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Restructuring plan approved by UMS board of trustees

By Maddy Glover
Staff Reporter

Administration

The University of Maine System board of trustees voted Monday to approve Chancellor Richard Pattenau's plan to head off an estimated \$42.8

allows us to maintain our work. It allows us to maintain the viability of our campuses to the best of our abilities," Pattenau said.

Board chairperson Joe Wishcamper spoke from his Freeport home, due to surgery.

"The next phase is implementation," Wishcamper said via teleconference, citing the

"Crisis creates a window of opportunity."

Joe Wishcamper
Chairman, Board of trustees

million shortfall during the next five years.

The trustees revised the report in response to feedback from public comment sessions that took place on each system campus, according to Pattenau.

Changes in the new version of the plan included an initial reduction in the strategic investment fund — a pool of money proposed to be set aside for the system to strategically invest in certain areas — from \$5.4 million to \$1 million for the following fiscal year, a three-year baccalaureate option, increased enrollment in online programs as well as further cost reduction strategies for the system office.

"Every dollar we save ...

decline of state appropriations and Maine's shifting demographics as factors contributing to the unsustainable financial future of the system.

"Crisis creates a window of opportunity," Wishcamper said.

One fast-track measure touted by Pattenau is the three-year baccalaureate degree option. Providing affordability, efficiency and an increased turnover into the workforce, the three-year option would draw on resources like online courses, summer sessions and the use of other system institutions in order to expedite degree completion. In addition

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UMaine receives \$2M gift to fund new positions

By Dylan Riley
News Editor

Education

The University of Maine announced Monday it has received a \$2 million gift that will fund two new positions at UMaine, graduate fellowships and an emergency "excellence" fund.

Alston D. "Pete" Correll and Ada Lee Correll of Atlanta, Ga., donated the gift as part of

tal Sciences, a professorship in early childhood literacy at the College of Education and Human Development, as well as an unrestricted excellence fund intended for opportunities President Robert Kennedy may wish to invest in, but which the university may not foresee.

"We are passionate about education and children," Ada Correll said in a press release. "That's why the educational component was included in the gift."

"This gift represents a landmark moment for UMaine."

Robert Kennedy
President of UMaine

a philanthropic effort to give back to UMaine. Alston Correll received two engineering degrees from UMaine in 1966 and 1967.

The gift will fund a new presidential chairperson in energy — someone who will complement professor Habib Dagher and help advance UMaine's offshore wind and tidal power research efforts. It will also fund new graduate fellowships for research in each of UMaine's five colleges, scholarship money in the Department of Environmen-

"We left Maine a whole lot more prepared to deal with the world than when we moved there, and we remember our time at the university and in the community fondly," Ada Correll said.

Joe Carr, director of University Relations, said the university is not sure who will fill the professorship or new chair position, but said the first will likely be sought from among national experts. The professorship will likely be filled

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Students in NMD 430: Contagious Media held a flash mob between the Memorial Union and Fogler Library on Wednesday. They stood still and in silence, holding cell phones and an excerpt from last month's bankruptcy filing by FairPoint Communications LLC. The Maine Campus has previously reported the company is competing with the University of Maine System for federal funding to expand high-speed Internet in the state.

Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

UMaine releases list of criteria for academic reorganization

By Dylan Riley
News Editor

Administration

The University of Maine released the first draft of the Academic Program Prioritization Working Group criteria Monday, which the work group will use for examining academic programs at UMaine.

University President Robert Kennedy charged the work group in September with analyzing academic programs and units at UMaine to increase their efficiency and optimize them to fit the current economic and academic climate.

The eight criteria are programs' scholarly productivity; their external funding; the student credit hours they offer; degrees awarded over the last five years; links with other programs; links outside the university; characteristics of students coming into the

program; and the costs and revenue ratio of each program.

"This has been a difficult process, without question," said professor Judy Kuhns-Hastings, president of the UMaine Faculty Senate.

Provost Susan Hunter said there are no benchmarks that will determine when the work group

way," Hunter said.

Kuhns-Hastings said she is concerned programs won't be strong enough to appear beneficial to the work group because of the amount of budget cuts that have taken place recently.

"Departments and units have become so small — more than bare-bones — it is important to

than others. Kuhns-Hastings said it's impossible to predict which ones may gain more weight than others.

"My concern is that, not just nursing students, but also all students continue to have a broad education. Because the students need to not only be grounded in their discipline, but they also need that broad liberal grounding," Kuhns-Hasting said.

Much of the criteria are based on data the university collects every year.

"It's been really important to us to not just put numbers on things that would also make that qualitative judgment," Kuhns-Hastings said.

Hunter said in September the point of the work group is not to find programs to eliminate.

Professor Michael Grillo, president-elect of Faculty Senate, said one of the work group's subcommittees has been focused on

Susan Hunter
Provost

"None of these criteria are stand-alone as the make-or-break."

will recommend changing a program and that there likely never will be any. Kuhns-Hastings said the process will be more of a discussion than a systematic evaluation.

"It's not that the group comes up with a score sheet with numbers on it and if you're above the line, you're safe and if you're below — it's never going to be that

me that these decisions don't get made because an important department has just gotten so many cuts that they can't be strong, because they don't have enough faculty to be strong," Hastings said.

Hunter said the work group will meet Thursday to discuss the weight of the criteria — or which ones are more pressing

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New report shows how students can go green

By Dylan Riley
News Editor

Student Orgs

The National Wildlife Federation — a wildlife advocacy group — released a report Wednesday detailing 35 ways college students can affect sustainability and green energy initiatives on their campuses, as well as such efforts of students across the nation.

The report states students can affect green initiatives on their campus by including more venues for student engagement; learning and teaching about green efforts; growing campus leadership networks; connecting with staff, faculty and administrators; and acknowledging and celebrating success of environmental efforts.

The report states, "Much has been gleaned from the experiences of students and oth-

ers on campuses nationwide who have helped lead the way for sustainability. They have been pioneers in what will truly be a decades-long experiment to see if we can get this climate and clean energy

who also spoke to reporters, said the best way for students to encourage green initiatives on campus is to create an environmental service committee on campus funded through tuition to organize student support and action.

"We feel like we have a social responsibility not to leave the next generation's environment in a worse way than it is."

Adam Yarnell
Brown University Student

revolution right."

During a conference call with reporters Wednesday, Julian Keniry from the National Wildlife Federation said the "value of sustainability defines and unites the current generation," and the federation's report "demolishes" the stereotype of students apathetic to sustainability.

Jason Sanders, a graduate student from Texas State University

Christina Erickson, a graduate student from the University of Vermont, said, "Fun is a major factor." She said people often think of the environment as a negative, gloomy subject, and making campus projects enthusiastic and engaging will help encourage students to participate in them.

The report includes 160 schools from 46 states, including several University of

Maine System campuses. It details campus projects from composting to vehicles that run on cooking fat.

"We see a very large interest with our peers, our student body [for composting]," said Sanders, who organized a composting project at Texas State.

Adam Yarnell, a student from Brown University, said sustainability has become a big issue for students.

"We feel like we have a social responsibility not to leave the next generation's environment in a worse way than it is," Yarnell said.

Erickson said it is important that people connect sustainability efforts to a variety of student interests if they hope to increase support for environmentally friendly initiatives.

"This is the language that they're going to have to know

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UMaine adopts programs to increase first-year retention

By Kaitlynn Perreault
Assistant News Editor

Student Life

The University of Maine System is working to increase the first-year retention and graduation rates during the next six years by engaging first-year students more actively on campus and implementing programs and resources aimed to increase students’ academic success.

Alan Kezis, chair of the Graduation Rate and Retention Improvement Team, said two years ago first-years were mixed with upperclassmen in campus dorms. As part of the effort to increase the first-year retention rate to more than 80 percent and the graduation rate to more than 59 percent, first-year students now live in the Hilltop region on campus. Kezis said this makes a difference in rates because students feel happier and have others to work with while learning how to become a college student.

“Upperclassmen and freshmen were mixed. It’s a fairly large change over the last couple of years, since we’ve put all the freshmen together and tried to concentrate all the efforts on them right there,” Kezis said. “I think we’ve learned over the years that being engaged makes you happier. It gives you a peer group to work with, helps you set the goals and learn how to become a college student. I don’t think there’s any doubt about that.”

Kezis said the university moved the new students into the dorms a few days early at the beginning of the academic year to engage them in the first-year program, which continues throughout the year.

“Here at this college, we run a number of programs with our freshmen where we take them away for a number of days before school starts to basically get them indoctrinated with the academics,” Kezis said. “System campus-wide, we’re also running the Academic Recovery Program. ... It’s basically putting our staff around them to find out what the issues are. Grades are bluntly a signal, and more often than not it’s [bad grades.] Not because they don’t have the academic capability, it’s because something else is going on that’s a major problem. So basically they just meet once a week. We make sure they go to classes, we find tutoring for them and all those kinds of things. Persistent rates increased dramatically this year by doing that.”

AnneMarie Reed, associate director of Residence Life, said

part of a much larger plan the board of trustees approved Nov. 16, called the “New Challenges, New Directions Initiative.”

The plan has three main goals: to measure up to the changing education needs of the public, businesses and organizations; to keep the cost of baccalaureate and graduate education low for students by moderating tuition increases; and to bring spending in line with available resources.

Some of the sub-goals in the plan aimed at retention and graduation rates at the University of Maine system include allowing

the private [institutions] academically, you will find that our retention rates are just as good. So it’s not a rational comparison.”

Kezis said regardless of the numbers, there are outside factors UMaine needs to consider before it can compare its retention and graduation rates to a private institution’s.

“If you take a look at retention rates and graduation rates, they are distinctly different based on the student’s academic profile, income of the family, all those types of things. If you compare our students to comparable students, they actually do better here than other peers,” Kezis said.

Dean of Students Robert Dana said that while the university has not seen an increase in retention rates, 20 percent of first-year students used to leave the dorms by the end of the year. Now first-year students are more likely to remain in the dorms because of first-year programs.

First-year student Kevin Dube said his experience is going well, but believes — despite the programs — a student’s decision to leave will be made on their own terms.

“I feel like UMaine has a bunch of great programs and has a very welcoming community. Freshmen like myself typically find it easy to find friends and things to do most nights, but the classes are in the hands of the individual, and if they choose to transfer or drop out due to the classes, that is out of the hands of the school,” Dube said.

Kezis believes there is no reason retention and graduation rates have to take the back seat to non-academic issues.

“We are always seeing what we can do to help retain students and help them to graduate. Our rates right now are above what you would expect with our student profile, but that doesn’t mean we still aren’t trying to improve it. We’re always trying to see what works and what works better,” Kezis said.

SG audited, GSS hits 35 members

By Maddy Glover
Staff Reporter

Student Senate

University of Maine student senators voted to approve an official mission statement for University of Maine Student Government Inc. during the General Student Senate meeting Tuesday, and guest speakers presented Student Government’s audit findings. Board of trustees Rep. Rebecca Dyer was confirmed as senator — giving GSS a full membership with 35 members.

Loiselle Goodwin and James Hinds, two guest speakers at the meeting, presented an audit of Student Government, required by law, which showed Student Government has \$184,066 in assets, \$7,799 in liabilities and total unrestricted net assets of \$97,460 for fiscal year 2010. The report is from June 30. Hinds praised Student Government’s proper financial reporting practices and cited minimal deficiencies. According to Hinds, a deficiency is a lack of financial record-keeping that prevents the audit from being completed in a timely fashion.

