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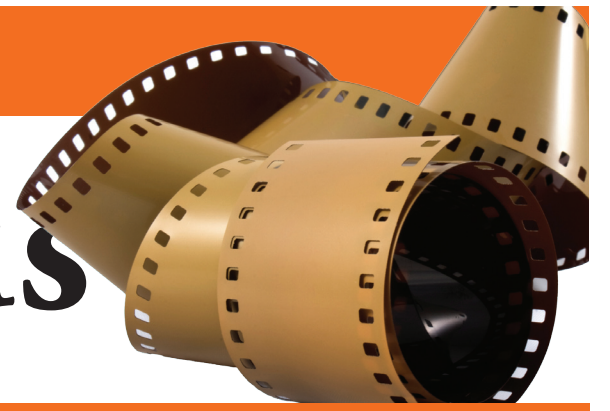
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The Maine Campus

By William P. Davis
Editor in Chief

The University of Maine System may be barred from providing telecommunications service to nonstate entities if a bill introduced recently to the Maine Legislature passes.

The bill, LD 1697 — as introduced

Jan. 27 by Rep. Stacey Fitts, R-Pittsfield — would effectively make Fairpoint Communications the front-runner for contracts to expand Internet access in Maine that Fairpoint said has previously been unfairly awarded to the university system.

The University of Maine System was part of a public-private consortium that

received a \$25 million grant in December to fund high-speed Internet infrastructure in Maine. The grant, which U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke announced at UMaine, will pay for a 1,100-mile-long fiber-optic cable network in rural Maine.

Fairpoint, which purchased telecommunications infrastructure in Maine from Verizon, competed with the system

for the funds.

The bill, as it is currently written, would bar instrumentalities, institutions and agencies of the state from providing “telecommunications service or information service to any person other than itself or its tenants.” The University

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What’s next for same-sex marriage?

MCLU director talks marriage equality

By Mario Moretto
News Editor

Shenna Bellows, executive director for the Maine Civil Liberties Union, sees three options on the table for moving the same-sex marriage debate back through the legislature after the 2010 elections.

“We could bring the same bill back again with the new legislature,” Bellows said in an interview Wednesday. “Alternatively, we could bring a civil unions bill or we could bring a bill that provided additional protections but fell short of civil unions or marriage.”

Bellows spoke to students and faculty in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union Wednesday as part of the Women in the Curriculum and Women’s Studies Program lunch series. Charlotte Warren, associate director for Maine Women’s Lobby and Susan Farnsworth, a private practice attorney from Hollowell also spoke on the topic “Gay Marriage in Maine: What’s Next?”

Maine, which could have become the fifth state to grant same-sex couples the right to marriage (New Hampshire went on to take that distinction), voted the measure down in November. Bellows sat on the steering committee of the Maine Freedom to Marry Coalition, which also

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Corey Butler • The Maine Campus

Classes in Aubert Hall were cancelled Monday and Munson Road was temporarily closed by firetrucks after a sprinkler pipe burst, spreading water on all three floors. Facilities Management worked that afternoon to clean the building, mopping up water and removing damaged ceiling tiles. The pipe burst after a heater on the roof of the building failed and the water froze, according to university spokesperson Joe Carr. The cost of the damages has not yet been evaluated.

Police continue search for driver

Police are continuing their search for the driver of the car suspected of hitting University of Maine student Jordyn Bakley during the weekend.

Bakley, 20, of Camden, was a junior majoring in elementary education. Her body was found Saturday morning on Middle Street. Police are calling the accident a probable hit-and-run.

The state medical examiner’s office in Augusta, which performed an autopsy Sunday, said the cause of death was multiple blunt force trauma but declined to give the manner of death pending investigation.

Captain Josh Ewing of the Orono Police Department said the police are still searching for information about what happened Friday night or Saturday morning and are hoping on calls from the public.

“We’re still following up on leads,” Ewing said Wednesday.

Ewing did not say what clues the police have found, but urged anyone with information to contact the police at 866-4451.

Donations in Bakley’s memory may be made to Spruce Run, P.O. Box 653, Bangor, ME 04401 or the Knox County Humane Society, P.O. Box 1294, Rockland, ME 04841.

Smokers retain rights on campus — for now

By Lisa Haberzettl
Assistant News Editor

Implementation of the Tobacco-Free Campus Initiative will be delayed again after Faculty Senate voted it down at their Jan. 27 meeting. On recommendation from the University Environment Committee, the senate asked for additional discussion and information gathering.

The committee, headed by Daniel Belknap, detailed its reasons for recommending delaying the initiative in a report issued Jan. 25. The report detailed a list of concerns, including the ramifications of banning a legal practice and the long-term effects on students and faculty. A possible alternative of an overall promotion of healthy lifestyles rather than punitive actions against smokers was also considered.

The committee recommended gathering community input through venues such as advertised campus-wide forums.

“This process has already been in the works for several years, so some of this has already been done,” wrote Faculty Senate President Judy Kuhns-Hastings in an e-mail. “Without question, I would like to see a smoke-free campus.”

The first of these post-vote forums is scheduled for noon Feb. 8 in the Bangor Room in the Memorial Union, according to Lauri Sidelko, director

of Drug and Alcohol Education Liberties. The forum is open to all members of the UMaine community and will last until 1 p.m.

The initiative has sparked discussion both for and against campus going smoke-free.

Some have argued that it’s an issue of public health, others for smokers’ and overall personal rights.

“I think the issue is a multitude of things, and is very complex. It is personal rights, health issues, others’ health,” Kuhns-

Hastings’ e-mail stated. “But it is also deeply a cultural issue, and a cultural change. People are becoming less accepting of smoking.”

One of the largest concerns raised by the environmental committee and the UMaine com-

munity is the question of enforcement. The report released by the environmental committee criticized the lack of enforcement and adherence to the current “20 feet from an entrance” setback.

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Hannah Hirsch smokes with a friend in front of Fogler Library Wednesday. Faculty Senate turned down a proposal to institute the tobacco-free campus initiative last week.

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Donations are collected in bottles in the Rainbow Resource Center. The Wilde Stein Alliance for Sexual Diversity is encouraging the university community to participate in the Penny War. Each penny donated adds one point to the bottle it is placed in, and each dollar or silver coin donated takes points away. Proceeds benefit the Haiti relief effort.

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Come join the parties

College partisans prepare for the gubernatorial race

By Dylan Riley
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine College Republicans and College Democrats have invited some of the more than 20 gubernatorial candidates to campus this semester to discuss their platforms while preparing for a debate between both groups in March.

Zachary Jackman, president of the College Republicans, said he is a staff worker for Bruce Poliquin, a Republican real-estate developer who visited the UMaine General Student Senate on Jan. 28. Jackman supports Poliquin and said the College Republicans is trying to reach out to everyone it can for support of Republican candidates.

“Basically, right now our focus is getting people here, getting candidates to introduce themselves and speak about where they’re running,” Jackman said. “We’re also working with other local organizations, like the Bangor GOP.”

The College Republicans arranged for Les Otten, another Republican candidate, to attend one of its club meetings recently, and both groups are actively trying to get more candidates to show up at their gatherings, which are open to everyone. The College Democrats recently hosted Steve Rowe — a Democrat and former attorney general — and Rosa Scarcelli, another Democrat, to campus.

“We try to have a guest speaker every week at the College Democrats meeting,” said Joseph “Pat” Nabozny, former president of the College Democrats and vice president of student entertainment.

Nabozny stepped down from the College Democrats on Wednesday night to focus more of his attention on his work in Student Government. He said the College Democrats doesn’t have much on its plate right now aside from inviting candidates to campus.

“We’re not actually doing that much until June,” Nabozny said. “As far as state politics go, we’re really just kind of letting the primaries do their thing.”

The College Democrats and College Republicans are expected to square off March 22 during a debate funded by a grant from Pi Sigma Alpha, the national

political science undergraduate honor society. The debate is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room of Memorial Union. It is not yet known what the debate will focus on or how it will be moderated.

“I’m not sure if we’re going to talk about state [politics], I really have no idea what it is exactly. All I know is we’re debating with the Republicans,” Nabozny said.

Benjamin Goodman, a UMaine student senator and the president of the Maine College Democrats, said he volunteers his time for Democrat Pat McGowan, but stressed his involvement in the campaign was through his role as a Mainer, not an elected official of the College Dems.

“We’re encouraging students to be involved,” Goodman said.

Both groups have approximately 10 to 15 dedicated members, with many more who volunteer their time, attend meetings less regularly

or are on their mailing lists. Jackman said he is feeling good about Republican candidates’ chances. Maine has not elected Democrat governors back-to-back since the end of the Civil War.

“Once it comes around to June, it’s going to be more of a competition between us and the Democrats — whoever wins their primary — and it will definitely be a difficult run on campus, but a lot of people are focusing on issues like fiscal issues and it’s going to be a lot closer than I think it’s been in the past,” Jackman said.

Both groups plan to attend national conventions for their parties. The College Republicans plan to send a group to the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C., from Feb. 18 to 20. The College Democrats, meanwhile, has its eye on the College Democrats of America convention, also in D.C.

Neither group has offered support for any particular candidate, but after the primaries end in June, that may change. Jackman said he is unsure whether a nonprofit organization like the College Republicans can legally endorse a candidate, but he said they will likely offer support to one in the future.

“I’m sure once the primaries end we’ll unite behind one,” Jackman said.



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(Handicapped) cat burglar

Police surrounded an abandoned house on Essex Street after receiving report that someone was inside the building with a flashlight at 7:56 p.m. Feb. 1. The officers secured the perimeter and could hear two males and a woman talking and walking back and forth inside. Officers then watched the three people walk out on the second-floor deck and throw a picnic table over the railing. It broke to pieces when it hit the ground. When the three people returned inside, officers caught bits of their conversation: one male was talking about a mirror and the other male said he would like to return to get the Fridgador. Then, one male said they had better get out of the house before the cops came. When the group exited the building, the police detained them and placed them in handcuffs until they could determine the danger of the situation. They identified the people as Glenn Young, 47, Orono; Brent Guay, 43, Orono and Angela Guay, 37, Orono.

All three had the strong odor of alcohol on their breath. Inside, officers found recently emptied bottles of Coors Light beer. The property was posted for no trespassing. Officers discovered their method of entry when they found a mangled meat fork on the ground by an open back door and markings on the doorframe. Brent and Angela Guay, husband and wife, said they were “looking for their handicapped cat,” which they saw enter the building. Both

admitted to throwing the table. Police found two circuit breakers in Brent Guay’s pocket, and he admitted he had stolen them to use in his own house. Young said in an individual interview, “Look. We were there. We should not have been. What else do you want me to say?” He said he did not throw the table. The three were arrested and charged with burglary.

20 feet from the building?

An assistant community coordinator called Public Safety to report two males smoking marijuana outside York Hall at 9:50 p.m. on Feb. 1. They had been detained by the ACC by the time officers arrived. One of the males, non-student Thomas Sagona, 22, Camden, admitted to smoking marijuana and turned over a small bag of it. He was on campus visiting friends. The other male had not been smoking. Sagona was charged with possession of a useable amount of marijuana and will go to court in March.

The only card he wants is your ID

An Orono police officer was observing traffic entering and exiting the Big Apple parking lot when he became suspicious of underage transportation of liquor at 10 p.m. on Jan. 29. He saw a male run out of the store to a parked vehicle, open the passenger side door to speak with the driver and run back in the store. Soon after, he exited the store carrying two boxes of Coors Light beer and placed them in

the back seat of the vehicle. The officer followed the vehicle and stopped it on Main Street. The driver was identified as Garret Williamson, 19, Orono. Williamson told the officer to call his father, who was a New Jersey state trooper. When he handed the officer his father’s card, the officer handed it back and told Williamson that he was an adult and could call his father himself. The alcohol was confiscated and Williamson was issued a summons for illegal transportation of liquor by a minor.

Get out of the taxi

An Orono police officer in street clothes was working an underage alcohol enforcement detail when he saw a “youthful male” enter a taxi carrying an 18-pack of Bud Light and an open bottle of Bud Light at 10:19 p.m. on Jan. 29 in front of building 11 in Orchard Trails. The officer approached and asked the male to step out of the taxi. At first, the male said he did not have ID on him, but then provided a Massachusetts license that identified him as Bradley Antenore, 20. The beer was confiscated, and the officer issued him a summons for illegal possession of liquor by a minor.

Oxford odors become misleading

A resident assistant reported the smell of marijuana coming from a third-floor room of Oxford Hall at 11:14 p.m. on Feb. 1. An officer responded to investigate and “detected a smell that was not marijuana.” He spoke with the room resident, who cooperated and gave consent to search the room. No marijuana was found.

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University’s alert system used for the first time

By Dylan Riley
For The Maine Campus

When a University of Maine student was stabbed outside a fraternity on Jan. 22, officials responded by warning the campus through its emergency alert system, sending text messages and e-mails to students.

