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William P. Davis • Editor in Chief

Arlo Guthrie and family visited the Collins Center for the Arts on Saturday. Arlo, his children and grandchildren sang songs from four generations of the Guthries, from folk legend Woody Guthrie’s down to songs of his great grandchildren.

Baldacci orders \$6M UMS cut

Reduced from \$7.5M; public education curtailment about \$38 million

By William P. Davis
Editor in Chief

Budget

Maine Gov. John Baldacci handed down a curtailment order of nearly \$6 million to the University of Maine System Friday.

The curtailment order for all state entities totals more than \$63 million. The system’s cut of \$5.97 million is the third largest, representing 3.38 percent of its state appropriation.

Public education took the largest curtailment order of \$38.1 million, and the Department of Health and Human Services received the second-largest cut of \$11.15 million, representing 1.35 percent of its state appropriation.

Maine’s community college system received a cut of nearly \$1.7 million.

The system was expecting a curtailment order of \$7.5 million, according to Rebecca Wyke, vice chancellor for finance and administration. The smaller curtailment order is intended to reduce the impact on the system’s three smallest campuses and reduce the number of class sections eliminated, Wyke said.

“We were notified in mid-October that we would have a likely reduction of approximately \$7.5 million. The governor’s announcement of his curtailment today actually reduces that to just under \$6 million,” Wyke said.

The individual schools won’t

know exact numbers for a few days, but UMaine spokesperson Joe Carr said the university would not cut any personnel because of the curtailment.

“We’ll do things like reduce capital projects and cut in other non-personnel areas,” Carr said.

UMaine will use stimulus money to help fill the gap left by the curtailment.

“As of right now, we don’t have detailed plans for how we’ll manage this. We don’t have the exact number in fact. So all we can really say is, in general, the plan is to use the stimulus money to a great extent,” Carr said.

Wyke said when the curtailment is originally proposed, each campus submits an impact report

to the system office, which then combines the reports into one. The original impact statement said the curtailment could limit acquisition of library and instructional materials and delay necessary repairs to facilities. The report also said the University of Maine at Machias might have to cut its campus security, and the University of Maine at Presque Isle might have to cut student employment. UMM spokesperson Erik Smith said Friday the campus would most likely no longer have to reduce its security force.

“It was something that was included in the impact statement,” Smith said. “I believe it

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Dining to accept credit and debit starting January

By Kaitlynn Perreault
Assistant News Editor

Dining

Beginning in January, University of Maine students will be able to use their debit or credit cards at all dining venues on campus.

Benny Veenhof, director of technology management at Auxiliary Services, said dining services at the university has been aiming to make this change for a while. Veenhof said the problem was with Payment Card Industry (PCI) standards that made the use of debit and credit cards unavailable in dining’s sytem until this year.

“Many payment application vendors had to rewrite a lot of their software to be in compliance with new payment application data security standards,” Veenhof said. “Blackboard, our vendor, was listed on the PCI security standards Web site to be complaint as of July 17, 2009. The university was then able to upgrade the MaineCard system to this new system.”

Director of dining operations Kathy Kittridge said once the university upgraded to this new system, it purchased the software needed to fix the current one and now has to wait.

“What happens is when you swipe a credit card, the number [of the card] doesn’t get stored

anywhere, and that’s called PCI Compliance. We didn’t have the software that could do that on our old registers, and that was sort of a newer compliance issue. So we purchased the software this summer in August, and now we’re waiting on the software company to install this piece for us, which is supposed to be completed and ready to go by January,” Kittridge said.

Kittridge said there is no specific date for the debit and credit card system to begin in January; dining services is ready to accommodate the new system at any time.

“If it’s ready sooner, we’re ready as far as taking them sooner,” Kittridge said, “but it’s just a matter of getting the last piece of the software in place.”

Since dining services is self-operated and not funded by UMaine, Kittridge said it will cost a little more to add the system and that after each swipe of a debit or credit card, dining will be charged between 20 to 70 cents. Kittridge hopes the new service will increase business enough to cover the new charge.

“Every time there’s a transaction, there is a cost to dining services,” Kittridge said. “We don’t anticipate raising [food] prices to cover it; certainly that is not the plan. The plan is to make it more convenient so that hopefully it will generate



Rebekah Doherty • Assistant News Editor

Beginning in January, the marketplace will start accepting credit and debit cards as forms of payment.

enough additional revenue to cover the costs of the transactions.”

Ross Wolland, vice president of Student Government Inc., said it is rare for students to not own a debit or credit card, and the new system will be a helpful convenience.

“Debit cards are just extremely prevalent in our society

today. Most students don’t come to campus without a debit card or a credit card,” Wolland said. “I think it’s important that when they get here, that we have a system that they’re used to. It sort of becomes inconvenient to make sure that you have dining funds or cash on you just in case you go to the Union. So it’s just good to have it.”

UMS portal may not cost students

By Dylan Riley
News Editor

Administration

The University of Maine System is looking to implement a software portal for its seven campuses that would create a single digital home for course information and student services. Currently, the questions of whether that portal will be paid for through student fees and benefit all campuses equally are unclear.

The board of trustees estimated during its Nov. 16 meeting the portal would cost \$20 per student per semester. This estimate gave the impression any sort of portal would require fees, but according to Rosa Redon-

Brittain, director of IT at Farmington, said the university put its model in place in 2001 and would likely upgrade to the system’s version when it became available.

“Our portal is also a little bit dated. We’d be happy to share the actual technology [with the system] if we thought it was appropriate,” Brittain said.

Brittain said he gave a presentation to the trustees recently alongside the vendor about the possibility of an open-source-based portal similar to Farmington’s. He said the possibility of creating a system-wide portal like Farmington’s exists, but the universities would first have to decide whether it would be best for students.

Brittain said the open-source route may require more staff

“It would cost near \$1 million to start up.”

John Gregory
Director of IT
University of Maine

to maintain versus a ready-made product that could possibly require less.

John Diamond, executive director of external affairs at the system office, said the vendor model that includes a student fee to pay for it is not the one Caruso and the campus IT directors are recommending.

Gregory said many of the functions a portal would include are already in FirstClass, and that UMaine would benefit more from having MaineStreet expanded to incorporate a single-sign-on function and deep drilling, both functions the portal would employ. Gregory defined deep drilling as an option that would allow a student, for example, to dig into other programs, such as MaineStreet, for information from multiple sources to use to customize their portal to their campus and their personal academics. He said it would not replace FirstClass — which is not a portal.

Gregory said in an e-mail that UMaine would likely benefit the least from a system-wide portal — compared to the other system campuses — because of its use of FirstClass. He said the single-sign-on function and deep drilling would be the most beneficial to UMaine.

“I think we’ll use the single-sign-on and I think we’ll use whatever drilling they do into PeopleSoft, those will be beneficial to us,” Gregory said. “Some of those other features, yeah, I don’t think we’ll be using them as much.”

Brittain expressed a desire for an open-source option without student fees.

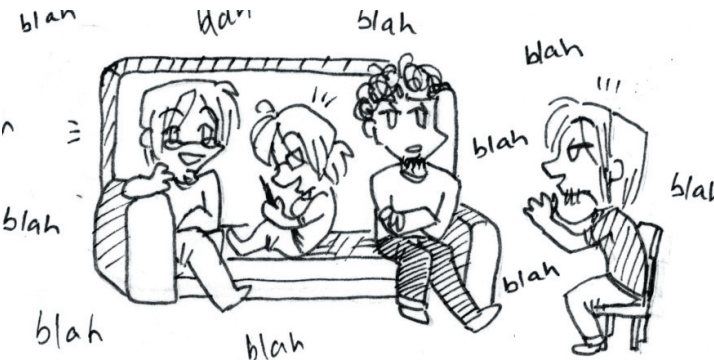
“[The system needs to] weigh the cost and benefits of one versus the other. Clearly this is not the right time to be spending money. This is not the right time to be increasing student costs,” Brittain said.

Gregory said himself, the other campus IT directors and Caruso make up a visioning committee that met in September and October to review different options for portal design. Gregory said Caruso told him the system office had ruled out the student fee possibility. Caruso told The Maine Campus it wasn’t his decision; he said Rebecca Wyke, vice chancellor for Finance and Administration at the system office and the trustees would decide how to pay for the portal.

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SG senator proposes committee to gather students’ opinions

By Jennifer Vincent
For The Maine Campus

Student Life

A University of Maine student senator recently proposed an ad-hoc committee for student interest in the UMaine FirstClass forum, designed to reduce the student body’s disconnect from its student representatives. The proposal has received mixed reactions from students online and from other student senators.

This committee would remain in effect for the rest of this year’s session and then be re-evaluated. It is the idea of Sen. Nelson Carson, who said he wants to “create

transparency and foster a stronger relationship between Student Government and the student body.”

Carson said this committee would maintain a First-Class folder that would appear on every student’s desktop where they could voice their opinions and suggestions. The committee would then make recommendations to General Student Senate based on those suggestions.

The ad-hoc committee for student interest would also be responsible for weekly surveys of the student body that would consist of questions about services, classes and other issues Student Government might be dealing with.

Nelson Carson
Student Senator

knowledge and opinions of Student Government.

Carson said he has seen student senate approve resolutions

based on the senate’s impression of students’ opinions. He said Student Government could more accurately represent students if it reached out to them more.

“What I see and what I feel is that if a senator is presented with an opportunity to help a student, they will do that,” Carson said.

Carson hopes a committee for student interest would give senators those opportunities, but acknowledged not all students agree with him. Since posting his idea to the student forum, he has received mixed feedback. Some students posted replies to the forum, saying the committee would add another

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New Orono catering business to open in 2010

By Robert Stigile
For The Maine Campus

Orono Council

A catering business to be located on Park Street in Orono received zoning approval by unanimous vote at the Nov. 18 meeting of the Orono Town Council planning board.

“The Thai Kitchen” will be operated by Aaron Stupakewicz and Sumalee Sungvean as a delivery-only catering service from 14 Park St. Stupakewicz hopes to open the business by August 2010 after renovations have been completed to the garage that will serve as the kitchen space. The main house will remain a duplex-style residence, with one half shared by Stupakewicz and Sungvean and the other divided into six apartments.

Six council members and a handful of residents attended the meeting at 7 p.m. in the council chamber of the Orono town hall.

The agreement reached between the council and Stupakewicz included the stipulation that the business’s parking area would not be increased in size to accommodate customers or work vehicles and that any possible complaints from neighbors about traffic at the business would result in a review of the zoning permission by the planning board. The parking area currently can hold eight vehicles, and Stupakewicz said he planned to eliminate traffic issues by only taking new tenants who do not own a car.

“You understand that we are asking you not to enlarge that in any dimension?” asked councilmember Chris Dorian, to which Stupakewicz agreed.

The agreement also ensures the business will not affect the residential feel of the neighborhood. It allows limited advertisement and one sign to designate the business’s location, which is within a high-density

area but rests on the edge of a medium-density zone. Residents raised concerns that approval of one business permit within a residential area would begin a trend in the neighborhood, but council members assured home occupation reviews will continue to be judged on an individual basis. The planning board has previously approved home occupation reviews for individuals starting businesses in residences within high-density zones without issues in the neighborhood.

“Try to keep it from standing out as a business rather than a residence,” Councilor Mark Attridge said.

New signage for the Harvest Moon Deli on Mill Street was also approved by the planning board in a unanimous vote. The plan presented by Keith Manaker — one of the owners of Harvest Moon — calls for two signs; one that extends from above the doorway of the building and an identical replacement for the current flush-mounted unit made from a more durable material.

The addition of a large, heavy sign above Harvest Moon’s doorway raised safety concerns from some of the council members, but Manaker assured everyone the unit would be constructed and installed by a company that specializes in the trade. The new piece will be 2 feet wide by 8 feet tall, adding 16 square feet of signage to the front of the building but remaining within the 45 total square-foot zoning restriction for the building.

Stupakewicz and Sungvean have lived at the residence on Park Street for the past eight years. Stupakewicz said Sungvean has been a fixture of the local restaurant scene for the past eight years as owner of the Thai Orchid and is happy she has the opportunity to start a new business venture.

“She has a very loyal following in town,” Stupakewicz said.

Green Bikes resurrected with new blue

By Anne Chase
For The Maine Campus

Student Orgs

After a year-long hiatus, Blue Bikes are back at the University of Maine under a new contractual monthly rental program by the Green Campus Initiative (GCI).

There is a wait list of about 50 names of students interested in borrowing one of the 15 Blue Bikes. The bikes become available from the end of November until Dec. 1 or until the snow starts. The popularity of the program came as a surprise to some, including GCI Coordinator Michael Maberry.

“I knew people were either going to love it or hate it, but I never thought the program would be so popular,” Maberry said.

Students checking out Blue Bikes must sign contracts that require each borrower locks the bicycles to a rack to prevent theft and, after a month, return it to the GCI offices in the basement of Androscoggin Hall. Borrowers can renew the



Rebekah Doherty • Assistant Photo Editor

The blue bike program makes blue bikes available free to the public for use around campus.

contract each month.

GCI added the time limit to the contract after summer 2009, during which borrowers were allowed to keep the bikes all semester. GCI requested the

bikes back, but several borrowers decided they would rather keep their bikes in lieu of returning them. By signing the contract, borrowers agree to be held responsible for any serious

damages. Bikes not returned or severely damaged cost borrowers \$100.