Student Government’s No. 1 significant deficiency was not recording the financial activity in their University Foundation account, according to Hinds.

“When the audit came around, we had to get the information elsewhere,” Hinds said.

Auditors need the figures on an annual basis to adjust their report findings concerning Student Government’s investment growth in the Foundation.

“You have less deficiencies than last year’s, so you’re on the right track, and even less than the year before that,” Hinds said.

The addition of a mission statement to the Student Government constitution passed after revision. President Owen McCarthy was pleased the senate

General Student Senate Mission Statement

We represent and serve the interests of the undergraduate student body at the University of Maine and act as the voice of this body to the University of Maine Community. We act to accurately represent the needs of the undergraduate student body, and we facilitate strong associations between undergraduate students and the University of Maine community. We accomplish this by acting as advocates and liaisons.

We provide undergraduate students with educational, cultural, and social experiences that are not available in the traditional classroom environment. The programs, events, information, and networking opportunities we provide strengthen the experience of being a student, and we promote the availability of these experiences by providing guidance and resources to the entire undergraduate student population.

We provide opportunities to students that positively impact their experience as a student at the University of Maine. In accomplishing this goal, we are always cognizant of our student funding and act to benefit the student body with the most efficient and effective allocation of this resource.

reached a compromise and said an explanation of Student Government’s purpose and progress were the main goals of the mission statement.

Large club allocations during the meeting included \$2,300 to the Nordic Ski Club for transportation and entry fees and \$2,961 to the UM Flying Club for improved safety measures on the club’s second plane. Planned improvements included a new preheater, a push-to-talk switch intercom system and shoulder harnesses in the club’s more recently purchased plane.

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UMaine administration predicts 5 percent tuition increase

Faculty Senate aggravated by software portal included in chancellor’s restructuring plan, calls its cost ‘ridiculous’

By Sara Breau
For The Maine Campus

Faculty Senate

The University of Maine Faculty Senate met Wednesday to discuss UMaine budget cuts they believe are having a negative impact on the university, resulting in decreased enrollment numbers and employee layoffs. Faculty also addressed the loss of public support in recent years and the need to raise awareness regarding the university and its future.

“With discussing any vision, the elephant in the room certainly is the economy and the challenges that we have as an institution, financial and otherwise. We’re not alone; institutions across the country are faced with this,” said UMaine President Robert Kennedy.

While faculty is working to soften the blow budget cuts are having on the university, the cuts are necessary for moving forward, Kennedy said. Janet Waldron, vice president for administration and finance, predicted at least a 5 percent increase in tuition and fees during the next four years.

These challenges have also led to cuts in faculty positions.

Professor Tina Passman questioned the recent elimination of Angel Loredó’s position as Associate Dean of Students.

“We’ve had to cut one-third of staff and Student Affairs,” Dean of Students Robert Dana said. “One-third of our front line has been laid off, including Dean Loredó. This was one of the first noticeable blows to the student body, as far as budget cuts go.”

“We can’t survive without change. The challenge that we have is making some changes, but inevitably there will be some cuts that will negatively affect the institution,” Kennedy said.

Student Government Rep. Nate Wildes presented the General Student Senate’s research into the adoption of a new software portal at the university — an aspect of the chancellor’s restructuring plan, which the board of trustees approved Monday.

“It would cost \$20 per student, per semester,” Wildes said.

Student Government is still gathering information regarding the implementation of the program.

“As current students at the University of Maine, our job is to consider what we think

is a benefit for our current enrollment at the university, and I see it as a benefit,” Wildes said, concerning the Government’s position.

Some faculty are unsupportive of the proposition.

“The cost of this is completely ridiculous,” Sen. Craig Mason said. “Is it worth it to students to

looking at what the decision-makers have on the table and are doing our best to give the public a student’s point of view about it,” Wildes said.

UMaine is the state’s only land-grant university and is also one of the top 100 research universities in the nation. Kennedy cited the need for unrivaled

Many would argue that we are as good as or better than the universities on that list,” Kennedy said.

The senate discussed options for raising awareness about educational benefits for potential UMaine students. Passman suggested the university create an ad hoc response group to come up with new ideas to get the public involved, which would involve targeting high school students to generate interest in the university and offer information about the educational opportunities within the state.

“Is there some way of getting in the schools and getting data from kids? That’s our audience; that’s our market,” Mason said.

Sen. Janet Fairman suggested more data be presented to the public outlining the benefits of a UMaine education.

“Do we have objective data on what distinguishes the quality of our programs, such as graduate rates and other indicators we could use to differentiate the quality of our education?” Fairman asked.

“There’s great data, but the public isn’t informed of it.”

UMaine faculty is working to create an image for the university that presents its benefit

in comparison to other universities in the state, without portraying a competitive or conceited atmosphere.

“We need to talk about the quality that we have. Our quality is there, and we speak to it, but it has to be the quality that we project as in institution, not trying to say that we are better than the other institutions. That will not work in this state,” said Provost Sue Hunter.

Faculty also addressed the issue of Maine residents leaving the state to find education elsewhere.

“If programs aren’t here but they’re offered elsewhere, students will just go to the other University of Maine campuses, such as Machias or Fort Kent, or to Massachusetts or New Hampshire, where those programs are offered,” Mason said. “We need to provide data that students will leave the state of Maine to get education elsewhere.”

At the close of the meeting, the senate announced the New Challenges, New Directions, a program aimed at achieving long-term financial sustainability has been approved, and Hunter has been re-approved as Provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

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to these measures, Pattenaude expressed the need for technology upgrades and the sharing of faculty members between institutions.

“We need to increase our emphasis on growth and revenue,” Pattenaude said. “We all feel a great sense of urgency. We must move carefully so our margin of error is small.”

Decreases in the disbursement to the strategic investment fund from the original \$5.4 million to two disbursements of \$1 million this fiscal year and \$1.7 million the next reflect current financial conditions. The remaining funding will be phased in during a three-year period.

Speaking Monday afternoon by phone, UMaine President Robert Kennedy said he was pleased with the changes in the report, specifically with the strategic investment fund.

“I was very worried about it, and am still a little bit worried,” Kennedy said.

Pattenaude presented increased online enrollment as an additional fast-track measure. He said online enrollment offers a “democratic approach to higher education,” and that technological capabilities have not been maximized.

Pattenaude highlighted the importance of distance learning and the need for an inter-institutional online portal that would connect the various components of academic, employee and administrative needs of students, faculty and personnel — from parking permits to being able to access a list of students in a class. An interactive electronic portal would unite the features of MaineStreet, FirstClass, WebCT and Blackboard software systems. The portal would cost \$20 per students per semester.

“[The portal] plugs into existing data ... and brings it to a single accessible screen,” said Pattenaude of his hopes for technological integration on a systemic scale.

“The opportunity to interact electronically expands by using modern technology,” he said. “The institution has to adopt these tools.”

Trustee Charles O’Leary of Orono challenged the reliance on technological interactions when faced with traditional learning environments. He stressed the cultural significance of the University of Maine in towns across the state.

“Traditions are important,” O’Leary said. “In places like Fort Kent and Machias, the university is the only ball game in town.”

Pattenaude explained that, at

times, public policy outweighs tradition.

In addition to previous cuts already made and those proposed, the system office has cut over \$1 million in their operations and is currently seeking to further reduce costs through an office system study.

The report’s projected milestones will be to focus on campus-level refined missions, with contribution from campus leadership and community. The adopted missions will be implemented in June 2010.

Trustee Victoria Murphy questioned the proposed time frame of the report.

“I just wondered why the time frame is so far out there,” she said in reference of June 11, 2010, the five-year strategic plan’s implementation target date.

Pattenaude responded that the interim period “engages campus level processes” and will force each campus to focus on itself before participating in the overall plan.

Board members voted unanimously to approve the plan after two hours of deliberation and the presentation of changes made due to public feedback.

“We need to be able to show that we are alive and competitive,” said Trustee Marjorie Medd of the system’s future.

William P. Davis contributed to this report.

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Sen. Zachary Jackman explained that the Flying Club was requesting funding for improvements. Sen. Ben Goodman disagreed and said the club should have considered the safety issues before the plane’s purchase and included them in its cost. He said with knowledge of the plane’s history, these improvements should have been anticipated.

“Nothing they’re requesting is necessary for the plane’s flight,” Jackman said.

Sen. Ryan Gavin weighed in.

“I support it on the grounds of improvement rather than helping them out,” Gavin said in reference to specific repairs rather than fixed funding.

Fair Election Practices Commission Chair Skye Landry reported 2,435 students voted in last week’s Student Government election. The inauguration is set for Dec. 9. Landry expressed desire for better FEPC guidelines in the future, after last week’s election when six ballots under question caused unclear results. In addition, several of the FEPC guidelines are outdated and contradictory. She asked senators to assist in the improvement of new guidelines.

Jackman agreed.

“I look forward to taking a good, long, hard look ... at what happened last week,”

Jackman said.

Dyer reported the New Challenges, New Directions Initiative revisions from the University of Maine System board of trustees meeting Nov. 15 and 16 included the interest in a University of Maine System front-end portal that would link a customized version of each student’s organizations, services, schedules and communication.

“It will be expensive,” said Dyer, who repeated the trustee’s estimated cost of \$20 per student per semester for the service. Dyer explained the board hopes the portal will increase ease of use and thereby increase retention rates in the system due to a better understanding of UMS workings. University of Maine at Farmington already has a version of the portal, as do other state universities.

In response to feedback from public sessions, the UMS Strategic Investment Fund — a pool of money proposed to be set aside for the system to strategically invest in certain areas, and part of the restructuring plan — was reduced. It was decreased from a \$5.4 million disbursement to \$1 million over the next year, with \$500,000 coming from the campus itself and \$500,000 coming from the system office.

In recognition of Associate Dean of Students Angel Loredó’s recent layoff, Wilde Steine President Zachary Knox

and Sen. Alex Ortiz organized petitions in appreciation of Loredó’s influence and support in Multi-cultural Affairs and Wilde Steine. Knox and Ortiz urged senators to sign them.

Goodman motioned to allocate \$120 to Sophomore Eagles Honor Society for a children’s holiday party at Acadia Hospital in Bangor. The allocation originally failed in the Executive Budgetary Committee because the party was going to be a closed event, open only to UMaine Eagles and hospital participants. Although not policy, senators in committee felt the event should be open to the UMaine community and not just the society. After confirmation that the event would be open to all interested UMaine students, senators passed the motion.

Sen. Joseph Nabozny motioned to allocate \$110 to Student Labor Action Project for guest speaker costs in the upcoming film showing and discussion of “Battle in Seattle.” UMaine alumnus Sarah Bigney, an organizer at the Maine Fair Trade Campaign, will be leading discussion following the film.

\$1,150 was allocated to Life Support’s office budget, screening license and speaker fees; \$900 to Men’s Volleyball Club; \$600 to Tappi Paper Industry Management Association Student Summit; \$506 to Campus Crusade; and \$200 to the UM Flying Club for its office budget.

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Butting out

The Great American Smokeout returns to UMaine

By **Rhiannon Sawtelle**
Features Editor

For smokers who are looking for a quit date, Nov. 14 may be the day. The American Cancer Society sets the third Thursday of November as an incentive for people to begin the quitting process.

On Thursday, Nov. 19, campus organizations and smokers around the country will participate in the Great American Smokeout. Participants will commit to smoking less or quitting for the day.

"It's essentially a campaign to get people to think about it," said Lauri Sidelko, director of Alcohol and Drug Education Programs (ADEP). "Research says that most people that smoke think about quitting."