The messages were sent more than an hour after Public Safety received the call about the incident, rather than immediately. Some students have expressed concern about the time it took to warn the campus, but university officials have said because the police knew the location of the suspect, and because they had confirmed the altercation was an isolated incident, they felt an immediate notification to the community was unnecessary.

“There are a number of ingredients that go into the decision-making matrix; whether or not to alert, and in so doing, sometimes alarm the community,” said UMaine Police Chief Noel March. “If we did not have all of the information that we had, we would have issued a text and a FirstClass [notification] and perhaps even a siren warning much earlier. We opted to do the text and the FirstClass

as a precaution and as community information.”

March said in this case, the notification might not even have been necessary, but some students disagree.

“That freaks me out,” said Heather Pilling, a first-year English and theater student. “They should definitely use it as soon as possible.”

“I don’t feel safe anymore,” Pilling said, who signed up for the UMane.txt in August.

Luis Valencia, an undeclared

half of UMaine students received the messages.

An additional 900 people signed up Monday, Jan. 24 — more than the number who signed up during 2009. Dean of Students Robert Dana said a lot of people have e-mailed him since Saturday to thank the university for the emergency system and to say it worked well.

“We had the suspect under arrest in two and a half hours,” March said. “We would notify the entire community if we felt that there was a risk to the entire community, that we felt someone else might be a potential victim.”

“I’m not saying it wasn’t [necessary] — I want to be very clear on that,” March said.

Luis Valencia
First-year student

first-year student, wrote in an e-mail, “The notification came way too late to be of any service other than to start a rumor mill.”

“I think [UMaine.txt] great, it just needs to be improved so people get the information faster,” Valencia said.

Out of the approximately 12,000 students and 2,500 faculty and staff at UMaine, only 5,500 people are signed up for text messages from the emergency service as of last Thursday. Because of this, less than

“It was more of a precaution and a courtesy alert because we believe in keeping the community informed as best we can.”

March and Dana both said they felt the system performed flawlessly. Director of University Relations Joe Carr said, “I’m delighted with how well it worked.” Carr also stressed the need for more people to sign up for the system.

“The biggest weakness we have in our system is people’s

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GSS: Green Team makes case for single-stream

By Mario Moretto
News Editor

Green Team President Gregory Edwards gave a presentation on single-stream recycling to the General Student Senate on Tuesday, which was met with skepticism from some senators and a student who may become enemployed if the new system is instituted.

Edwards said switching to single-stream — which would allow all waste to be placed in single containers, compacted on campus and then shipped to Massachusetts to be sorted and recycled — would save the university money in labor costs by outsourcing the labor-intensive sorting process currently in place at University of Maine’s Recycling Depot. According to Casella Waste Management, which would handle the recyclable waste, the university would pay \$85 per ton if it switched to a single-stream system. The university currently pays \$187 per ton.

The recycling system is currently being tested by Properties Management in the buildings around Hilltop quad.

“I ask that student senate pass a resolution saying single-stream is a good fiscal decision and positive move for sustainability,” Edwards said.

Facilities Management and Properties Management run the current recycling system. Edwards said materials are sorted twice on campus right now:

once by students placing them in the appropriate bins, and again at the depot when trash is removed and material sorted again. The material ends up in a warehouse, where it is stored and eventually sold.

The senate questioned Edwards about the impact the new system could have on jobs. Sen. Benjamin Goodman asked Edwards whether he would be comfortable eliminating student jobs through the switch to single-stream recycling.

“Jobs are important,” Edwards said. “But the bottom line for a better product is the solution.”

Edwards emphasized that single-stream would not only save the university money, but would allow for the recycling of more materials than is currently possible through the depot.

Dane Bolding, a student employee at the depot, spoke to the senate during General Good and Welfare segment of the meeting, when students are allowed to address the senate

“This proposition is going to send most of our money out of state. They’re basically taking [the recycling] from here and shipping it to Massachusetts instead of Millinocket,” Bolding said, referring to the current practice of shipping paper waste north to the mill town. “It’s called ‘Green Campus Initiative,’ but think of the gas to ship tons and tons of waste.”

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Who you gonna call? UMaine Paranormal Investigation Club

By **Rhiannon Sawtelle**
Features Editor

Tales of Ma Estabrooke wandering the halls of her dormitory, the spooky noises in Colvin Hall and the housemother watching over the Beta House remind the University of Maine community there is a rich history of supposed paranormal activities on campus.

The UMaine Paranormal Investigation Club is ready to confirm or disprove these legends. With a resurgent presence on campus, the group is working on building their base of members to expand their ghost-hunting endeavors.

“We’re still working on trying to get it up,” said Denise Bickford, a second-year English student and president of the group.

The group has been on campus for at least six years, but has declined in membership over the past few years. When Bickford joined in the fall of 2008, she began to pick up the slack of the dissipating group.

The club made strides last semester when it became an official student group, recognized by Student Government.

“That was really exciting,” said Amie Dick, a second-year social work student and vice-president of the club. “We just got back on our feet.”

The numbers are growing, with a solid base of 10 members and five or six more new recruits who grew interested after a presentation from Mike Marino, a member of the Bangor Ghost Hunters.

Marino spoke to the group during their usual meeting time Monday from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Senior Skulls room. He spoke about his experiences in the group, how to investigate and the equipment used in the process.

“It was really informative. ... It was interesting to hear from

someone on the case,” Bickford said.

With growing interest in the group, the club is escalating their efforts to investigate the paranormal.

“We’re trying to expand to all paranormal stuff,” Bickford said.

This year, they plan to investigate hauntings around campus, take a tour of a cemetery in Lewiston and visit a cryptozoology museum.

According to Bickford, this is a great improvement over last year when the group only went on one investigation in Estabrooke Hall.

The members’ interests lie in all things paranormal, and they takes different steps depending on what they are investigating.

When they investigate supposed hauntings, they bring camcorders and still-frame cameras, hoping to capture ghost sightings.

During the cemetery visit, they will use their own observations and electrical readings that denote the presence of spirits. There has been a lot of reported activity around a mausoleum in the cemetery.

“A lot of people have felt a presence there. ... It’s intuitive,” Dick said.

“It depends on what you’re looking for in a haunting,” Bickford said. “It’s not a science; you can’t really prove anything.”

Bickford and Dick note that a real ghost-hunting experience isn’t like those portrayed on popular television shows like “Ghost Hunters” and “Paranormal State.”

“You’re not going to find something most of the time,” Bickford said. “You have to go over what you think is real and what isn’t.”

“I think it’s good to go into an investigation with an open mind,” Dick said.

Both women believe there is paranormal activity alive and

people who didn’t receive the text messages on Jan. 22 because their subscription had expired.

The notification system also includes online alerts at www.umaine.edu and three warning sirens placed around campus, which university officials decided were unnecessary for Jan. 22. The university successfully tested the sirens and the rest of the system on Friday, March said the sirens are a notification for community members to seek further information.

Similar incidents have taken place at other universities around the country. After a University of Connecticut football player, Jason Howard, was stabbed to death in October, UConn officials notified students through their own alert system three hours after police were notified of the murder.

After a stabbing in November at Cornell University, students notified each other through text messages and e-mails. Cornell officials neglected to use the university’s emergency alert system to notify its students. The Cornell Daily Sun, the university’s student newspaper, wrote that the incident “raised

well in the world but admit that skeptics are good to have around to balance an investigation.

“I don’t consider myself a skeptic ... but there are things that can be written off,” Bickford said.

They explained the importance of critically examining evidence and understanding

there won’t be activity every investigation.

An interest in the unknown is what drew Bickford and Dick to the club; they joined through word of mouth. While Dick is still waiting for a paranormal experience, Bickford recently experienced a sighting this summer. The incident con-

firmed her suspicion there were things we can’t explain in the world.

Bickford’s family lives in an old house in Winterport, and her mother has always heard unidentifiable voices and music. Bickford had never before experienced a haunting but woke up one night this summer

to see a figure of a man in her room.

“It’s nothing I should be scared of. ... it freaks you out if you don’t know what’s going on, though,” Bickford said.

As for Dick, she is still waiting for an experience to confirm her beliefs.

“I wish,” she said.



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reluctance to sign up for text messages,” Carr said.

Users’ subscriptions to the text message service expire after a pre-selected period of time — usually four years — after which they have to sign up again. The reason for the expiration is because most phone companies require it and so graduates don’t continue to receive text messages after they leave UMaine. Four years is the maximum amount of time a student can select for the service, but the university is planning to upgrade next month to increase that length of time. The service is free and open to families of students as well.

March said he thinks there should be 15,000 people signed up for UMaine.txt.

“If there’s a real crisis on campus, and it’s important enough for us to want to let you know what we’re doing and what’s happening, then we want to make sure as many people as possible have access to that information.”

March said he spoke to two

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of Maine System currently provides Internet service to many schools, libraries, hospitals and nonprofits.

Fitts said the bill wasn’t aimed at directly protecting Fairpoint.

“I don’t think Fairpoint’s unique in this. Fairpoint’s just one example of a telecommunications carrier,” Fitts said.

The system partnered in 2007 with Jackson Labs and Mid-Maine Communications to dramatically expand the fiber-optic network capabilities of the system campuses and the lab, which also benefited many nonprofits unaffiliated with the system.

In prepared testimony, Ralph Caruso, chief information officer of the University of Maine System, said the bill “would severely reduce the competitiveness of Maine’s research institutions for grants and would raise the University of Maine System’s annual costs by \$2.5 million or more.”

Fitts said an amendment is being drafted to narrow the fo-

cus of the bill so it couldn’t be construed as banning municipalities from setting up wireless access points, for example.

The bill “simply says the university can serve the schools and libraries, and it can serve itself, but it needs to not be in a competitive arena against entities basically that can be served by others,” Fitts said.

As the bill currently stands, and even with the proposed amendment, no mention is made of nonstate entities already serviced by the system, though Fitts said the bill isn’t meant to apply retroactively.

“If it’s an existing agreement, it’s not my intent to try to reverse anything that’s existing,” Fitts said.

Fitts said he doesn’t approve of using taxpayer and tuition moneys to fund projects that aren’t part of the system’s educational or research mission.

“I don’t think it was intended that they recoup what they invest. Those investment are to serve the university and the purpose the university has,” Fitts said.

Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono, likened providing Internet ser-

vice to nonuniversity entities to allowing community members to use UMaine’s Student Recreation and Fitness Center.

“Taxpayer money and student money have gone to fund these things,” Cain said. “Shouldn’t the taxpayers of Maine have access to them?”

Fitts said allowing the system to compete for telecommunications contracts interferes with the free market.

“The university system is subsidized and paid for by the state. I’m more of a free market guy,” Fitts said.

“Competition has a connotation of being fair and even,” Fitts said. “And when the playing field is not level and that somebody is subsidized, and then they place a bid or offer service from a subsidized division, that’s not fair competition. That doesn’t help the market at all.”

“It’s not like we live in the middle of New York City where there’s tons and competition and tons of high-speed Internet and tons of access,” Cain said. “The university can be and should be a key player to places in Maine where private industry has not yet done it.”

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“It is unwise to establish rules that will not be enforced consistently or uniformly, and may literally be unenforceable,” the report stated.

Kuhns-Hastings agreed. “As far as the 20-foot rule, I suspect it is more social pressure for enforcement. I would hate to see the police take this on,” she wrote.

The report also cited the possible environmental and financial factors associated with forcing staff, faculty and students to either quit smoking or carpool to off-campus locations.

“It is suggested that an addicted worker who cannot quit may be asked to use patches or gums, both of which are expensive and have side effects,” the report stated. Smoke-break car-pools “would actually increase the health risks for everyone in the enclosed vehicle, as well as contribute to energy, traffic and health costs from the extra vehicle trips.”

There are approximately 350 tobacco-free college campuses in the United States. So far, Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield is the only Maine campus to ban tobacco use. The tobacco-free policy has been in effect since 2004, according to KVCC’s dean of

Finance and Administration, John Delile.

KVCC has an approximate 95 percent compliance rate with the tobacco-free policy, which allows students and staff to smoke on campus on if they’re in private vehicles. Most students in violation of the policy are caught under the cover of trees or outside their vehicles, rather than inside, according to Delile.

Students in violation of the policy are referred to the dean of students for violation of the student conduct code. KVCC does not offer on-campus housing.

“Everyone enforces the policy,” Delile said. “It only works if everyone works with it.”

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Shenna Bellows (left) of the Maine Civil Liberties Union discusses the future of marriage equality Wednesday. To her right is Charlotte Warren, of the Maine Women's Lobby.

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included Equality Maine and Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders.

A court battle to overturn Proposition 8 — which reversed California's same-sex marriage law — could end up in the Supreme Court. If the court overturns Proposition 8, it could lead to marriage equality in all 50 states, Bellows said. But she cautioned against proponents of same-sex marriage waiting for the Supreme Court.

"The court is nine human beings, and some are very conservative," Bellows said.

Bellows also said it could potentially be dangerous to pursue a constitutional path to same-sex marriage, as was done in Iowa, where the supreme court ruled a ban on gay marriage unconstitutional.

