the campaigns this year. All of us avoided eye contact. “You’ve got to set your priorities straight!” he said.

When I received an e-mail from MoveOn.org urging me to contact Rep. Mike Michaud in support of the House bill on health care reform, I set my priorities straight. I wrote him a letter and sent out an email to all of my friends asking them to do the same. I also called his office. I would feel terrible if I let this opportunity to make real change pass me by, especially since the lack of health care has deeply affected me and my family.

Deciding to come to graduate school was a tough decision for me. I received an assistantship to cover the cost of tuition, and even got a small stipend. Some would have called me a fool not to go, especially in this economy. Yet I was torn. It was not that I had any special job prospects back in Philadelphia or some amazing opportunity awaiting me I’d prefer over school. It was that my mother is very sick. Sure, she had her husband — my stepfather — to take care of her, but taking care of someone who is sick is more demanding than full-time job.

My mother has advanced multiple sclerosis — the type of disease private insurance companies hate. Sure, my mom and other chronically ill people could spend the rest of their lives in hospitals or nursing homes, but if you’ve ever spent any length of time in these

sterile environments, you’d know how uncomfortable, isolating and dehumanizing they can be. More than that — and this seems to be the only argument to which people will pay attention — keeping people in their homes is cheaper. The costs are \$22,000 per year for home care versus \$85,000 to live in a nursing home.

Chronically ill people are expensive. We finally deciphered, after being sent in circles for months, that Aetna, our insurance company, does not cover home care for someone who will not recover. They will pay for a few weeks of rehab and physical therapy after surgery, but if there is no recovery, there is no coverage. One insurance woman on the phone disdainfully told me, “That’s what family is for.” Yes, that’s part of what family is for, but it’s not that simple. Families need help.

For one thing, my stepfather must maintain his job in order to receive health care, which means he is away from my mother during the day. They pay for in-home care and other medical needs out of pocket, and they have been forced to choose between food and medicine. They have been selling family heirlooms to pay the bills insurance won’t cover, and family friends have been giving them money. Money from friends is not what friendships are “for,” but my parents often have no choice but to accept. The guilt of putting a financial burden on family and friends in addition to the physical pain she experiences everyday have caused my mother to contemplate euthanasia.

There must be young people out there who have had to face the same decision but chose to stay home. I chose to go to graduate school at my mother’s insistence, but I bear the guilt of knowing I cannot help care for her and that my stepfather is overworked. My mother bears the guilt of forcing her family to make difficult decisions. And what of the students who choose not to go to school? Their contributions to our society’s advancement are missed, and they are forced to sacrifice their lives and dreams. No one should have to make the choice between caring for a sick family member and education — or anything else for that matter. In health care reform, there is much more at stake than just our health. We must act now, before this window of opportunity is closed.

Anya Rose is a graduate student for health care reform.

Political correctness obscures discussion of gunman’s motives



Tyler Francke

Columnist

On the morning of Nov. 5, while most in the city of Killeen, Texas, were still sleeping, an Army psychiatrist named Nidal Hasan went to mosque. After the 6 a.m. prayers, Hasan asked for forgiveness from a fellow worshipper for any past offenses, and gave one friend a hug, telling him, “I’m going traveling. I won’t be here tomorrow.”

Around noon, Hasan entered his workplace at Fort Hood military base, with two handguns and his pockets full of ammunition. Eyewitnesses

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said he bowed his head for a few seconds, presumably in prayer, and then opened fire, shouting “Allahu Akbar!” — Arabic for “God is great!” Within minutes, a dozen were dead and 30 wounded. Hasan was shot four times before being subdued by local police. He survived and is now in stable condition, awaiting military trial.

Hasan displayed certain signals in the months leading up to the shooting, actions that were once easily justified but in hindsight take on an ominous aura.

Six months ago, a user named “NidalHasan” made Internet postings glorifying the actions of radical Islamic suicide bombers. Federal authorities picked up the comments, but never definitively attributed them to Hasan. Family and friends have said he repeatedly criticized the American war efforts in Iran and Afghanistan and the military’s attitude towards Muslims. He even tried to be excused early, on religious grounds, from his obligation to the Army, which would have ended in 2010.

The list goes on. During his internship last year at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., Hasan received counseling and extra supervision due to poor performance and statements that

made others uncomfortable. Finally, he maintained regular contact in recent years with Anwar al-Awlaki, a radical imam and spiritual adviser to three of the terrorists involved in the 9/11 attacks. Al-Awlaki, now living in Yemen, praised Hasan’s actions on his Web site and encouraged other Muslim soldiers to “follow in the footsteps of men like Nidal.”

The unprovoked killing of unarmed soldiers and civilians at Fort Hood was a tragedy by itself, but it points to a more oblique problem: the stranglehold of political correctness. I mean, has anyone else been as bewildered as me to watch the television “experts” speculate endlessly about what Hasan’s motivation possibly could have been? Was it stress? Delusion? Latent psychosis?

I cannot fathom what thoughts were in this man’s mind as he calmly went about his errands on the morning he would bring about so much death. But his motive? Well, forgive me for stating the obvious, but I think it’s pretty clear that Hasan’s extremist, jihadist understanding of the Islamic religion fueled his rampage.

As Americans, and especially as university students, we have endured the shackles of political correctness for far too long. According to American journalist Richard Bernstein, the “P.C.” movement that started in the 1960s was originally more satirical than serious — an ironic self-criticism of the “radical left.” But now it has somehow become ingrained in our intellectual framework, and we freely accept exactly what then-President George H.W. Bush warned about in a speech to the 1991 graduating class of the University of Michigan: “Certain topics [will become] ‘off-limits,’ certain expressions ‘off-limits,’ even certain gestures ‘off-limits.’”

Once upon a time, the greatest virtue at a university, and consequently American intellectual circles, was the free exchange of ideas. These days, it appears to be “not offending people.” Hasan was a radical and unstable Islamic extremist with a history of expressing anti-American, pro-jihadist views. His reason for killing men and women in cold blood was his ideology, plain and simple.

Nidal Hasan operated on the fringe of a faith that is largely one of peace and worship, practiced as such by the vast majority of its adherents. However, until we begin to discuss these rare but devastating cases of radical fundamentalism in frank and unflinching terms, I fear we will continue to see such atrocities perpetrated, enabled by our desire to indulge religious sensibilities.


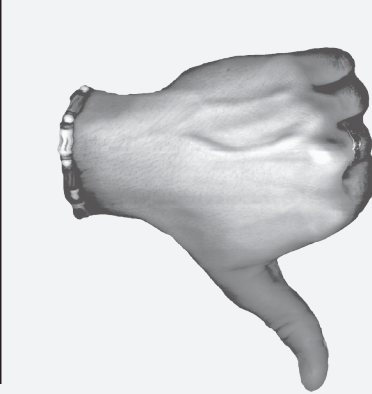
Tyler Francke has read the First Amendment and didn’t see the words “politically correct” anywhere.