The Smokeout has been a tradition of the American Cancer Society since 1977.

The University of Maine has been participating in the event for at least 10 years, according to Sidelko.

ADEP tabled at the Spirit Room in the Memorial Union for the week, offering information on quitting. Its members also sent out e-mails to

that students, faculty and staff can sign where they will pledge to help create a world with less cancer and more birthdays," said Erica Hart, a fourth-year elementary education student and member of CAC.

The American Cancer Society recently declared itself the official sponsor of birthdays, to highlight how the organization works to save lives.

Colleges Against Cancer strives to work on the issue through advocacy, education, survivorship and

Relay for Life, an event they sponsor every spring in the Field House.

Other sponsors of the Smokeout at UMaine will take a passive approach to quitting.

"We want you to know we're here if you're ready, and even if you're not ready, but you want to talk about it,

"We know that students are going to do what they're going to do. So our philosophy is not to shove anything down their throat — it's to make a choice."

Lauri Sidelko
Director of Alcohol and Drug Education Programs

students and posted quitting tips on their Facebook page.

Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), a student group on campus, will participate in the Smokeout. They will have a table in the Union from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. where they will provide information on quitting.

"We will have a poster

then we'll talk to you about it," Sidelko said. "We know that students are going to do what they're going to do. So our philosophy is not to shove anything down their throat — it's to make the choice."

"Quitting smoking isn't easy, and in order to be successful you need to know what you're up against," Hart said.

Colleges Against Cancer strives to offer information on where to get help and what options are available for quitting.

"There's a lot of research that says that different quit programs work for different people," Sidelko said. "It's a personal choice; it's not something we try to force people to do."

Several free programs for quitting are available to students on campus. Counseling is available at ADEP, and Cutler Health Center offers programs as well.

"Cutler offers appointments with our providers for those that are interested in quitting smoking," said Brianna Woodworth, a wellness

educator at Cutler. "The provider and the patient will determine whether medication and what medication will be appropriate for the individual."

Cutler works with the Maine Tobacco Helpline, a hotline for smokers who are quitting. They provide information on the state voucher program that provides free medication for quitters who choose that route of treatment as well.

According to the National Center for Disease Control, Maine has the highest rate of cancer in the United States.

The Maine Bureau of Health reports that lung cancer — caused by smoking — is the second-most common cancer in the state. Lung cancer has a low survival rate and is the leading cause of cancer deaths. In Maine, 28 percent of cancer deaths are caused by smoking.

"When you're a college student who smokes, you can think of all the good reasons to smoke," Sidelko said. "A lot of people aren't thinking long term."



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Baring it all by Lengyel

The University of Maine marching band was practicing on Lengyel Field when a male wearing nothing but a wig and glasses ran by at 4:28 p.m. Nov. 13. The director of the marching band reported the naked man, and police responded but were unable to locate him. His identity remains a mystery.

Early morning Oxford Orloff

An Oxford Hall resident assistant observed an intoxicated female entering a second-floor room and heard people opening cans inside at 2:53 a.m. Nov. 15. Police

responded and knocked on the door to investigate underage drinking. When the door opened, the officer saw people in the room, three of whom had not been drinking. Resident Erik Thayer, 19, and Kelly Bradbury, 18, were both intoxicated. Police found three cans of Bud Light and a half-gallon bottle of Orloff vodka inside the room. Thayer and Bradbury were issued summonses for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Bronco burglary

A student parked his 1994 Ford Bronco in the Student Recreation and Fitness Center

Parking Lot at 8 p.m. Nov. 15 and returned 24 hours later to find his Garmin 1300T GPS and 120-gigabyte iPod had been stolen from the vehicle. He found the vehicle unlocked and was unsure if he locked it. The GPS and iPod each have an estimated value of \$250.

Marching on Mazdas

A student returned to her parked 2004 Mazda in the Knox Hall Parking Lot at 5 p.m. Nov. 16 and claimed someone walked over the vehicle, leaving dents and scratches which amounted to an estimated damage of \$200. The time frame of the incident is unknown. The case is under investigation.

Chasing thieves — that's what friends are for

A student walking home from the gym said he saw a male stranger rifling through his friend's 1998 Ford Taurus parked in the Corbett Parking Lot at 7:43 p.m. Nov. 16. The

student yelled at him and the stranger immediately ran off, dropping the vehicle owner's cell phone on the ground. The student described the stranger as approximately 6 feet 3 inches tall, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt. Police remind people not to leave valuables in visible locations inside vehicles. They also ask for anyone with information on the case to contact Public Safety.

Sometimes friends are too late

A student walking through the Hilltop Parking Lot saw her friend's 2004 Volkswagen Beetle with a smashed-out rear window at 2:17 p.m. Nov. 14. The repair cost is undetermined. Nothing was stolen, and it appears to be an act of vandalism, according to the police. The case is under investigation.

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creating a system of metrics for measuring academic programs and units, which are being designed to be fair across all departments.

"One of the concerns — this being most worrisome — is that it is easy to collect data on some things and other things are a lot more slippery," Grillo said. "To set up a series of indicators gives an automatic precedence to numerical data, and the committee has reiterated several times to itself and to others that these indicators and numerical sensibilities will be taken as part of a discussion. But I do have concerns that numbers carry weight."

Grillo said he is concerned a focus on numerical data will dictate what programs get the most attention from the work group and the president. He said it's difficult to quantify intangibles such as an "educated citizenry" or "the state's responsibility to the state and to its people in terms of democratic action."

"They are tangible in the sense that you can see where they would weigh out where an educated citizenry would act with certain foresight and responsibility, but they would be very hard to do a quick data collection on," Grillo said.

Hunter stressed that the criteria released Monday is a draft and does not represent the final version.

"The ones we have on the sheet of paper tend to be very quantifiable — it doesn't mean that there aren't qualitative and subjective pieces of all of this," Hunter said.

Hunter said the scholarly

productivity of programs will be measured within the context of each discipline.

"In some fields, peer-reviewed publications, journal articles are the metric," Hunter said. "Art is producing artwork and participating in juried exhibitions, music is producing creative works ... in sciences it could be map-making. There is some level within a field where people recognize and agree upon what are the high indicators of scholarly productivity."

The work group's efforts will complement University of Maine System Chancellor Richard Pattenau's restructuring plan, which the board of trustees approved Monday.

Hunter said the review process will focus solely on UMaine. The work group will not compare UMaine to other universities or institutions to determine its recommendations to the president — who will make the final decisions concerning academic programs.

"None of these criteria are stand-alone as the make-or-break," Hunter said. "They are meant to holistically analyze units, because units have varying strengths, units teach more or some units have greater scholarly output and lower teaching. I mean, it's a composite image."

The UMaine community will have a chance to provide input to the work group on Dec. 2 in DPC 100 and, from Jan. 8 to 28, the work group will collect further comment from the campus to analyze and include in their recommendations. Anyone can e-mail the work group at achieving.sustainability@umit.maine.edu. Its Web site is umaine.edu/achieving.sustainability. Hunter will submit the work group's findings to Kennedy on April 2.

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about," Erickson said.

Ayodele Akinpelu, a student from Wayne State University, told reporters it's important for students to get in touch with their local community organizations and businesses and get hands-on with the "nitty-gritty" aspects of green initiatives.

"The main thing we need is ... support from the administration," Yarnell said.

Sanders said he doesn't see the green movement as a passing fad.

"I don't see this as being a movement in the '60s," said Sanders, who added the green movement will not die and come back.

Akinpelu said the green movement will last as long as the human impact continues to alter the environment.

"It's definitely not a fad," Akinpelu said. "It's going to be a realization."

Yarnell told university students it's important to put in the initial effort into sustainability projects, because "once these initiatives get started, they just start snowballing."

The UMaine Green Campus Initiative held a recycling event Oct. 24, designed to garner 350 bags of bottles. UMaine recycled nearly 4.2 million pounds of trash in 2008 — 4,052,378 pounds of it came from campus. Akinpelu said Wayne State's newest engineering building is

LEED-certified, meaning it meets energy efficiency standards higher than most buildings — standards defined by the U.S. Green Buildings Council. The Student Recreation and Fitness Center at UMaine, finished in 2007, is also LEED-certified.

Akinpelu said the main barriers for environmental initiatives are university administrations, funding and student support — or lack thereof.

"People care about it, but there's not enough people to come out and do the work," Akinpelu said.

Keniry said she has been impressed by the diverse amount of support from students across the nation.

Erickson said people need to adopt a more dynamic, systematic way of thinking about green efforts because it is critical to helping sustainable projects get more interconnected and succeed.

Scott Carlson, from the Chronicle of Higher Education, moderated the phone conference. He said the United States ranks behind 21 other nations in preparing high school students for environmental programs in college.

"Only a minority of colleges and universities are teaching about natural ecosystems," said Keniry, who added even fewer are teaching about the human impact on such ecosystems.

"If we don't get sustainability right," Keniry said, "we won't get a lot of other issues right."

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by someone at UMaine. Both positions will last five years — the duration of the gift.

Eric Rolfson, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, said UMaine received the gift several months ago but waited until Monday to announce it because of the professorship it's intended to fund. The University of Maine System board of trustees meeting was Monday, and since they have final approval of new professorships, the university waited to receive it before announcing the gift.

Rolfson said the money will not fund undergraduate scholarships.

UMaine's largest single donation came in the form of \$12 million in 2007 after George L. Houston, a UMaine alumnus,

left the money to the university in his will.

"This gift represents a landmark moment for UMaine, and we look forward to using it to reinforce the institution's unique and vital role as the state's research and graduate education university," Kennedy said in a press release.

The Atlanta Chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals recognized the Corrells in 2008 as Philanthropists of the Year for their work enhancing Atlanta's health care, cultural and educational resources.

"It's so much more fun to give money away than it is to earn it," Pete Correll said in a press release. "It makes us feel really good if we can have an impact on a certain number of people and give them a chance they wouldn't have had otherwise. That's as good a feeling as you can have in life."




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Opinion

Editorial: Card convenience on campus

The Issue: This January, dining services will begin accepting all major credit and debit cards.
What We Think: This is an important step forward in planting UMaine firmly in the 21st century, and will be a great convenience for on-campus diners.

Today, students who want to buy food on campus have to use MaineCard or cash. If they have neither, they must go to one of the ATMs on campus, located on the first floor of Memorial Union, while dining operations are all located on the second floor.

Ross Wolland, vice president of Student Government Inc., says students have asked dining services for some time for debit and credit service on campus. Dining services has tried to accommodate them, Wolland said, but due to “software glitches” and issues with service providers, there have been delays.

This January, the era of taking \$20 from the ATM to pay less than \$2 for coffee is coming to an end.

“We agree [debit and credit service] would be a convenience,” said Janet Waldron, vice president of administration and finance.

According to Waldron, that’s why the Marketplace in the Union and Wells Commons will accept all major debit and credit cards starting in January. The service will expand to other venues from there.

“Students are shocked to arrive at UMaine and see that in the 21st century, we don’t have [debit/credit capabilities],” Wolland said. “I’m glad it’s finally here.”

What makes this development even better is that from what is known right now, this convenience won’t cost students, faculty, staff or visitors anything.

“We’re not anticipating an increase in price,” Waldron said.

Now is a time where most of the news coming from different corners of the administration involves budget cuts, layoffs and the death knell of academic programs. It’s refreshing to know that next semester, members of the University of Maine community will have their lives made a little bit easier by Dining Services.