The Blue Bikes have all been

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UM professor says polluters must pay

By Kaitlynn Perreault
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Environment

A University of Maine professor of philosophy spoke to a crowd of roughly 50 people about the issue of global climate change Nov. 19 in the Bangor Room of the Memorial Union.

Michael Howard addressed the audience with the question, “Who is responsible for bearing the burdens of climate change?” He answered by mentioning what he called “the first possible solution” to global climate change, stated as “the polluter-pays principle.”

“This statement includes two principles. First, the principle of responsibility, according to which

those who have created the pollution should pay. Second is the principle of capacity. Those who are more able to bear the cost should pay, so it’s the ability-to-pay principle. Both of these principles support the conclusion that, quote, ‘Developed nations should take the lead in combating climate change in adverse effects there-of,’” Howard said.

Howard said increasing global temperatures and their effects could be severe if people don’t take the global climate issue seriously and find no solution for it.

“If we continue on our current path, the concentration of CO2 will exceed 1,000 parts per million by 2100. This would mean

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Police Beat



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

Bike troubles

An officer on foot observed a male riding a bike in the Hilltop Quad at 12:30 a.m. Nov. 20. The student, Adam Hanson, 19, lost control of the bike, fell and proceeded to get up and throw the bike 15 feet into a tree. The bike, a silver men’s Mongoose, model IBOC, fell back to the ground, bending the back tire’s rim and disconnecting the brake lines. Police found

Hanson to be intoxicated. He admitted the bike was not his. The estimated damage is \$50. Police are asking for the owner to come to Public Safety to claim it.

Shower theft

A resident of Theta Chi reported at 7:20 a.m. Nov. 17 his prescription eyeglasses had been stolen. He had left the glasses, valued at \$450, on the sink while showering,

and when finished, found they were missing. The case is under investigation.

Bank burdens

A male resident of Oxford Hall was reviewing his bank statement at 11:21 p.m. Nov. 18 when he discovered three charges he didn’t authorize. He reported the charges to police. The charges were about \$100 each. The matter is under investigation.

Purse problem

A female resident of Cumberland Hall reported at 5 p.m. Nov. 18 that \$50 had been stolen from her purse. She placed the purse in her fourth-floor room, and the money was removed sometime between Nov. 7 and 14. The case is under investigation.

Roof spoo

Police received a report of three males on the roof of Stewart Commons at 8:39 p.m. Nov. 17. Officers responded but were unable to find anyone.

Returned bike

A locked bike was reported stolen from the Knox Hall bike racks at 9:10 a.m. Nov. 14. A male resident had parked it overnight and found it missing the next morning. The bike, a men’s specialized Hard Rock, was found laying on the lawn in front of Aubert Hall Nov. 18 and was returned to its owner.

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level of bureaucracy to Student Government.

“They believe, and rightly so, that senators should already be reaching out,” Carson said.

Aaron Sterling, a former president and vice president of Student Government, asked Carson on the FirstClass forum about the specifics of the committee proposal.

“First, and most simply, UMSG Inc. is funded solely by undergraduate students, and as such, only represents the undergraduate student body. In fact, graduates have their own form of Student Government. Therefore, how do you justify this new group being a mouthpiece for both undergraduates and graduates? It is inappropriate to require senators to try to represent the opinions and wishes of a group of people who aren’t in their constituency,” Sterling wrote.

Carson replied graduate students’ opinions make a difference to Student Government as well, regardless of whom General Student Senate serves.

“Everyone has an opinion on how to make this campus a better place, and it should not be limited to just the constituency we represent,” Carson wrote.

Sterling wrote that even though graduate and undergraduate students could have mutually exclusive ideas, undergraduate students’ ideas take precedence “in a situation like this.”

Daryl Martin, a fourth-year business marketing student, wrote on the forum, “We have a folder for Student Government in First-Class right within the student resources page,” but added nothing posted in it relates to Student Government.

“If you are truly interested in making Student government more transparent, it doesn’t take a new cabinet of people to read UMaine forums from time to time,” Martin wrote.

Sen. Ryan Gavin opposes Carson’s proposed committee. He said, “Sen. Carson’s idea is a good one, but the idea of forming a committee to deal with this is not.”

Gavin said Student Government already has a paid position to deal with matters of student interest — the director of External Affairs. He said a new student interest committee would only overlap other committees already in place, creating confusion and inefficiency. Gavin proposes a change to the standing rules that enforces a senator’s responsibility to reach out to students.

Sen. Dayna Margarita said she agreed with Carson’s concerns but doesn’t think his ideas are an effective way of dealing with them. She agreed more outreach is necessary but said the director of External Affairs already has a First-Class folder like the one Carson is proposing.

Gavin said Student Government has made strides in improving outreach and has greatly increased the number of voters in SG elections this year.

Margarita hopes the senate will wait until next semester to make a decision about Carson’s proposal because President-elect Brian Harris and Vice President-elect Nyssa Gatcombe may have their own ideas about how to reach students.

Both Margarita and Gavin believe small changes could make a big difference in how students view Student Government. They suggest visiting classes, hanging a group picture in the union and improving their Web site.

“The way to get people excited isn’t through another committee,” Gavin said.

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donated. At the end of every year, Public Safety confiscates abandoned bikes and gives them to GCI. Two mechanics from the Cyclist Club perform maintenance on the bikes to make sure they are in top shape.

While the program was operated by Phi Kappa Alpha and prior to that by UMaine’s Facilities Management, bicycles painted blue or green were available free

throughout campus.

The bike program, designed to be a green commuting alternative to help ease UMaine parking problems, has been on campus through different managements since 2001.

In previous years, the bikes were available on an honors system basis and were left unlocked. The bikes were abandoned throughout campus, leaving them vulnerable to damage that would make them unsafe to use. By spring semester of 2009,

GCI took over and revamped the Blue Bikes program to fix its problems. Its members chose to leave the bikes blue.

One person was able to borrow a bike for the entire summer semester. Some of the bikes were not returned. The borrowers decided to keep them. When the bikes are brought in at the end of every month, routine maintenance is performed.

“I was really upset Green Bikes was canceled last year,” said student Stacia Oparowski.

“I would have liked to have been able to go on a leisurely bike ride or get to class faster.”

UMaine student Christopher Michaud said he “definitely would have borrowed a bike when I lived on campus.”

Christina Steltzer said she feels a bike would be too much effort to use.

“I would want to use one on trail rides, but I wouldn’t want to use it to get to class because I wouldn’t feel like unlocking and locking it,” Steltzer said.

Stephanie Kiss, a third-year student, believes the university should adopt a plan similar to Europe’s Green Bikes. In countries such as Italy and Spain, citizens swipe a credit card at a hub and borrow a bike for as long as they wish, returning them to any Green Bike hub around a city.

The hubs could be a way for the university to generate income in tough economic times, Kiss said. They could also be beneficial to students who don’t want to drive.

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Gay students give thanks for acceptance

Wilde Stein holds annual Thanksgiving feast for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students

By Kaitlynn Perreault
Assistant News Editor

Back in 2004, the Wilde Stein group at the University of Maine held the first gay Thanksgiving feast on campus, and its participants have been growing ever since.

Claire Folsom, a member of Wilde Stein in 2004 and a current graduate student, said the event was for gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender students who felt they could not go home or could not be themselves in front of their own family and who could feel more at home with the Thanksgiving group on campus. Wilde Stein held the event Nov. 19 this year.

“The concern was, at the time, that a lot of our students were not welcomed home or when they went home they couldn’t really be themselves because parents weren’t accepting,” Folsom said.

Folsom said the gay Thanksgiving on campus provides Thanksgiving for anyone not wishing to spend it with his or her family.

“Thanksgiving is hard anyways because it’s the first major time you go home initially as a freshman. The first time you’re home, it’s very tempting to come out to everybody. For a major holiday though, it’s really not the best idea. So we wanted to have an event where people could be themselves and still celebrate the holiday, and maybe get that part

out of their system a bit before going home. Just to be accepted,” Folsom said.

Folsom remembers how small the first gay Thanksgiving turned out.

“We had maybe 20 people the first time we did it, and that was a big success. We had about as much food as is on the dessert table, but it was a big success, and it was everything we wanted it to be,” Folsom said. The dessert table at the Thanksgiving event was small and held a few items.

“We wanted to have an event where people could be themselves.”

Claire Folsom
Wilde Stein member

“It went from 20 people five years ago to this. I never thought that it would get to be this big.”

One of the most successful gay Thanksgivings was last year, when a little more than 100 people attended. Jill Tremblay, a volunteer for the event, said that while the event last year was tight, its regular following has grown.

“That year it was in the Union, and it was really tight,” Tremblay said. “But even now we definitely have a lot of people bringing friends, and that’s not how it used to be.”

Every person who came to the dinner on Thursday brought food to share. Volunteers helped to carve turkeys and set up dishes of food, while students talked and joked with each other.

Tremblay said, for the students, this event gives them a different type of family to be with, rather than the hostile ones they possibly go home to.

“It’s different than being with your family,” Tremblay said. “This is a different kind of family than that is.”

Before they dug into their meals, each person would go around the table to say what they are thankful for in life. Tremblay said a huge aspect students were thankful for was simply to have a place to be accepted.

“Early on we would go around and say what we were thankful for,” Tremblay said. “As a gay person, you might live all the time making decisions about how much you say or how you behave, but then there are places like this where you don’t have to think about that anymore. It feels very nice.”

Tremblay added that while anyone of any sexual orientation is allowed at the Thanksgiving, for gay people it has more meaning because straight people have a harder time understanding what gay people go through.

“It’s really hard for you to understand [if you are straight], because there’s no place where you don’t fit in. You don’t have to find your own community, because there are straight people everywhere. But because sexuality often defines who we are, and it’s such a major part of who we are,

it’s nice to be able to feel like that doesn’t matter,” Tremblay said.

Third-year Wilde Stein member Kendra Chindler said the gay Thanksgiving is one of the biggest events the group does all year, and it is really just a good time.

“I think this is the biggest event we do all year. It’s not the biggest, like we put a lot of effort into Pride Week and Coming Out Week, but generally for a single night, this has the most people that come, and it’s the most fun I have all year. I love gay Thanksgiving because everyone that is involved in GLBT services shows up, and there’s good food. So what’s not to love?” Chindler said.

Tremblay said that no matter if people come for the food or the acceptance, it is nice to see more and more people going to the gay

Thanksgiving.

“It’s exciting to see the difference in the attitude on campus. It’s just feeling more and more open, and people are more out and accepting. And we have a lot more allies who aren’t gay, but they are really cool and they come to meetings or they participate in functions like this because they are really good friends and are very comfortable with being involved,” Tremblay

said.

Folsom knows the event will continue.

“It means so many different things to so many people,” Folsom said. “It’s a time where you can celebrate a holiday even if you can’t with your own family.”

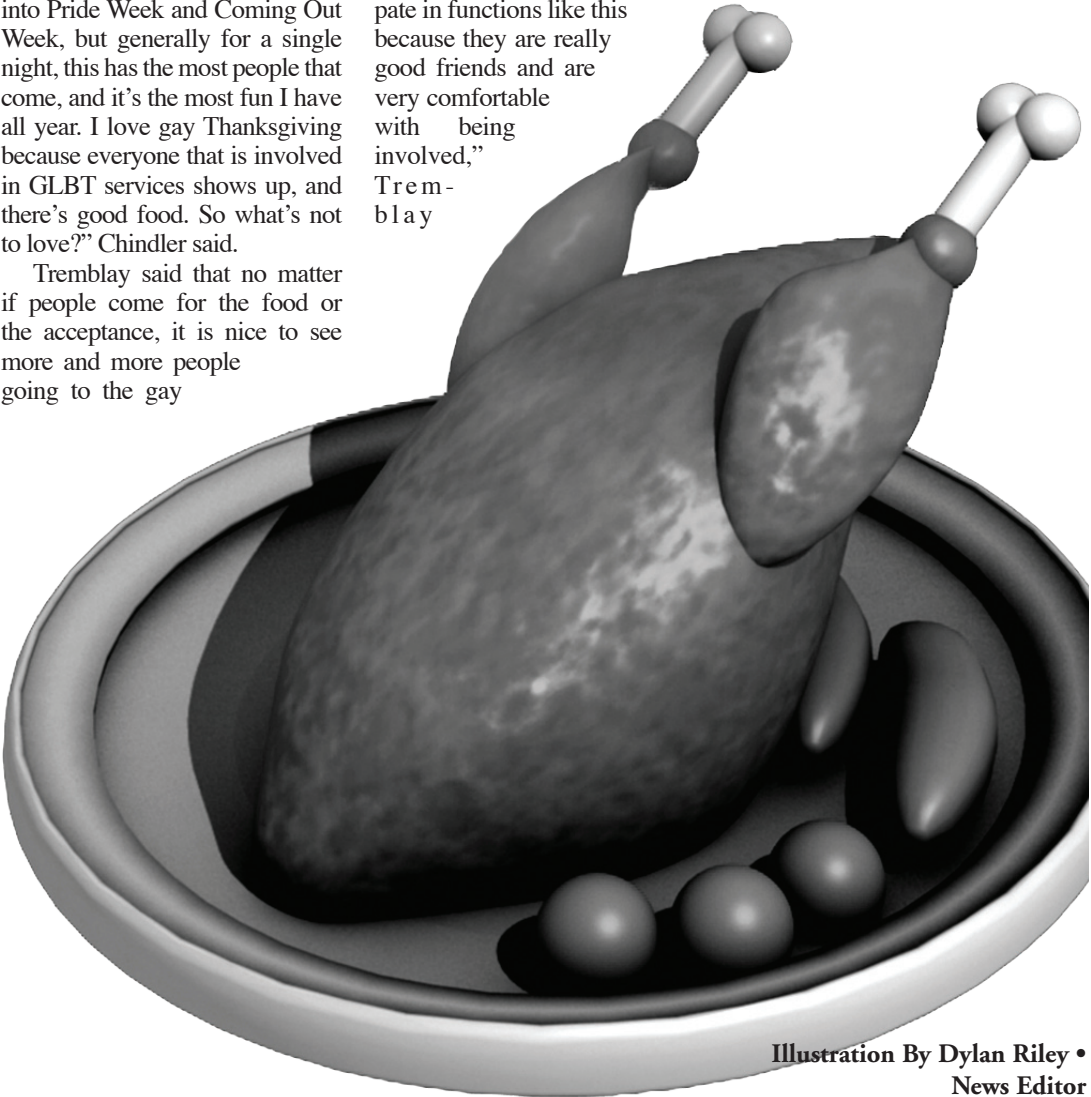


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Climate

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the average global temperature rise would go from 3 to 7 degrees Celsius. To get an idea of what a temperature rise would mean, note that this would be warning to a higher temperature than any in the last 10,000 years, during which the temperature varied by only about 1 degree Celsius. The change in temperature would be as great as that from the end of the last ice age, when Bangor was under a mile of ice,” Howard said.