"There's some concern that a case brought at this time would not be successful because there's

a lack of precedent around a liberal interpretation of the equal protection clause [in Maine]," Bellows said. "It would be a disaster to bring a case too soon and lose because that would set us back in the legislature and in the court of public opinion."

According to Bellows, proponents of same-sex marriage are working to support candidates who voted for the marriage equal-

"When so many can put themselves into the shoes of their gay and lesbian neighbors ... then the future is bright."

Mary Bonauto
Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders

ity bill in the upcoming elections. The MCLU is also working to establish "ambassadors" in rural communities who will talk with friends, family and community members about same-sex marriage. All three panelists stressed the need for proponents of same-sex marriage to keep talking.

"We need to focus on persuasion," Bellows said.

"Speaking with people makes change last," Farnsworth said.

"It makes change make sense, makes it real."

Warren, who was elected mayor of Hallowell the night same-sex marriage was defeated in Maine, said it was important for supporters to keep the conversation going by looking for "teachable moments" with the people they interact with every day.

Bellows said the pro-same-sex marriage movement needed to make up about 80,000 votes to ensure victory at the polls again. She urged supporters to fill out blue postcards distributed by Equality Maine, telling their representatives where

they stand on the marriage issue. Despite the defeat at the polls last year, the three panelists were optimistic. Farnsworth and Bellows both noted the immense sea change in Maine since the time voters approved anti-discrimination legislation in 2005 to when they nearly approved same-sex marriage in 2009.

"For us to come this close to marriage equality in a single year is remarkable," Bellows said.

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Bolding also told the senate that while the university may

save money in cost per ton, it would lose the tax dollars generated by keeping the recycling business in Maine.

Student Government President Brian Harris said he met

with Dennis Grant of Facilities Management, who said FM is not necessarily against the plan and are not saying it would definitely result in job loss, but they want more research done.

In other GSS business...

- Repeating a controversial decision made last year, the Executive Budgetary Committee denied a \$1,000 request to Maine Masque for its annual trip to New York City. Vice President for Financial Affairs Justin Labonte said some members of the committee felt it was wrong to fund activities where the group would not participate, comparing the idea to sending Club Football to see an NFL game. Sen. Derek Jones will introduce a main motion in senate next week to allocate the money.

- The senate allocated \$1,200 to UMaine Cheerleading; \$3,500 to Student Heritage Alliance Council and \$1,900 to

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

- Senate passed a resolution to move the General Good and Welfare segment to earlier in the agenda to increase student participation in GSS. During General Good and Welfare, any student may address senate for up to five minutes. Sen. Ryan Gavin voiced support for the resolution, saying, "This body should hear from its constituents before we approve anything."

- Senate passed a resolution to increase the salary of the Director of External Affairs by roughly \$600, starting next academic year. It also passed a resolution to combine the Residents on Campus position

of national communications coordinator and secretary into one position: communications liaison.

- Hip Hop Club and Native People Alliance were granted preliminary recognition by Student Government.

- John Pelletier was appointed to the Fair Elections and Practices Commission. Ross Wolland was appointed to the chair of the ad hoc committee to review FEPC guidelines. Sen. Hannah Hudson was elected to the Executive Budgetary Committee.

- A main motion put forward by Gavin to allow the Office of Student Records to alert Student Government if any senator, executive or employee does not meet the GPA requirements for office was passed.



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Editorial: EBC’s denial of Maine Masque unfair

The Issue: The GSS Executive Budgetary Committee’s denial of funds to Maine Masque for the third straight year.

What We Think: Senate should be clear and consistent with expectations of student organizations.

The General Student Senate Executive Budgetary Committee denied a \$1,000 request by Maine Masque, which would have funded a trip to New York City for Broadway plays and acting workshops.

It was déjà vu for the students of Maine Masque; GSS has refused to award them funds for similar trips the past two years as well. In the past, student senators have stressed that they want to avoid setting a precedent of funding “individual hobby trips,” as well as a vague itinerary filed by Maine Masque.

This year, representatives had different reasoning: a lack of active participation. Paying for Maine Masque to watch Broadway shows would be like paying for the football club to go to Foxboro, Mass. to watch the Patriots play, one senator said.

We think this is a weak argument, especially considering that Maine Masque had scheduled relevant workshops for the trip. The situation illustrates the same disparity as it has in the past: GSS regularly awards thousands of dollars to athletic clubs to attend competitions but refuses to give a much smaller amount to an arts group that provides free entertainment to the University of Maine community.

One senator said he will introduce a main motion to overrule EBC’s decision and allocate the money. We agree this action should be taken. Three years is long enough: It’s time for the discrimination to stop.

Letters to the editor

Calling all fraternities

Fraternities: We need to come together and realize that we have a lot of trust to gain back, not only from our school, but also from local authorities, government and taxpayers. This stabbing wasn’t just a thing that is going to get pushed under the rug. Some fraternities need to get their act together quickly.

Kole McBreairsty, Sigma Phi Epsilon

Recycling change needs reconsideration

I’m appalled by the University’s idea to change the recycling on campus. Once again, they are thinking about themselves instead of the students. It’s not enough that they raise your tuition every year, now they want your every nickel and dime. They want your redeemables without paying you, and they are taking away jobs. Students need their jobs and every penny they can save for laundry, food and gas. I manage Skeeter’s Redemption Center in Old Town, so come by if you want money for your redeemables. You can get 10% more back on Wednesday if you show your UMaine card.

Joseph Ouellette, alumnus

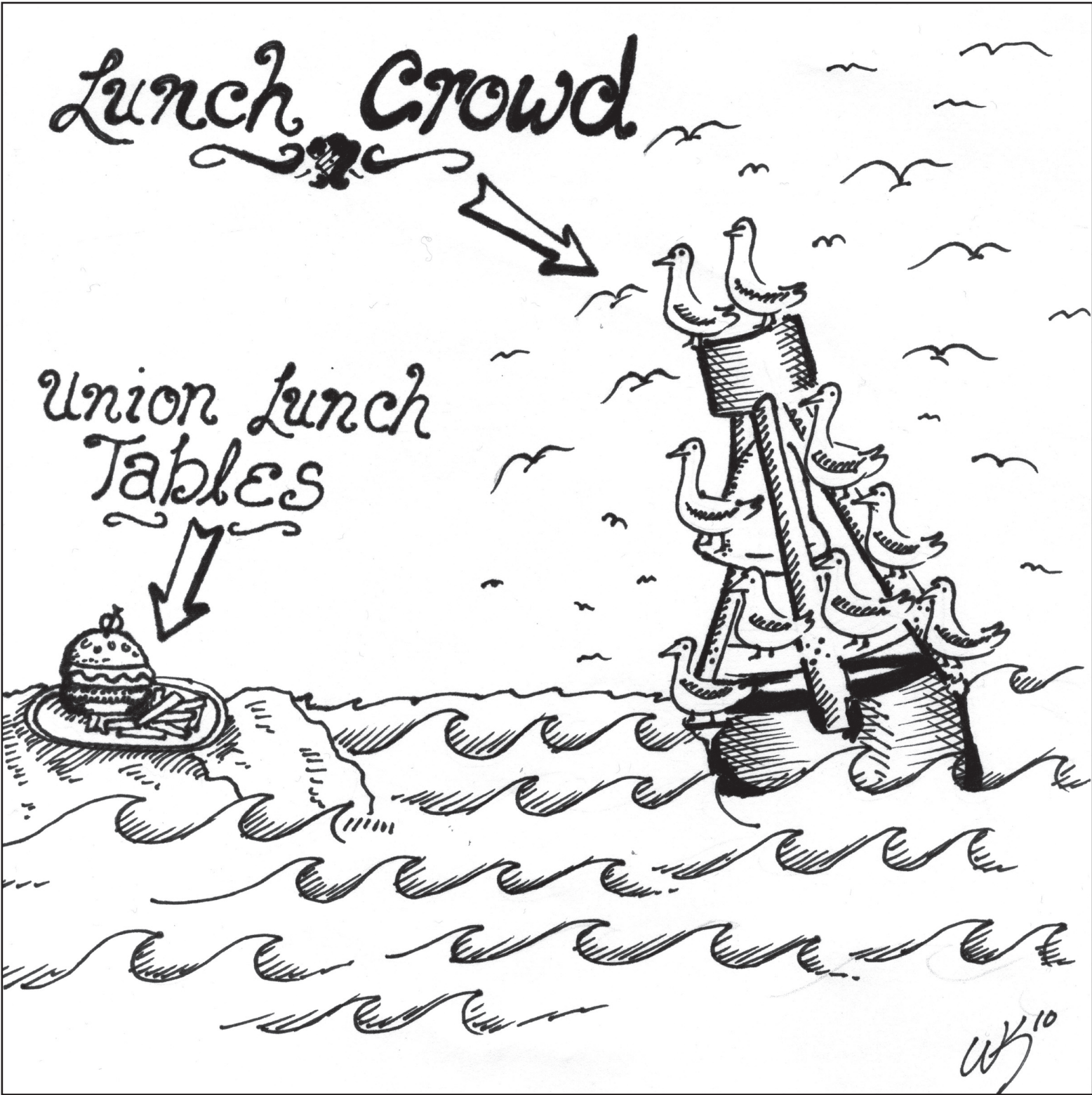
Readers Speak: Best of Web comments

RE: Vintage Corner — Frank Sinatra: A musician with class and style

I agree with you. When I was a student at UMaine a long(ish) time ago, I, too, was annoyed by Sinatra. My father was a big fan and I’d roll my eyes each time he tried to convince me how great he is. As I’ve matured, he has become one of my favorite voices, especially when I’m feeling down.

Your columns are great. Keep writing and repping vintage!

— **Averyl Hill**



Avoid debt — you owe it to yourselves

In the life of a college student, nothing is certain except debt and classes. With recent budget cuts that have slimmed down class catalogues and even eliminated programs, it seems the only thing we can count on for sure is that we will graduate owing somebody a lot of money.

Or somebodies. The heaviest hitters are the lenders, with more than 60 percent of U.S. undergrads holding a average debt of \$23,700 according to American Student Assistance, a non-profit organization that helps students manage their loan debt.

But it’s not just loans we have to worry about. Sallie Mae reports that the average college student has also accumulated more than \$3,000 in credit card debt. Some also have car payments, insurance premiums and expensive drug habits to cover.

The sad truth is that most of us will experience graduation not as a joyous celebration of accomplishments and the beginning of a bright future but as the end of an extended grace period after which the interest-sucking debt collectors come pounding on the door. Debt has been deeply ingrained in our collective psyche as a necessity of life, but this was not always the case.

Most of our great-grandparents thought debt was foolish. Some didn’t even trust banks — hence, the occasional story of a new homeowner finding a million dollars in pennies stuffed inside a mattress or a hole in the wall.

Even companies that now make millions from plastic originally abhorred debt: A 1910 Sears catalog declared, “Buying on credit is folly,” and the founder of J.C. Penney was nicknamed James “Cash only” Penney for refusing to accept credit as payment.

We’ve come a long way since then. Not



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FRANCKE

OPINION
EDITOR

all of us are in the red, but we have all been infected with thinking debt is OK — a way of life, even.

I hope MasterCard doesn’t make me pay for saying this, but debt is a bad thing. It makes you into a slave — bound by rich lenders, no longer able to use your earnings as you wish. Nobody relishes the idea

will control you.

Start making reasoned spending decisions, from how you eat to what you wear. If your credit card is a problem, cut it in half — you don’t need it. If you don’t have money for something, don’t buy it. Here’s a novel idea: Save your money for what you need; buy what you want only if you can afford it.

Get a part-time job. You can likely make as much as you would from a Stafford loan without a cent of interest. It may not be the greatest employ, but it’s bearable for a few years and better than debt.

Finally, start budgeting. It’s easy to learn, and it’s empowering to see what you can and can’t afford without living paycheck to paycheck.

Sometimes, perhaps, debt is unavoidable. But it’s far more preventable than

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of paying off people at interest, so why don’t we make more of an effort to avoid it?

I’ve been lucky: I have in-state tuition, a few scholarships, a good part-time job and my parents help with the rest. Not everyone has these advantages, but there are still a few easy principles you can use if you wish to start climbing out of the hole.

It all starts with discipline. We are fortunate in this country to have the right to take charge of our finances — so use it. If you don’t control your money, your money

we think. The consequences are real. Irresponsible borrowing and lending contributed significantly to the Great Depression in the ’20s and the recession we’re still suffering today.

Don’t resign yourself to debt as though it were inevitable. There are free resources online for avoiding and managing the problem, and with a little bit of work and self-discipline, we can all be on our way to a liberated, happy future.

Tyler Francke believes a penny saved is a very small amount of money saved.

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There’s more to Greek Life than what you’ve heard



Greek Life is nothing like the stereotypes: It involves philanthropy, academic development, sincere friendship and leadership opportunities.

SASHA KAUFFMAN

What do you think of when you hear “Greek Life?” Common stereotypes are usually parties, drugs, alcohol, hazing and poor academic performance. Could you ever imagine friendship, responsibility, personal growth and teamwork?