Readers Speak: Best of Web comments

RE: iPhone users are insufferable geeks

Why call only iPhone users insufferable geeks? I believe BlackBerry, or “CrackBerry,” users were the first to hold that distinction. They’re the ones who live and die by push email, constantly checking what text messages they’ve received.

I don’t know why you are just targeting iPhone users when BlackBerry users would be more likely the leaders in the world of arrogance.

— Constable Odo

RE: iPhone users are insufferable geeks

It’s like complaining about having a large phallus: Everyone wants one, but not everyone can have one. And when you whip it out, everyone goes “ooh” and “aah” at its splendor, so you feel somewhat smug about the whole thing.

So what’s the problem with having a big you-know-what?

— Sean



The need for Fort Hood insight

The University of Maine should be a center of critical thinking. Mr. Warsame, author of the op-ed “Fort Hood is a great opportunity for anti-Muslim sentiment,” would do well to do more of it. That killings have been perpetrated in the name of Christianity and every other religion is not new, and it is not a crime to be Muslim in America.

Many thoughtful Americans have questions about Islam because it is unfamiliar. Perhaps Mr. Warsame could use the pages of your newspaper to enlighten us on the attitudes of Muslim Americans toward other religions or how some may pervert Islam to erroneously connect it to killing and mass suicide bombings. Or about what non-Muslim and Muslim American soldiers can do to protect our military bases.

German Americans and Japanese Americans can tell you that it has always been difficult for people of foreign origin to earn trust and respect, especially during wars against their countries. But there are Muslims in the American military doing just that right now.

We depend on those of you in academia to tell us something new, not recycle the animosities of the likes of Keith Olbermann and Glenn Beck.

— Carroll Hoke

Thanks to UMaine hockey fans!

On behalf of the Maine Hockey team and coaching staff, I am writing to thank all the students who have attended our games this season.

The support of the fans has always been great here at University of Maine, but our student section in the balcony is what really makes the Alford Arena’s atmosphere so unique and awesome. You lift us when we’re down and motivate us to fight through adversity. You build momentum for us when we’ve got the lead, and make it tough on our opponents.

After a couple tough seasons, players and coaches didn’t know what to expect this year from the Alford crowd, but we have been blown away with the enthusiasm and vocal support from the students in the balcony this season.

As a result, our team has responded with a 3-1 start at home, with big wins over Michigan State, Vermont and Boston University. You have

pulled us through some very close games and contributed greatly to these victories.

Thank you for standing behind our team when we need it most. We really appreciate it.

— Tim Whitehead, Head Coach of Men’s Hockey



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Letters to the Editor

Music-themed games are just for fun

Kegan Zema made unfounded claims about the games “DJ Hero,” “Guitar Hero” and “Rock Band” in his piece, “The Beat Report: ‘DJ Hero’ set list kicks out the jams, makes DJs rock stars.”

As a musician, I am not threatened by “Guitar Hero” or “Rock Band,” nor are many other musicians I associate with. They aren’t a threat to my love of playing guitar because they are geared toward people who don’t have the money or time to learn how to play an instrument. It allows them to experience the feeling of a cheering crowd in their own living room. Learning to play an instrument is hard. Games like these allow someone to enjoy the idea of being a rock star or DJ without giving up months of their life.

If Zema had taken time to look at these games, he would have seen a wide variety of classic hits along with many current songs from new bands. This also includes a wide variety of genres not limited to classic rock or metal. Some bands with little to no recognition have been allowed access to a large listener base through these games. It isn’t just old dried classics from the ’60s and ’70s.

The article says “DJ Hero” provides “no transferable skills,” but it’s still more like the real thing than “Guitar Hero” or “Rock Band.” Most

musicians acknowledge that these games help people improve rhythmic skill and demonstrate the difficulty of playing in unison with a band. Thinking fans of these games are trying to be a real band is silly. It’s a fun game, but they don’t have the time to learn how to play real guitar. Talented guitar players who try to play their own songs on “Rock Band” will find it a humbling experience. It’s this simplicity that is attractive.

It’s fine for someone to prefer “DJ Hero” because of musical preference. But making a claim that it has more up-to-date music or it resembles the real thing any more or less than it’s guitar-based counterparts is ignorant. All these games are intended merely for entertainment, not to teach musical skills.

— Evans Goff

Publishing write-ins undermines process

Last year, only 12 percent of the University of Maine voted in the Student Government election. This wouldn’t be quite as bad if 11 percent of those voters didn’t go to write-in votes. When is the last time a write-in vote ever won an election? Yet for some reason, students feel compelled to write in their friend’s name, some obscene comment or something just plain mean. Why do you think the few students who take the time to vote would do this? I’ll tell you why: Because The Maine Campus publishes all grossly inappropriate votes cast during Election Day.

This encourages students to cast a meaningless ballot, which could throw off a narrow election, as we had this year. It gives the students less of a voice. It is our right as American citizens and students at UMaine to choose who we want to represent us.

Publishing write-ins also allows students to write hateful messages that will appear in the next newspaper. Last year’s “Anyone but Ross” is just hateful. I’m sure Ross did not appreciate the negativity that those votes cast.

It’s kind of ironic that there are “Maine is not for haters” signs all around campus while our own paper is setting such a negative tone. The Maine Campus should not be taking the voice away from its people, much less tearing its students apart by publishing hateful words.

— Kaitlyn Burrell

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Earthly phenomena could bring communities closer together



I propose we reschedule school and work calendars to include holidays that celebrate awe-inspiring earthly phenomena.

Anya Rose

Every November, when Earth is hurled through a section of space that has an especially high volume of debris, the Leonid meteor shower occurs. The debris slams into our atmosphere and creates shooting stars as it burns. A meteor shower can feel like a sporting event if you're with the right people — only you're rooting for natural phenomena, and no one loses. With so many exciting explosions and the ability to bring people together, I wonder why meteor showers aren't more widely celebrated.

I propose we reschedule school and work calendars to include holidays for this sort of natural event. In many ways, these days are better than celebrating people who may or may not have killed other people or holy days that not all of us partake in. There are no exclusions and no bad feelings associated with a natural phenomenon. There is no glorified violence. Isn't this what indigenous people the world over did before we stole their holidays and relabeled them with religious names they had never heard of?

What if the university gave out free coffee because they knew everyone had been up late the night before, like they do during finals week? What if it were an official holiday every time it snowed for the first time, or every time a solstice rolled around?

I invited friends, but only one was willing to give up sleep. Another friend said he'd wake up at 2 a.m. and look out the window. I told him it doesn't quite work like that. For a meteor shower, you have to be committed. You have to be prepared to see the best show of your

life or just a few shooting stars here and there. It takes patience.

If I had been impatient or had valued sleep over experiencing natural phenomena in 2001, I would have missed one of the most amazing experiences of my entire life: sky-length meteors, sometimes two or three at a time, fireballs that exploded and left lasting colored streaks in the sky. I don't remember what classes I was too tired for in the morning or what homework I was avoiding. You don't remember the little things when a major event like that happens.

I am not a sports person, but when the 76ers made it to the NBA finals, I walked my dog in the evening and could hear shouts erupt from each house every time our team scored a goal. People invited each other over to watch the game, rooted for their team and cheered at every shot. Even I was excited, and I knew nothing about basketball. They say shared events are what make a community strong. I think Mother Nature could use a few more fans cheering for her.

There was a bit of a sporting event feel early Tuesday morning. From the field where we were watching the sky, my friend and I could hear people in the parking lot, exclaiming when they had seen one or cursing at what they had missed. I immediately felt a bond to them. We had something in common: We were rooting for the same team. Later, when I walked down the street alone, looking to the sky for a few extra sightings, I ran into two other people who were doing the same thing. We chatted. We stood in silence. We ooh-ed and ah-ed together. With such a great excuse to build community, we only wished more people could have been outside with us.

I wanted to be able to tell all my sleeping friends how many meteors they had missed, but I lost count the second I decided to keep track. We must have seen a good 50 or so in two hours. One even lit up the sky and left a trail, like Mother Nature's homemade fireworks. People shouldn't miss events like this. If enough of us get out there next year, we can show the university the day after the Leonids meteor shower should be declared an official holiday. I'd be all for exchanging it for Columbus Day, if that's what it came to.

Anya Rose is a graduate ecology and environmental student.

Religious crusaders must choose causes, techniques wisely



Tyler Francke

Columnist

Given the common theme in recent controversial events, I think it would be appropriate to reflect on one question: What role, if any, should religion play in government?

The arguments over Question 1 in Maine and federal funding of abortion in the House health care bill seemed to be more a clash of ideologies than a practical disagreement over the merits of either option. In both cases, one side was apparently motivated largely by

Religion belongs in politics no less than any other ideology, but the causes and methods of today's religious crusaders need to change.

religious convictions, and many are rightly considering whether this breaches the separation of church and state.

The American public sphere has become increasingly secular since 1947, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that allowing state funds to be used for transportation to religious schools violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. The principle of the separation of church and state has been the primary support for the secularization movement, but some may be surprised this phrase is not anywhere in our Constitution.

Instead, it comes from an 1802 letter by President Thomas Jefferson, responding to a Baptist congregation in Connecticut, which feared the dominance of the Congregationalist church in their area would limit others' religious freedoms. Jefferson assured them the First Amendment had built a "wall of separation between Church and State" that would protect their religious expression. He elaborated on his views later, in an 1808 letter to the Virginia Baptists, saying, "We have experienced the quiet as well as the comfort which results from leaving everyone to profess freely and openly those principles of religion which are the inductions of his own reason and the serious

convictions of his own inquiries."

Secularists are using Jefferson's idea in a distinctly different manner these days, arguing that religious beliefs should have no part in shaping governmental policies, even in voting. I understand their position, but the fact is that everyone, religious or not, makes their decisions based on personal ideologies. The presumption is that viewpoints based off anything other than religion is inherently better than ones that are. What makes a person "bigoted" if their philosophy comes from faith in a sacred text, and "objective" if their philosophy comes from culture and personal preference?

There is no doubt few Founding Fathers would have asked the same question. Frank Lambert, who wrote a book in 2003 about their beliefs, found that more than 70 percent adhered to formal religions, mostly Protestant. And many of the greatest causes in our nation's history, from most civil rights movements to the American Revolution itself, were largely motivated by religious figures and ideals. I doubt today's outspoken secularists would be yelling for religious people to shut up if we were still fighting for women's suffrage or the abolition of slavery.

We are a far cry from seeing those just causes today, as so many religious advocates are choosing to crusade for moral issues instead of social justice. There is good wisdom behind the separation of church and state — spiritual decisions were meant to be a personal choice. Even if a faith-based viewpoint on morality is the right one, it should not be forced on an unwilling people through legislation. If someone truly believes in their way, their aim should be to win the hearts and minds of the general population, not Congress.

Earlier believers excelled at this, but today's religious representatives instead are resorting increasingly to subversive and deceptive campaigns to gain support for their agendas. In many cases, it is not the ideas religious people promote, but the methods they use to spread these ideas, that opponents find so disagreeable and offensive.

Valuable insight can be gained from religion, and it would be damaging to push for these views to be excluded from the public forum. However, for their part, religious people in the political arena should be as principled in their campaigns as God would have them be, and seek the support of the people in championing policies they truly believe will make the country better.

Tyler Francke thinks there is still too much injustice in the world for churches to pick homosexuals who want to get married as their main opponent.

Thinking of joining the service? Maybe you should reconsider



Remember — the ultimate purpose of the military is to fight wars, not to promise you college money, job training or leadership roles.