Gary McGrane, staff associate of the Bureau of Labor Education, who attended the lecture, agreed with the polluter-pays principle,

but believes it needs more work.

“Polluters paying is fair because they are the ones contributing to the issues confronting us today,” McGrane said. “Polluter-pays principle is not a new idea but needs more work. We need major polluters to pay, not the general public. We are already paying with higher health care costs and a lower life expectancy rate in this country. What we need are politicians with the political will to do the right thing.”

Howard mapped out the correlations between the changes in the Earth’s temperature and the concentration of carbon dioxide and methane in the atmosphere with a PowerPoint presentation.

“There’s a striking correlation

over the last million years between the changes in the Earth’s temperature and the concentration of CO2 methane in the atmosphere. While these concentrations initially follow temperature increases from increases in solar radiation, as greenhouse gases, they contribute in the positive feedback group to continue warming,” Howard said.

Howard said the longer people wait to reduce carbon emissions, “the steeper the reductions will need to be.”

“If emissions were stopped in 2012, we could expect elevated levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere for a very long time. To keep the temperature at or below 2 degrees Celsius,

emissions would need to cease by 2050. If emissions continue on the current path to the end of the century and then cease, we can expect a rise in the average global temperature of 4 degrees or more, with catastrophic and irreversible consequences,” Howard said.

Daniel Huy, a student who attended the lecture, said he thinks an issue like this does not really hit students until they hear about it.

“We don’t really know about it until we’re lectured about all these climate changes, like today,” Huy said. “It’s kind of uncomfortable knowing how CO2 levels can be so dangerous to our environment.”

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Portal

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“I don’t think that at this stage that I can answer that question. That isn’t my decision,” Caruso said.

Gregory said one of the vendors that presented at a Sept. 30 meeting of the visioning committee is Unicon, a software consulting services firm that focuses on software portals for universities. It is unknown if Unicon is the vendor that offered the \$20 per student fee estimate. Unicon presented two products to the committee: uPortal and Liferay, both open-source options.

Redonnett said the four options Caruso and the IT directors are considering are an open-source program from a vendor, joining a consortium of universities that use an open-source option, a portal developed by a vendor around a set of requirements defined by the system and a pre-developed solution from a company. She said about 70 percent of colleges and universities have software

portals like the one proposed for the system or are currently working to create one.

Redonnett said the trustees will return to the portal issue in 2010.

“My impression from the outcome of the board meeting is that a more in-depth conversation will be held by the technology committee at its January meeting,” Redonnett said. “We haven’t made a final decision yet; we’ve got a long way to go.”

Redonnett said cost, vendor experience with portals and educational institutions and flexibility of the software are all factors the trustees and system are considering. She added the university system will not explore the possibility of a fee without student input.

As unlikely as the student fee may be, Redonnett said it is still an option the system is considering.

“At the same time you also have to look at every option, you have to look at every angle,” Redonnett said.

Gregory said there would likely be no cost savings for the system to exclude UMaine from

the portal process.

Brittain said Farmington’s model is “extremely heavily used” on campus.

“I think that there are some

different models being looked at for a system portal and there are some different models on how to fund the system portal,” Brittain said.

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Curtailment

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would have been in the form of further reduction. At this point, with the revised, or reduced, curtailment, we won’t know exactly how that will impact our campus budget until next week when the president’s cabinet has a chance to discuss the revised numbers.”

There were 13 liquor law violations that resulted in judicial referrals and no arrests on the Machias campus in 2007, according to

UMM’s crime report. In the same time, there were 591 liquor law violations at UMaine, 92 of which resulted in arrests and 499 of which resulted in judicial referrals.

The system received \$174.9 million in fiscal year 2001, according to Wyke. This year’s initial appropriation was \$176.4 million, which has since been reduced to \$170.5 million.

“It has been fluctuating quite a bit over the past years,” Wyke said.



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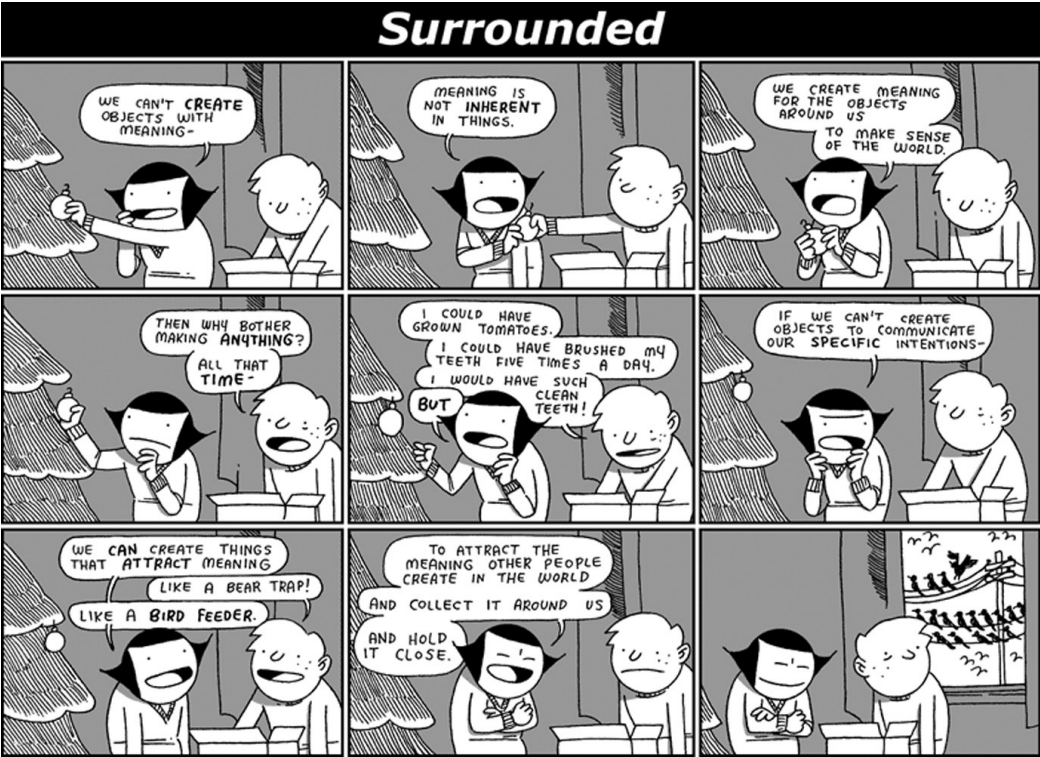
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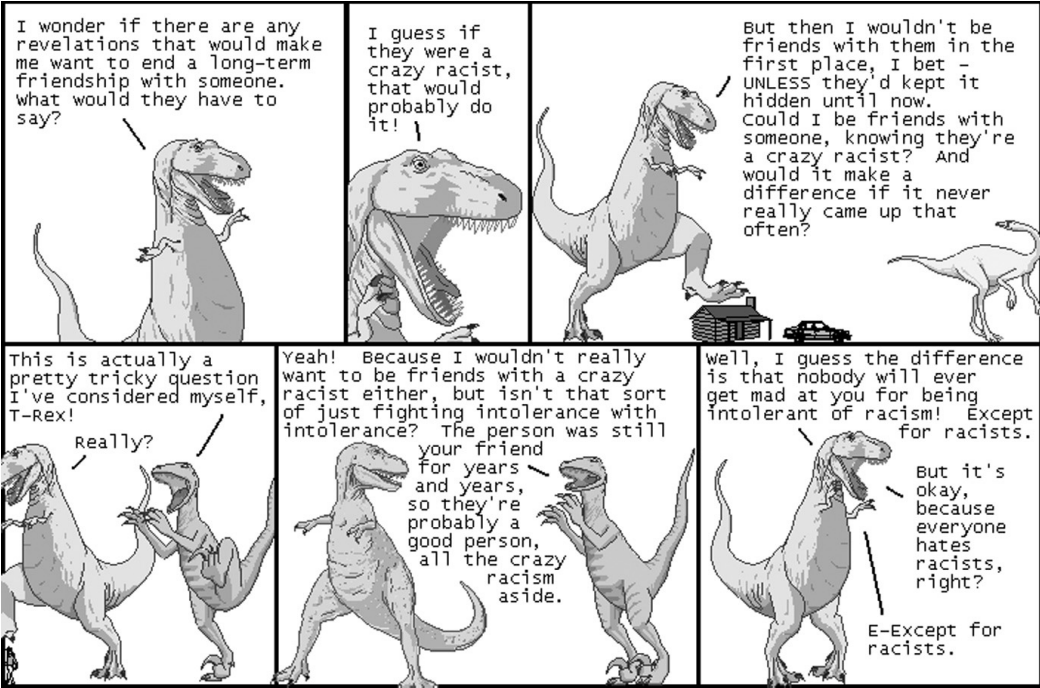
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By Dorothy Gambrell

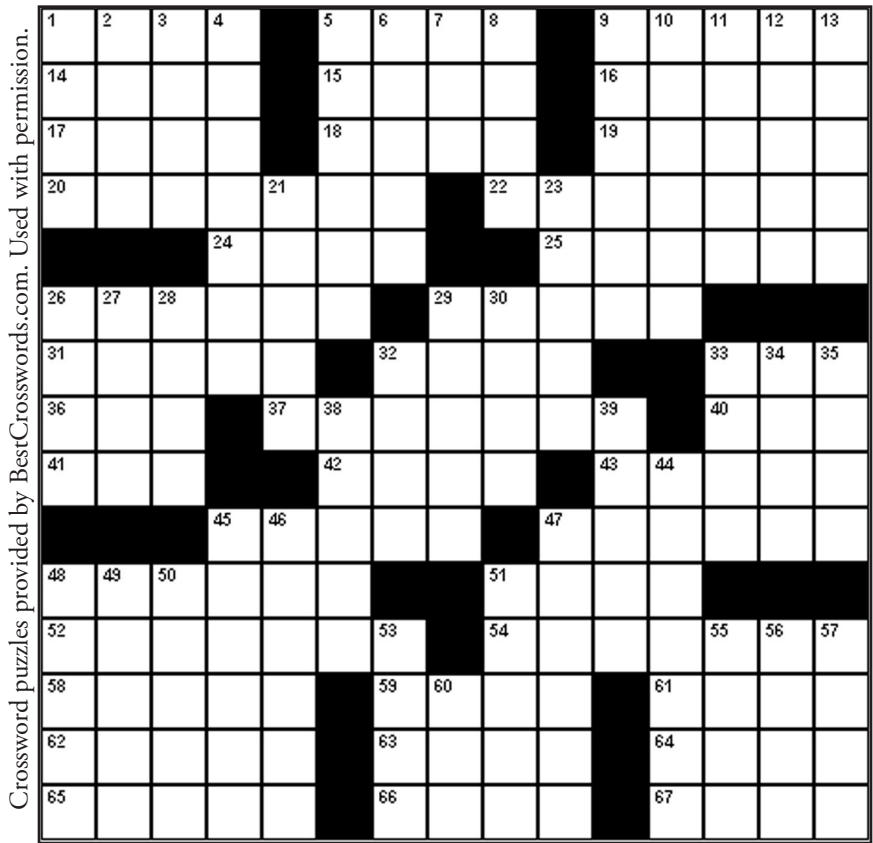


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



Crossword Puzzle



Answer key in Sports

Across

- 1- Bunches
- 5- Low plant with many branches
- 9- Eating implements
- 14- Record with a VCR
- 15- It's blown among the reeds
- 16- Coeur d'_____
- 17- Like some history
- 18- Got on
- 19- Yellowish citrus fruit
- 20- Swampfever
- 22- Ins and outs
- 24- _____ Blanc
- 25- Stinging plant
- 26- Loose-fitting skirt like garment
- 29- Love, Italian-style
- 31- Dog
- 32- Asian sea
- 33- PC monitor