We cannot base our perceptions of entire communities on the actions of one member, like the assailant. For every drunken accident involving Greeks, there are many more positive stories no one remembers involving academics, philanthropy and friendship. The problems commonly associated with Greek Life are everywhere, but they’re magnified with us because of stereotypes. The positive qualities fraternities and sororities uphold are never as celebrated as the occasional slip-up.

I wouldn’t expect any non-Greek to know any more about sororities and fraternities on campus than I did when I first started out, but I would expect them to have an open mind.

Real Greek Life is nothing like the stereotypes — It involves philanthropic service, academic development, sincere friendship and leadership opportunities. It’s a community that is important to our campus and to me.

Greeks donate more money to the University of Maine than any other organizations on campus. Here are just a few of the things Greeks do: Sigma Phi Epsilon’s “Rock against Rape” to raise awareness of sexual abuse, Alpha Gamma Rho’s USO fundraiser for army care packages, Pi Beta Phi’s Arrowspike for youth literacy and Delta Zeta’s recent “Data-Zeta” match for those suffering with lupus.

With the recent crisis in Haiti, Alpha Phi and Sigma Chi raised more than \$1,500 for the relief effort. Do these

extraordinary examples of philanthropy fit the common stereotype of fraternities and sororities?

An average student goes to class and maybe holds a job or joins a club. An average Greek, on the other hand, goes to class, maybe holds a job or joins a club, but they also do community service, hold an executive position within the chapter and participate on the student governing board.

But what Greek Life really does for you is give you a family. Imagine knowing you have more than 30 sisters or brothers when you need help with homework or someone to talk to. Any of my sisters would help me if I asked or console me if I cried. They’re the most perfect group of girls I’ve ever met.

I’ve only been a sister for one semester, but seeing how much the older girls love every part of it makes me wonder why anyone could ever not support fraternities and sororities. Greek Life is run with genuine love. We help each other and work together to improve ourselves.

I’ve learned what it means to be part of a team, what it feels like to represent something and what it means to have my actions reflect on more than just myself. I’ve learned to manage my time well, get my work done and be relied on. I’ve learned what being a sister really means: being loving, trustworthy, supportive, forgiving and respectful. I want to live up to the title I am given, and this desire has made me a better person.

All through my life I’ve refused to be controlled and had a hard time being told what to do, something that has caused me problems in school and with my parents. Through joining a sorority, I’ve realized there are times when it’s necessary to listen to more experienced people; it’s important to pay respect where respect is due.

I could go on about what I’ve learned from being in a sorority, but nobody outside of Greek Life will ever fully understand. That’s what makes it so special to me and to every other Greek I know.

Members of fraternities and sororities are also members of society; we’re all students, just like any other group on campus. Greeks aren’t crazy, superficial or scary. Instead, Greek Life teaches us respect, responsibility and friendship — qualities we need instilled in us for the rest of our lives.

Sasha Kauffman is a first-year communications student and sister of Pi Beta Phi.

‘Don’t ask, don’t tell’ U.S. military policy obviously obsolete



MADELYN KEARNS

COLUMNIST

How can we describe the men and women who serve our country in the armed forces? “Upstanding” and “courageous” come to mind, followed by about every other honorable adjective I can scavenge from Webster’s.

Each descriptor can be, and is, borne with pride, except for one: “gay.” That is — according to Congress — a trait best left secured in a footlocker.

At least the closet had elbow room.

The military’s policy regarding gays serving in the armed forces, coined “don’t ask, don’t tell” by the Clinton Administration, hasn’t been a stranger to controversy since its institution in 1993.

The battle to allow openly gay men and women the right to serve in the military has tallied its fair share of casualties, with 10,500 service members discharged on the basis of homosexuality from 1997 to 2008, and 423 more from this past year alone.

Until last Wednesday, it seemed

After the State of the Union address, it appears the fall of “don’t ask, don’t tell” is imminent. Homophobia is the only remaining obstacle.

as though 2010 would continue the pattern, with GLBT organizations and discharged gay soldiers continuing to make their pleas on the sidelines, heard yet nevertheless ignored.

But, with his State of the Union address, President Barack Obama gave the issue new momentum, promising to “finally repeal the law that denies gay Americans the right to serve the country they love because of who they are,” and catapulting it onto congressional center stage.

Following the address, Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, called for an end to the policy as soon as possible.

Mullen concluded during the hearing Tuesday that repealing

the ban was, quite simply, “the right thing to do,” a statement that made him the highest-ranking active military official to openly support the cause.

With immense support over the past two weeks on an issue that had been ignored for so long and poll results indicating support among military members for repeal, the light at the end of the tunnel faced by homosexual service members seems within reach.

Has the time really come to overthrow a policy that has worked for nearly two decades, especially with wars in both Iraq and Afghanistan in full swing?

It has indeed, and attempts to delay it now are merely last-ditch efforts by those whose homophobia has gotten in the way of their legislative duty to enforce equality for all.

John McCain said the statements made by Mullen and Gates were not of sustainable merit to enact a change in the policy, which he believes is as sound as ever.

Although McCain is correct in saying many gays are currently serving honorably, he discredits those who have lost their positions for doing nothing more than living true to themselves and being found out.

This is a switch from a statement McCain made in 2006, when he pledged to follow the decision of military leaders regarding a change in the policy: “The day that the leadership of the military comes to me and says, ‘Senator, we ought to change the policy,’ then I think we ought to consider seriously changing it because those leaders in the military are the ones we give the responsibility to.”

The senator’s flippant views indicate that those in favor of the policy have little reason to be anymore other than a deep-seeded fear of people different from themselves.

“Don’t ask, don’t tell” allows blackmailing and discrimination, which is unfair and uncalled for. Gay men and women are in Arlington National Cemetery, Iraq, Afghanistan and wherever else they are needed.

They are like every other good soldier and should be treated as such.

People shouldn’t be punished for something that isn’t applicable or relevant to the task at hand. Whether gay, straight or anything in between, those who join the military do so to defend their country, not get a date.

Madelyn Kearns is a sophomore mass communications student.

The secret to the impending success of Apple’s new iPad



Technology is only useful if the consumer has control of it and not the other way around. The question is, will you unplug?

ZACHARY GOATER

We, ladies and gentlemen, are all under Apple’s mind control.

When the iPod debuted Oct. 23, 2001, we went completely insane. In retrospect, it’s nearly impossible to see how we could’ve been so finagled by this Neanderthal-like device.

Without the iPod, we wouldn’t be in the situation we are now. As Julius Caesar says in Shakespeare’s play, “The fault, dear Brutus, lies not in the stars, but in ourselves.” Apple knows people are going to buy the iPad. If they weren’t going to buy it, then Steve “I-can-pretty-much-invent-an-iToilet-and-people-will-buy-it” Jobs wouldn’t keep coming up with this stuff.

The mind-boggling part is that people are listening. Jobs, who helped invent the first home computer, is responsible for most of the popular culture in the last 10 years. His face appears on countless television shows, and his name is in headlines every day. The minute he releases a new product, the public begins to drool its money-filled spit right into the palm of his million-dollar hand.

Anxious to understand the appeal and only owning one Apple product, I decided to do some research. All I had heard at this point was that Apple’s newest product, the iPad, was just a giant iPod Touch. If that were true, then it would take some serious work to convince me it was a good product.

I jumped on my cyber surfboard and headed

straight to the source. The Apple Web site describes the iPad as a revolutionary and magical device. This is probably commonplace on a site attempting to put its best foot forward. Yes, I’m sure it is magical.

But, revolutionary? Not so much. It’s exactly what people have suggested: an oversized iPod Touch. What’s so wrong with that? Nothing.

People must not realize how prone they’ve been in the past to purchasing products just like this. Every time a new iThing comes out, like the 400th generation iPod, people have been fine with it. For some reason, the iPad seems to cross an unspoken line for consumers.

The world of product development has always operated according to certain laws. Car manufacturing, for example, is built around obsolescence. Every year, new versions of the same car come out to make up for failures in the last version. It could simply be that Joe Executive realized something better could be done with this new Hummer that wasn’t done with the last.

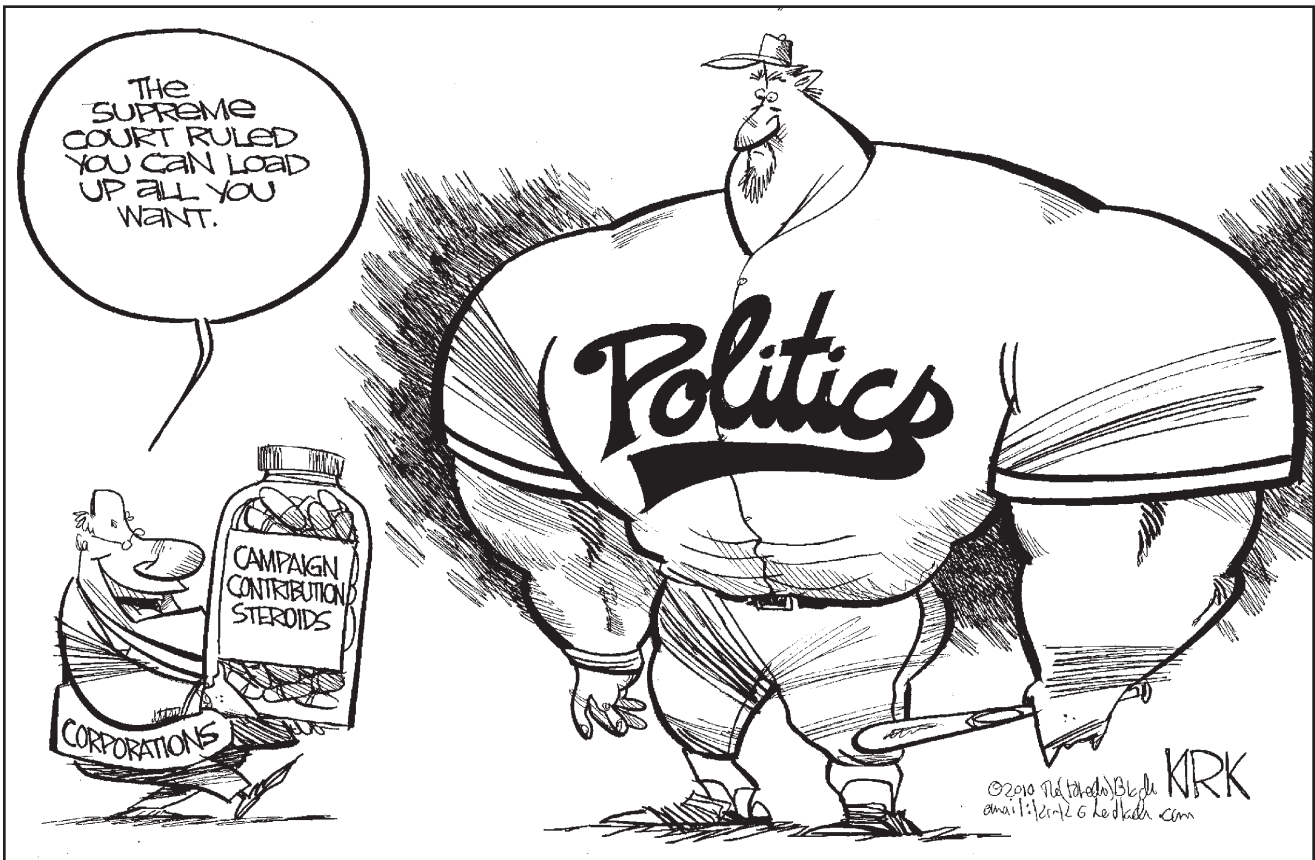
However, this scenario seems less likely than the alternative: planned obsolescence. Maybe the truth is companies are keen to our inability to resist the new, hip thing. Maybe they want to work with the consumer, rather than against them.

Here’s where Apple’s newest product comes in. If the consumer looks at products from the last 10 years, they’ll see little to get outraged about. The iPad took it one step too far. We were finally tested. Jobs wanted to see if we would be sheepish enough to believe we needed this product.

He knows that for all the contempt it’s gotten, people will still buy it. In the end, the consumer is only as smart as their impulses.

When we can figure out that the materialistic world we live in is destroying us and turning us into jellyfish, only then can we prosper. Technology is only useful if the consumer has control of it and not the other way around. The question is, will you unplug?

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The search for someone to 'like-like'

Dear Oronobodies, Someone wrote in with a request for a pep talk on making new friends. As the Garfunkel and Oates girls say, "Like can lead to like-like, and like-like can lead to love." But what do you do if you don't know anyone you just plain like? I'm not talking about curmudgeons — if you're one of those and you don't have friends, it's your own dam fault. I'm referring, rather, to friendly people who have found it difficult to make friends in Orono. I was one of those people when I first arrived a year and a half ago.

What popped into my head when I imagined my future life in central Maine was an image of a tall, lone spruce tree covered in snow, swaying in the wind to the sound of nothingness. I didn't have a problem with nothingness per se, but I envisioned myself being extremely lonely. And for my first semester, I was.