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in comfort food eating.**

University Club, Fogler
Library
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**New Writing Series:
Douglas Rothschild**

Merrill Hall, University of
Maine Orono, Room 114
4:30 to 6 p.m.

“The Birds”

by Aristophanes
Hauck Auditorium
Noon

Friday, Nov. 13

**A 20-year Perspective of
Groundfish, Area
Closures, and Lobsters
in the Gulf of Maine**

354 Aubert Hall
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Kickin’ Flicks: Julie &
Julia**

Bangor Room, Memorial
Union
7:30 p.m.

“The Birds”

by Aristophanes
Hauck Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

**Maine Attraction: Ralph
Tetta**

Main Dining Room,
Memorial Union
9 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14

**Collegiate Chorale
Concert**

Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

“The Birds”

by Aristophanes
Hauck Auditorium
7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15

Oratorio Society Concert

Minsky Recital Hall
2 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 16

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A Celebration of Darwin
130 Little Hall
8:35 to 9:50 a.m.

**The Man Up in New York
or Chicago: National
Network Radio and the
American South, 1926-
1940**

Bangor Room, Memorial
Union
3:10 to 4:10 p.m.

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Style & Culture

Thursday, November 12, 2009

Rock your body

**Maine Bound Adventure Center — home to climbing wall —
offers alternative workout possibilities, outdoor adventures**

By Kegan Zema

Style Editor

A handful of people stand on the edges of large foam mats, staring perplexedly at the multitude of colored holds speckled across the rough, rocky wall. Small pieces of tape mark the different routes which stretch across the wall. The climbers’ minds are hard at work calculating the moves they will make up the boulder, contorting their bodies and fighting gravity as they ascend.

The Maine Bound Adventure Center, located in the large barn just behind the Memorial Union, is home to a subculture of alternative fitness. While countless students and community members flock to the Student Recreation and Fitness Center, a core group of people frequent the rock gym for a workout they can’t get anywhere else.

“I really think that people are fooled or disguised into the exercise because it’s packaged as fun,” said Charlie Bloedon, Maine Bound coordinator. “[It’s] a little bit different than pushing around inanimate objects to get strong. Here you work your core strength and your abs just by holding on to the wall and trying not to let go. It works different muscles that people never even thought they had.”

Maine Bound has been around since 1983, when it was tucked in the upstairs of the union. According to Bloedon, the program moved into the barn and has morphed over the last decade to become what it is today.

He said there is a population that uses the gym on a regular basis, but he still thinks the gym is underused on a large scale.

“People usually know where the barn is located, but haven’t stopped in, or it’s on their list of things to do,” Bloedon said.

The bouldering wall and tower are daunting. The tower stretches to the ceiling ominously, while the bouldering wall, with its 90-degree corners and upside-down climbs, looks just as menacing. Closer inspection reveals a multitude of routes, all with drastically varying levels of difficulty.

According to Bloedon, the marked routes are a feature they do to create variety and give people goals.

“The most challenging part about it is trying to keep it fun and fresh,” Bloedon said. “We’re constantly having to redo the routes. Once a month, the final Tuesday evening of every month, we have our route setting night, which is open to the community for people who want to give it a try. We teach people how to set routes because we need help. We’re a very grassroots program that way, where we don’t have the funding to pay people to set routes.”

Most routes are designed to mimic movements done in actual outdoor climbing, Bloedon said.

“The routes are definitely well done compared to some other places I’ve been,” said Nick Brown, an exchange student from Canada who frequents the rock gym. “There’s enough of a variety that no matter what your strengths are, you’ll be able to find something you can do.”

Bloedon described the process of placing the new holds: Some people set up routes on the bouldering wall by placing themselves

in the starting position and going step-by-step placing holds. Others plan their routes ahead without trying the moves.

People arranging routes on the tower must ascend up with a bucket of holds, while the bottom is coned off so no one gets hit in the head.

Music is always a large part of the rock gym experience.

“The climbing community by all means is the DJ,” Bloedon said. “We take requests, we put on people’s iPods [and] we play Pandora [Internet radio] if people have station requests. Usually the staff will start it with whatever they’re feeling, and then if anyone comes in and wants to hear something different, we throw it on.”

Maine Bound organizes a myriad of trips throughout the year as well. This group was the first of its kind in the nation back in the ‘80s, with students leading trips into the wilderness.

The trips range from introductory kayaking and rock climbing excursions to more intense trips tailored to skilled climbers and adventurers. They offer spring break trips often dubbed vacations because they are about having fun. This spring they are planning trips to Lake Tahoe and Oregon.

Perhaps the touchiest subject at Maine Bound is their lack of a drinking fountain. When asked about it, Bloedon let out a deep sigh.

“I wish that we had a water fountain,” Bloedon said. “We have a drinking fountain, what we call a drinking fountain, in the sink in the bathroom which kind of puts out some sulfur-ish water. I’m not completely sure why we don’t [have one].”

Bloedon admitted it is mostly due to budget problems. He was given the price tag on a drinking fountain and it wasn’t plausible.

However, there are talks that the university will be relocating Maine Bound because they are coveting the space the barn takes up. In that case, Bloedon said they would be getting their water fountain.

Whatever the rock gym lacks, it makes up for with its convenience.

“It’s free, so obviously they won’t have the same space available as some other gyms, but it’s really easy to go down there and just hang out,” Brown said. “Everyone there is pretty friendly. If you go long enough [the staff will] remember your name, and they’ll say ‘hi.’ Depending on what night of the week you go, you’ll fairly consistently see the same people.”

“We always hope that we fit in with people adopting healthy lifestyle choices, with being outside and holding recreation close to their heart,” Bloedon said. “We hope that through the trips that we do, we give people a positive experience when they head outside.”

Bloedon said they focus on training and sharing information with the hope that eventually people will head into the wilderness on their own. Even activities like rock climbing can be safe with the proper know-how.

He said Maine Bound focuses on being sustainable — providing things like trips and climbing shoes at a low cost to students.

Bloedon was also proud of the women’s climbing night, which takes place on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m.