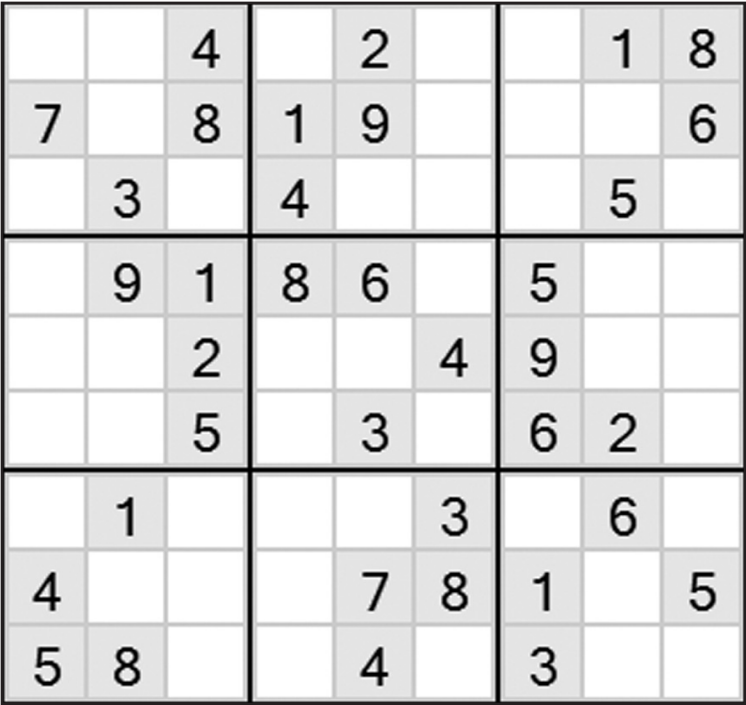
Down

- 36- Nav. officer
- 37- Kind of computer or disk
- 40- Boat propeller
- 41- Bumped into
- 42- Alleviate
- 43- Chew the scenery
- 45- Plait, old-style
- 47- Outer defense of a castle
- 48- French dance
- 51- Cong. meeting
- 52- Without weapons
- 54- Amount of power needed to light a bulb, e.g.
- 58- Goatlike antelope
- 59- Son of Judah
- 61- Civil disturbance
- 62- Young eel
- 63- Japanese sandal
- 64- Purim month
- 65- Streamlined
- 66- Salinger girl

Across

- 67- After the bell
- 28- Corrosion
- 29- Come up
- 30- Clublike weapon
- 32- Not much
- 33- Moderately cold
- 34- Appraise, charge per unit
- 35- Deuce topper
- 38- Golfer Calvin
- 39- Minimum
- 44- Wind of southern France
- 45- Small nautical flag
- 46- Comment
- 47- Skullcap
- 48- Meditates
- 49- Total
- 50- Green
- 51- Body of honeybees
- 53- Nap
- 55- Verdi opera
- 56- Capricorn's animal
- 57- French 101 verb
- 60- Refusals

Sudoku Puzzle



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

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

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

Horoscopes

Aries - March 21 to April 20 - You will be tempted to take on too many responsibilities. You are advised to be careful at work. Deal carefully in business, for a person you trust might attempt to set you up.

Taurus - April 21 to May 20 - This is not a good time for planning long-term investments, for you may end up being disappointed. Don't lose courage or self-confidence. Difficult times won't last long, and the sun will shine for you again soon.

Gemini - May 21 to June 21 - A quarrel with an older woman might upset you. Keep calm. With determination you are bound to succeed.

Cancer - June 22 to July 22 - You have been planning to start something new, but you are advised to take it easier. Remember: more haste, less speed. Avoid controversies with an older relative and focus on completing tasks at hand.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 - Today is not a good time for meeting with friends or making major decisions in sentimental matters. You are advised to focus on study and other intellectual activities. Make sure you keep the promises you have made to your loved one.

Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 22 - In the morning, you could be upset because unforeseen obstacles will prevent you from keeping your schedule. If you don't control your anger, you might put yourself in delicate situations both in society and at home.

Libra - Sept. 23 to Oct. 23 - You are determined to deal with several issues at the same time, although this seems an impossible feat. Good timing and positive thinking will lead you to success.

Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22 - Nothing seems to please you today. You resent workmates' jokes, you feel that you're working more than everybody else while your boss doesn't seem to notice, and you are not satisfied with any of your partnerships.

Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21 - Your communication skills may not be at their best today. You are advised to remain cautious when talking to workmates and friends. Your financial situation may not be satisfactory, but it will soon improve.

Capricorn - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20 - You might feel frustrated because of misunderstandings with a business partner. Think positively. A friend will help you solve a difficult financial issue. Arm yourself with patience. Avoid controversies with your loved one.

Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19 - Today you could find it difficult to make headway in intellectual activities. You are not in your best shape, and inspiration seems to be lacking as well. Otherwise you might make hasty decisions in business. You might make mistakes and get in trouble with the law. Everything is alright in your sentimental life. Express your feelings openly.

Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20 - You may want to postpone any business meetings you have planned for today. At work, minding your own business is the wise thing to do. Otherwise you might incur a failure you won't be able to forget. Stay to routine and pay more attention to your family duties.

'80's songs

- ABRACADABRA
- ALLENTOWN
- ALONE
- AMANDA
- ANGEL
- BATDANCE
- BILLIE JEAN
- CARS
- CELEBRATION
- CHERISH
- COME DANCING
- CONGA
- COOL NIGHT
- CRYING
- DANGER ZONE
- DESIRE
- DRIVE
- FAITH
- FIRE LAKE
- FOOTLOOSE
- FUNKY TOWN
- HEARTLIGHT
- HELLO
- HIM
- HOLD ON
- JEOPARDY
- JESSE
- JUMP
- KEY LARGO
- KISS
- KYRIE
- LADY
- LEGS
- LONGER
- LOVE BITES
- LOVE SHACK
- LUKA
- MAGIC
- MANEATER
- MANIAC
- MICKEY
- MR. ROBOT
- NASTY
- NIGHTSHIFT
- OH SHERRIE
- PHYSICAL
- PRIVATE EYES
- RAPTURE
- ROSANNA
- SARA
- SLEDGEHAMMER
- SMALL TOWN
- SUDDENLY
- SWEET DREAMS
- TAINTED LOVE
- TIME
- UPTOWN GIRL
- URGENT
- VALERIE
- VENUS
- YOU ARE
- YOUNG TURKS

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Opinion

UMS' chance to foster student entrepreneurs

The Issue: The possible creation of a system-wide "portal" to connect students to all digital student services.
What We Think: This idea to improve convenience should be a low-cost way to capitalize on student ingenuity.

The University of Maine System board of trustees revealed in their Nov. 16 meeting that the system office is exploring options to create a system-wide software portal that will connect students to class information and online student services.

The idea is still in its infancy, and many questions are yet to be resolved — questions about what kind of software to use, what the cost will be to students and how the program will work. The board isn't planning on returning to the issue until next year.

The idea of having one easy place to access FirstClass, MaineStreet, WebCT and Blackboard is a good one that will streamline the digital portion of the UMaine experience. But does it have to come with a \$1 million price tag, as UMaine Director of IT John Gregory said?

Why shouldn't the system look to the resources it has? The system could incentivize computer science students to write a program to combine the functions of the above-mentioned programs. Credit could be offered to the students who wrote the winning program, or a class could be created in which students work together with a professor and IT to write a home-grown program that integrates FirstClass and MaineStreet.

The system has come up with a good idea, but there's no reason we can't look within our ranks to make it a reality.



Letters to the Editor

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RE: Religious crusaders ...

To start off, I agree with the opinion that religious ideals should not be forced on the public ["Religious crusaders must choose causes, techniques wisely," by Tyler Francke, 11/19/09]. Thanks to the First Amendment, there are many different religions that freely practice in this country, and we all know they don't agree on several issues.

So if religion is allowed to have control over legislation, which religion should it be? We also need to take into account the 12 percent of Americans who don't practice any religion. To these people, freedom of religion also means freedom from religion.

Francke wrote, "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." This statement implies that religious groups were fighting in support of women's rights during the suffrage movement. I'm afraid Francke has this completely backwards.

Women are still fighting for equal rights. Religious groups led the fight against the suffrage movement. Christian conservatives see suffrage as being against the teachings of the Bible.

See Letters on 7



FarmVille addicts need a crop of reality

Chances are you wouldn't admit it, but you — along with 66,234,768 other people — probably have played the application on Facebook we all know as "FarmVille." I am going to guess at least half of UMaine's student population is using or has once used the application since its release.

This application can help you escape the harsh reality of college by, oddly enough, building your very own farm. To establish a successful farm, you must plant and harvest crops in a timely manner. You can then make your own profit, collecting coins that allow you to buy more crops, animals and decorations for your farm. It is a game where you cultivate crops in a shortened amount of time with less work than real farming. You use the coins you earn to increase the amount of crops you can plant and how conveniently you can do it. For example, you can buy a harvester or a tractor. You can also increase the size of your farm as you move up to higher levels of the game.

I admit, I am one of the millions of FarmVille users who occasionally plays to plant some new crops, harvest my fully-grown rice or get rid of my withered strawberries. The sad truth is that there are FarmVille users out there who are addicted to the game.

If you read this and say, "Strawberries? She's only on level one. I'm at level 25!" you prove my point.

Just the other day as I ate my lunch, I overheard a woman on the radio confess to millions of listeners that she is addicted to FarmVille. She told everyone about how successful her farm became and what she was doing to her farm at that very moment.

As if that isn't bad enough, a friend of mine left his room and, on his way out, asked his roommate to watch his farm for him while he was gone. He asked his roommate if, when his crops were done, he would not mind harvesting them.



Kaitlynn Perreault
Asst. News Editor

These two people are not the only ones out there who consistently open the FarmVille application to make sure everything in their second world is well and settled.

Apparently, FarmVille has become so popular that once you go to the application on your Facebook page, you can bookmark the game, allowing you to bypass logging in to Facebook at all.

When people cannot leave their computer for fear of missing their next virtual harvest, something has gone horribly wrong.

Let me ask the obvious question here: Why is it necessary to bookmark an application on Facebook? Imagine if those 66 million users all decided to bookmark FarmVille. Does this mean that those users will eventually make FarmVille their homepage? Going from a homepage of either Yahoo, Google or AOL, where you can at least find news or something half-way intellectual, to FarmVille will significantly decrease the amount of intelligence in the world.

While this seems like a completely far-fetched, irrelevant and elementary argument to a college student, if you are a FarmVille user, think of how often the topic of FarmVille is brought up on a daily

basis in your life.

What is it about FarmVille that is so addicting to millions of people? According to an online article on igreenbaum.com, a son confessed to his dad he is addicted to FarmVille. He tells his dad, "I soon found myself increasing the area of my land greatly, trying to get myself as many coins as possible, making sure my crops hadn't gone bad and other remedial tasks that proved that I truly had nothing good to do with my time."

Following the article were three comments, all of which were people also admitting to the fact that they are addicted to FarmVille. One 28-year-old woman went as far to say, "If Democrats really want people to get behind universal health care, just start inserting subliminal messages. At this point, I'll do whatever [FarmVille] says!"

If FarmVille seriously begins to shape people's perspectives on critical issues, I will be speechless.

I agree that users such as the above-mentioned women must lack a good amount of common sense. Though you have to wonder how many of those millions of users think this way.

There is nothing wrong with playing FarmVille, but if you are so addicted that you sit and wait for your crops to be ready to harvest, or the game can actually dictate your opinions about the important decisions in life, then you need a reality check. It is just a game.

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University system must be held accountable via shared sacrifice

Brian Hammer

Watching the chancellor and the University of Maine System attempt to navigate the current budget crisis and reposition the system on a more secure financial footing has been less than awe-inspiring.

The plan just approved by the board of trustees, which the chancellor called “bold,” cuts costs, seeks efficiency by examining academic course offerings and in general outlines how to coordinate its private agenda with the state’s needs and public good.

What it does not do, among other things, is provide a convincing rationale for the need and purpose of the system office itself, or that of the chancellor specifically. Nor does it lead by example.

In a fiscal environment in which sports teams have already been eliminated, a budget shortfall of several million dollars must be made up for and job losses are surely on their way, a pay cut across the board for system administrators — many of whom make more than \$150,000 per year — would send a positive message of shared sacrifice and accountability for results.

That’s something I haven’t seen in the chancellor’s “bold” plan. It could be argued that the system office has to compete with other university systems for top talent. But I’m guessing that many top-qualified people would still seek these top jobs even at reduced — but still hefty — salaries. Gov. Baldacci only makes \$70,000 per year. Although the state and country is admittedly in a tough economic climate, it’s not as if the system’s leadership, despite some accomplishments, has hit a financial home run.

As tuition continues to climb to unsustainable levels, students continue to struggle to stay in

school. Some are unsuccessful. The University of Maine system office must learn to better capture the imagination of people in Maine and offer a compelling vision of the future of higher education in Maine.

Although Maine has recently been knee-deep in referendum questions, a health care debate and other topics, the efforts of the University of Maine system office have been under the radar screen of many, if not most, Mainers.

I believe that convincing skeptical and/or fiscally burdened lawmakers to keep better pace with funding needs throughout the system campuses is dependent upon leadership more fully articulate of a seasoned vision that compellingly addresses these trying times.

I don’t know whether the typical Mainer can articulate what the vision of the system office is, but it escapes me.

At a recent listening session at UMaine to hear feedback on the chancellor’s report, Chancellor Pattenaude sat on stage surrounded by four members of the Board of Trustees. The chancellor appeared highly deferential to the chair of the board of trustees, who answered the questions posed during the session in a more primary leadership role than did Pattendaude. The chancellor appeared to be on a pretty short leash. Unless Mainers get an expanded, clear and compelling vision going forward, I’d suggest that the leash become shorter still.