Michael W. Gibson

After reading Sara Breau's news article, "ROTC Seeks to Increase Recruitment" (The Maine Campus, Oct. 1, 2009), I thought it best to speak to those thinking about joining the military. To the point: I think you shouldn't.

I acknowledge the military can provide a place of belonging and purpose in life as well as some money, skills and training. But if you sign up for service in a time of war, odds are pretty high you'll go to war. Remember, the ultimate purpose of the military is to fight wars, not to promise you college money, job training or leadership roles.

It might be nice to find a place of belonging and purpose elsewhere.

The reality of war is that you may be ordered — forced — to kill people you do not know. You may be killed or maimed. As a surviving combat veteran, you may experience emotional wounds that could interfere with relationships and employment, while also leading to a sense of isolation.

"I think [ROTC is] a good opportunity for students to experience what it's like to be in the armed forces, plus it gives them an opportunity to become leaders," said Thomas Conley, a junior here at the University of Maine, in Breau's article.

Life in the military will take away your personal freedoms. Your superiors will take control of most aspects of your daily life. They will not only tell you when to eat, sleep and use the toilet, they will restrict your ability to form and maintain intimate relationships and take away most, and sometimes all, of your decision-making power. Among the pro-war crowd, you'll find an assortment

of politicians, generals and corporate executives. The reasons they give for war have been democracy, freedom, justice and peace. In reality it is for contracts, market access, natural resources and power. After all, there's no business like war business.

Think you won't go to war? Others have thought that too. Since World War II, the military has been to Korea, the Dominican Republic, Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Libya, Panama and, of course, Iraq and Afghanistan, with no end in sight and the possibility of more war elsewhere.

Our military is known to have invaded foreign countries to crush rebellions and help prop up pro-American regimes, often helping future dictators like Saddam Hussein, who collaborated with the CIA in 1963. The United States even sold weapons to Saddam in the '80s in his campaign against Iran, only to later wage war against him.

In war it is hard to know the truth of it, and morality always ends where a gun begins.

If you've heard all this before and are still considering the military, do not make a hasty decision by enlisting the first time you see a recruiter. Get the facts. They are salesmen, and some have admitted to lying. Take a witness with you for help and to back you up. Talk with veterans. Consider your moral feelings about going to war and killing. Be sure to get any promises in writing, especially the enlistment agreement. Finally, explore all alternative options.

Until there is a U.S. Department of Peace, some alternatives are AmeriCorps and Peace Corps. Visit career centers as well as colleges where they will help you find aid.

In addition to all of this, one sure way to end wars is to stop supporting the system that allows them to continue. This means people have got to stop enlisting.

To current and prospective soldiers I ask you to not give yourselves to wars and violence or to superiors who tell you what to think and what to feel, who drill you, treat you like cattle and use you as cannon fodder. Don't give yourselves to these unnatural conflicts. If you have, become a conscientious objector. Don't be another statistic serving war profiteers. Look elsewhere for a better path in life.

Michael W. Gibson is a member of Maine Peace Action Committee.

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Orono studio dresses for success

By Maddy Glover
Staff Reporter

University of Maine students frequent downtown Orono for food and drink, but not necessarily for fun, sustainable and affordable style. Jessi Sader, owner of Studio clothing store, is trying to change this with her inclusive fashion options.

It is hard not to notice the life-size mannequins, clad in antique lace and jersey wrap dresses, at the top of the hill approaching the Mill Street intersection. The Studio logo — painted in bold, white paint — is striking. Bright colors, chunky textiles and antique laces inside the store beg to be admired and touched, while Sader's vintage Singer sewing machine whirs away. Studio's one-year anniversary is this week.

Studio — Sader's workshop, studio and showcase for other local artisans — is home to her clothing line FX Dressed, dubbed "hippie romance." Studio and FX Dressed demand is so high, Sader recently hired a sales representative to showcase her work in the northeast region. She has been a featured designer in downtown Bangor's Bella Luna and at Bar Harbor's Macey's, as well as other boutiques from Biddeford to Winterport. In addition to boutiques, Sader is a member of the Maine Etsy Guild and does much of her business online. Etsy is a Web site for people to buy and sell handmade items.

"I've ... picked up other clothing and am turning into more of a full-service clothing store," Sader said.

With a sales representative as extra motivation, Sader is working hard for March, when she will announce her fall and winter 2010 line. In order to be "mobilized and organized" for next fall and winter, Sader is increasing production to meet demand and

See Studio on 9



Illustration by Linette Mailhot

Endings and beginnings

It's often hard to keep in mind how terribly difficult and heart-wrenching certain situations are until facing them head on. One of those things is losing something you love — in this case, a pet.

Socrates was a large, pink-eyed white rat I purchased from a pet store last January. I had kept him for nearly a year, thinking he was fine by himself. He functioned normally and appeared healthy. He was friendly and eager to be held and petted. The following summer, I found out I was wrong.

I contacted Robin Rushlau at Mainely Rat Rescue — an organization that saves unwanted and often misunderstood pet rats — and she suggested a major diet overhaul for Socrates. She said to avoid store-bought food, which is nutritionally incomplete and can cause health problems. She also recommended I neuter him, so that he could live with the two females I was going to adopt.

Socrates drastically changed. He put on weight, his coat became shinier and fuller, and he became much more active. When finally introduced to his new lady friends, I was able to see how imperative it is for rats to have cage mates. Socrates was a big squishy bean bag to the new girls. They would pig-pile on top of him as he slept, and he'd happily close his little eyes as they excitedly groomed him and stomped all over him.

When I adopted another rat from MRR late last summer, he was the mediator when the females were introduced to one another. Two of my females, Maria and Rosa, proved to be extremely dominant, and the new female Cynthia wasn't much better.

See Pet Pundit on 10



The Pet Pundit
By Jessie Darkis

Gaming community says goodbye to fixture Caretaker of e-Sports, King of 'Cade Percy Clarke dies at 83



The Maine Campus file photo

Percy Clarke, seen here in December 2008, died Wednesday of an apparent heart attack.

By William P. Davis
Editor in Chief

On most days, Percy Clarke could be found in the e-Sports arcade of the Memorial Union. The 83-year-old retired lawyer worked for Campus Activities for 20 years in various capacities before dying of an apparent heart attack Wednesday.

"He was a really committed guy — committed to the university. He loved the university; he loved students," said Robert Dana, dean of students at the University of Maine.

Percy was employed at the university through a federal program aimed at employing retired senior citizens part-time. He was the only person at the university employed through the program, Dana said.

Percy originally worked at Maine Bound, shuttling students and performing tasks such as repairing tents. Later, he was appointed caretaker of the arcade, where he meticulously cleaned the room and games and attended to students' needs. He became a fixture of the arcade.

"Percy was a genuine Maineer," said Kenda Scheele, associ-

ate dean of students at UMaine. "He loved the University of Maine. He was born and raised here. His family is from here. He was the heart of UMaine." Scheele worked with Percy when she first came to UMaine and said he truly enjoyed the work he did for the university.

Percy was always more than willing to talk to students. He would often get involved in long conversations with students about the arcade, gathering opinions on particular games and ways to make the room better.

Less than a week before he died, Percy could be heard in the arcade speaking animatedly with a student about the history of the popular arcade game Dance Dance Revolution. But it was unusual to see the student do most of the talking; usually Percy was eager to entertain any willing ear.

And that attitude — willing to talk or listen to a student — made Percy the distinguished character he was.

David Welch, a UMaine student who frequents the arcade,

See Percy on 10

Guthrie folk family makes for UMaine

Arlo's daughter Sarah Lee shares tales from the road on her career, children and making music

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

The "Arlo Guthrie Family Rides Again Tour" will come to the Collins Center for the Arts on Saturday. The Guthrie folk legacy traces back to the legendary Woody Guthrie, best known for writing "This Land is Your Land."

Three generations will be on stage Saturday, including Arlo Guthrie, the influential '60s folk singer, his daughter Sarah Lee Guthrie, her husband Johnny Irion and a slew of children and other relatives.

As the family's tour bus rolled through Pennsylvania on Monday, Sarah Lee Guthrie spoke with The Maine

Campus about her career, her family and what audiences can expect at the show.

Sarah Lee officially began her career in 2001 when both she and her husband released solo albums and toured together to promote them. However, she appeared on her first recording when she was 2 years old, singing on a version of "Garden Song" Arlo recorded. When she was 12, she made a record with her family singing kid-friendly versions of Woody's songs.

"When I was 14 years old, I sang a Pete Seeger song at one of the shows and it ended up that they recorded that show and made a CD out of it," Sarah Lee said. "I sort of got the spotlight bug then."

Sarah Lee forgot about folk music and began listening to punk acts like Minor Threat and Black Flag as a teenager. When she was 18, Arlo gave her a job as a tour manager on a tour with The Black Crowes and members of The Grateful Dead.

"I really got turned on to great music that tour," Sarah Lee said. "It was a tour that I'll never forget — it changed my life. Once that tour ended, I moved out to Los Angeles to be around some of those cats that I had met on the tour. Within a week I met Johnny."

Johnny turned Sarah Lee onto folk, bluegrass and blues music that she had grown up around but never really listened to. She said she stole a bunch of

her dad's old music and discovered all of it for the first time. From there she learned to play guitar and joined her dad on the road.

The three generations on stage include Arlo, Sarah Lee, her brother and sisters and seven grandchildren, according to Sarah Lee.

"Of course, most of the night we're paying a tribute to the first generation, which is Woody," Sarah Lee said. "So in a sense you get four generations of people playing music. I think we've been a really lucky family to be able to play music together, and it's something that is sort of lost on a lot of families these

See Guthrie on 10

UM’s finest musicians tune up for Campus Bands concert on Friday

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

The University of Maine Campus Bands concert will take place Friday from 8 to 11 p.m. in the main dining room of the Memorial Union. Nine different UMaine-based bands will each play a 20-minute set of three to four songs.

The concert will be in support of the Campus Bands compilation, which was released earlier this semester in Bullmoose Music, the University Bookstore and on iTunes. Multiple artists with ties to UMaine contributed a song to the collection.

Organizer James Gilmore said the bands have been working hard to tighten up their sets.

“I’m in quite a few sets, and I’ve seen a lot of progress,” Gilmore said. He will be performing in his bands, GreenerSide and 2 Days Later, and as a solo act.

“Everything looks like it’s going to be very diverse too,” Gilmore said. “On the album they were diverse as well, but even more so now because the instrumentation has changed for a lot of groups.”

Gilmore said rehearsing has been easy with 2 Days Later, but GreenerSide’s drummer lives in southern Maine, making their practices more difficult. For his solo project, he has had to find musicians from around campus.

“The single that I put on the Campus Bands album, I’m now taking Rachel Joyce, Brian [Harris] from 2 Days Later, Luke [Finnemore] from 2 Days Later, Jacob Beach from GreenerSide and Augusto [Bertado], who’s a teacher’s aide in the music department who’s amazing at violin,” Gilmore said.

“I have been rehearsing with a few different people preparing some new collaborations along

with some of my new songs, both of which I’m very excited about,” said performer Rachel Joyce, through e-mail.

According to Gilmore, it was difficult for many bands to organize a full band performance because members come from all over. Many are going to be solo acoustic acts because of this, but Gilmore hopes this will make for a great mix. Four or five of the acts will be full bands.

While Gilmore has adopted the annual UMaine Battle of the Bands setup with two stages in the Union, he said that there is no competition.

“All of us, at this point we’ve all played in battle of the bands type things and, at least for most people I’ve talked to, we’re not so into competitive music,” Gilmore said. “It’s a weird thing to assess so we’re kind of trying to stray away from that. It should just be playing for fun.”