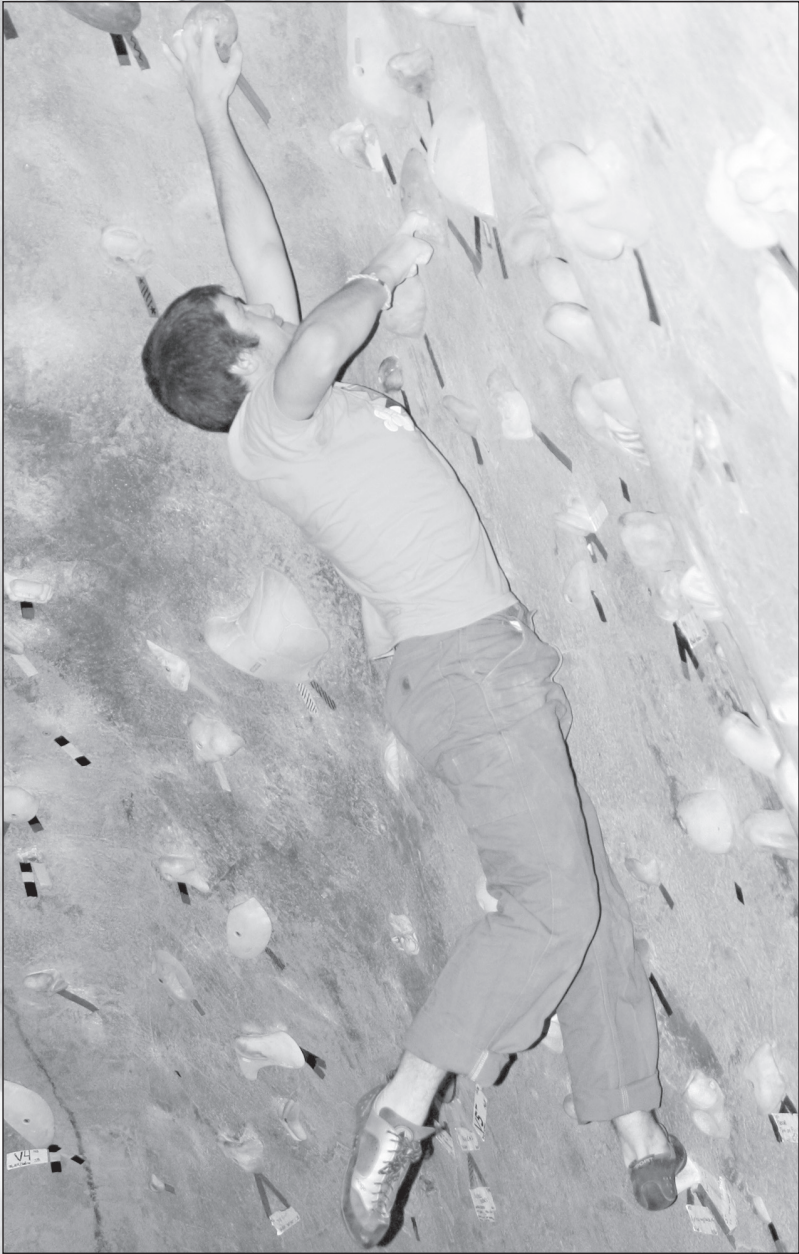


Photo by Kegan Zema • Style Editor

A climber pulls himself along one of the routes at the bouldering wall in the Maine Bound Adventure Center.

Climbing Wall - Open Bouldering

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Climbing Wall - Open Bouldering/Climbing

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Saturday & Sunday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Holiday drinking makes families easier to swallow

Whether we are ready or not, the holiday season is quickly being leveled on us by retail outlets. It isn't yet Thanksgiving, but ornaments and tinsel already far outnumber turkeys donning belt-buckled hats. Kenny G will soon flood the loudspeakers of many a Target, and wallets nationwide will engage in their yearly march and divest themselves of all tangible assets, owner be damned. 'Tis the season for well-documented depression, and who is going to save you? A fat dude with a large goody bag? I wager it will be the booze.

Don't misunderstand — drinking for comfort is physically and emotionally unhealthy. Drinking during the holidays is socially acceptable, however, and a rite of passage for many. Where a lot of parents are normally restrictive of their children drinking — even when they're of age — all bets are off for the holidays. Spiked eggnog is shared for Thanksgiving, a good cocktail on Christmas Eve, Manichewitz for Chanukah and champagne for New Years. For many, the holidays may be the only time

of the year to get intoxicated with their family, and it can turn a stressful event into something much more pleasant.

Take Thanksgiving for example. A whole two days are spent in the kitchen, preparing the feast. Logistics have to be considered, and they are often complicated: Who gets the guest bedroom, you or your uncle's

Who is picking your grandmother up from the airport? And what is this all for? A meal that, although delicious, leaves you more full than a month's

Thanksgiving becomes something transcendent. Instead of underhanded insults, your family starts exchanging hugs. Guards are dropped, and

people can be more honest with one another. Even if your family doesn't descend into an instinctive, animalistic love-fest, at least you've got a beer, a recliner and a football game — assuming you can call dibs on the

seat.

Christmas can be a slightly less-scary proposition, but the transformative effects of alcohol are not diminished — there may be less immediate stress than Thanksgiving, but that just makes a beer all the more appealing. How is exchanging stories around a comfortable room with a good drink intimidating or unpleasant in any way? Better than a stress-relieving drink is one of celebration, and that is the whole point of Christmas — to celebrate.

Although it isn't true in every case a sober person's thoughts are a drunk person's words, and the holidays should be a time for honesty and discovery. There are few occasions when a person's entire family can congregate — why hamper open, constructive dialogue when it's just a drink away? The Christmas season is a time for merriment, and for better or worse, our society's Christmas cheer comes in pint glasses and Champagne flutes. Crack open a beer in front of your parents, offer them one and bask in the spirit of the season.



Beer Police

By Andrew Catalina



Courtesy photo

Anthony Arnista stars as Euelpides in the School of Performing Arts adaptation of Aristophanes' "The Birds." The play will continue Thursday at noon, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Hauck Auditorium.

Christian bands to fight injustice

Concert to raise awareness on child sex slavery and trafficking

By **Bethany Lozada**
For The Maine Campus

The Arts and Action Tour — featuring two nationally known bands, Ten Shekel Shirt and The Wrecking — will be at the University of Maine to shed light on child sex trafficking and modern-day slavery. The concert will be held at the Collins Center for the Arts, on Nov. 14 at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Driven by passion and power, these bands are reaching out to eradicate child sex trafficking in countries around the world.

One-thousand people are expected to attend the event, according to Jonathan Zapala, member of The Navigators, an interdenominational Christian organization. The Navigators are sponsoring the concert.

Ten Shekel Shirt is a Christian rock band from New Haven, Conn. The Wrecking is a Christian band from Portland, Maine, and has performed at many campuses throughout the East Coast. The Wrecking will be playing songs from their new album, "The New

Abolition."

With inspirational music and videos, the bands will encourage the audience to become involved, according to lead singer of The Wrecking, Doug Elder.