Alex Hammer is a graduate of the University of Maine and an independant candidate for Governor of Maine.

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Military reduction will not lead to peace in our time



Michael Shepherd

Columnist

In the Nov. 19 edition of The Maine Campus, Michael W. Gibson wrote a column on our military, urging people not to enlist. According to him, the military will brainwash you, telling you “when to eat, sleep and use the toilet.” Your personal liberties will be taken away.

Gibson disrespectfully ignores the fact that the military is the most diverse employer in the world. Veterinarians, computer experts, journalists, interpreters, lawyers, tailors, graphic designers, chefs, teachers,

The idea that world problems will disappear if Americans stop enlisting in the service is boneheaded and overly idealistic.

travel agents, insurance agents and thousands of other professionals come together as one. Undoubtedly these people are not brainwashed. Neither are the troops. They are making a conscious decision to serve their country in a manner that benefits us and them.

The G.I. Bill covers the cost of a college education and other benefits for soldiers, giving back to them after their times of service. It has been expanded to finance books and often assists with housing after the end of service. The military is a legitimate career option for many — from the rich and well-educated to the poor and under-educated. America takes care of its troops after their service.

Our motives in war aren’t always correct. Look at the reasons for our wars in Vietnam and Iraq — communism and weapons of mass destruction, respectively. They were not large risks in retrospect. We have paid and are paying those prices. According to PBS, “440,000 U.S. military personnel were killed in action in the wars of the twentieth century.” Two-thirds of those casualties came from the brutal World War II. It has been said approximately 160 million people were killed worldwide in 20th century conflict. Some say more, some say less.

War is terrible. There are terrifying physical, mental and emotional risks when it comes to serving. They can’t be overlooked. We do need to find other ways of solving our problems through negotiation. But some people can’t be civilly negotiated with. The bin Ladens and the Hitlers are too radical. Many world leaders will not submit to arbitration. The option of war sadly has to be there.

Gibson wrote that “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.”

All wars aren’t instigated by enlisting armies anymore. Terrorist groups, rogue militaries and political leaders have plunged countries into chaos for a long time. Without organized, strong militaries, groups like that will rise to greater power than they have already. If Americans stop enlisting in the service, will world problems vanish and the need for a strong military go away?

This is undoubtedly a boneheaded and overly idealistic thought. The world isn’t calming down. We are the richest and second-largest military on Earth. Our military and government will be influential to large world conflicts for the foreseeable future — whether we fight or not.

Right now, there are ongoing struggles in Yemen, Russia, Thailand, Colombia, Somalia, Pakistan, Mexico and of course Iraq and Afghanistan, among other places. Gibson has a noble goal — the end of war. Most of us want that. But in order to have that, the world will have to agree.

Gibson said “the ultimate purpose of the military is to fight wars, not to promise you college money, job training or leadership roles.” To a point, that is true. But these benefits help people to make the choice to serve in a way that does benefit them. It is a gamble for those who decide to serve in any capacity, but one that has benefited millions of veterans. Hundreds of thousands have heartbreakingly perished.

But surely, Mr. Gibson, you wouldn’t suggest the return of the draft or the implementation of a system of conscription like in most of Africa and much of Asia. If people don’t enlist, that is what may need to happen.

Mr. Gibson, the need for our military won’t go away. World problems aren’t vanishing. Crippling our military is no way to achieve worldwide peace. Your oversimplified strategy of reducing enlisters will work in the exact opposite way of your peaceful intentions until every other country reduces as well.

Michael Shepherd is a columnist for The Maine Campus.

Conservative American tired of being ‘swept under the rug’



Big government spending our money for us to live our daily lives was not the vision of the founders, but of power-hungry socialists.

Jonathan Zappala

Enough is enough already. While conservative Americans like me cry out to Washington, we are swept under the rug by the mainstream media. Over a million people were at the 9/12 March in Washington, D.C. this year, and more than 10,000 people showed up for the “House Call on Congress” on a week’s notice.

Although people like me are a minority on campus, conservatives here in the University of Maine bubble are able to step back sometimes and realize what the rest of the world thinks, and it is time for Barack Obama and the Democrat-controlled congress to do the same. The tide of opinion for the president is turning.

A Fox News poll has the job approval for President Obama at 46 percent with an equal disapproval at 46 percent. Other polls are also showing his approval is slipping fast. The fact is that all the rhetoric Obama got elected with is proving to be nothing more than big government.

After years of criticizing the money spent on the war, his administration and Congress have created a record \$1.4 trillion deficit with reckless spending. The national debt President Bush was criticized for creating has only been increased by the very people who were criticizing him. The left criticized President Bush for giving tax cuts to the rich, who just happen

to be the ones who need money to create jobs, while Barack Obama hid behind campaign promises to only raise taxes on the rich, not the middle class.

Joe the Plumber exposed our president for what his real plan was, and that was to raise taxes on whoever necessary to get money to pay for his health care agenda. In order to cover everyone who can’t afford coverage, middle class folks like you and me will end up paying more in the end. The rich sure don’t have enough money to take care of it for everyone.

Even the United States, one of the richest nations in the world, only has so much money. If we keep spending this much, taxes will have to be increased. More taxation only means less freedom to spend our own hard-earned money the way we see fit, which makes us more dependent on the government to get what we can’t afford to buy because they took our money away.

Big government spending our money for us to live our daily lives was not the vision of the founding fathers, but is instead the vision of power-hungry socialists. All Americans like me want is to be free to live our lives the way we see best. The blood of our ancestors has bought us that freedom, so let’s not give it to power-hungry politicians.

I’m not advocating for anarchy, because the purpose of freedom is not to satisfy our lower nature but to practice justice to maintain our free society. If we simply live virtuous lives in a nation that still has consequences for our actions, where we love our fellow man just as we would ourselves, America will once again prosper.

Our own personal greed got us into this mess, and I believe the motive of our government is greed. They want to tell us what is best for us, not because they want to help those who can’t help themselves, but because they think we do not know what is best for ourselves but they do. We must be a free society, so long as it is a society where we put others first and our selfish desires last.

Jonathan Zappala is a senior psychology student.

Letters

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you get some nasty letters from several feminists on campus who are more articulate and far better informed than I am.

The Bible is oppressive to women. If you don’t believe me, try reading Leviticus. You will

— Brian Barainca, first-year student



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Bob Saget	Danny Tanner
Newsprint clothing	Duct tape clothing
Going for the gold	Clichés
Winter vests	Winter weight gain
Fútbol	Football

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Monday, Nov. 23

INT 289: A Celebration of Darwin
130 Little Hall
8:35 to 9:50 a.m.

A Two-State Solution: Can Health be a Bridge to Peace in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict?
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
11 a.m. to noon

“Battle in Seattle” Film showing and discussion
140 Little Hall
6 p.m.

Percussion Concert Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Thanksgiving Break begins
8 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 26

Thanksgiving

Monday, Nov. 30

Classes Resume

INT 289: A Celebration of Darwin
130 Little Hall
8:35 to 9:50 a.m.

Saving Abel and Taddy Porter
103 Ultra Lounge
6 p.m.
\$22

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Starting a Small Business Series: Business Planning
Foster Student Innovation Center
6 to 7 p.m.

Brass Night
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Bob Saget
Collins Center for the Arts
8 to 11 p.m.
\$18 students, \$25 public

Wednesday, Dec. 2

Chamber Jazz Ensemble
Memorial Union
1 to 2 p.m.

Getting Into the Music Business
Foster Student Innovation Center
4 to 6 p.m.

Guitar Ensemble Recital
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

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Bob Saget: From ‘Full House’ to frat house

By Kegan Zema • Style Editor

Comedian Bob Saget is headed to the University of Maine on Dec. 1. The Maine Campus got a chance to talk with the pop-culture icon about “Full House,” his new show on A&E, fraternities, smoking pot and the college generation.

The Maine Campus: How does it feel to know that on any given day, somebody, somewhere is probably watching you on a “Full House” re-run?

Bob Saget: It’s funny because some people say to me, “I just watched you on ‘Full House,’ and I flip a channel and you’re on ‘Entourage.’” I don’t know how that can possibly happen. Apparently, somewhere “Full House” is on at the same time as HBO at 10:30 at night. It’s a giant compliment. The stuff we did when we did that show has become a favorite for people but, when we did it, it was hard going for the first few years. It’s meant for young girls. It was made for three young girls to be raised by three guys. It’s really interesting that it touched a lot of people, and I think some of the reason is how well done it was for that kind of show. It’s weird that I did it — I can’t even watch it. I don’t know what the hell I did. I’m proud of it, but it’s just weird.

MEC: What happened for you to make the transition from “family-friendly” to the comedian you are now?

BS: Well, that’s what I was always like. When I was 17, I played music, comedy songs. I won a radio contest with a song called “Bondage.” It was about people liking to tie each other up. The other song I wrote was “She’s a Man.” Those were like the first things I did. My standup was always about what’s in my pants. The first thing I did was Richard Pryor movies as an actor and I said “f---” in it a bunch. And then I got the part on “Full House” and you can’t say “f---” if you’re on “Full House.” The video show [America’s Funniest Home Videos] was an accident because it was supposed to be a special. It just lasted for eight years. The only thing that’s dirty about me is I say inappropriate things and I drop the f-bomb

a lot. Otherwise I’m not as dirty as any of the other people I’m looking at that I love. The new stuff I’m doing now, I’m really happy with. It’s still perverted and weird, but I can’t help what I find funny, which is usually odd.



Illustration by Billy Kramer • Staff Cartoonist

MEC: On Nov. 17, it was announced you would be doing a show called “Strange Days.” Are you allowed to talk about that yet?

BS: Yeah, it’s all over the Internet. A&E announced it. It’s me going out and studying subcultures that are different and weird. The one we shot already was me going to Ukraine — it’s called “The Ukraine.” I found out it’s like saying, “The Russia,” but I didn’t know that — and getting guys mail-order brides. Finding girls that want to marry an American and come here. It’s comedy-documentary. I’ll go watch [the Burning Man Festival] or go on the road

with a biker gang. We’ll try and get some Amish teenagers to see if they want to jump their group, if I’m allowed to film Amish teenagers. It’s me just talking to them and having real conversations and living with them — well, not living with them because I’m still a spoiled bitch — and getting into people’s lives.

MEC: It sounds like it’s going to be awesome. I heard you are going to rush a fraternity for the show.

BS: Yeah, that’s one of the plans. We’ll see. Let’s find out if anybody ... maybe you have one at UMaine, right?

See Saget on 10



Jacob Beach and James Gilmore of GreenerSide get intimate with the audience during their set.

Kegan Zema • Style Editor

Pop rock echoes through the Union during concert

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

It was the typical setup in the Memorial Union for the Campus Bands concert: two stages opposite each other with the audience huddled in between. The nine bands featured on the “Campus Bands” compilation CD performed Friday for a moderate-sized audience that drifted in and out throughout the night.

Organized by James Gilm-

ore, the event showcased the campus’s pop and rock musicians. The twang of acoustic guitars, pounding drums and soaring vocals echoed down the halls of the Union.

There was a good mix of acoustic sets and full bands. Rachel Joyce performed a stripped-down version of some of her songs with two acoustic guitars and a drummer playing a box drum. Her voice resonated beautifully as she sang, “Melodies softly soaring through my

atmosphere” over and over from “Soul Meets Body” by Death Cab for Cutie.

Stephen Hall, guitarist for Joyce, said he got together with the vocalist at the last minute.

“We got together and picked a group of songs, a couple Dave Matthews songs that we both liked a lot and that we both kind of knew,” Hall said. For such little preparation, Hall was able to bust out some proficient

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Steinbeck’s classic comes to life at CCA

By Billy Roy
For The Maine Campus

Little discussion can take place on Great Depression American literature without consideration of John Steinbeck’s “Of Mice and Men.” The novel is a classic, capturing what has been called the new American dream of modern times.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15 the Barter Theater Company, under the direction of Katy Brown, took the stage at the Collins Center for the Arts to embark on an attempt to enliven Steinbeck’s acclaimed novella. Seats were filled with students, faculty, and members of the general public. All attendees shared an eager desire to see the words of the literary work brought to life.

The Barter Theater Company compromised none of the story’s southern dialogue or emotional richness in creating a near-identical adaptation. Performers assumed southern drawls to illuminate the play’s Southwest farm setting. They assumed roles capably to accentuate the interplay between Steinbeck’s comedy and tragedy.

Main characters George and Lennie, played by John Hardy and Mike Ostroski respectively, made their complex relationship accessible to the audience. Spectators were struck by the

honesty of their characters and the tangibility of George and Lennie’s dream to gain affluence and obtain property.

Their relationship is most comparable to the main characters in “The Odd Couple.” Hardy assumed the witty and dominant character of George while Ostroski assumed the slow-minded, submissive Lennie. What made spectators so emotionally invested was the only quality shared by both characters: hope.

George and Lennie are complete opposites. Hardy succeeded in acting the part of a determined character whose methodic and well-thought-out plan makes Lennie dependent upon him for success. The play shifts back and forth between a frustrated and a caring George. His plans are exacerbated by the misfortunes Lennie endures, but he can’t leave his vulnerable friend behind to suffer.

The excitement of the play was attributed to this comical relationship in the face of tragic circumstance. Their impoverishment did not hinder their desire to make something of themselves. The other performers displayed the realism with which the play concerns itself. Exaggerations were avoided in an attempt to create the most believable depiction of Great

See Mice on 9

The best spots for beardies

In my travels around the country, and to a lesser extent the world, I’ve always attempted to take note of whether a particular state or city seems to be a welcoming place for folks with beards. Printed here, in no particular order, are my findings.