I now know Maine has spruce trees, and they sway, but you don't have to listen to the nothing station if you don't want to. Rural areas often have great, close-knit communities — you just have to figure out where they are. One of the best things you can do to combat loneliness is to get involved. Try something you've always wanted to try, get a job or join a club.

One rule to go by for making friends and finding potential mates is what I like to call "The Two Contexts Rule." If you know someone from two separate contexts — say, you've seen them at Spanish table, and you also take the same bus — then you have an invitation for a conversation. You can talk about your adventures on the bus while at the Spanish table, or about your struggles with Spanish while on the bus. But first, get yourself some contexts.

One of the best things you can do is move out of your parents' house. Living at home can save money, but if you can manage it, living on your own — or in a dorm — can really help your social life. Some of the best friendships I made as an undergrad began from impromptu dorm conversations, probably when all of us should have been doing homework. Things like baking cookies and playing music became excuses to invite the neighbors over. If you still live with your parents, these spontaneous get-togethers are harder to come by.

The second thing is to get a job, which will also help pay the rent. Try to find one where others of your age are also working, and where you won't be working all by yourself. I worked in the scene shop as an undergrad, building sets and running lights for theatrical performances. I met one of my best friends because we liked the same radio stations and because neither of us had anything to do during smoke breaks.

Joining a club can also help, and you'll meet others who have always wanted to try the same thing. In case you didn't know, the University of Maine has a salsa club, an outdoor club, a juggling club, a green team, French and Spanish tables and much more. Try going to the Student Resources page

See Oronobody on **B3**



Oronobody
By Anya Rose

Leggings: what a feeling

When they become pants, there's nothing left to hide

By Lynnsay Maynard ♦ For The Maine Campus

Madonna once said she liked to wear them to business meetings. Infantrymen in World War II garnered the nickname "legs" because they didn't wear them. In 1983, Jennifer Beals shimmed across the screen in "Flashdance" in a pair — when she wasn't welding.

They're leggings. They come in different colors and patterns, ranging from a modest navy blue or black to a metallic snakeskin or flannel pattern. They are worn with running shoes and high heels, with sandals and Uggs. Their attractiveness is debatable to some and unquestionable to others. However, their sudden presence in malls and classrooms, on your friends and girlfriend, is undeniable.

Fashion trends are usually resurrected years after their conception. This is nothing new. The unique trait about the return of leggings is how they are being worn — leggings have become pants. An entire demographic has decided it is perfectly acceptable to wear a T-shirt, a sweater, or a hoodie with leggings and no pants. An entire demographic has taken a trend and transformed it.

Women at the University of Maine are not exempt from this trend. Some like leggings but wouldn't wear them in frigid Maine temperatures or without a skirt or pants, others aren't fazed.

"I like to wear shorter skirts," said Stefanie Veneziano, a third-year international affairs and theatre student. Veneziano said she likes to wear leggings with sweater dresses and tunics and the cold weather doesn't affect her decision.

"I won't wear leggings if it's warm. I have no problem in -10 [degree] weather wearing leggings, as long as I have boots and a thick coat," Veneziano said.

Brianna Potter, a third-year journalism and sociology student, feels differently.

"I don't wear leggings because of the weather," Potter said. "Hello people, it's winter. And because they're hot and clingy in the summer [I don't wear them]. I have bought leggings from TJ Maxx, and I've only worn them on rare



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also wore buckskin to protect their legs from the elements. Before switching to

occasions." When asked if they do or would consider wearing leggings as pants, both girls were hesitant.

"Only if I'm at the gym, or if the top I'm wearing covers me. It looks awkward to wear a shorter top with leggings," Veneziano said.

Wearing leggings as pants has sparked activity in fashion magazines and on the Internet. A notorious Web site, tightsarenotpants.com, has a manifesto against the new trend. The first three lines read, "Let's be clear. The wearing of tights as pants is an abomination. Tights are not pants." It goes on to list ways in which tights as pants are acceptable — hair metal, ballet, etc. — and offers printable flyers with its logo — an equal symbol with a slash through it, sandwiched between the words "tights" and "pants".

Not all are opposed to the new trend. When asked if she wore leggings as pants out of comfort or because it's currently fashionable, fourth-year zoology student Becca Bendure said, "I think it's because I can."

UMaine freshman Abbey Pelletier agrees. "I feel comfortable wearing them as pants because they are pretty thick and very comfortable," Pelletier. "I think I wear them because they are soft and stretchy, and I guess you look better a little better than wearing really baggy sweatpants everyday."

Leggings have a history extending back to the 15th century, which makes their current usage even more interesting. During the Renaissance, men wore stockings known as "hose" or "chausses" that were similar to tights and made out of wool. Native Americans wore long buckskin leggings that looked more like boots, and cowboys

See Leggings on **B3**

College strummers kick off this year's acoustic competition

By Kegan Zema
Style Editor

There are three surefire ways to get laid in college: drink more beer than anyone else, play a varsity sport or play guitar. The Project, the University of Maine's acoustic music competition, takes care of one of those. Every spring semester, the Campus Activities Board offers a great way for musicians to share their passion.

The Project is back in action for 2010. New this year are showcases during which performers are allowed to play one song each, according to Hannah Fernald, chairwoman of The Project. Four performers took the stage on Tuesday night in the Bear's Den in Memorial Union for the kick-off showcase.

The tables at the Bear's Den were full. Three of the four acts were returning performers and the crowd clearly had their favorites. Keelan Donovan was a clear standout — his high-energy cover of "Alias" by Dispatch ignited the audience. At the persuasion of the audience, he spearheaded the round of encores — a privilege all performers enjoyed that night.

New to the competition was Two Guys One Band, comprised of John Armstrong and Derek Langley. Armstrong said The Project was a great place to hear people play.

"I watched this thing last year and thought to myself, 'Next year I'm going to do it.' I am excited



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Keelan Donovan performed "Elias" by Dispatch Tuesday night in the Bear's Den during the first round of The Project.

for the competition to start. We've got some killer stuff lined up."

Another crowd favorite was Brianna Finnegan. Her encore performance was a cover of Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On."

Finnegan has pulled out this sexual classic before, but it packed just as much punch as ever.

James Gilmore, mastermind behind the "Campus Bands" compilation CD, stepped outside of his usual comfort zone of '90s

hits by playing Sam Cooke's "A Change is Gonna Come." His risk paid off, and he excelled at the oldie. However, Gilmore couldn't resist busting out "Push" by Matchbox Twenty for his encore.

Gilmore said the new set-up was an improvement on previous years.

"This way it gives the performers a chance to get comfortable playing with each other, and ultimately improve their sets to fit within the high standards that The Project sees year after year," Gilmore said in an e-mail. "It makes me want to work that much harder on my music to try and keep up with the other sets."

The laid-back atmosphere fostered a great sense of musical community amongst the performers and audience. One audience member was overheard saying, even though he was missing "Lost," it was worth it for live music.

"[The Project] is just a way to get campus bands out there," Fernald said. "It's the first chance we get to really showcase kids and they like it."

Another showcase will take place next week, with the bracketed competition resuming after that, according to Fernald. She said there is still time for latecomers to take place in the competition, but that they need to contact her before the end of the week. The competition will continue on Tuesday nights throughout the semester in the Bear's Den.

go!

Thursday, Feb. 4

"Precious"
Collins Center for the Arts
7 p.m.
\$6

I Love the '90s Trivia
Bear's Den, Memorial Union
8 p.m.
21 +

Friday, Feb. 5

Old Town Orono YMCA Rose Ball
Penobscot Valley Country Club, 366 Maine St.
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
\$150 per couple

Midnight Rose
Hollywood Slots, 500 Main Street, Bangor
8 p.m.

Planetarium Show: Black Holes
Jordan Planetarium
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
\$3

Rockin' Ron
Brewer Eagle's Club, Acme Road, Brewer
8 p.m.

Cirque Dreams
Collins Center for the Arts
8 p.m.
\$47 - \$57

Kickin' Flicks: "Law Abiding Citizen"
Bangor Room, Memorial Union
7:30 and 10 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Trombone Day
Minsky Recital Hall
10 a.m.

Simon Boccanegra - Giuseppe Verdi
Collins Center for the Arts
1 p.m.
\$24

Alfred Hitchcock's "To-paz"
Collins Center for the Arts
7 p.m.
\$6

Silver Duo Recital
Minsky Recital Hall
7:30 p.m.

Rockin' Ron
Orono American Legion Hall, Park St.
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 7

Planetarium Show: The Little Star That Could
Jordan Planetarium
2 to 3 p.m.
\$3

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a look at this year’s Oscars

Tuesday the nominations for the Academy Awards were announced. There were some surprises, such as “District 9” getting a nod for Best Picture, but most of the nominees are those one would expect. But now the real fun begins as we stack the odds and prepare for the Oscar Pool, figuring out who will win and who will go home empty handed. Here is a list of the nominees in the major categories, and our predictions, personal preferences, and thoughts on who should have been included. The Academy Awards air Sunday, March 7, on ABC.



Best Picture: “Avatar” “The Blind Side” “District 9” “An Education” “The Hurt Locker” “Inglourious Basterds” “Precious” “A Serious Man” “Up” “Up in the Air”	Directing: James Cameron, “Avatar” Kathryn Bigelow, “The Hurt Locker” Quentin Tarantino, “Inglourious Basterds” Lee Daniels, “Precious” Jason Reitman, “Up in the Air”	Actor: Jeff Bridges, “Crazy Heart” George Clooney, “Up in the Air” Colin Firth, “A Single Man” Morgan Freeman, “Invictus” Jeremy Renner, “The Hurt Locker”	Actress: Sandra Bullock, “The Blind Side” Helen Mirren, “The Last Station” Carey Mulligan, “An Education” Gabourey Sidibe, “Precious” Meryl Streep, “Julie and Julia”	Supporting Actor: Matt Damon, “Invictus” Woody Harrelson, “The Messenger” Christopher Plummer, “The Last Station” Stanley Tucci, “The Lovely Bones” Christoph Waltz, “Inglourious Basterds”	Supporting Actress: Penelope Cruz, “Nine” Vera Farmiga, “Up in the Air” Maggie Gyllenhaal, “Crazy Heart” Anna Kendrick, “Up in the Air” Mo’Nique, “Precious”
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By John Shannon
Staff Writer



his time to shine.

Root For: Jeremy Renner, “The Hurt Locker”

His work is a big part of why “The Hurt Locker” resonates as much as it does.

Snubbed: Billy Crudup, “Watchmen”

Before “Avatar” made people crazy for motion capture, there was “Watchmen,” and the character of Dr. Manhattan. Crudup plays a man who becomes a god with humility and grace, often being the diamond in a movie with plenty of gems to begin with.

Best Actress
Bet On: Sandra Bullock, “The Blind Side”

A popular actress in an audience pleaser, she has the momentum behind her that no other nominee has.

Root For: Meryl Streep, “Julie and Julia”

The seasoned vet continues to take chances, refusing to let the goodwill audiences have toward her as an excuse to slide.

Snubbed: Rachel Weisz, “The Brothers Bloom”

In a lesser actress’s hands, Penelope could have turned into an ear-splitting caricature, but Weisz brings depth and humor to the role, making the film

By Kyle Kernan
Staff Writer



rise above a simple conman tale and become a beautiful and touching romance.

Best Supporting Actor
Bet On: Christoph Waltz, “Inglourious Basterds”

Deliciously played, Waltz deserves every accolade available for his portrayal of The Jew Hunter.

Root For: Christoph Waltz, “Inglourious Basterds”

For once, the academy and I will agree 100 percent.

Snubbed: Jim Broadbent, “Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince”

Dozens of talented actors and actresses have graced the halls of Hogwarts, but Broadbent’s Professor Slughorn stands out as the most fascinating. Broadbent perfectly essays a man who is trying anything and everything to forget that he may be responsible for the being known as Voldemort, and if the world falls it will be entirely his fault.

Best Supporting Actress
Bet On: Mo’Nique, “Precious”

She’s been maintaining buzz throughout the entire awards season. It’s her statue to lose at this point.

Root For: Mo’Nique, “Precious”

The nominees in this category are particularly dull this year; Mo’Nique pretty much wins by default.

Snubbed: Zoe Saldana “Avatar”

Saldana proves to be one of the few actors that truly understand motion capture, and her performance as Neytiri is as powerful and beautiful as most actresses deliver in the flesh.

Best Picture:
Who will win: “Avatar”

“Avatar” is the most renowned film among critics and audiences alike in 2009 and it will overtake “Titanic” in domestic earnings for highest grossing film of all time. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences loves engrossing spectacles and this one is a visual treat for the ages.

Who should win: “A Serious Man”

If “A Serious Man” and “No Country for Old Men” were released in the same year, “A Serious Man” would be the better film. The Coen brothers crafted an existential parable for our times.

Snubbed: “The Fantastic Mr. Fox”

It is rich in poignancy and tender moments and delivered maybe the most wonderful film experience of the year.