The Maine Campus file photo James Gilmore and Adam Mullen strum along in their band 2 Days Later, one of nine acts set to perform at the UMaine Campus Bands concert Friday night in the Memorial Union.



Photos by Rebekah Doherty • Assistant Photo Editor Jessi Sader, owner of Studio, makes the clothes she sells in the store by combining new and vintage fabrics. The store, on the corner Main and Mill streets, offers alternative clothing choices to Orono shoppers.

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display at trade shows.

An Orono native and self-described “townie,” Sader envisioned a small business where she could combine her work studio with a retail store environment.

She said customers still enter the store surprised and unaware of the store’s existence.

“[Studio’s] definitely good for the local economy,” said Aya Mares, a Studio model and collaborator and third-year UMaine student.

Mares said, despite having lived in Orono for 13 years, she had never set foot in any of the previous stores occupying the space until Studio opened up. She described the location’s previous store windows and displays as dim and uninviting.

“[Sader] doesn’t keep the windows separate from the rest of the shop,” Mares said, describing Studio’s eye-catching window mannequins and their regularly changed ensembles. Sader has even used live window mannequins in the past to attract attention.

“[Studio’s] so new and so refreshing and right in the intersection of town,” Mares said.

“She’s willing to encourage creativity in the community.”

Third-year student Emma Thieme sews a few hours a week for Sader and now has her own line of Studio-featured accessories — mostly bracelets and embellished, crocheted headbands.

“She lets me take free rein. It’s really nice of her,” Thieme said of Sader’s encouragement and support. “She knows Orono needs a place where things are affordable. She doesn’t mark up

to MSRP, and she sells at what [the prices] should be. She understands the budget of a typical student.”

“I like to support local [business],” Sader said.

She described her average customer as female, between the age 25 and 50 and “post-college with salary,” but said there is something for everyone in her shop.

In addition to FX Dressed, Sader carries makeup, gifts, jewelry, buttons and other accessories by featured local artisans, as well as some of her own tea and herbal products.

A blue “vintage closet” is closer to the back of the store by the fitting rooms and filled with purchases from a Boston-area apparel auction. Sader makes the trip on a bi-weekly basis, as an antiques apparel dealer. She regularly competes with movie costume designers and New York City vintage shop owners for the best pieces and prices.

To the right of the vintage closet is Sader’s limited-edition recycled line.

Her mountain of textile scraps and “yo-yos” speak to her efforts. Yo-yos are floral-like embellishments sewn onto select apparel items, made from recycled fabrics. Below a table of hair barrettes is a basket of felted balls of wool. Using recycled scraps of wool, Sader makes toys for children and pets.

Studio’s increasing scope of production as well as its establishment in Orono gives Sader hope for the future. Ideally, she would like Studio to become a full-service retail shop where she can represent her line, as well as those of others and to have her work space elsewhere. She wants to further establish and standardize FX Dressed so that apparel items can be patterned, cut and sewn by others. Studio’s ideal setup would afford her more time to design and promote.

Studio will host a trunk show Dec. 13. For more information, check out Studio’s Facebook group, FXDressed on Etsy.com or FXDressed.com.



ABOVE: Studio clothing store in Orono offers vintage pieces hand-picked by owner Jessi Sader. BELOW: Studio clothing store is located at 24 Main St. in the heart of downtown Orono.



CD REVIEW:
JOHN MAYER

Columbia Records

JOHN MAYER
BATTLE STUDIES

Heartbreak Warfare • All We Ever Do Is Say Goodbye • Half of My Heart • Who Says • Perfectly Lonely • Assassin • Crossroads • War of My Life • Edge of Desire • Do You Know Me • Friends, Lovers or Nothing

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

John Mayer needs to stop whining. He is a talented musician; he’s extremely handsome and has dated celebrity hotties like Jennifer Aniston and Jessica Simpson. He’s got it made. But on his latest album “Battle Studies,” all he does is mope about breakups. Go cry to someone else.

“Heartbreak Warfare,” “All We Ever Do Is Say Goodbye,” “Half of My Heart” and “Perfectly Lonely” are just some of the overly sappy titles gracing his album. This is a sad return to the John Mayer that wooed crowds of screaming girls with “Room for Squares” and “Heavier Things.” These albums might represent the Mayer that most people love, but he’s doing little to push the creative envelope.

“Continuum” was a blues album with a pop disguise. It had some of the greatest modern blues ballads, showcasing Mayer’s true skill with the six-string. His voice is great, but Mayer is best when he is hammering it out over the 12-bar blues with legends like Eric Clapton. Aside from “Waiting on the World to Change,” “Continuum” was an immaculate record — he even covered Hendrix.

“Battle Studies” should have continued along this path of great blues-based songwriting. Instead he went back into his pop music comfort zone, squandering his real talent. Not to mention he has Taylor Swift sing on a track. Yuck.

The album has few good moments scattered throughout, proving the good John Mayer is still hidden somewhere in there. He sings, “Who says I can’t get stoned / turn off the lights and

the telephone,” a throwback to the goofy Mayer that audiences first fell in love with. Some songs, like “Assassin,” have some unique instrumentation that can be admired, but it does little to salvage the record as a whole.

He doesn’t seem to be shy about turning up the overdrive and playing a few fuzzed-out riffs, but just as you think he will rock out, he turns wimpy again. However, he does bust out some great solos that can’t be denied. He still likes to flaunt that.

The one standout is clearly out of place on the album. A cover of blues god Robert Johnson’s “Crossroads” is the best song by lightyears. It’s a natural choice, being such a blues standard, but he does it with class. It ends after just two and a half minutes though, making fans wait until the live show for the extended vamping section full of the solos it deserves.

It is not so much that Mayer made an album full of sappy breakup songs that makes “Battle Studies” fail; it’s that he just wrote bad material. Blues music is about being sad and lonely, so why write pop music? The songs on “Continuum” were not the most lyrically profound, but he was able to showcase his beautiful, raspy voice over great instrumentation and song structure. The latest work relies on simply constructed pieces that pleased his record company.

John Mayer fans will most likely fall in love with this album, especially if they favor his first two CDs. It just would have been nice to hear him break up with some of his old ways rather than his slew of bombshell celebrity girlfriends.

Grade: C-

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FILM REVIEW: THE BOX



Warner Bros.

By John Shannon
For The Maine Campus

What if you could gain \$1 million in cold, hard cash by simply pushing a button? The only drawback is that someone you don't know will die as a result. Do you do it? And if so, is it because you want the money? Do you care about the mysterious victim? Or do you simply believe the button doesn't have the ability to kill anyone or provide the reward? It's a fascinating idea — something to be mulled over in the quiet moments of our lives. But whether it makes for effective drama is another matter.

Norma and Arthur Lewis, played by Cameron Diaz and James Marsden, respectively, are faced with a decision when Frank Langella's character, Arlington Steward, arrives at their suburban home early one morning in December 1976. Steward leaves a mysterious box in their custody. It is topped with a button protected by a glass dome. He gives them 24 hours to choose between taking the moral high ground by keeping the dome closed, or

embracing a financial windfall and pressing the button. After some hand wringing, a choice is made. But that's where the story begins, not where it ends. When Steward arrives to begin the next phase of his relationship with the couple, things get ugly. Conspiracies are uncovered, secrets are revealed and nothing will be the same for this couple ever again.

Unfortunately, the more "The Box" tries to explain its labyrinthine plot, the less sense it makes. Exposition builds at a dizzying rate, incorporating government conspiracy and alien invasion subplots, and the simple moral conundrum gets lost in the shuffle. Director Richard Kelly seems desperate to rationalize everything that's going on, and that was a mistake. He isn't content to have Steward represent a supernatural power — he wants to propose a plausible explanation, and it doesn't work at all.

Diaz and Marsden are good choices for the leads. Both are attractive and earnest, and it's hard not to be sympathetic with their characters' financial struggles, especially in light of

the current economic climate. Their son, played by a bland Sam Oz Stone, is something of a nonentity. It's hard to recall a poignant moment he's involved in. Recent Oscar nominee Langella brings seriousness to a role that could easily be laughable. The actor's gravitas may be the movie's most important asset. A campy Steward would have steered the film into the realm of self-parody.

Kelly is known for favoring obtuse material. His "Donnie Darko" was a cult hit, but the follow-up, "Southland Tales," was an epic disaster. He's fond of big, engaging ideas that give people plenty to chew on and discuss as they leave the theatre. "The Box" is arguably more accessible than either of his previous works but still rests off the beaten path enough that it will alienate people expecting something more straightforward or less dense. Despite its flaws, "The Box" remains intriguing, but as its mysteries are solved, the prevailing sense is one of frustration rather than satisfaction. If anything, the movie is an interesting, flawed failure.

Grade: C-

Percy

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said Percy was supportive of the arcade's visitors.

"He very much liked his job and was very much concerned with the students having the arcade," Welch said. "It certainly was his place."

When students had concerns or suggestions about the arcade, Percy was eager to listen. He took time to respond with handwritten notes to suggestions, posting them on the wall of the e-Sports room.

"I think that's what made him able to connect to people, is that he was very genuine. He wished nobody ill will, he was always willing to help and he loved students," Scheele said. "It kept him young to be around campus and to be around students."

When The Maine Campus wrote an article featuring Percy in December, Scheele said he "got such a kick out of that."



The Maine Campus file photo
Percy Clarke in December 2008 in the UMaine arcade.

"He took about 10 copies, brought them to everyone he knows, sent them to his daughter in California," Scheele said.

Percy did not deteriorate near the end of his life, Dana said. Though he had medical problems, he continued to live by himself and perform all his own chores, such as mowing the lawn and shoveling the snow at his Bangor home. He also remained mentally strong.

"He was right on his game,

I tell ya," Dana said. "Sharp as a tack."

Percy died while leaving work, Dana said. An ambulance took him to Eastern Maine Medical Center, but he was pronounced dead before he arrived at the hospital.

"I think he would have been thrilled," Dana said. "I think he would have wanted to die with his boots on."

Percy is survived by a son and a daughter.



Courtesy photo

The Guthrie Family: Johnny Irion, Sarah Lee Guthrie and their children.

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days. It wasn't that long ago that that's what people did."

Sarah Lee said families used to rely more on entertaining themselves when they weren't surrounded by iPods, DVDs and TV. She hopes the show will inspire other families to make music together.

"There's so much going on in the world today, and it's a beautiful part of life to play music with your family. There's nothing that replaces that in today's world, in today's media," Sarah Lee said.

As Sarah Lee spoke, screams from kids packed on the bus were audible. She said there were 18 people on the bus and the chaos in the background portrayed a true sense of what the Guthrie family is like.

Sarah Lee's family has recently released a children's music album, "Go Waggaloo." The album features vocals from her whole family on songs like "Cuz We're Cousins" and "Take Me to Show-and-Tell." Some of the songs, like the title

track "Go Waggaloo," contain lyrics written by Woody that were never set to music.

Sarah Lee said they plan on playing a few songs from the kids' album. In addition to the little kids, Sarah Lee's nephew is 18 and is starting out as a singer / songwriter / guitarist.

"He's never really played a show for himself, so this is a really cool way for him to do one of his songs," Sarah Lee said. "My sister, who normally runs the record company, is a great singer / songwriter herself but doesn't always get to do that because she's in the office. She's my dad's right-hand man. She's doing one of her songs."