Portland, Maine

Starting close to home, just a few miles down I-95 is the city of Portland, Maine. This city is near and dear to my heart for many reasons, not the least of which is its seeming acceptance of all things facial hair. Walking down Congress Street



Beard Police
By Mario Moretto

on any given day, one is sure to see both young and old sporting beards.

Do note, however, that proximity to Maine College of Art will significantly increase chances of spotting “ironic mustaches.” With any hope, these young hipsters will realize those handlebars are so much more than a cheap laugh or a quick nod to Freddie Mercury; they are tried and true facial accessories. Of lesser note is the likelihood of running across bros with chinstraps in certain parts of the West End.

Asheville, N.C.

Affectionately referred to as “Mustache-ville,” this city, perhaps due to its proximity to Appalachia, is one of the most beard-friendly places I’ve ever been. In any given city, you’re likely to find men aged 40 and older with beards. Asheville is different. To me it seemed like everyone, young and old, black and white, rich and poor was sporting some pretty glorious whiskers.

Usually, regardless of locale,

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CD: DEFEATER

By Marcus Desveaux
For The Maine Campus

On Nov. 17, “Lost Ground,” Defeater’s second album, hit shelves. The Massachusetts- and New Hampshire-based hardcore band has done it again, writing an amazing album. Their first CD “Travels” had good reviews, praised for its raw screaming and catchy instrumentals. Defeater is known for their hard drums, slower guitar parts/solos and their vocals, done by Derek Archambault.

Their second CD is unique. The album consists of six songs that tell a story of the same man they sang about on “Travels.” The man, called a prophet in the song “Prophet In Plain Clothes,” is a homeless man who decides to go to war. During the war, he fights and returns home to find soldiers returning from war aren’t treated as equal citizens in this world. The last two songs are about how inequalities affect good people.

The song titles fit the storyline Defeater is trying to portray. The first song on the E.P. is “The Red, White and Blues,” where the lyrics describe how the character’s father went to war and how he is enlisting. As the songs go along, the story progresses, mixed with lengthy instrumentals. “The Bite And The Sting” is particularly interesting as it depicts the warfare in the story. Archambault sings, “I’ve spent days in this trench in the snow / Just my gun by my side / it’s cold and wet and

you’re all alone ... we ain’t seen a German for days / we just tired as slugs / and it feels like I am wasting away / so I drink from my flask to stay warm.”

The flask mentioned in lyrics is a reference from the first song, “The Red, White and Blues,” where the character’s mother gave him his father’s flask before going to war.

The lyrics are as complex as the story line. Intricate and verbose, the words are screamed for extra emphasis. The rawness of the tracks provide audio imagery for the listener.

Defeater, though defined as a hardcore band, is much more than that. They are musically talented, and it shows on every album they have put out. Their breakdowns, or where they would normally be placed, are epic guitar and drum duos instead of stereotypical ‘chugs.’ Defeater is not your typical, tough-guy hardcore band, but moshers shouldn’t fret — there are thrash-like two-step parts scattered throughout.

Listeners want to get to the next track so they can finish the story. Defeater has received a great amount of praise for “Travels” and “Lost Ground” should do just as well.

Defeater could be compared to early As Cities Burn and fellow Massachusetts bands Shipwreck A.D. and Have Heart. They are as great a band to see live as they are to listen to. Definitely for fans of meaningful, powerful hardcore.

Grade: A-

FILM: THE BLIND SIDE

By Kayla Riley
For The Maine Campus

American moviegoers have seen their fair share of inspirational football films, so when another one comes along, it’s hard to believe it will stand out from the rest. “The Blind Side,” based on a true story, is a film that stands out all on its own. While it’s somewhat predictable, it presents an honest, heartwarming message with little to no cheesiness added.

The teenage Michael Oher, as played by Quinton Aaron, was a runaway dropout and ward of the state. He never had a safe place to call home, and with his giant stature and complicated history, it was difficult for people to accept him. But as fate would have it, he was accepted into a private Christian school on scholarship.

While wandering around for a place to sleep one cold rainy night, Michael is noticed by the Tuohys, a wealthy local family. Leigh Ann Tuohy, played by Sandra Bullock, wastes no time inviting Michael to their home for the night. After a short time, he wins over the entire family. Along with teachers, a football coach and a tutor, the Tuohys help him become someone no one ever would have expected.

Although Aaron makes an admirable breakthrough as a hard-knock teenager turned football star, it is Bullock



Warner Bros.
Jae Head as S.J. Tuohy (from left), Quinton Aaron as Michael Oher and Sandra Bullock as Leigh Ann Tuohy in “The Blind Side.”

who steals the show. Belles be damned, Bullock is a Southern spitfire, never afraid to tell the world what is on her mind or defend what is right. Her attempt at a Louisiana twang is commendable if not perfect, and she has once again proved praiseworthy outside the realm of fluffy chick flicks.

Layer by layer, Michael’s quiet and guarded exterior is peeled away, revealing a strong and unforgettable individual who will win over audiences everywhere. A connection can be drawn between “The Blind Side” and “Remember the Titans,” as this film coaxes out a full

spectrum of emotions and appeals to any age group. There is a more personal touch here with the focus on a young man who never caught a break until someone decided to look past his history and offer him kindness.

From an outsider’s point of view, “The Blind Side” remains as close to the source material as possible. Clips of the real Tuohy family and Oher show people remarkably similar to the actors chosen, adding realism to the film. One of the most surprising elements of the film is Tim McGraw, playing a very believable Mr. Tuohy. Kathy Bates,

as Miss Sue, makes a welcome return to the big screen in a small role, still standing out as a shining talent.

Yes, the storyline is predictable, albeit true, and it tugs at heartstrings without apology. But at the core of this film is a message anyone can relate to — the goodness in others and the power people have to make a difference. This is not a revolutionary piece of artistic cinema, but when surrounded by movies about bloodthirsty vampires and the apocalypse, it is refreshing to enjoy an emotionally rich, well-acted touchdown.

Grade: A



William P. Davis • Editor in Chief
Arlo Guthrie (center) and his children and grandchildren visited the Collins Center for the Arts on Saturday to sing songs ranging from those of legendary folk singer Woody Guthrie to those of his great grandchildren.

FILM: TWILIGHT SAGA NEW MOON

By Jamie Dandreta
For The Maine Campus

Hundreds of fan girls wearing “Team Edward” or “Team Jacob” shirts flooded Spotlight Cinemas in Orono at midnight Thursday night. No fan wanted to miss out on the chance to be the first to see the sequel of the infamous “Twilight.” Audience members waited in line for hours, only to make their way through more lines and employees with walkie-talkies. After a short trivia session involving prizes, fans were finally able to see what they had been waiting for all along: “New Moon.”

The love triangle between Bella Swan and Edward Cullen, played by Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, respectively, and Jacob Black, played by Taylor Lautner, was clear and well developed. The chemistry and comfort between the whole cast was extreme, giving audience members the sense the actors were close off camera as well.

The sequel picks up where “Twilight” left off, telling the story of Bella and her encounters with vampires. It begins with a minor incident involving a papercut at her 18th birthday party hosted by the Cullens. The incident causes Edward to flee far away from Bella, leaving her alone to live the darkest times of her life alone.

One thing the “Twilight” saga is exceptional at is making even the minor characters extremely memorable. Bella’s friend Jessica, played by Portland native Anna Kendrick, had another wonderful



Summit Entertainment
Kristen Stewart as Bella Swan (left) and Taylor Lautner as Jacob Black star in the newest movie in the “Twilight Saga,” which had fans flocking to theaters Thursday.

performance in “New Moon.” She gives off the natural appeal of a real high school student, creating the perfect amount of comic relief.

Dakota Fanning stole the show as Jane, despite her minor role. Fanning, with her piercing red eyes, played one of the most dangerous vampires and had the special gift to cause excruciating pain with her mind. Fanning only had three lines, but her presence was hard to avoid. She blew away everyone else’s performance by a long shot.

The cinematography was lovely, as was the soundtrack. The mood was set right away, capturing a dark, independent feel similar to “Twilight.” The camera caught everything at angles that left the audience feeling slightly uneasy and uncomfortable, letting them

identify with Bella’s feelings. The soundtrack had a parallel effect, using melancholy and hypnotizing songs from artists such as Thom Yorke, Death Cab for Cutie and The Killers.

Stephanie Meyer’s simplistic yet imaginative writing popularized the “Twilight Saga,” but Melissa Rosenberg’s screenwriting was not up to par. Cheesy one-liners and fake-sounding remarks such as “What a marshmallow” were added, making the characters seem phony at times.

Not only was the script unnatural, but so were the werewolves. They looked like something from Cartoon Network and even had the audience laughing at times, although in the book they were meant to be petrifying.

Over-dramatic acting was also in effect. The audience

especially got a kick out of a particular scene when Bella was screaming and crying at the top of her lungs while she had nightmares after Edward left her. Although Jacob’s muscles were a favorite for most, it got annoying as he took off his shirt at every second possible, adding even more to the cheesiness factor. In a way, Jacob’s newfound muscles upstaged the character himself.

Although in its entirety the movie was fun and entertaining, true fans of the novel may be disappointed. The plot is still the same, but the sorrow and darkness of the book were not as clearly portrayed. In its place were un-motivated, corny lines and sight gags that lightened the true depression and sincerity of the story.

Grade: B-

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Depression poverty.

The realism of the play creates a unique link between the American dream of the past and present. In the director’s note, Brown assures her audience that though the play is in a different time in American history, “It still centers around

many of the same thoughts: freedom, security, community, a place that is ours.” Many of the social pressures that hinder the realization of George and Lennie’s dream are still applicable to current events.

“There is no greater need for the American dream ... than times when the world around us seems out of our control,” Brown stated in the notes.

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you can be certain that servers and cooks in your restaurant will be clean-shaven, often not by choice. I was delighted to see servers in many of the Asheville establishments where I dined had beards. For best beard-watching, try out Malaprop’s on Haywood Street or Rosetta’s on Lexington.

An important note though: On my trip to Asheville, I also wandered southeast through some of the more rural parts of South Carolina. These places were decidedly not beard friendly. At all. I wouldn’t wish the suspicious looks with which I was met on anyone. And it wasn’t because I’m a Yankee — I was traveling with South Carolina plates.

Seattle, Wash.

There’s just something about the West Coast. There were a lot of \$60-secondhand-shirt type stores, ethnic restaurants from all over the world and beards. Lots of beards. So far

as personal experience dictates, Seattle is the beard mecca of North America.

I spent most of my time in Seattle meandering around the University District, where students from University of Washington live, eat, study and socialize. Walking down The Ave (formally University Way N.E.) is like traveling through a hyper-trendy facial hair exhibition. I personally spotted full beards, muttonchops, goatees, handlebar mustaches, and even fu-manchus. The place is solid gold. I’d love to recommend some beard hotspots, but it didn’t seem to matter where I went. Just ride the Metro and get off anywhere locals congregate. You won’t be disappointed.

Been to any beard-friendly locales, or have any other facial-hair stories, questions or comments? I want to hear them. E-mail beardpolice@mainecampus.com. I’ll answer any questions to the best of my ability, and the best will be printed in this column.

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SEEN...

At the Campus Bands concert

Lipstick is actually Lauren's recommendation — Covergirl Outlast. I wear red lipstick daily. It's my thing.

The dress is from Goodwill. It's vintage.

Belt from Gap. Probably paid way too much for it.

The shoes I have no idea where they're from. Probably some bargain basement thing.

The scarf I actually bought at a market in Amsterdam. The scarf means a lot to me because I lived in the Netherlands for a year, and I bought it there and I still wear it all the time.

A green T-shirt dress from Urban Outfitters. I like bright colors, so you got the emerald. An American Apparel black hoodie. A little leather jacket.

I'm starting with the Durango cowboy boots. Chestnut color because they're the nice brown that goes with every black. They're comfortable. I go for comfort and warmth. I could not wear flip-flops this time of year.

Hannah Hirsch, English/Theology student
Lauren Fleury, Journalism student



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Jacob Beach strums his guitar during the Campus Bands concert. His band GreenerSide performed Matchbox 20 and Decemberists covers.

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solos.
“I think there should be more of [these events],” Hall said. “It brings people out and lets them hang out together a little better.”
James Gilmore boasted a different side of his musical endeavors from his usual solo work and band 2 Days Later. GreenerSide, his band from his hometown of Eliot, Maine, rocked through covers of The Decemberists and the '90s hit “Push” by Matchbox 20.
Some of the vocals were buried in the mix, and there were some awkward transitions, but the bands and audience seemed unphased. A loyal group of fans had their dancing shoes on and didn't stop swaying to the music.
Even some parents came out

to support the music. Laurie and Larry Harris, parents of student body president-elect and 2 Days Later drummer Brian Harris, said they were proud to see their son play.
“He's been playing since he was in fifth grade,” Laurie said.
The Battle of the Bands concert held each spring usually draws a bigger crowd than was seen at Friday's concert. The Campus Bands concert shared the same set-up, but there was no competition. Perhaps it was the lack of competition that caused audiences to thin out at various points, especially as solo acoustic performers took the stage.
Gilmore said in an earlier interview that he plans to travel to other campuses in Maine and organize similar events and compilation albums. He has already been in talks with Husson University of Bangor.