Best Director:
Who will win: James Cameron, “Avatar”

It had been 11 years since his first feature film, and “Avatar” was worth the wait. The scope of his achievement alone will garnish him Oscar gold.

Who should win: Kathryn Bigelow, “The Hurt Locker”

She assembled the first great contemporary portrait of the war in Iraq that media and audiences alike rejoiced for.

Snubbed: Wes Anderson, “The Fantastic Mr. Fox”

He meticulously crafted a new and refreshing stop-motion perspective.

Best Actor:
Who will win: George Clooney, “Up in the Air”

The academy loves surprises, and this unknown actress caused waves through Hollywood and the public with her moving performance.

Snubbed: Zoe Saldana, “Avatar”

Saldana gave a powerfully intense and animated performance as the princess of the Na’vi, Neytiri, and should be recognized.

Best Supporting Actor:
Who will and should win: Christoph Waltz, “Inglourious Basterds”

I can’t think of any other actor this year who gave a more stirring performance with more range and delivery. This is Waltz’s film hands down and he should have been nominated for Best Actor instead.

Snubbed: Christian McKay, “Me and Orson Welles”

McKay gave a scene-stealing performance as Orson Welles himself, capturing the famous Hollywood icon.

Best Supporting Actress:
Who will win: Mo’Nique, “Precious”

Who should win and wasn’t even nominated: Melanie Laurent, “Inglourious Basterds”

As Shosanna, Laurent gave the film its tender moments it needed apart from the brutality and violence.

Best Actress:
Who will and should win: Gabourey Sidibe, “Precious”

The academy tends to admire star vehicles, but Clooney gave maybe the best performance of his career filled with touches of strained vulnerability. Jeff Bridges in “Crazy Heart” is a favorite to win but who the hell saw that movie?

Who should win: Jeremy Renner, “The Hurt Locker”

Renner brings as much authentic intensity to his roles as Leonardo DiCaprio and he should get more roles after this one.

Snubbed: Sharlto Copley in “District 9”

Copley gave one of the most desperately chilling performances of the year, as he goes from a relatively important man who interacts with the prawns to the most sought after human on the planet. This was his breakout film.

Leggings

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combat boots during World War II, U.S. soldiers wore a form of leggings known as “puttees” to keep their legs dry and to provide negligible ankle support.

The form that most resembles modern leggings were worn by women. In the mid-19th century, women in France began to wear a form of leggings known as “pantalettes.” Pantalettes, worn under skirts to fully cover the woman, were often made of linen and eventually found their way into British and American dressing rooms. While pantalettes were the grandmother of modern leggings, they looked more like a pair of oversized linen pajama pants with lace.

Leggings had a mild resurgence in the 1960s, worn with skirts and simple shoes. In the 1970s, American designer Patricia Field claimed she had designed the modern legging. The 1980s transformed leggings from a practical garment worn by both sexes into a skintight garment worn, well,

whenever.

Originally worn as exercise clothes, ’80s leggings became “street wear” and were worn with long sweaters and skirts. The cotton-lycra blend was worn by ’80s celebrities such as Madonna and remained popular well into the ’90s. When leggings appeared on various runways in the early 2000s, the trend peaked again. Clothing stores such as American Apparel and Urban Outfitters became popular sellers of the product, and it’s hard to find a retailer that doesn’t sell them today.

The evolution of leggings, from cowboys and dainty French women, to gyms and grocery stores, could be approached from different perspectives. Does a shift from utilitarian to aesthetic say anything about either generation? Do leggings as pants suggest high physical self-esteem among women or just a need to follow trends?

“I do think some girls wear them (as pants) to show off their figure but I also think some wear them because they are really comfortable,” Peltier said.

Oronobody

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of FirstClass and click on “All Student Orgs.”

No one cares if you’ve never spoken French or if you don’t know how to juggle — that’s why you’re there. I’ve been made fun of for talking in funny accents, and for wearing weird pants, but I’ve never been ridiculed for diving into an activity I love. The more you can find

your passion and be yourself, the more people will appreciate you for who you are and the more they’ll want to be your friend. And once you find people you like, you may have better luck finding people you like-like.

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CD REVIEW: REBIRTH

‘The Greatest Rapper Alive’ falls flat in his attempt to rock out with Auto-Tune

Spencer Morton
For The Maine Campus

It’s easy to hate Lil’ Wayne. He’s cocky, he has a torrid love affair with Auto-Tune and his rhymes are beyond idiotic at times. In 2008, “Tha Carter III” took Wayne to new heights. The album went three times platinum, was nominated for eight Grammys and was the highest selling album of the year. Wayne has earned the right to do whatever he wants. However, there is a big difference between what an artist can do and what an artist should do.

His highly anticipated, much-delayed rock album, “Rebirth,” hit stores Tuesday. The album is little more than a creative failure. There are a handful of solid, creative tracks, but there are many others that just plain suck.

The album opens with two of its worst tracks. “American Star” is a cocky mess. There’s no flow and no creativity to the guitar or drum work. “Prom Queen,” the album’s first single, is laughable. Hearing Wayne shriek over his rollercoaster relationship with a high school prom queen does not make for anything listenable.

Other major failures include “Get a Life” and “The Price is Wrong.” The former is one of the worst diss tracks ever compiled. He gets back at his haters by saying, “F--- you. Get a life. Man, I got too much s--- on my head to have to deal with all of you.” Real fierce Wayne, real fierce. “The Price is Wrong,” the album’s closing track, is the worst song on the album. Since when does repeating the word OK 5,000 times qualify as being a passable chorus?

The aforementioned tracks are so terrible, there is no way “Rebirth” can recover. However, there are some exceptionally bright spots. The top three tracks are all grouped together.



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“On Fire” is a brilliant track. The quazi-’80s intro is mixed with catchy drum work and a pretty slick bass. This is one track where Wayne’s Auto-Tuned vocals really excel.

“Drop the World” is the best track on the album. The lyrics are extremely cocky, even by Wayne’s standards, but it all works. Eminem makes the track though. He comes out of nowhere and absolutely slays the third verse on “Drop the World.” Wayne is solid, but Eminem takes it to a whole new level.

The last of the three good songs is “Runnin’.” It’s a good

collaboration between Wayne and female vocalist Shanell. Thankfully, Auto-Tune is shut off here. The raw emotion in Wayne’s voice and the powerful chorus by Shanell make this track enjoyable.

Another highlight is “Ground Zero.” It’s a fast-paced, legitimate rock track, and Wayne sounds good on it. The song is produced by Fall Out Boy frontman Patrick Stump. His experience with knowing how to piece together a rock song seems to have benefited “Ground Zero.”

After half a dozen delays and numerous leaks onto the

Internet, “Rebirth” was finally released. Haters were licking their chops when they heard Wayne was making a rock album, and they could easily tear him apart over his latest effort. Wayne never seems to fully understand what makes a competent rock song, and many of his tracks suffer because of it. There are some standouts, though, and critics need not overlook them.

Can the self-proclaimed “greatest rapper alive” make a rock album? Theoretically, he can. Should he? Probably not. “Rebirth” is an intriguing misfire.

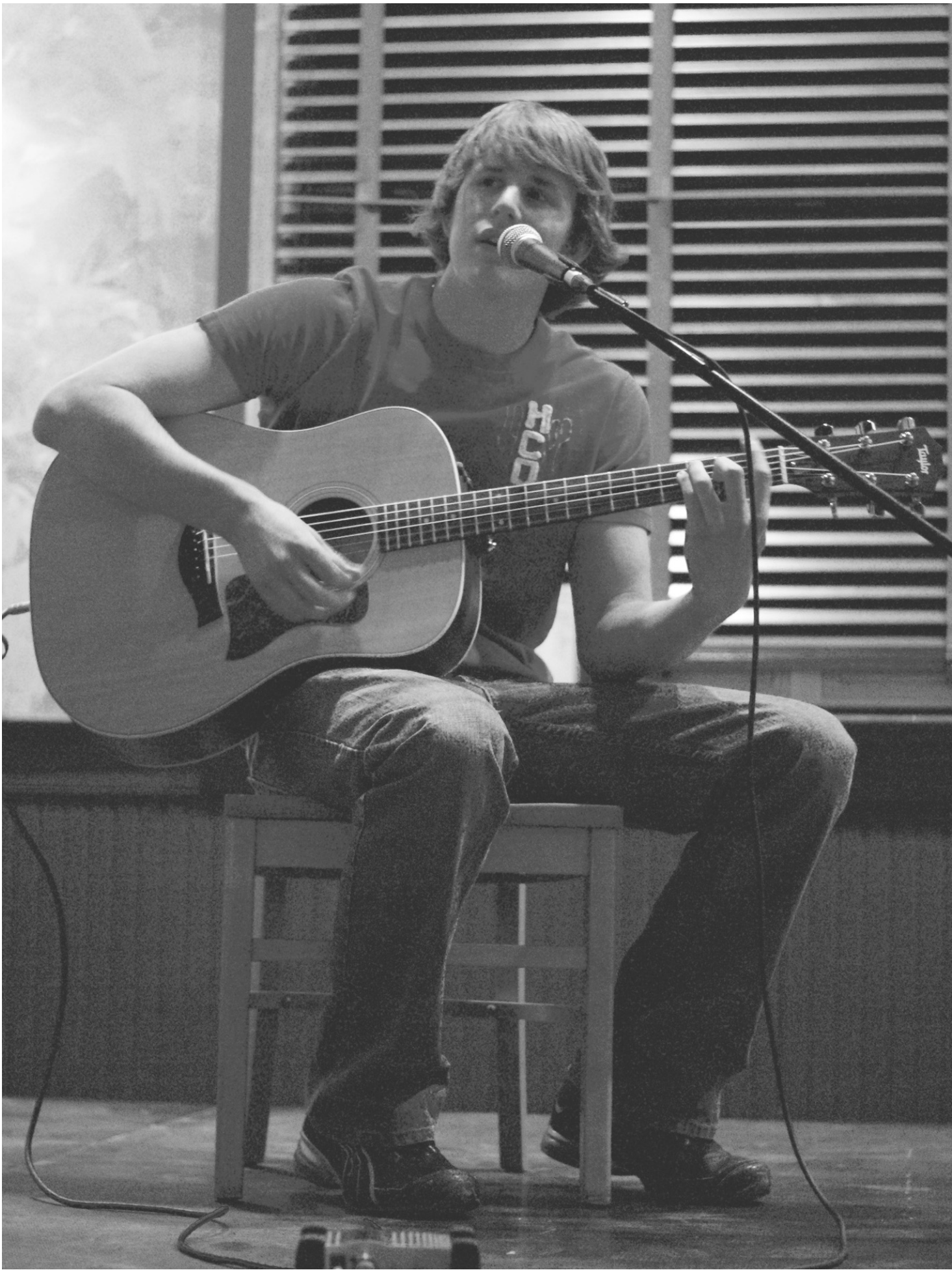
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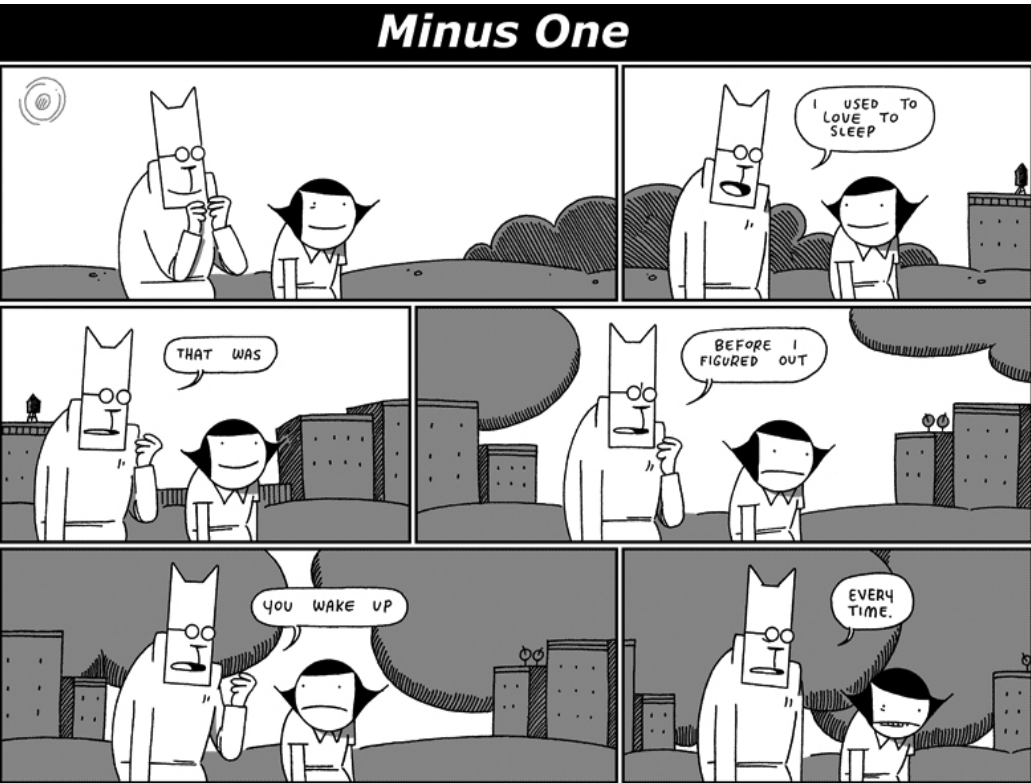
Derek Langely of “Two Guys One Band” strums his guitar as he performs in The Project, held at the Bear’s Den on Feb. 2.