Each generation is represented on the tour and the crowd will hear some of Arlo's classics, some of Sarah Lee and Johnny's originals, some of Woody and much more.

While Sarah Lee's children's album might have drum machines and references to Xboxes and DVDs, she still believes music hasn't changed much over the years.

"That's the great thing about

music, is that it takes a really long time for it change, and the times don't often change that much," Sarah Lee said. "A lot of Woody Guthrie's songs, he wrote mostly back in the 1940s, 1950s. Mostly we find that the migrant worker songs that he wrote so many of are completely relevant today. In a sense nothing has changed. A song that is 60 years old sounds like it could have been just written."

She said many songs written during the depression still ring true today as America tries to pull itself out of an economic downturn.

"A song like 'Keep on the Sunny Side' [by June Carter-Cash] is ringing true, and people are really comparing it with their lives today," Sarah Lee said.

See Sarah Lee, Arlo and the whole family at The Arlo Guthrie Family Rides Again Tour, taking place 8 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Collins Center for the Arts. Tickets are available in the CCA box office, online at collinscenterforthearts.com, or by calling 1-800-622-TIXX.

Pet Pundit

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When they started in with their typical rat "boxing" — where they sit on their hind legs and push, grab and paw at each other — Socrates stepped in. He ran up to them, sat on his hind legs and simply put his paw out in between them, as if to say, "Enough!" When all four rats were put back into their cage, Cynthia ran to hide behind Socrates while he slept.

It wasn't unusual to find the two of them cuddled up in a hammock or sleeping in their little plastic hut. He was a friend to everyone. As soon as you called his name or made a kissing sound, he would eagerly come running to the front of the cage to greet you. Socrates spoke with his silence.

Last Sunday, I opened up the cage to check on the rats. In the little plastic house laid Socrates' lifeless body and Cynthia, with one tiny paw resting on his face. I had never expected losing

him to be hard. Losing any animal, big or small, is always difficult and emotional. This time it just felt different. Not only did I lose a part of life as I knew it, so did his three friends.

My boyfriend mentioned to me that day that now I had room for another rat. Well, I did have room — I technically had room for several more, but I was so upset I told him I didn't need more rats.

Less than 24 hours later, I broke down and had two more rats reserved to adopt through MRR. There are always animals that need homes. I had the room and the funding to give two more a happy life. I decided to do just that.

One of my professors had a similar experience. Melissa Spencer, head of the equine program at the University of Maine, adopted her horse Muffin in 1983 when she was 12 years old. Muffin was 5 years old and a retired Standardbred pacer. It is a fairly common misconception that a retired Standardbred is worth little.

Spencer made it clear this is not the truth.

Muffin was awarded a silver medal by the Maine Dressage Association in 1992 and was pinned National Champion several times in the Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization. Before Spencer met her husband or had her children, she had Muffin. Spencer and Muffin were a part of each other's lives for 26 years.

Spencer had to put Muffin down about a year ago.

Losing an animal is losing part of your life. What we never lose is what we learn from them. Although sometimes the pain is overwhelming, if we close our hearts and doors, we'll never know what others are waiting to touch our lives.

"A pet is never truly forgotten until it is no longer remembered." — Lacie Petitto

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



Justin Fisk
The Maine Campus

A recent Chamber Concert in Minsky Recital Hall consisted of multiple small wood wind group performances. The chamber music program gives students a chance to perform with faculty each year. Here a group of saxophonists play a jazz piece together. From left: Jamie Hill, Andrew McLaughlin, Heather Gallant, Benjamin Lithgow.

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UM’s Shemansky thrives despite lack of height

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

Tampa Bay Lightning right wing and former University of Vermont Catamount Martin St. Louis electrified college hockey in the '90s with an 85-point junior season and three consecutive Hobey Baker Award nominations.

All while standing just 5 feet 8 inches out of his skates.

University of Maine freshman left wing Adam Shemansky stands an inch shorter than St. Louis and cites the Tampa Bay assistant-captain as his biggest idol. Shemansky, who was one of four skaters to join the Black Bears from the Eastern Junior Hockey League’s New Hampshire Junior Monarchs this fall, leads the Black Bears in goals after 10 games and trails only sophomore right wing Gustav Nyquist for the team point’s lead.

“His success is not an accident,” UMaine coach Tim Whitehead said. “He’s trained for this, he’s prepared for it and we’ve given him an opportunity to play.”

To account for the size advantage



Adam Shemansky

in a game as physical as hockey, St. Louis prides himself on “Hockey sense” and decision-making. These are the attributes Shemansky strives to emulate most. Whitehead felt Shemansky would be well suited on the Black Bears’ power-play unit, and with his four goals on the man advantage, UMaine has the third-ranked power play in the Hockey East Conference.

“That’s where he really shines, because of his hockey sense and his skill, and his ability to make plays in traffic,” Whitehead said. “He has scored some great 5-on-5 goals, too.”

Whitehead anticipates as Shemansky improves his defensive play and breakout skating speed he may be used to kill penalties as well.

Shemansky has heard the doubters all of his life. He thinks even if his success continues at UMaine, there will be some that call it a fluke. For Shemansky, it is motivation to keep working. After all, UMaine fans remember a 5-foot-5-inch sparkplug named Cal Ingraham, whose 85-point season helped the Black Bears win their first National Championship in 1993.

“I really appreciate the coaching staff giving me a chance,” Shemansky said. “Hopefully I keep going with it and don’t give them any reason to stop playing me.”

Whitehead admitted that even after recruiting Shemansky he was

surprised at how immediate the adjustment to the college level has been. When the Robbinsville, N.J., native arrived on campus, Whitehead quickly understood what was behind Shemansky’s reserved demeanor.

“He’s a guy that has overachieved all his life,” Whitehead said. “I’m confident he will continue to succeed here at Maine because we believe in him.”

Whitehead’s confidence was evident in the opening night lineup card that listed Shemansky’s name. Shemansky took advantage of the opportunity as he always has by scoring UMaine’s first goal of the season against Union College.

“I was pretty happy to be in the lineup opening night,” Shemansky said. “There was probably a few doubts about that at first. To get that goal was pretty huge for me.”

Two weeks later when the Black Bears traveled to the University of Massachusetts, Shemansky realized how fragile his career is. UMass defenseman Martin Nolet checked Shemansky headfirst into the boards, and Shemansky had to be removed from the ice on a stretcher.

“It was pretty startling when it happened,” Shemansky said.

It was another obstacle Shemansky knew he could overcome. The next night when UMaine traveled to the University of New Hampshire, he was back in the lineup.

“My main focus was to get back in

the lineup, because I fought so hard to get into it in the first place,” Shemansky said.

Shemansky’s roommate, freshman goalie Shawn Sirman, started the game in net and wasn’t surprised to see Shemansky bounce back so quickly.

“It just shows how hard he works and how bad he wants to play the game,” Sirman said.

Shemansky’s first collegiate hockey recognition came on Nov. 2, after UMaine upset No. 10 Vermont with one of Shemansky’s two goals on the night being the game winner. Shemansky was named the Pro Ambitions Hockey East Co-Rookie of The Week.

Shemansky’s elusiveness makes him a constant scoring threat at the net-front. Most of his goals have come on re-directs or converting rebounded shots. Shemansky is surprised, though, at how frequently goals are coming as he sees himself more as a playmaker than a scorer.

“I’ll take anything I can get,” Shemansky said.

Last weekend at Northeastern University, Shemansky was reunited with former Junior Monarchs linemates Kyle Beattie and Matt Mangene, both freshmen. On the weekend, Shemansky scored his sixth goal, Beattie registered his first collegiate point with an assist, and Mangene had a three-assist game in UMaine’s 6-2 win. Shemansky feels the familiarity

of the line enables the anticipation of each other’s location on the ice.

“It’s almost like we have a fourth guy out there, because we know exactly where each other is on the ice,” Shemansky said.

Beattie could see Shemansky’s immediate impact on the team coming. The trio, along with defenseman Mike Cornell, helped the Junior Monarchs win their third straight National Championship, with Shemansky being the National Tournament’s top scorer.

“He makes the people around him better, and he’s just a really skilled hockey player,” Beattie said. “He kind of just goes about his business and does what he needs to do to achieve success.”

The Black Bears feature a smaller, faster group of forwards than past teams that played more physically. Shemansky senses the game of hockey is evolving and is glad his abilities are valued.

“The game has changed,” Shemansky said. “It’s a lot more special teams and power play. We feel our team is well suited for the game right now.”

Like any Division I athlete, Shemansky has aspirations to compete at the next level, but he is being patient and confronting each obstacle that arises. Perhaps St. Louis and Ingraham-like numbers are too lofty to expect this soon, but Shemansky is not one to back down from a challenge.

Colts, Patriots, Bengals, Chargers prime for division title

1. Indianapolis Colts (AFC South Champ)

After the Colts secured a gift win via a reprehensible call in the final two minutes against the New England Patriots, they are in the driver’s seat in the AFC. They are currently sitting at 9-0 and, looking at their remaining schedule, it is entirely possible this team could finish with 14 or more wins. Like New England, the Colts have relied heavily on the pass to set up the run this year, but the combination of Joseph Addai and rookie Donald Brown have been dynamic when called upon. It doesn’t hurt that Peyton Manning is having one of the most efficient passing years of his career (104.6 passer rating) and that the offensive line is giving him gratuitous amounts of



Michael Paire

time to find his targets (eight sacks allowed in nine games). If the defense continues to hold together without Bob Sanders, then they will be tough to bring down in the playoffs.

2. New England Patriots (AFC East Champ)

The Patriots are the beneficiaries of a surprisingly weak AFC East division this year. The Bills looked to have improved their offense with Marshawn Lynch returning from an injury and the offseason acquisition of Terrell Owens, while the Jets looked like a sleeper after they stormed out of the gates and held New England’s potent offense to just nine points in a loss. Both squads have fallen into mediocrity though along with the Miami Dolphins. New England, meanwhile, has been led by a rejuvenated Tom Brady who is on pace to record 34 touchdowns and almost 5000 yards. Add in a patchwork run game that has done just enough to keep opposing defenses

honest and the offense has been spectacular. There are still a lot of questions about the defense, especially in the secondary, but they will play well enough to easily give the Patriots the division crown.

3. Cincinnati Bengals (AFC North Champ)

The Bengals have been disproving doubters and disparaging gamblers the whole season. With their second win over the Pittsburgh Steelers, it looks like they have finally earned some credibility. They are 7-2, Carson Palmer has been playing as well as he ever has, Cedric Benson has been a revelation at running back and a usually soft defense has been one of the NFL’s best this year. The Bengals’ only losses this season are courtesy of a miracle touchdown in the waning seconds by Brandon Stokley and the Denver Broncos and a boom or bust Houston Texans team that was firing on all cylinders. As long as Cedric Benson’s strained hip is not a lingering concern,

then Cincinnati should be a team to be reckoned with in the playoffs.

4. San Diego Chargers (AFC West Champ)

The Chargers and the Broncos will both beat up on Kansas City and Oakland while they battle it out for the division title, but I see San Diego coming out on top. They have a slightly easier schedule going forward and their offense has a lot more stability, especially with LaDainian Tomlinson back. Phillip Rivers has found his definitive go-to-guy in six-foot-five wideout Vincent Jackson. Jackson, along with tight end Antonio Gates, gives them two dangerous red zone targets. After a tumultuous start to the season, San Diego has won four straight games, and they will ride that momentum to a division title.