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MEC: Plenty would love to have Bob Saget rushing their fraternity next semester.
BS: It was really strange. I got honored by Harvard. B.J. Novak, who's on “The Office,” was a student and honored me. It was pretty interesting; it was when I realized fraternities were calling to me. This writer, who is a very funny writer friend of mine named Danny Chung, grabbed me that night and we went to look at frat houses. We weren't filming anything, we just went and knocked on the doors and he said, “I got Bob Saget, can we come in?” We just went to all these fraternities. We just walked around.

MEC: People in college right now are the ones who grew up seeing your face on TV. How do you feel when you are around people our age?
BS: It's nice. I feel that I'm at that age. The stuff I do when I'm doing my standup free and clear and just letting myself go, that just feels like I'm talking to myself, I'm talking to my friends.
MEC: Well, I'm glad you feel that you are our age.
BS: It's true, I mean I don't see any difference. I look up to people that are younger. It's nice to be around people that have a blinded confidence because as people get older, sometimes they get beat up by things, and they get worried. They go, “Life will surprise you,” and “Life is tough.” The new generation coming up, the smart people know that life is tough. They've been raised with that. I have nothing but respect for people that are college-age. I get kind of emotional about it because as fruity as it sounds, the college people are the future. I'm the stupid one at my show. I'm the 15-year-old kid who's talking about his weiner for 45 minutes and then I get to sing about it [laughs].
MEC: If you feel so much like you are our age, what are the odds you are going to be showing up on stage high or drunk?
BS: Oh, never. I can't work that way. I can't perform. I can't think. I think I've had booze in me five times in my 35 years of doing standup, and I think I've smoked pot like once or twice before, and it just made me insanely paranoid. I have to be

completely clear, like an athlete. Unless it's good steroids — I would take a ton of steroids to bulk up on stage. That's a joke. I would not take steroids. People, like, want to get me stoned or buy me shots, it's like, “Dude, I'm working.” It's not what you want your Northwest [Airlines] pilots to be doing when they're missing the runway.
MEC: Going in a completely different direction, what was your time on Broadway like?
BS: It was one of the best things I've ever done in my life. “Drowsy Chaperone” was the play I did on Broadway. It was such a good show, and I was so proud to be in it. There was 1,600 people a show. There's just no fear when you learn how to do that. It really helped me as a performer in every way.
MEC: A lot of people know about your standup but not many know about your comedy songs. What do you feel your role is as a comical musician?
BS: I'm a really bad musician. I'm unbearably bad, but I love playing and I've written a ton of songs. I can't stop writing songs. A couple of them people sing with me. They love “My Dog Licked My Balls” — it's a very powerful song.
Bob Saget MEC: Do you still talk to the cast of “Full House?”
BS: All the time. I did a benefit [Nov. 9], and John Stamos came up and did auction items with me, and Mary-Kate and Ashley [Olsen] came to the event and sat with my real daughters. I saw Candace [Cameron Bure, who played D.J.,] yesterday, and Lori [Loughlin, who played Becky,] yesterday, and I talked to Jodie [Sweetin, who played Steph,] the other day, and I talked to Dave [Coulier, who played Joey,]. ... I have a lot of love for everybody with that show.
MEC: So the whole cast is going to have Thanksgiving together?
BS: [chuckles] No, I'll be with some dear friends and two of my daughters. We're going to have a nice family night. I like Thanksgiving.
MEC: Well, hopefully you can pack a turkey sandwich for when you come up here.
BS: Oh yeah.
Tickets for Bob Saget are \$18 for students, \$25 for the public and are available in the CCA box office.

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Bears looking forward to '10

Dennis, Turcotte, quarterbacks headline returnees for next season's squad

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

After last season's playoff appearance, the University of Maine football team headed into this season ranked in the top-25 and poised for another playoff year. Initial struggles from the beginning, including an offense that sputtered, injuries to key players that were tough to overcome — Jared Turcotte and Mark Masterson — and a young, inexperienced team led to a 5-6 season for the Black Bears.

With only nine seniors on the squad and with Masterson hoping to pick up a medical redshirt to play next season, the team should be very optimistic heading into the 2010 season.

Offensive MVP — Landis Williams

The senior wideout will be one of the big losses for the Black Bears heading into next season. The speedy burner on the outside led the Colonial Athletic Association with 71 receptions. He caught

nine touchdown passes and had 798 yards receiving. Williams was influential in the heavy passing attack that UMaine implemented early in the season after injuries and personnel changes caused the change from a rush-heavy offense.

Defensive MVP — Jordan Stevens and Donte Dennis

Another starter who will be missed next season is defensive end Jordan Stevens. Stevens stepped in for Jovan Belcher, now in the NFL and performed admirably with 10 sacks. He finished third in the conference in sacks.

Donte Dennis emerged as a star linebacker for the Black Bears in his first season as a Black Bear starter. He ranked fifth in the CAA in tackles with 106 and also had four interceptions on the season.

Team MVP — Mike Brusko

The senior tri-captain was the leader of the young team. After losing his starting quarterback job to Warren Smith, Brusko worked as a slot receiver, punter and on

the special teams unit. Brusko rushed for two scores, passed for two scores and had three scores receiving on the season. He finished off his career at UMaine with a 13-catch, 119-yard performance.

Outlook

Offensively, the Black Bears lost three starters but return two healthy quarterbacks — Smith and Chris Treister — and preseason All-American fullback Jared Turcotte. With the addition of Turcotte, UMaine will have more of a balanced attack compared to this season where they had the league's top passing offense but the second-worst rushing offense. Smith is the starter at quarterback, but Treister's efforts at the end of this season when Smith went down with injury will make competition very tight and hopefully make both better. If UMaine can find a speedy wide receiver on the outside, their offense will be very dynamic.

Defensively, UMaine had its

fair share of struggles, but had a niche for forcing turnovers. They ranked second in takeaways behind only the University of New Hampshire and lose only one starter in Stevens if Masterson is granted a redshirt. With Dennis back as one of the league's top tacklers and a secondary that returns everyone, the young defense could take big strides into next season.

Prediction

Of the six losses this season, UMaine held the lead or was tied at halftime in five of them, including the season-ending loss to UNH. If the Black Bears can overcome that struggle, something that should be solved with the maturity and growth of the group, they will challenge UNH for the North Division crown once again.

Expect the UMaine-UNH matchup on the last day of the regular season to have a playoff berth on the line, making the rivalry even better.

BCS system remains flawed

Cincy, TCU, Boise State's title aspirations will be shattered

"If You're Not First, You're Last"

In the comedy "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," Bobby was a pit crew worker for a NASCAR team who just wanted to go fast. His dad told him at the tender age of 10 that "if you're not first, you're last" — and he lived his whole life by that. When he finally got his chance to shine, he took the racing world by storm, taking his father's words to heart and either earned the checkered flag or left his car on the racetrack in a twisted heap of rubber, metal and dangerous advertising.



By Michael Pare

Bobby began his career as the definitive underdog: After his father chose drugs over his infant son, Bobby was raised in poverty by his single mother and propelled only by a distant dream. He had a long way to go, but in sports, at the beginning of a season, a game or a race, the dream of victory is alive for everyone. Unless, of course, you play NCAA Bowl Championship Subdivision football, where champions are decided not by performance on the gridiron, but by the preferences of the BCS computer formula. If the computer doesn't like your schedule, then your season — like the Wonder Bread car Bobby made famous — is up in invisible flames. Because as far as the BCS is concerned, "if you're not first, you're last."

Every year there is controversy over the two teams selected to compete in the National championship game because there is almost always

an undefeated team that is denied a chance to play for the title.

This year, that controversy could erupt into a frenzy. With two games left, there are five teams with a legitimate shot to go undefeated. Following the logic of Cal Naughton Jr., Bobby's best friend in the film, you can't have five No. 1's because that would be 11,111.

So what does the BCS tell the undefeated teams that are denied their chance at a championship? And what do they tell the No. 1 Florida and No. 2 Alabama game, the loser of which will be forced out of championship contention? Assuming everyone else wins out, the championship game will likely be between the winner of Florida-Alabama and current the BCS No. 3 Texas. That leaves behind Boise State, TCU and Cincinnati, all unbeaten but their championship dreams defeated.

It's as though these teams had sons — handsome, beautiful, articulate sons who are talented star athletes — and they had their legs taken away. They have done everything the BCS system has asked of them, only for the rug to be swept out from underneath them.

I simply don't understand how the NCAA continues to stand by this system when every year there is upheaval over the championship selection process. They need only remove their nose from its skyward position and look to the Football Championship Series to find a replicable playoff model. The football division the University of Maine calls home features a 16-team, single-elimination tournament among the eight conference champions and eight at-large berths awarded by a committee of athletic directors from across the country. Next year, that number will increase to 20 to

give four more teams a shot to compete for a national title.

This system, applied to the FBS, would give small conference teams a chance to overcome their weaker schedules and give teams that had just a minor slip-up or two a chance to redeem themselves. If the powerhouses of the league want to have a real championship, then they should be given the opportunity to look at all of their opponents and say, "I will battle you with the entirety of my heart, and you will probably lose. But maybe, just maybe, you might challenge me. The Beatles needed the Rolling Stones. Even Diane Sawyer needed Katie Couric. Will you be my Katie Couric?"

There is a communication concept known as the "marketplace of ideas." It is a First Amendment principle conceived by Oliver Wendell Holmes, who said, "The best test of truth is the power of the thought to get itself accepted in the competition of the market." Right now, FBS teams enjoy no such democratic luxury. These teams should, like ideas, have the power to be tested in the competition of a marketplace of their peers to find the most genuine and universal truth — or champion in this case. The BCS would have you take Bobby's father's words as sermon — "If you're not first, you're last." Ricky spent his entire life thinking anything less than victory was pointless only to find, after a disastrous family meal at Applebee's, that his father was high the day he said those words. "You can be second, third, fourth, hell, you can even be fifth," Reese said.

Well, not with the BCS you can't. Ricky Bobby lived his whole life thinking if he wasn't first, he was last because his father was under the influence of drugs. What is the BCS's excuse?

Hockey

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have come against the Black Bears.

BC went up 2-0 before UMaine responded with goals by Nyquist and Diamond.

Atkinson answered Diamond's equalizer off the ensuing faceoff when his wrist from the right point deflected off O'Neill's stick and beat Darling top-shelf.

UMaine's power play failed to capitalize on nearly two minutes of a sustained 5-on-3 advantage early in the first period.

Freshman goalie Parker Milner made his second career start for the Eagles and remained undefeated at 2-0-0. He stopped 23-of-26 shots on goal. Darling made 31 saves in the loss.

The Black Bears will travel to UMass-Lowell for a single game next Friday and will play a home game against St. Lawrence University at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland on Saturday at 7 p.m.

MLB

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debate for hours about it.

And I have. When I wake up in the morning and turn on my computer, I check the weather, my e-mail and the boston.com Red Sox forums. It's a thrill to get to connect with other fans from all over the world to debate these things, no matter how mundane it may seem. The number of fans on the forums has increased year to year, becoming a community of fans who are coping with the loss of the baseball for another year.

The hot stove isn't completely burning just yet. But soon we will begin to see new rumors on those hot stove baseball blogs and have another opportunity to talk about what type of idea it would be to give Randy Wolf \$30 million for three years, or whether the aging Andy Pettitte deserves a more expensive contract after a strong year on the mound for the Yanks.

Baseball fans thrive on any bits of baseball we can get as second as the last outs are made in the playoffs. And when the hot stove starts to burn, so starts the fun.

Crossword Solution

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UPCOMING GAMES

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

Men's Basketball
vs. Quinnipiac in Orono
7 p.m.

Women's Hockey
vs. Boston University in Lewiston
7 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

Women's Hockey
at North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D.
3 p.m.

Women's Basketball
vs. Holy Cross (Dead River Company Classic) in Orono
6 p.m.

Men's Hockey
vs. UMass Lowell in Lowell, Mass.
7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

Women's Basketball
Consolation/Championship Game (Dead River Company Classic) in Orono
TBA

Women's Hockey
at North Dakota in Grand Forks, N.D.
3 p.m.

Men's Hockey
vs. St. Lawrence in Portland, Maine
7 p.m.

NFC Picks

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have been banged up, leading to a suspect at best ground attack. The only reason I give Dallas the nod in this spot is because they are already up a game on their competition in the NFC East and they have the least challenging schedule of the teams in contention. They have a lot to prove on offense if they want to be considered seriously in the playoffs, but their defense should be commended for the work they did in their week nine loss, containing Aaron Rodgers and the Packers to only 17 points while on the wrong end of a 3-to-1 turnover margin.

4. Arizona Cardinals (NFC West Champ)

The Cardinals win this spot by default. They are playing in a division that is not so much top-heavy as it is not heavy at all. None of the teams in this division should pose a real threat to challenge for the Super Bowl. Sure, this team made it to the Super Bowl last year and almost shocked the world, but this team didn't do enough in the offseason to keep up with the NFL's best. They are essentially rolling out the same team as last season, with an aging Kurt Warner one season closer to retiring to care for his seven children. However, near geriatric Warner throwing to the league's top receiving duo — Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin — is the best thing going in an NFC West division replete with anemic offenses. They will win the division, but it is a hollow victory for a team whose defense has been disappointingly mediocre and has enjoyed one of the NFL's easiest schedules.