"We have videos involved, but we are not holding a type of seminar," Elder said. "[The videos are] mainly to pique people's interest and to show them how they can be involved."

Sex trafficking mainly occurs in countries such as Cambodia and regions surrounding Southeast Asia, but trafficking doesn't solely happen in third-world countries.

"This is not confined to one area, but it's happening all over the world," Elder said.

Both bands are affiliated with the non-profit organization Love146, formerly Justice for Children International.

"Love146 is a company for the prevention of sex trafficking," Elder said. "They provide aftercare programs for at-risk communities and smaller villages of families that sell their children and also provide aftercare facilities for girls that have escaped

the brothel," Elder said.

Members of the organization posed as buyers to see the young children who are being bought for sex-trafficking.

"One-hundred forty-six is a number that they put on a girl for purchasing," said Elder. "She was the only one that they saw through a looking glass that had a fight left in her ... all the other children were so traumatized."

According to Love146, there are an estimated 27 million slaves around the world today.

Lamont Hiebert, singer and songwriter of Ten Shekel Shirt and co-founder of Love146, will be doing a speech and telling his story at the show, according Elder.

Elder said the bands aim to performing at colleges for a specific reason.

"Performing at colleges [lets us give] the next generation of leaders the knowledge of the truth ... and hopefully use the influence [to do good]," Elder said.

Funding for the concert is provided by organizations such as Student Government, Student Affairs and The Navigators.

CD REVIEW: JULIAN CASABLANCAS



RCA Records

By **Kegan Zema**
Style Editor

The Strokes have made three killer albums. Unfortunately, the last one, "First Impressions of Earth," was released in 2006 and there is little evidence their next album is due anytime soon.

Luckily, lead singer/songwriter Julian Casablancas has recently released a new Strokes album. Whoops, I mean he released his "solo album."

Sorry for the confusion, it's just that "Phrazes for the Young" sounds like it could easily be The Strokes. It is the logical next step in their transition to a more produced, electronic sound, and with Casablancas' easily-recognizable voice, who can tell the difference?

Sure, some of guitarist Nick Valensi's melodic riffs have moved from guitar to synth and the songs display a bit more variety, but the same

formula is there.

Despite Casablancas' inability to drastically change his songwriting style, he does do a lot right. The album's true strength comes when it strays from traditional Strokes rock. Its energy comes from originality instead of his connection to the band, which most solo artists rely on.

The longest song in The Strokes' studio catalog hits 4 minutes, 39 seconds. Only one song on "Phrazes" — the single "11th Dimension" — falls below this duration at just over 4 minutes, while most songs average around 5 minutes. To be fair, the album has only eight tracks. But still, listeners are treated to much more complex compositions.

Casablancas' solo work spirals around you, tantalizing your eardrums, whereas The Strokes beat you in the face with four loud, distorted chords. His tobacco-scarred voice still spits

out nonsensical wailings — lyrics that make little sense sung in melodies that are catchy as hell.

He can't escape The Strokes in the up-tempo songs. He may be playing most of the instruments himself, but he definitely learned how to play them from his bandmates. The opener "Out of the Blue" features the same eighth-note pulse that is on nearly every track on "Is This It?" while "Left & Right in the Dark" is characterized by an echoey '80s guitar riff — think Flock of Seagulls — and more synth than you can handle.

The songs made for the dance floor fall just short of the magic on Franz Ferdinand's last album, but when he slows things down he really shines. The Strokes aren't much for ballads, so when Casablancas croons over the blues-driven "4 Chords of the Apocalypse" it's a breathtaking realization of just how talented this man is.

After that he surprises again, with a country romp full of some furious guitar and banjo pickin'.

The final two tracks are where he hits his stride, combining the perfect amount of electro and rock in both down-tempo songs.

"Phrazes for the Young" is not a Strokes album in the way it sounds, merely it's overall feel. Judging by the band's last record, an evolution of their sound would most likely end up being something like Casablancas' album. It is a welcome change, but perhaps it is for the best these songs have been released under the guise of a solo effort.

The album is great, but with any luck, Casablancas has been saving all of his best material for The Strokes' next album.

Grade: B

FILM REVIEW: THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS

By **Kyle Kernan**
For The Maine Campus

With an impressive cast including George Clooney, Jeff Bridges, Ewan McGregor and Kevin Spacey, one would think "The Men Who Stare at Goats" would be a movie watcher's delight. However, the film's messy narrative spoils the potential of this ensemble.

This ludicrous war film chronicles the New Earth Army — an army outfit made to create "Warrior Monks" or "Jedi" types of soldiers that can psychically locate people and objects, predict the future and even walk through walls.

The movie is based on the book of the same title by Joe Ronson, who wrote it about his investigations into U.S. military's attempts to use psychic powers in the 1980s. Jeff Bridges plays hippie leader Bill Django of the New Earth Army, who created the program from spiritual enlightenment after a near-death experience in Vietnam. It's good to see Bridges don the hippie role again after The Big Lebowski.

The film cuts between flashbacks of the New Earth Army and scenes with Bob Wilton, a journalist played by Ewan McGregor following Lyn Cassady, the program's most gifted psychic played by George Clooney. It tells of Cassady's adventures during his post-New Earth Army days in Iraq as he tries to find Django, who was involved with the conflict between Iraq and Kuwait in 1991.

The problem with director Grant Heslov's "Goats" is plot and story. "Goats" seems to be



Overture Films

more concerned with weaving together irrelevant comical moments instead of developing an intriguing premise. Characters are introduced and soon forgotten. Transitions between key plot points, even though the plot is muddled, seem to be always accompanied by a '70s rock song.

You feel as frustrated and lost as Wilton does as he follows Cassady's tirades through the desert. The film's flashbacks bring down the narrative drive and fail to comment adequately on the present dilemma of the characters, which is unclear in itself.

George Clooney's performance is entertaining but strained by the limits of the script as the limited plot hinders the audience's investment in his character. However, Cassady's persistent belief in his psychic powers makes for

an amusing trip. Cassady is so absorbed by the illusion that you begin to think it might be real after all. Clooney's zany performance is reminiscent of other desert wanderers such as Johnny Depp in "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

Kevin Spacey stands as the most entertaining of characters as he plays a humorous, indifferent psychic soldier trying to foil Bridges' character.

The film works if you accept it for what it is. Heslov's "Goats" stands as a mish-mash of moments, but they all aim to capture a series of characters confronted with a fantasy world which is only as real as they are willing to believe. The film sets out to make audiences believe in things beyond rationality in the most absurd of ways. At the end, you question the absurdity of the film.

Grade: C

Brusko fills leadership role for Black Bears



Mike Brusko carries several Delaware defenders as he reaches for a first down in a game earlier this season. The senior tri-captain has been a spark at wide receiver after Warren Smith took over the starting quarterback job.

Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

Bill Belichick is one of the greatest coaching minds ever to set foot on an NFL sideline. If there are two things the three-time Super Bowl winning coach of the New England Patriots loves most of all in his players though, they are versatility and a team-first attitude.

At the University of Maine, Jack Cosgrove has one of the most versatile players and great team leaders that have ever stepped foot on the Orono campus. While he will not be moving on to the professional ranks after finishing up his senior season, Mike Brusko is the perfect example of a player not only Belichick covets, but any coach would be lucky to have and that Cosgrove is grateful for.

On Saturday afternoon, the senior tri-captain will set foot on the playing surface of Alford Stadium for the last time. Brusko, who has played quarterback and wide receiver as well as being on the special teams unit and punting, leads his team into a Senior Day game against the University of Rhode Island at noon.

“When you put Michael out

on the field, you have not only a gifted, talented player, you have an instinctively smart, intelligent, effort guy,” said 17-year head coach Jack Cosgrove. “I would say 99 percent of the guys that play the game aren’t even close to where he is upstairs.”

In addition to excelling on the field, Brusko is a top performer in the classroom. At UMaine he was in the Honors College and graduated last spring with a degree in broadcast journalism. He is currently taking graduate classes while he finishes out his football eligibility.

Despite success on and off the field though, Brusko’s time with the Black Bears has been a rollercoaster, where he has lost the starting quarterback job twice in his tenure. In addition to losing the starting job three games into his sophomore season, he also lost the job to sophomore Warren Smith three games into this year’s season after leading the Black Bears to the national playoffs last year.

“Both times it was difficult, and I talked to the coaching staff and they knew how I felt about it as far as being upset and disappointed,” Brusko said. “But I told them at the

same time I’d do what you think is best for the team, and I’ll do what will help us win.”

Cosgrove commended Brusko for keeping his head high and putting the team first.

“There are those that pout and moan and think they got screwed,” Cosgrove said. “Michael’s response was, ‘How can I help in other ways?’”

While he isn’t the quarterback anymore, his unselfish and team-first attitude has resonated throughout the young Black Bears locker room, particularly with the rest of the young quarterbacks on the roster.

“[Quarterbacks] Warren [Smith] and Chris Treister, I’ve tried to show them the way and show them the things they need to do to be successful,” Brusko said. “It’s a role that I embrace, and I just try to my best to help them out.”

No longer behind center, Brusko has not only provided a terrific locker room presence with his leadership skills, but he has thrived as a wide receiver and punter.

In last week’s game at James Madison University, Brusko caught a career-high 12 passes for 90 yards and scored a touchdown. He also pinned

two punts inside James Madison University’s 5-yard line and threw an 82-yard touchdown pass on a fake punt.

“He’s as complete a football player that I’ve ever been around,” said Cosgrove, who has placed several players in the NFL. “He goes out and catches passes like he’s been a receiver his whole life.”

The 6-foot-3-inch Brusko only played wide receiver for a few games during his sophomore season at Emmaus High.

The former star from Zionsville, Pa., has enjoyed his time at UMaine. Brusko cited the family environment as one of the biggest positives, something that made him choose to come to Orono.

“Up here it just felt like guys were a much tighter unit, a lot closer and just cared for each other in general,” said Brusko, who chose UMaine over the University of New Hampshire. “That’s really what drew me up here between the two and I’m glad I came up here. I have no regrets.”

With a roster comprised of mostly underclassmen, the future is bright for the Black Bears. One thing that must be replaced for the team to take the next step is filling the leadership void left by Brusko.

Was James worthy of new contract?

By Seth Poplaski
For The Maine Campus

Column

One of the top stories coming out of the University of Maine sports department recently is the two-year contract extension of athletic director Blake James. While many students hearing about this probably couldn’t care less, I find myself scratching my head and asking the question why. Why did James get a contract extension? While I obviously do not work for the university, or even know how decisions are made, I know contract extensions and job offerings are normally based on job performance, something that James has failed at during his time at UMaine.

Attendance in most sporting events on campus is down. My freshman year, people camped out overnight waiting to get seats for hockey games. I saw people go to Friday night’s game and then wait in line again overnight for the best seats in the house at Alford Arena. This past weekend, the Black Bears hosted Boston University, the reigning national champions in hockey, and people didn’t start lining up until two hours before the game started. On top of that, the arena was not even sold out.

Attendance is not lacking only in hockey. Every sport on campus has taken an attendance hit. People are losing interest in sports, and fewer people care about what is happening. We go to a Division I school and still have issues gaining the interest of students and the community. Why is this? I feel this is a result of disconnect and lack of advertisement in the community.

An athletic director is responsible for many things, and one of those things is getting the community to connect with the teams. One of the simplest ways of doing this is by getting people to come to games. Advertisement and the interaction of teams with the community is something UMaine fails at greatly. How many of you knew we have a player on the women’s hockey team from Switzerland who has a good chance of playing in the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver? It’s not something heavily advertised, and while in many places this would make big news, James and the university overlook this opportunity to talk to people in the community about women’s hockey and the talent we have.

Field hockey is the same story. We went to the semifinals this year, and unfortunately lost to BU, but the

fact of the matter remains, they had an amazing season. How often was that promoted? I never once heard about any upcoming field hockey games.

The same goes for our volleyball team, which was recently cut. I’m sure close to none of you knew the women’s volleyball team had the best record of all the fall sports last year, and yet there was little to no advertising or promoting the team on behalf of James, or the university.


Now, James and the department may argue that these teams do not bring in the same amount of revenue that a big time sport such as football or men’s hockey would bring in. This is true, but at the same time, if you don’t advertise your product or sport, you’re not going to make any money. People don’t know what you offer unless you tell them about it. The athletic department is missing a huge business opportunity for sports in Orono, which could lead to economic development in the area. If I had to give James, our trusted AD a grade, I’d give him an F.

Let’s not forget about last year’s fiasco with the cutting of the men’s soccer team and the women’s volleyball team. I understand that budget cuts are necessary, especially in these times of economic decline, but the timing and the way the situation was handled was, without a doubt, one of the most unprofessional interactions I have seen.

Meetings were not held to inform the players that they no longer had a program. For the men’s soccer team, the coach was taken aside during a practice and was told about the cut. Most of the players on the volleyball team were informed via text messages from their coach and other teammates.

On top of that, the day the teams found out, James refused to meet with the teams and met only with the media in his office to talk about what happened. James also attempted to find a new job as the athletic director at Florida Gulf Coast University. James said it had nothing to do with the situation, and everything to do with being closer to his family. But it also seemed to be an easy way out of a messy situation.