5. Pittsburgh Steelers

It looked like Pittsburgh might be in a world of trouble after Willie Parker was ineffective out of the gates, but Rashard

Mendenhall has more than stabilized their running back situation. Roethlisberger has been great this year, though he could use some more protection from an offensive line that has allowed 27 sacks. The imposing defense, meanwhile, has shown weakness against the league’s best quarterbacks, which is potentially problematic when Tom Brady and Peyton Manning join them in the playoffs. Their cupcake schedule the rest of the way essentially ensures them at least a wildcard spot in the competitive AFC North. They have three “gimme” games at home against Oakland and at Kansas City and Cleveland to go with two matchups against the division rival Baltimore Ravens. Assuming a split against the Ravens that would put the Steelers at 10 wins. That should be enough for a playoff spot.

6. Denver Broncos

The Broncos, led by ex-Patriots Offensive Coordinator Josh McDaniels, have been

surprising people all year ever since they surprised Cincinnati with their week one miracle win. The excommunication of disgruntled quarterback Jay Cutler and the early season troubles of “prima donna” receiver Brandon Marshall left this team with a suspect offense. But Kyle Orton has filled in admirably for Cutler, Marshall has since gotten his head on straight and the defense has outperformed all expectations. There are signs, however, that the Broncos’ surprising season could be just an aberration. They have lost their last three games after starting out 6-0, and there defense has given up an average of 28.5 points in those losses compared to just 10.6 in their wins. Add to that uncertainty over the questionable status of Orton, after sustaining an ankle sprain in their previous game, for their matchup against the Chargers this week and they could really be in trouble. Nevertheless, I see them doing just enough to earn a playoff berth in the top-heavy AFC.

Brusko

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victory for Tennessee in the previous six meetings was only 17 points.

The score at halftime of the game was 66-14. UNC-Asheville had just two field goals in the first half on 26 attempts. The first made field goal didn’t come until there was only 3:10 left on the first half clock. As a player or a coach sitting in that locker room at halftime, what do you do? Is there anything you can say at that point to make your team want to go back out on the court? If I were the athletic director at UNC-Asheville, I would have called the coach at halftime and told him his program was cut in fear they might go back out and get beaten by 100 points. Anyway, they could use the extra cash on something more important, like the womens’ water polo team.

After the game, coach Eddie Biedenbach had this to say:

“I am embarrassed for UNC-Asheville, for Tennessee folks, because we wanted to come in here and make them learn, make them a better basketball team. All we did tonight was give them some exercise.”

Don’t give yourself so much credit, Eddie. I’d be willing to bet that Bruce Pearl (Tennessee’s head coach) broke more of a sweat than any of his players. They got more exercise laughing at your embarrassing excuse for a basketball team from the bench than they did by actually stepping on the court.

As an athlete, I can’t understand how anyone would let his team get beat like this. The level of talent on these two teams is not the same, however just a little bit of pride and effort from UNC-Asheville could have made all the difference. It makes me sick to see a bunch of Division I athletes who are on scholarship come out and not even compete. If it were up to me, the UNC-Asheville Bulldogs wouldn’t play another game this year.

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Bears to battle 'Cats for Musket, North

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

You lose your starting quarterback for the rest of the season and are forced to start your backup for the first time in his career. This was the problem University of Maine football coach Jack Cosgrove had last week after starter Warren Smith suffered a season-ending foot injury.

A week later, that no longer looks like a problem for Cosgrove and the Black Bears.

After sophomore Chris Treister's record-setting performance in Saturday's 41-17 win over the University of Rhode Island, the quarterback spot seems to be in a solid position heading into this weekend's showdown with archrival, the University of New Hampshire.

The Black Bears travel to Cowell Stadium for a noon battle with the No. 11 Wildcats on Saturday in a fight for the Brice-Cowell Musket and the Colonial Athletic Association North Division title. The Brice-Cowell Musket is given annually to the winner of the UMaine-UNH rivalry.

"They're a well-coached Maine team, a very aggressive Maine team," UNH coach Sean McDonnell said in Monday's CAA weekly teleconference. "We're playing for the North Championship. We're playing for the Musket. It's going to be a battle."

UMaine (5-5, 4-3 CAA) currently sits one game back in the conference standings behind a UNH team that is coming off a heartbreaking 20-17 loss at the fourth-ranked College of William & Mary. UNH is 8-2 on the season and 5-2 in the conference.

Wildcats balanced

For six years, the Brice-Cowell Musket has been in the hands of UNH. On Saturday, the Black Bears would like to change that, but will have to deal with one of



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Mike Brusko runs through a hole in last season's game against UNH. Brusko, now a wide receiver, leads the Black Bears into Saturday's showdown with the No. 11 Wildcats.

the top teams in not only the conference but the Football Championship Subdivision.

"Our respect for New Hampshire is as high as you could ask," Cosgrove said. "This is a program that has handed it to us for a number of years."

Offensively, UNH is usually known for their potent passing attack but has a much more balanced attack this season. They are ranked first in the conference in scoring offense with a little more than 33 points per game.

Junior quarterback R.J. Toman, the Preseason CAA Offensive Player of the Year, has struggled at times this season but still has 1,749 yards through the air and 12 touchdowns. He also has 10 interceptions.

The receiving corps, which lost its top two wide receivers from a season ago, is led by All-American tight end Scott Sicko

(44 receptions, 589 yards, 7 touchdowns).

The running attack is a two-headed attack with Chad Kackert (124 carries, 624 yds., 8 TDs) and Sean Jellison (89 carries, 416 yds., 7 TDs).

Defensively, the Wildcats are solid as well, ranking fourth in

necting on 16-of-20 field goals this season.

Records set offensively

Treister made a memorable debut as the starting quarterback and gave UMaine fans a glimpse during the last home game that the

"Chris was very good with his preparation, and I was amazed at just how accurate he was," Cosgrove said. "I look at 39 for 45, and I've never seen it."

Treister broke the completions mark at UMaine with 39 and broke the completion percentage mark (86.7 percent).

For his efforts, the Cape Elizabeth native and former Portland High star was awarded The Sports Network National Co-Offensive Player of the Week. He was also named the CAA Offensive Player of the Week.

His performance caught the eye of the league coaches, including the coach he will be facing this weekend.

"I was extremely impressed with Chris Treister," McDonnell said. "He's a kid that we recruited out of Portland. He was on target with all of his passes on Saturday."



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scoring defense (19.1 points per game). They are led by two of the conference's top tacklers in Devon Jackson (81) and Sean Ware (80). Terrence Klein (5 interceptions) and Dino Vasso (4) lead the secondary.

Kicker Tom Manning highlights the special teams unit con-

quarterback position is filled with talent and depth.

The sophomore, who has seen little duty as a backup, passed for 465 yards on 39 for 45 passing to go with five touchdowns. He also added a touchdown on the ground and led the team in rushing on the afternoon.

D-I players show no pride in blowout

The athletic season is in full swing right now, with college basketball being the most recent sport to start its competitions. It is certainly my favorite sport to watch and to follow, and it seems every

year there is more and more parity. Anyone can beat anyone on a given night — unless we're talking about University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Tuesday night, the UNC-Asheville Bulldogs traveled to Knoxville to take on the University of Tennessee Volunteers. With Tennessee being ranked No. 11 in the country, it seemed like a good chance the Vols would be improving their record to 2-0. As expected, that's what happened.

But it would be remiss of me to not discuss the fashion in which Tennessee won the game. Plain and simple, they embarrassed the Bulldogs. The final score was 124-49. Did I mention that both of these teams are Division I programs? Or that this was the seventh match-up between the two since 1996? It's not like this was the first time these two teams ever played. The average margin of



Mike Brusko

See Brusko on 13

UM returns to friendly Alfond, faces BC

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

One of the highlights in the University of Maine men's hockey team's 13-win season last year was a 2-1 win Nov. 9 against then No. 2 Boston College on national television. The Eagles were fresh off winning a national championship.

This weekend, the Black Bears will host the Eagles for a pair at Alfond Arena and are looking to continue their recent success at home.

"We've re-established our home ice advantage," UMaine coach Tim Whitehead said. "We're fortunate to have [BC] twice at home this year, so hopefully we can take advantage of that."

UMaine (4-6-0, 3-3-0 Hockey East) has won three straight home games, including two against top-10 teams. They managed a rare road win last Friday against Northeastern University but could not complete the weekend sweep, dropping Saturday's game 5-2.

"Saturday night was a great reminder for our team that we've come a long way, but not as far as we need to," Whitehead said. "It's a good wake-up call for our team."

After UMaine left wing Brian Flynn's goal tied the game 7:38 into the third period, the Huskies responded less than a minute later and pulled away with a pair of power-play goals. It was the fourth time this season UMaine has allowed a goal within a minute of scoring.

"It's always tough when a team scores right after you've scored, because it takes away that momentum you've just gained,"

Whitehead said.

UMaine junior defenseman Mike Banwell cited poor discipline.

"We gave them all the opportunity to score, and they utilized it pretty well," Banwell said.

The Black Bears' penalty-killing unit was without senior forward David deKastrozza, who left the Nov. 8 game against BU in the second period after sustaining a concussion. DeKastrozza practiced with a non-contact jersey for the first time on Tuesday and is expected to be in the lineup this weekend.

"We definitely felt his absence this weekend," Banwell said.



UMaine vs. Boston College

Friday and Saturday 7 p.m.



Shemansky for the first time since the season-opening series against Union College. The line produced eight points in the two games against Northeastern.

"We always support each other really well," Beattie said. "We can read each other pretty good because of all the experience we've had together."

Whitehead praised their chemistry and defensive responsibility.

"As a freshman line, we were concerned that there might be some issues defensively," Whitehead said. "But they certainly put those concerns to rest with a real solid effort."

Shemansky's goal on Friday gave him the team lead with six — one more than sophomore right wing Gustav Nyquist. Nyquist is the team's points leader with 13.

Boston College (4-3-1, 3-3-1 HE) had a disappointing season after starting last year as the nation's No. 2 team. The Eagles went 18-14-5 and missed the NCAA Tournament. Top scorer Brock Bradford has graduated, along with forwards Benn Ferriero, Kyle Kucharski and Andrew Orpik. All contributed at least 17 points.

BC's greatest attribute is their depth at both the forward and defense positions. Junior forward Brian Gibbons has taken over the team scoring lead with 10 and is trailed by seniors Ben Smith and Carl Snee. Snee is the top defenseman.

"We know they've got a lot of weapons," Whitehead said. "They're well coached, as always."

Banwell anticipates a game plan similar to when the Black



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Theo Andersson reaches for the puck in UMaine's last home game against Boston University. The Black Bears hope to continue their success at home against Boston College beginning Friday night.

Bears hosted Boston University, another team of skilled forwards that can score in a hurry. The Eagles beat Vermont 7-1 last Friday and Northeastern 5-1 the previous weekend.

"They're quick at moving the puck, so we're just going to need to make sure we can contain them in our zone," Banwell said.

Many thought BC goaltender John Muse was experiencing a sophomore slump when he did not meet expectations after leading the Eagles to the National Championship as a freshman. The team later realized Muse was in constant pain between the pipes and underwent offseason

hip surgery. Muse has bounced back to post a 2.85 goals-against average in seven starts.

"He's a great goaltender and it's going to be tough to beat him," Whitehead said.

The biggest statistical difference between the teams is UMaine allowing nearly a goal more per game. Sophomore goalie Scott Darling has shown improvement, but a primary focus for the Black Bears is team defense.

"BC is a really skilled offensive team," Beattie said. "We have to play real tight team defense to be successful against them."

Friday and Saturday's games are scheduled for 7 p.m.