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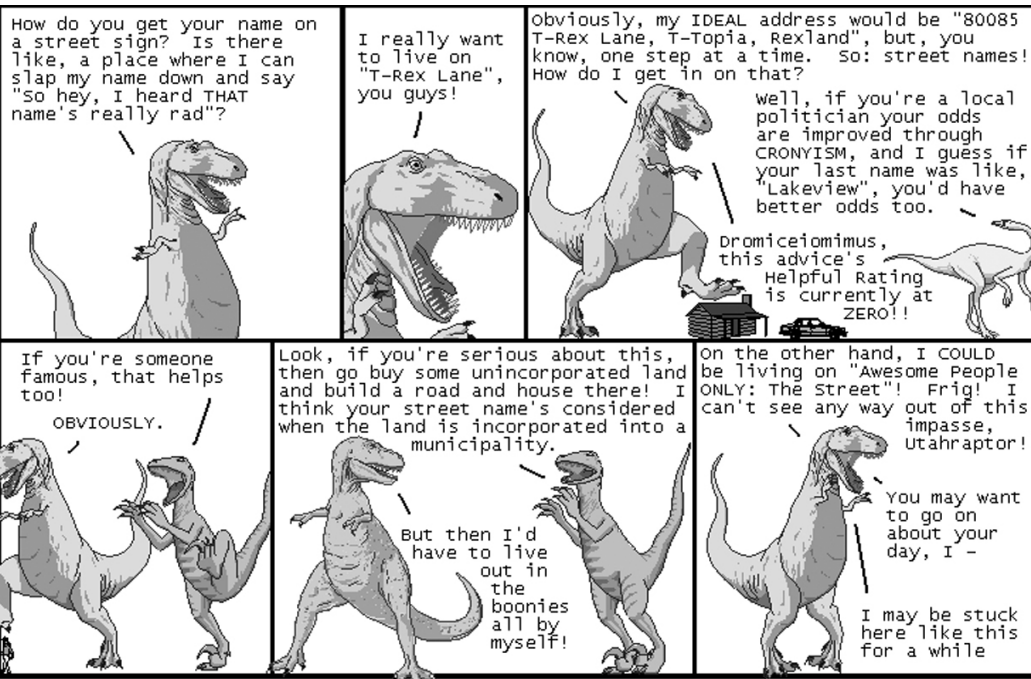
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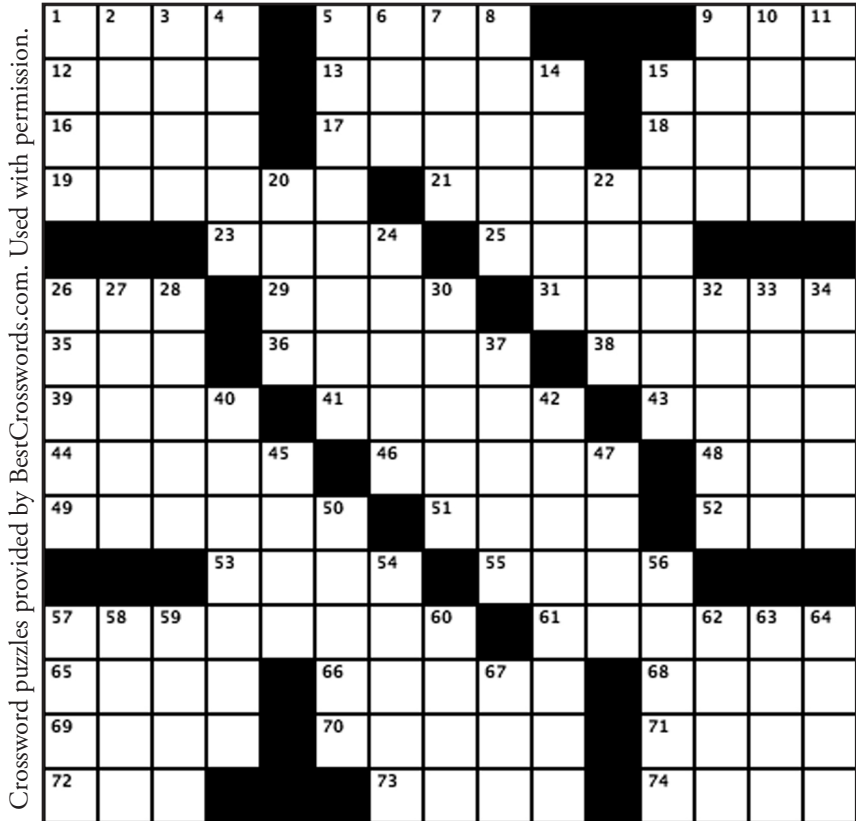


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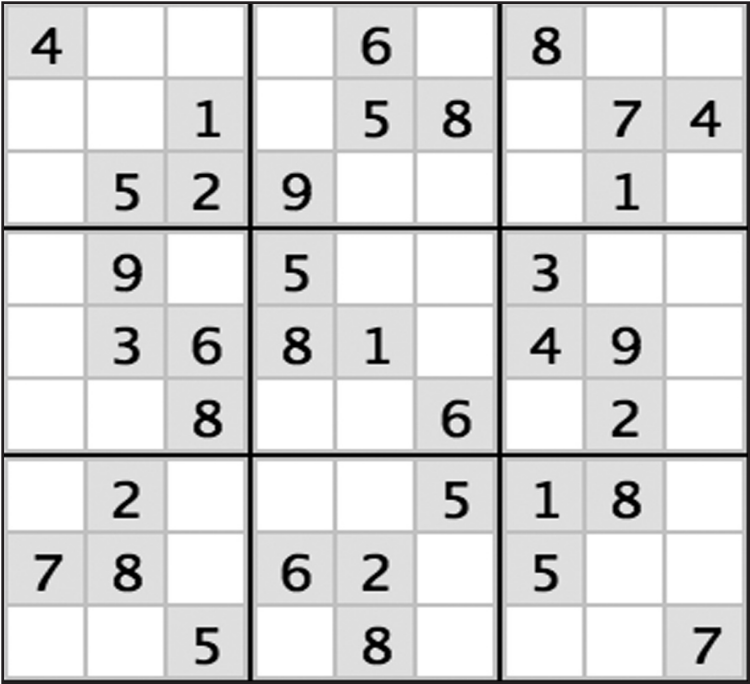


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Answer key in Sports

- Across**
1- Floor coverings;
5- Trojan War hero;
9- Half a fly;
12- Bunches;
13- Capital of Japan;
15- Gaucho's weapon;
16- Currency of Turkey, and formerly of Italy;
17- Inclined;
18- Wall St. debuts;
19- Mender of pots and pans;
21- Birth of Christ;
23- Dutch cheese, wrapped in red wax;
25- Emperor of Rome 54-68;
26- Parisian pal;
29- Former spouses;
31- Russian money; 35- Armed conflict;
36- Saltpeter;
38- Nostrils;
- 39- Arguing;
41- Lofty nest;
43- Hair untangler;
44- Of the kidneys;
46- Rise to one's feet;
48- ____ little teapot...;
49- Stage plays;
51- ____ boy!;
52- Back muscle, briefly;
53- Drug-yielding plant;
55- Has a bug;
57- Utter;
61- Sharp reply;
65- Arizona Indian;
66- Plain writing;
68- Culture medium;
69- Make ____ for it;
70- Brewer's need;
71- "All The Way To ____", song by REM;
72- Connections;
73- Deuce topper;
74- Etta of old comics;
- Down**
1- Germinated grain used in brewing;
2- Et ____;
3- Ripped;
4- Post;
5- Tranquility;
6- Scribble (down);
7- Analogous;
8- Treegum;
9- Pith helmet;
10- Narrow opening;
11- New Orleans is The Big ____;
14- Aquatic mammal;
15- Camp;
20- Biblical garden;
22- Golf club which can be numbered 1 to 9;
24- Doles (out);
26- Give merit;
27- Alma ____;
28- One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters";
- 30- Simmons rival;
32- Oven option;
33- Helping theorem;
34- Convocation of witches;
37- Lasso;
40- Marmoset;
42- Completeness;
45- Composer Schiffrin;
47- Broad valley;
50- Dense;
54- Everglades bird;
56- Grim;
57- Baht spender;
58- French, e.g.;
59- Literary work;
60- Rime;
62- Arch type;
63- Tirade;
64- Horse's gait;
67- Compass dir

Sudoku Puzzle



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GRAVEYARD SHIFT
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HEARTS IN ATLANTIS
LANGOLIERS
MANGLER
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MISERY
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ROSE RED
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Horoscopes

- Aries - March 21 to April 20** - This morning you might meet a special person who will win your heart. You are advised to remain cautious and modest.
- Taurus - April 21 to May 20** - You are very creative today and are willing to help those in need. Therefore, you are likely to be quite successful at work.
- Gemini - May 21 to June 21** - You have good chances to buy a valuable item which your family has always wanted. Your schedule may change in the afternoon because of some issues at work.
- Cancer - June 22 to July 22** - Your openness will be appreciated by everybody. All partnerships will have a favorable evolution. You will be willing to help coworkers and give useful advice to people in need. Make sure you don't make promises unless you can keep them.
- Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22** - This is going to be a special day, at least in the love department. Chances are you will meet a special person, and a mutual attraction will develop. The new friendship may prove to be long-lasting.
- Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 22** - You will make an important step in your life. Stay calm and keep going your way. On the other hand, make sure you don't neglect professional duties.
- Libra - Sept. 23 to Oct. 23** - In the morning, the failure of a business project might upset you. Think positive and take action. An older relative will surprise you nicely in the afternoon.

- Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22** - Failure of a business project will increase your determination and willingness to take more chances. Don't let yourself be discouraged. Pay more attention to your sentimental relationship.
- Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21** - Changes occurring in your sentimental life will prove to be quite beneficial to you. Your communication skills will be great today and will allow you to make new friends. You could even establish a new relationship that will prove to be a special and long-lasting one. Pay due attention to professional tasks.
- Capricorn - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20** - In the morning, you might meet an old acquaintance whom you have not seen for a long time. Relationships with friends and relatives are very good. You are advised to deal with family issues you have been postponing. You may rely on intuition, but you should also consider an older lady's advice.
- Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19** - If the opportunity arises for you to leave on a short trip with your loved one, go for it. The trip will be beneficial to your relationship. Avoid any business activities today. You are advised to avoid arguments with a lady in your circle.
- Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20** - Today is a favourable time for you to make major decisions. You can make future plans with regards to your sentimental life. Avoid any business activities, for today you seem to be lacking flair. You might meet an old friend and revive the relationship.



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NFL

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most efficient of his career — though the numbers are skewed from mailing in the season’s final two games — prompting ESPN personality Scott Van Pelt to deem him an alien life form designed to play the quarterback position. Analyst Mark Schlereth said Manning is the most difficult single player to gameplan for in NFL history.

Still, the Colts’ edge at quarterback is not insurmountably great. Drew Brees had one of the greatest years in quarterbacking history in 2010, setting the NFL record for completion percentage at 70.6. He threw for 34 touchdowns, compared to 11 interceptions (both better than Manning) and recording 4,388 yards passing. I wrote earlier in the year that to join the fraternity of the game’s elite quarterbacks, Brees still needed both a regular season performance and championship to cement his status. Now all that remains is the latter, and Brees will be hungry to get it.

With the Colts’ best pass rusher now sidelined, my pick goes to the novel and audacious New Orleans Saints, 28-24.

Without being able to poke holes in the team’s elite quarterbacks and offensive lines, and ignoring both of their pass-to-establish-the-run rushing attacks, this game will likely be decided on defense. With two weeks to prepare and a promise from Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams to harass Manning and an insinuation they would try to injure the Colts quarterback, New Orleans will not be abandoning their all-or-nothing approach. Whether they are able to get to Manning and make him think twice with a couple of “remember me shots,” as Williams calls them, may decide the outcome of the game. Quarterback pressure can fundamentally change the course of a game — just ask Tom Brady.

With Colts All-Pro defensive end Dwight Freeney out, or at least severely hampered by a torn ankle ligament, Indy’s ability to get that kind of pressure will be severely diminished. Both quarterbacks can dismantle secondaries when given time to work in the pocket, so the team that most aggressively pressures the quarterback will come out on top. With the Colts’ best pass rusher now sidelined, my pick goes to the novel and audacious New Orleans Saints, 28-24.

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Men’s Basketball
vs. Binghamton in Orono
12 p.m.

Women’s Basketball
at UMBC in Baltimore, Md.
12:30 p.m.

Women’s Hockey
at Vermont in Burlington, Vt.
2 p.m.