Since James has been here, attendance has gone down, a lack of advertising has caused good teams to go unnoticed in the community, teams have been cut, and he tried to find another job outside of Maine. What did we reward him for in return? Oh yeah, a two-year contract extension. Does that make any sense to you?



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Oregon back not deserving of second chance

By **Derek McKinley**
Staff Reporter

Column

University of Oregon running back LeGarrette Blount was reinstated this week after being suspended for the team's last seven games. The "powers that be" in the Pac-10 decided he had suffered enough for the cheap shot he landed on defenseless Boise State defensive end Byron Hout, after the Broncos laid a beat-down on the Ducks in the season opener.

The reason Blount was given a second chance is because he improved his attendance in class and at team meetings and participated in the recommended counseling programs. Really, that's all it takes? Just show up to class and mandatory team meetings on time, and we'll let you back onto

our nationally-ranked football team — a team that reeled off seven wins without you before getting "Rick-rolled" by a bunch of nerds from Stanford University last weekend.

We'll give you a shot to prove to the scouts you deserve a spot on a pro roster because you're obviously a high character guy. Clearly after failing to qualify academically to play at Auburn and spending two years in the purgatory known as East Mississippi Community College, you've really dedicated yourself to your studies. You deserve another shot.

Frankly, I'm a little more than annoyed. Chip Kelly suspended Blount for the rest of the season, and that should have been the end of it. Letting Blount back on the team is like punishing a kid for a month, then letting him off a week later because he didn't miss a shower and brushed

after every meal. It's ludicrous. Rewarded for going to class? Rewarded for showing up to mandatory meetings? This is stuff you're expected to do as an athlete. You're supposed to be punished for not doing it, not rewarded for finally getting around to it. There should be no room for improvement regarding attendance, because as a student-athlete, it is your obligation to attend as many classes as possible, barring illness or family tragedy.

As an elite athlete, Blount already had it put into his head that he is above the law. He is entitled to special treatment because he can run fast — from angry fans — and hit hard — when the other guy isn't looking. His reinstatement is not going to do anything to combat that belief.

Let's not forget that one of Chip Kelly's first acts as head coach after replacing Mike

Bellotti, who Blount clashed with on a regular basis in his first year, was to lift Bellotti's suspension of Blount from the previous season for failing to attend team workouts. Why the reinstatement? Because he improved his attendance in the classroom and in team meetings. I'm bordering on incredulous at this point.

Oregon doesn't even need this guy. Sure, they lost to Stanford and that really sucks, but LaMichael James, who stepped in after Blount's suspension, is the second leading rusher in the Pac-10. He's 12th in the nation right now. I think I'd stick with the hot hand — or legs, as the case may be — and make sure Blount gets the rest of what he deserves.

People are talking about this like it's a well-deserved second chance for a guy who, by his own account, would like to "prove to people that

their lasting impressions of [him] are not what they saw in Boise." This is not a second chance. Blount got his second chance at the start of the season, and it took him one game to blow it. He got a second chance at the start of last season after he left a community college to play for Oregon and couldn't even get along with the winningest head coach in Oregon history. He's had plenty of chances, and it's clear he's deserved none of them.

Yet again, though, athletic privilege has reared its ugly head, and we see a guy who hasn't been able to keep himself together at all since setting foot on the Eugene campus getting a chance he hasn't earned.

Blount started the season on the watch list for the Walter Camp and Doak Walker awards. The man can play football, and if he had

kept his hands to himself like we all learned in kindergarten, he'd probably collect one of them on his way to the league, where he'd be rewarded once more with a ridiculous contract he wouldn't deserve under any circumstance. Rookie contracts have gotten that crazy.

There are things I would give up in one second to have half the athletic ability LeGarrette Blount has been endowed with. I just don't understand why unmatched athletic prowess so rarely combines itself with unimpeachable character, maturity and intelligence. The NFL doesn't need another Larry Johnson, Jamal Lewis, Chris Henry and the list goes on, but thanks to the win-at-all-cost mentality of both the college and professional ranks, with LeGarrette Blount, that's exactly what they're going to get.

UPCOMING GAMES

FRIDAY, NOV. 13

Women's Basketball
vs. Central Connecticut State
University in Orono
7 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey
at Northeastern in Boston, Mass.
7 p.m.

Men's Basketball
at Fordham in Bronx, N.Y.
8 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14

Men's and Women's Swimming
vs. Vermont and Keene State in Orono
10 a.m.

Football
vs. Rhode Island in Orono
Noon

Women's Ice Hockey
at Northeastern in Boston, Mass.
2 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey
at Northeastern in Boston, Mass.
7 p.m.

Club Football
Playoff game vs. Woonsocket Wardogs
in Orono
8 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

Women's Ice Hockey
at Northeastern in Boston, Mass.
2 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 16

Men's Basketball
at Norfolk State in Norfolk, Va.
7 p.m.

Crossword Solution

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Football
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Coach's Corner
with
Tim Whitehead



Three keys to winning at Northeastern University:

-“Bringing the same intensity we did at home on the road.”

-“Continue to improve our team defense, 5-on-5.”

-“Let’s win the special teams game down there, because that’s been a strength of ours recently.”

Hockey
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son series from UMaine last year, including two games at Alford Arena.

“Last year we felt like we matched up pretty well against them, but we couldn’t get the wins,” Whitehead said. “It’s really not so much who we play, but how we play. We’re focusing on executing our systems, and most importantly on the defensive side of the puck.”

UMaine’s poor record on the road has left voters in the national polls unconvinced of the Black Bears’ potential. UMaine is not listed as receiving votes in the two polls.

“We’re not too worried about those votes right now,” House said. “We’ve had a couple good games, but that doesn’t mean a whole lot if we’re not consistent and we don’t bring it this weekend.”

House feels the Black Bears are a different team now than the one that sputtered out of the gate.

“There’s a lot of confidence right now,” House said. “We know if we’re playing together as a team for a full 60 minutes, we’re going to give ourselves a good opportunity to win.”

The two-game weekend following a pair of one-game weeks could help UMaine attain continuity.

“If you lose a game, it’s nice when you can get back at it right away,” House said.

The Black Bears are continuing to excel on the power play with 28 percent efficiency, ranked third in Hockey East. They have recorded a power-play goal in

all eight games with 14 of their 24 goals coming with the man advantage. Freshman Adam Shemansky leads the team with four power-play goals.

House has noticed a steady improvement in UMaine’s penalty killing ability as well. The Black Bears are killing opposing power plays at a rate of 76.7 percent.

Darling turned in a second consecutive solid night between the pipes against BU and improved to 3-1 with a team-best 3.03 goals-against average and a .896 save percentage. UMaine’s defensive coverage was effective against the Terriers but contributed to their poor start to the season. Whitehead was pleased with the improvement.