5. Green Bay Packers

It is tough to pick who is going to claim the wildcard spots in the NFC because there are so many teams at about the same level talent-wise. I give the Packers this spot because

their division isn't strong throughout and they have already played the Vikings twice (both losses). The teams remaining on their schedule have a combined record of 29-34, and the only really scary team they will face is the Pittsburgh Steelers in week 15. It would make me a little more confident if their defense could show any sort of consistency. Three times they have held their opponents to under 10 points, yet four times their defense has collapsed for 30 or more points. Part of their problem is that they are simply on the field too often. Aaron Rodgers has been spectacular this year, but he can't get any time to throw the ball behind an offensive line that plays as though they are coached by Moses (Rodgers has been sacked a league-high 41 times). Their ineptitude leads to a lot of short possessions and turnovers. Rodgers is good enough to overcome the porous offensive front and get this team to the playoffs, but it doesn't look good from there.

6. Atlanta Falcons

It is a little scary that in week nine the Falcons have yet to record a signature win, but looking at their remaining schedule, it appears they may not need one to make the playoffs. Excluding their week 14 slate against the 9-0 Saints, Atlanta's remaining opponents have a combined record of just 19-34. They also have matchups against fellow wildcard contenders New York and Philadelphia, so they have the ability to control their own destiny if they can get their heads on straight. The Giants and Eagles, meanwhile, will have to play one another while the Falcons beat up on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. While I'm not exactly crazy about this pick, I think that as long as Michael Turner isn't hampered by his recent ankle injury, they have the best offense and the easiest schedule of the three teams vying for this spot.

Athletes of the Week

Joey Diamond — Men's Hockey

The freshman winger from Long Beach, N.Y., notched his first two career goals in Friday night's game against Boston College. Diamond scored both in the third period, tying the game on his first goal and bringing the Black Bears within one in his second. UMaine lost Friday night's game but salvaged a tie in Saturday night's contest against the Eagles.

Kristin Baker — Women's Basketball

The senior guard from Bingham, Maine scored a team-high of 13 points in Saturday afternoon's contest at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. She also notched four rebounds in the game and was 3-for-6 from behind the arc. Baker and the Black Bears are 1-2 on the season.





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FOOTBALL

Bears optimistic for 2010

Team returns majority of players from '09

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SCOREBOARD

Men's Hockey (Fri.)	3	4	Boston College
Men's Hockey (Sat.)	3	3	Boston College
Women's Basketball	50	63	NJIT
Football	24	27	U. of New Hampshire
Men's Basketball	62	75	Brown
Men's Swimming	5th		Invitational at BU

Women's Swimming	8th		Invitational at BU
UNH (Hockey, Fri.)	4	2	Boston University
UNH (Hockey, Sat.)	3	3	Boston University
Patriots	31	14	Jets
Celtics	107	105	Knicks
Bruins	2	1	Sabres

COLUMN

That time of year for the BCS complaints

Five teams battle it out for two spots in championship

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Saints and Vikings top NFC

1. New Orleans Saints (NFC South Champ)

The Saints are sitting atop the NFC at 9-0 with home court throughout the conference rounds all but wrapped up. Even if New Orleans lost out, they would likely still garner a playoff spot, but there is little chance of that happening. Drew Brees has been playing like an MVP this year, spreading the ball out to a multitude of receivers, finding his big targets — Jeremy Shockey and Marques Colston in the end zone — and opening up the running lanes for Pierre Thomas. It seems New Orleans has also finally found a use for Reggie Bush. He has been dynamic in the passing game this year as always, but he has been given opportunities to punch it in at the goal line this year. His versatility and athleticism make it tough for defenses to game plan for him in those short-yardage situations, and he has enjoyed great success as a non-traditional goal line back. The offseason acquisition of safety Darren Sharper has given the Saints' defense an edge it hasn't had until this year. As long as he and Brees stay healthy, this team is finally a legitimate Super Bowl contender.



By Michael Pare

2. Minnesota Vikings (NFC North Champ)

At what point do the Brett Favre steroid rumors start swirling? If Favre were a baseball player, Bud Selig would have a team of people picking through his garbage and tapping his phone calls. Seriously, wasn't he done back in 2006 when he ended a two-season run where he threw nine more interceptions (48) than he did touchdowns (39)? It is hard to believe Favre is having the best season of his career at such an advanced age, but much of the credit has to go to a great offensive line and the presence of Adrian Peterson. "All Day" just keeps getting better as he is just as comfortable banging between the tackles and plowing over defenders as he is running to the outside to break off big gains. As long as he is healthy their offense will be one of the NFL's best, but what really makes this team scary is how well their defense can put pressure on the opposing quarterback. Kevin and Pat Williams require a lot of attention in the middle, which opens up the edge rush for Jared Allen and Ray Edwards. They have capitalized to the tune of 16 total sacks (10.5 for Allen). Once Antoine Winfield returns from injury to anchor their secondary once more, the Vikings will be primed for a deep playoff run.

3. Dallas Cowboys (NFC East Champ)

It's hard to know what to expect from the Cowboys this year. It looked like Tony Romo had finally figured things out after an offensive resurgence coming off the bye in week seven, and then last week the offense went out and absolutely laid an egg against a Green Bay defense that allowed 38 points to the lowly Tampa Bay Buccaneers the week before. In the past two weeks, Romo has been unable to get Miles Austin and his big-play ability involved due to the respect defenses are now paying him, and he has had only moderate success finding his other receivers. Roy Williams continues to prove he is not the number one receiver people thought he would be out of college, Jason Witten has only recorded one touchdown this season way back in week two, and Patrick Crayton simply isn't a guy that can be relied on to shoulder the offensive load. To make matters worse, the Cowboys' running backs

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UM drops another early lead to BC

Friday's win and Saturday's tie pace Eagles; with winning streak snapped, Bears fall in Hockey East

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

A roller coaster third period could not settle Saturday's weekend finale between the Boston College and University of Maine men's hockey teams at Alfond Arena, and neither could five minutes of overtime. The teams each took a point away from a 3-3 tie in front of 4,709 people at Alfond Arena.

BC came away with three points on the weekend after a 4-3 win Friday night. They improved to 5-3-2 overall and 4-3-2 in Hockey East play. UMaine stands at 4-7-1 overall and 3-4-1 in Hockey East.

UMaine fell behind 3-2 early in the third period despite leading 2-0 for the first 38:30. Junior center Robby Dee's power-play goal sent the game to overtime. Dee buried a rebound through traffic in front of BC junior goaltender John Muse with 13:12 remaining in regulation.

"[UMaine sophomore right wing Gustav Nyquist] had thrown it on net, and I just happened to be right there, and I smacked it in," Dee said of his third goal of the season.

Dee had a golden opportunity moments earlier, but his shot from the left circle banged off the inside of the far post.

"They came back and stole the lead from us, and it's easy to get down when that happens," UMaine junior captain Tanner House said. "We were able to bounce back, and that goal just lifted us."

UMaine was given a two-minute power play with 2:09 remaining in the five-minute overtime but could not capitalize. The advantage was cut short when UMaine sophomore defenseman Will O'Neill was called for interference with 20 seconds left in the period.

"One goal separates the two teams over six periods of hockey," BC coach Jerry York said. "We were very impressed with Maine's team."

The Eagles took their first lead of the game 4:32 into the third period when senior right wing Ben Smith's wrist shot from the right faceoff dot sailed off a UMaine defender's stick into the top right corner of the goal, over the shoulder of UMaine sophomore goalie Scott Darling.

"I was just trying to put it on net and got a lucky bounce," Smith said.



David deKastrozza and a BC player go for the puck in Saturday night's contest. DeKastrozza and the Black Bears salvaged a tie in the game after Friday night's loss.

Senior defenseman Carl Sneep completed the Eagles' comeback 2:11 into the third period on a power play when he one-timed a shot from the center-point into the top shelf.

Dee's goal was UMaine's only power-play conversion of the weekend in 15 opportunities between the two games. They went 1-for-9 with the man advantage Saturday while BC went 1-for-5.

"That was big for us," Smith said of BC's penalty killing effort. "They pop one or two more in and this is a completely different weekend for us."

Darling and Muse were each forced to make critical saves. Muse stopped 26 shots and Darling turned away 28.

Muse was tested early as UMaine earned six minutes on the power play in the first period. The nation's fifth-ranked power play unit could not capitalize, despite putting 10 shots on goal in the frame to BC's four.

"Johnny stepped in well for us tonight and made some big saves," Smith said.

BC sophomore right wing Cam Atkinson broke away shorthanded less than four minutes into the game but was stoned by Darling.

The Eagles narrowed the shot margin to 18-17 after 40-minutes, but sophomore left wing Barry Almeida chance to equalize on a wrist shot at an open goal from the right faceoff circle was gloved by a diving Darling.

"Darling made some great saves," Smith said.

House scored his third goal of the season 7:20 into the second period to break the stalemate. Sophomore left wing Spencer Abbott found him streaking through the right faceoff circle from the left point and House flicked it in at the near post.

Nyquist gave the Black Bears a 2-0 advantage on a 4-on-4 situation when he elected to take the puck himself on the

rush and beat Muse with a wrist shot from the left faceoff circle.

BC freshman center Pat Mullane's second goal of the weekend — and of his career — cut the UMaine lead to 2-1 with 1:30 remaining in the second period. Senior right wing Ben Smith forced a turnover in the Maine zone and found Mullane unattended at the far post on a 2-on-1.

"That was definitely a turning point in the game," Smith said.

In Friday's game, UMaine freshman left wing Joey Diamond scored his first two collegiate goals as part of the Black Bears' three-goal third period rally, but BC senior captain Matt Price's 4-on-4 goal midway through the third period made the difference.

Price backhanded a rebound between Darling's pads for his first goal of the season to give the Eagles a 4-2 lead. Of Price's 14 career goals, five

See Hockey on 11

UNH rallies for Musket, North

Late score for 'Cats lifts them to title, seventh straight win over Bears

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

When you outgain your opponent by more than 100 yards, convert 65 percent of third-down situations and hold a 12-minute advantage in time of possession, your chances of winning are high.

On Saturday afternoon, the University of Maine football team did all of that but didn't get a win.

The University of New Hampshire scored a touchdown with just over two minutes to go and held on for a 27-24 win at Cowell Stadium, capturing the Colonial Athletic Association North Division crown and the Brice-Cowell Musket, given annually to the winner of the UMaine-UNH winner.

UMaine ends its season with a 5-6 overall record and 4-4 record in conference, while No. 11 UNH improves to 9-2 with the win, 5-2 in the CAA and defeated UMaine for the seventh year in a row. The Wildcats received one of the eight at-large bids into the 16-team national tournament.

After holding a 17-10 advantage at halftime, the Black Bears could only muster one score in the second half.

UNH started the scoring in the second half, when Dino Vasso picked off a Chris Treister pass and the Wildcats started their drive at the UMaine 33. Dontra Peters tied the game two plays later when he scored on a 14-yard end-around halfway through the third quarter.

The Black Bears responded on a lengthy 14-play drive that ate up over six minutes of clock. UMaine drove 77 yards, converted four third-down conversions and was capped off by Pushaun Brown's one-yard touchdown run. Brown finished with 90 yards on 23 carries in the absence of starting running back Derek Session who was out with an injury.



Brandon McLaughlin is blocked by a UMass defender in an earlier game this year. McLaughlin and the Bears closed out their season with a 27-24 loss to UNH.

Possibly the biggest play of the game came in the fourth quarter with UNH trailing 24-17. Kicker Tom Manning booted a 52-yard field goal to cut the gap to 24-20. Without the kick, which was the margin of victory, UMaine



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would have had great field position.

Chad Kackert's five-yard touchdown run with 2:26 remaining gave UNH its first lead of the game and the Wildcats held on when the Black Bears failed to convert a fourth down near midfield.

In the first half, UMaine jumped out to a 7-0 lead on its first possession when they marched 80 yards on eight plays, capped off by Treister's pass to Mike Brusko for a six-yard touchdown.

The drive was set up by Ty Jones' 66-yard reception.

UNH responded when R.J. Toman led the Wildcats on a 14-play, 59-yard drive, capped off by a Toman one-yard sneak into the end zone to tie it.

UMaine scored twice more in the half, on freshman Josh Hesselstine's 34-yard field goal and Landis William's juggling 35-yard touchdown reception in the end zone.

Tom Manning added a 42-yard field goal at the end of the first half to make it 17-10.

Treister, who was 29-for-48 through the air for 303 yards, led the UMaine offense and two scores. He also threw two interceptions. Brusko, playing in his last game as a Black Bear, made a career-high 13 catches for 119 yards and a score.

Vinson Givans paced the defense with nine tackles, while Trevor Coston added an interception.

MLB's "Hot Stove" starts to sizzle

By Maeghan Connor
For The Maine Campus

Is there any time in sports more fun than the Major League Baseball offseason? The hot stove fires up and some entire teams get new faces in a matter of days. When it comes to the MLB hot stove, there is no better time for every fan to "play manager."

Everyone has an opinion about what can make a team better in any number of categories. You will rarely find another person who wants a team to make all the same offseason moves as you do, and that is what makes it exciting.

We might not have any baseball to watch, but we have a lot of simulated games going on in our heads — trying to figure out whether Jason Bay will be more receptive to a Boston offer soon or will the Yankees choose to lock up their No. 3 starter, John Lackey, following their World Series win.

These heated debates are only made more interesting by the variable that comes in the form of salaries and contracts.

Which team is going to clinch Matt Holliday's contract, which may be somewhere around \$100 million over six to seven years? Which teams would take him for less money or a shorter contract? There are so many pieces to these transactions that you could sit and

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