“We were a lot more composed in our own end,” Whitehead said. “It’s not something that you fix in one week. It’s something you have to work on throughout the season. The great news is, we’re getting a lot better defending with our sticks and our positioning is a lot better on defense too.”

UMaine’s defense, allowing 3.88 goals per-game, is ranked ninth in the 10-team conference. The Black Bears are scoring an average of three goals per game while Northeastern is allowing three per game. Both rank sixth in their respective categories.

Sophomore right wing Gustav Nyquist’s 13 points remain tied for the league lead with UMass’ James Marcou. Shemansky follows Nyquist for the UMaine lead and is tied for 19th in Hockey East with seven points. Both players have five goals.

The Black Bears will return to Alford Arena on Nov. 20-21 for a two-game set against Boston College.

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Cheap shots in D-I sports

By Mike Brusko
For The Maine Campus

Column

If you're enough of a sports fan to be reading this column, there's a good chance you've heard of Elizabeth Lambert.

Just in case you haven't, she is a female soccer player for the University of New Mexico whose actions in a recent game have been highly scrutinized. It was a Mountain West Conference playoff game against Brigham Young University, and Lambert's emotions were on full display. She took cheap shots left and right, and her aggressive play looked like it was going to result in an injury to one of her opponents a number of times. Lambert punched one opponent in the back, flailed her arms wildly hitting another in the face while going after a ball and slammed yet another to the ground by yanking on her pony tail. The Internet celebrity for all the wrong reasons has since been suspended indefinitely for her actions.

Don't be naïve, though, as this kind of thing is hardly uncommon in Division I athletics. Brandon Spikes, a well-known linebacker for the University of Florida football team, was just suspended for allegedly gouging an opponent's eyes while he was on the ground.

And I can tell you from personal experience, it doesn't stop there. I'd bet if you closely examined the film of most Division I football, basketball, hockey and soccer games, you would find cases like this all over the place. You don't even want to know what goes on at the bottom of a big pile of football players when a play has just ended. Arms and legs getting twisted, hair getting pulled, jabs to the kidneys and things that could potentially harm your ability to have children.

But the fact that it happens all the time still doesn't make it OK. My point is that it is a much bigger issue than people realize. I read an article from the "48 Hours Crimesider," a popular crime blog on CBSNews.com, in which the author actually defends Lambert, saying she was provoked into doing the dirty things she did. Yes, it is true that a small elbow was thrown before she punched the girl in the back. The author also says the girl who gets pulled to the ground by her hair was grabbing Lambert's crotch before it happened. He even says, "In most states if you were on the street or in a bar and you grabbed a woman by the crotch like this, you'd be charged with criminal sexual assault." Unfortunately though, that's just not true. If you watch the tape, you'll see the girl was grabbing Lambert's shorts, not her crotch. This is simply a way to jockey for position and is as common in the game of soccer (and basketball, for that matter) as a Brett Favre retirement in football.

I'm sorry, but there is no defending Elizabeth Lambert's actions. Maybe she was provoked a little bit, but that's what athletes do. It is her job as a representative of her program to maintain enough composure and play the game like it was meant to be played. Don't get me wrong, I'm the biggest fan of a physically intimidating player in any sport, but I appreciate it to take place within the rules of the game.



Mike Brusko

Bears look to continue hot streak

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

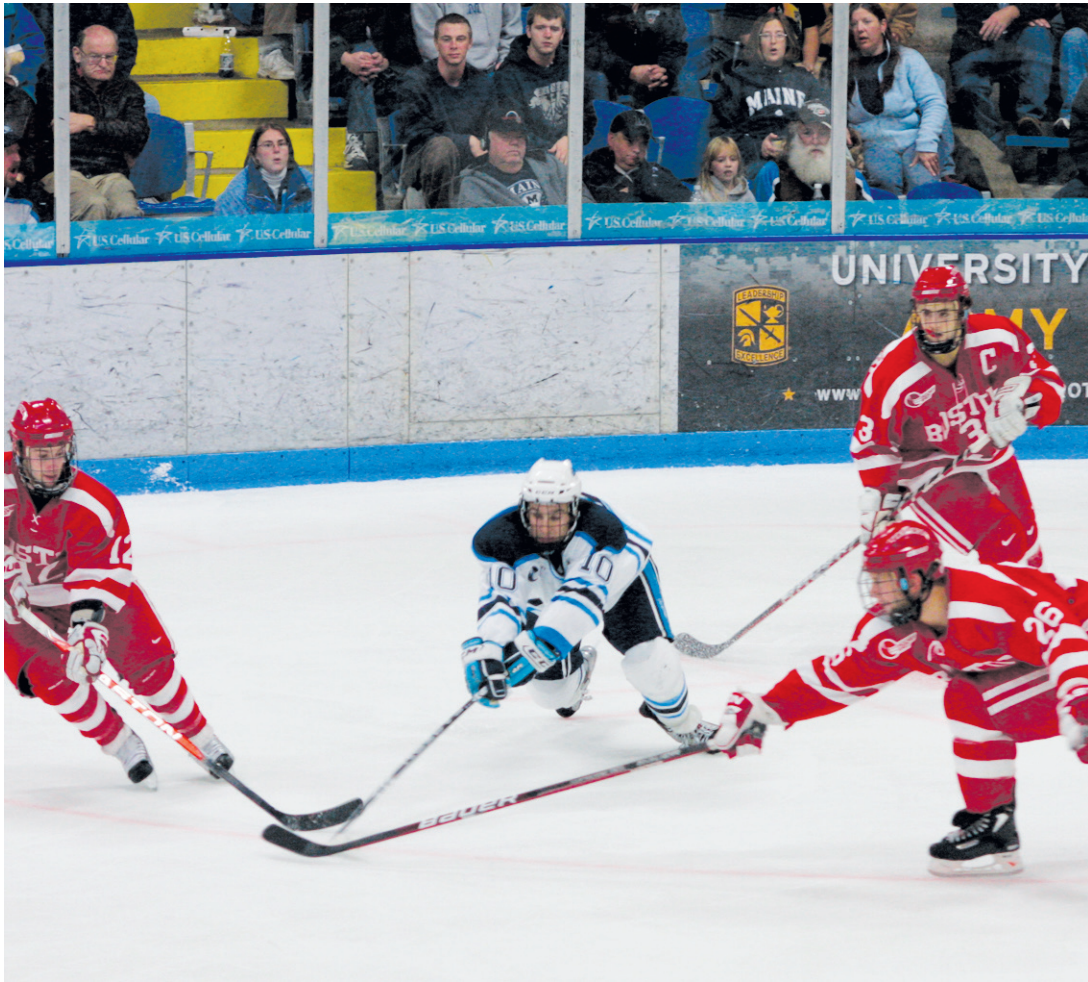
The University of Maine men's hockey team is used to tall goalies. When 6-foot-7-inch Ben Bishop left the Black Bears to turn pro after his junior season in 2008, 6-foot-5 freshman Scott Darling took over the crease.

Northeastern University coach Greg Cronin will send out a tower of his own this weekend to oppose sophomore Darling, as 6-foot-6-inch freshman Chris Rawlings has earned the starting job for the Huskies and will be in net for a Hockey East pair at newly renovated Matthews Arena in Boston. Friday's game will be the 100th meeting between the teams.

Rawlings was named Hockey East's Pro Ambitions Rookie of The Week after a 42-save shutout of defending National Champions Boston University last Friday. He filled the void left by Brad Thiesen, who turned pro after starting all 41 games during his junior season, which resulted in a 25-13-4 record and a trip to the NCAA Midwest Regional Semifinal.

"I know they're well coached. They've got good goaltending again this year," said UMaine junior captain Tanner House. "We're going to have to be shooting from everywhere and getting into those high-traffic areas in front of the net."

Rawlings, who was the MVP in the British Columbia league last year, has been a positive for the 3-4-0 (1-3-0 Hockey East) Huskies, whose anemic offense is produc-



Brian Flynn reaches for the puck in a sea of red Boston University players. UMaine defeated the Terriers and hope to extend their two-game winning streak at Northeastern this weekend.

Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

ing a league low 2.00 goals per game. They have scored just one goal in each of their last three games, including the win against BU.

Junior Wade MacLeod is Northeastern's points leader with



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five, after scoring a team-high 35 last season. He was followed by

seniors Ryan Ginand and Joe Vitale. Defenseman Louis Liotti, named Hockey East's best defenseman, also graduated. Three freshmen have cracked the top 10 in scoring this season for the Huskies.

UM gears up for Senior Day

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

With 15,000-plus fans from the opposition screaming with your team on offense, there is only one way to quiet that large crowd: drive down the field and score.

That was the case on Saturday afternoon when the University of Maine football team visited James Madison University at Bridgeforth Stadium. The Black Bears took the opening drive of the game and marched down to the Dukes 8-yard line before being stuffed on fourth-and-1.

With that one play, the momentum turned after a 14-play, 70-yard drive provided no points and James Madison went on to score 22 unanswered points before UMaine's fourth quarter rally came up short.

"To drive down the field early in a hostile environment and punch one in and put up a touchdown on the first drive,

it would have been absolutely huge for us, especially momentum wise," said senior tri-captain Mike Brusko.

Despite a loss that dips UMaine under .500 with a 4-5 overall record, the Black Bears hope to put the loss behind them as they head into a Senior Day matchup with the University of Rhode Island on Saturday at noon.

UMaine (3-3 Colonial Athletic Association) remains in second place in the North Division behind the University of New Hampshire. URI sits in last place in the division with a winless conference record of 0-6. The overall record of the Rams is 1-8, with their only victory coming in the season opener against Fordham University.

The Black Bears remain in the hunt for the North Division crown even with Saturday's loss to James Madison. If UNH loses to No. 4 William & Mary on Saturday coupled

with a UMaine win, the division crown would be on the line on Nov. 21 when the Black Bears visit UNH.

Rams bring dangerous offense

Despite being winless in the CAA, URI nearly knocked off North Division leader and the seventh-ranked University of New Hampshire last Saturday.

The Rams offense racked up 535 yards of total offense and senior quarterback Chris Paul-Etienne threw for a career-high 424 yards and four touchdowns. While URI's offense exploded for 42 points, UNH's offense scored 55 points to edge the Rams.

"They had a great plan against New Hampshire," said UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove. "They just really did a number on New Hampshire and that's a really good defense."

Paul-Etienne stood out during the contest and has certainly caught the eye of the Black Bear defense.

"They got a real explosive offense with the quarterback transferring in from Rutgers [University]," said senior linebacker Brandon McLaughlin. "He can run around and throw the ball pretty well."

"There quarterback is very, very impressive," Cosgrove added. "Not to take anything away from these receivers and running back, but he's really special. He can make some throws. He's smart and patient with his delivery with the ball."

Paul-Etienne's top target is senior wide receiver Shawn Leonard, the league's leader in receiving touchdowns. Leonard was named the co-CAA Offensive Player of the Week following his 10-catch, 275-yard performance where he hauled in three touchdown passes. Leonard has seven receiving touchdowns on the season.



Warren Smith attempts to run for a first down on Oct. 17 against Richmond. The sophomore quarterback is out for the season following a broken foot he suffered at James Madison. Chris Treister will start against URI on Saturday.

Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Smith out for season; Treister to start

In Saturday's loss to James Madison, the UMaine football team lost starting quarterback Warren Smith to a broken foot for the remainder of the season. The sophomore took several hard hits in the game and was forced to leave the game late in the fourth quarter. The initial X-ray did not reveal a break in his foot, but an X-ray earlier this week showed the fracture.

"Warren is out for the year," Cosgrove said. "He has a broken foot that was discovered in another X-ray. It was what they call a weight-bearing X-ray. The postgame X-ray did not show what the weight-bearing X-ray yesterday showed."

The transfer from the dis-

banded Iona College program was key in reviving UMaine's struggling offense as they switched to a pass-heavy attack. The strong-armed Smith took over the starting job in the fourth week of the season after splitting repetitions at the position the two weeks before.

Smith has thrown for 1,695 yards and 12 touchdowns this season. He has also thrown 13 interceptions. A dual threat, Smith is second on the team in rushing with 205 yards and two scores.

Sophomore Chris Treister is expected to start in Smith's place.

Seniors to be honored

See Football on 11

James inks two-year extension

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

University of Maine athletic director Blake James signed a two-year contract extension through the 2011-2012 athletic year.

James was named the UMaine AD in May of 2006 following a national search. He served in an interim role for 10 months prior to being hired after former AD Patrick Nero left. James has been at UMaine since 2003, first serving as senior associate athletic director.

"I appreciate President Kennedy's support and look forward to continuing to work with our coaches, staff and student-athletes to achieve success athletically, academically and in the community," James said in a press release. "This extension is a reflection of all the outstanding people that work within our department and university. I am honored to be able to continue to serve our great university and look forward to confronting the challenges ahead."

During James' tenure at UMaine, Black Bear student-athletes won the 2007 America East Academic Cup Award, given annually to the institution with the highest overall grade point average among students participating in conference sports.

In addition, there have been several upgrades to facilities. Morse Field, Mahaney Diamond and the field hockey complex all have upgraded to a FieldTurf surface.

James has previous administrative experience at the University of Miami, the University of Nebraska and Providence College.



Blake James