Men’s Hockey
vs. UNH in Orono
7 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 8

Men’s Basketball
at UMBC in Baltimore, Md.
7 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 9

Women’s Basketball
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7 p.m.

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Brazil, Spain among 2010 World Cup frontrunners

Soccer fans around campus, check your calendars. You have less than 130 days until the greatest sports spectacle begins in the country made famous by a movie about a rugby team, involving none other than Matt Damon and Morgan Freeman.



Jesse Scardina

That's right, the 2010 World Cup begins in South Africa on June 11 — about a month after our lives outside of school start up again. The host country plays Mexico to open things up as well as World Cup regulars France squaring off against Uruguay the same day.

Not enough can be said about this year's tournament, featuring the greatest assembly of soccer talent this world has arguably ever seen. Numerous teams have an open opportunity to hoist the gold trophy, as there is as little a clear-cut front-runner as there has ever been. Times will be difficult for the host nation, as well as others that have to face the likes of Spain and Brazil, but overall the field is wide open.

The Favorites

It may be a little boring to proclaim Brazil, Spain or England as the eventual champions, but it's hard not to. All three teams are immensely talented, and all appear on the verge of breaking through. Brazil's history doesn't need to be exaggerated, having won more World Cups than any other country — five. Spain and England have each had considerable droughts on the grandest stage, however, with Spain never claiming world supremacy and England's last championship run coming back in 1966. Both should advance well past group play this year.

The Heavyweights

The new champion isn't crowned until the other has given up their throne, and in the case of Italy, they are still the champions. The 2006 victors have an interesting blend of young and old on their roster, with the majority of players relatively new to the big stage. However, such seasoned veterans such as Luca Toni and Francesco Totti are working to become fit enough to help the Azzurri. Two other teams not to be reckoned with are 2002 runner-up Germany and the high-powered Netherlands squad. The German side boasts as good an all-around threat as we've seen from them, while the Dutch are loaded with talent on the front line, with a possible return by all-time great Ruud Van Nistelrooy.

The Wildcards

The most difficult to maintain a grasp on is the other South American powerhouse, Argentina. Playing host to the best player in the world, Lionel Messi, and coached — albeit rather inadequately — by one of the greatest players of all-time, Diego Maradona, few teams have the assembly of talent Argentina boasts. But it remains to be clear if it's more likely for them to win it all, or to get knocked out of the group stage. In related news to Maradona, we all know the power of the "Hand of God." With France's miraculous entry into the tournament, some would say with a "hand" from the ref, there's no telling what a team with so much talent can do with a lucky break. Speaking of lucky breaks, it would take quite a few for the United States to win it all, let alone make some serious noise in the competition. Although I don't see a complete collapse by the Americans — I see them advancing out of group stage along with England — it's doubtful they have the talent to hang around with the countries that, you know, take soccer seriously.

'Nova, Syracuse highlight '10 slate

UM football returns 16 starters, welcomes 12 newcomers

By Adam Clark
Sports Editor

With the Colonial Athletic Association reshuffling its schedule after Northeastern University and Hofstra University dropped their football programs following the 2009 season, the University of Maine and all other teams in the conference were forced to go back to the drawing board after the divisions were scrapped.

UMaine will play every team in the now 10-team CAA but one conference opponent on their 2010 schedule, which was announced on Tuesday. The slate highlighted by a home game with Villanova University, the defending Football Championship Subdivision National Champion, and a visit to Football Bowl Subdivision opponent, Syracuse University.

The Black Bears, who finished second in the CAA's North Division this past fall, return 16 starters and 43 letterwinners. UMaine finished 5-6 on the season and 4-4 in the conference.

UMaine opens the season against the University of Albany on Sept. 2 at Alford Stadium. Albany defeated UMaine 20-16 last September.

Other highlights on the schedule include matchups with the College of William & Mary, a national semifinalist last year, and an Oct. 2 home game against rival University of New Hampshire. In the annual battle with UNH for the Brice-Cowell Musket, the Black Bears and Wildcats will meet up midseason. In past years when they played each other in the last game of the regular season.

The Black Bears will have five home games of their 11 games this season.

Home games besides the opener against Albany include conference opponents William & Mary (Sept. 25), UNH (Oct. 2), Villanova (Oct. 16) and James Madison University (Nov. 20).

The Black Bears will travel to play New England and mid-Atlantic opponents including Monmouth University (Sept. 11), Syracuse (Sept. 18), University of Delaware (Oct. 9), University of Rhode Island (Oct. 23), University of Mas-



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Warren Smith drops back in the pocked and scans the field in a game against the University of Delaware this past fall. Smith and the UMaine football team announced their 2010 schedule on Tuesday and will open up at home against the University of Albany on Sept. 2.

sachusetts (Nov. 6) and Towson University (Nov. 13).

"We are very pleased to announce our 2010 football schedule," said UMaine coach Jack Cosgrove in a press release. "As always, it will be an incredibly challenging

'Black Bear' football!"

Bears ink 12 on National Signing Day

Cosgrove announced the addition of 12 newcomers to the UMaine football program for the 2010 season on Wednesday. Twelve student-athletes signed their National Letter of Intent to play for program starting in the fall.

Their participation is contingent upon admission to UMaine and compliance with all NCAA rules, including registration with the NCAA Clearinghouse.

All student-athletes who have signed up until this date are from the mid-Atlantic area, and none reside in the New England area.

The list of student-athletes that have signed include: Aaron Achey, Khari Al-Mateen, Damarr Aultman, Ryan Baranowsky, Devin Clark, Daniel Linares, Michael Mangiarelli, Nicholas Napurano, Axel Ofori Jr., Jeffrey Ondish, Patrick Pascal and Matthew Wilson.

"All of us know the type of attitude and the amount of effort it will take for us to produce a championship season in 2010."

Jack Cosgrove
Head Coach
UMaine Football

endeavor. In addition to the rigors of the CAA schedule, we face a FBS opponent, Syracuse, and two outstanding teams from the NEC, Albany and Monmouth. All of us know the type of attitude and the amount of effort it will take for us to produce a championship season in 2010. It is an exciting state of mind for

UNH

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in scoring among defensemen.

"They come at you really quick, and they're opportunistic," House said. "We're going to have to play good defense, limit their chances, and try to stay out of the box."

UNH ranks third in scoring in Hockey East with 3.44 goals per game. They follow UMaine and Boston College at 3.67.

UMaine's penalty kill has endured peaks and valleys since the beginning of the season and leads only Northeastern University in that category in the 10-team conference. UNH has had similar struggles and ranks eighth.

"I think one of the biggest reasons we won Friday night and then tied on Saturday was our special teams," House said. "Our penalty kill improved quite a bit, even from Friday to Saturday night."

Darling's return to the lineup, along with sophomore forward Kyle Solomon are the latest additions to UMaine's improving depth. Junior center Robby Dee, who injured his foot during the Merrimack game, practiced with a non-contact jersey for the first time on Tuesday and hopes to play this weekend. Whitehead said if Dee is not ready this weekend, he should be for the following weekend when UMaine travels to Boston University.

"The only thing that's been hurting us all year is our injuries," Beattie said. "If we can be healthy down the stretch, it will be great for us."

2010 University of Maine Football Schedule						
Day	Date	Opponent	Place			
Thurs.	Sept. 2	Albany	Orono, Maine			
Sat.	Sept. 11	Monmouth	West Long Branch, N.J.			
Sat.	Sept. 18	Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y.			
Sat.	Sept. 25	William & Mary	Orono, Maine			
Sat.	Oct. 2	New Hampshire	Orono, Maine			
Sat.	Oct. 9	Delaware	Newark, Del.			
Sat.	Oct. 16	Villanova	Orono, Maine			
Sat.	Oct. 23	Rhode Island	Kingston, R.I.			
Sat.	Nov. 6	Massachusetts	Amherst, Mass.			
Sat.	Nov. 13	Towson	Towson, Md.			
Sat.	Nov. 20	James Madison	Orono, Maine			

Men's Hockey East Standings

	Hockey East						Overall					
	GP	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
New Hampshire	18	12	3	3	27	68	48	13	8	4	86	79
Boston College	18	10	6	2	22	65	45	14	8	2	88	63
Massachusetts	19	11	8	0	22	57	57	16	10	0	83	77
UMaine	17	9	6	2	20	57	49	12	9	3	88	76
UMass Lowell	17	8	7	2	18	54	48	14	10	2	82	62
Boston University	18	7	9	2	16	58	60	10	11	3	75	79
Vermont	17	6	8	3	15	48	56	12	9	3	75	73
Northeastern	18	7	10	1	15	41	58	11	12	1	60	70
Merrimack	16	6	10	0	12	53	58	9	14	0	75	81
Providence	18	4	13	1	9	33	55	9	15	1	55	70

USCHO.com Division I Men's Poll (Feb. 1, 2010)

Team (First Place Votes) Record

1. Miami (43) 18-4-6
2. Denver (6) 16-6-4
3. Wisconsin (1) 15-7-4
4. St. Cloud State 17-8-3
5. Cornell 12-5-3
6. Minnesota-Duluth 17-10-1
7. Bemidji State 18-6-2
8. Yale 12-6-3
9. North Dakota 13-10-5
10. Colorado College 15-10-3
11. Ferris State 17-8-3
12. Michigan State 17-9-4
13. New Hampshire 13-8-4
14. Boston College 13-8-2
15. Massachusetts 16-10-0
16. UMaine 12-9-3
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18. Mass.-Lowell 14-10-2
19. Michigan 15-12-1
20. Union 13-7-6



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Freeney injury gives New Orleans advantage

This year's NFL playoffs have largely been devoid of the drama we expect from America's favorite postseason. Scattered through the mess of blowouts and utter collapses — New England — three nail-biting games have come to define this year's quest for the Super Bowl. Oddly enough, each round of the playoffs leading up to the Super Bowl has produced exactly one competitive game upon which we can gauge the postseason climate.



Michael Pare

The first came in Arizona, where the NFL charity division — NFC West — benefactor Cardinals stole the game away from the Green Bay Packers in overtime by returning an Aaron Rodgers fumble for the game-winning touchdown.

The second came in San Diego, where the playoff specter that haunts Nate Kaeding proved alive and well, coercing the near-perfect regular season kicker into missing three field goals that effectively doomed the Chargers.

The final game occurred last week when resurgent, old-time, all-time quarterback Brett Favre, who had in large abandoned his gun-slinging ways this year, fell victim to himself. He threw an unforgivable interception in the game's waning seconds to give the Saints a new life and New Orleans won the game in overtime.

All these games prove that while the players change, the game remains the same. On football's biggest stage, surrounded by the mystique and aura of tangible glory, players show their true colors.

Each noteworthy game this postseason has been a testament that playoffs reveal who a player really is. Smoke and mirrors bought Aaron Rodgers enough time in the pocket to orchestrate a brilliant regular season stretch run. In the playoffs, his tendency to hold the ball too long and his porous offensive line wrote the story of their fall.

For the past five years, San Diego has put itself at the mercy of Nate Kaeding's diffident foot, only to be burned again.

Favre showed even though his hair has "grayed" and his uniform has "purpled," he is still a shoot-from-the-hip Mississippi Cowboy.

The Indianapolis Colts and New Orleans Saints have both braved the unmasking ceremony that is the playoff gauntlet, but neither has emerged unscathed.

In their AFC Championship matchup with Minnesota, New Orleans were absolutely dominated on both sides of the ball in every category except for one — turnover margin. The Saints aggressive, opportunistic defensive unit, which forced 39 turnovers in the regular season, recorded five game-defining takeaways. Their defense is predicated on forcing errors, so the Vikings otherwise dominant offensive stats could be a conceit to their philosophy. They are unlikely to have as much luck employing that style against Peyton Manning.

Manning's playing this year has been some of the

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UMaine men's hockey player Tanner House on this weekend's series with UNH

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UM, UNH ready for showdown

Hockey East-leading Wildcats come to Alford for weekend series with Bears



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Joey Diamond digs the puck out of the corner in a December home game against Northeastern University. The freshman forward leads the squad into this weekend's showdown with Hockey East's top team, UNH.

By Steven McCarthy
Staff Reporter

University of Maine junior center and captain Tanner House had the stubble of a playoff beard showing when he walked off the ice after Tuesday's practice. It should be that type of atmosphere this weekend when the Black Bears host Hockey East Conference-leading University of New Hampshire for a two-game set at Alford Arena.

"Most people, like I have, have seen this weekend coming for a while," House said. "It's going to be a fun weekend, and I'm expecting a pretty good atmosphere."

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

The Black Bears picked up three valuable points on the road last weekend against the University of Vermont, but the stakes will be raised against their archrival.



UMaine vs. UNH
at Alford Arena
Friday — 7 p.m.
Saturday — 7 p.m.



val. Entering the final month of the regular season, the 13th-ranked Wildcats (13-8-4, 12-3-3 Hockey East) sit five points ahead of the fourth-place Black Bears (12-9-3, 9-6-2 HE) in the Hockey East Standings, and five points ahead of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts, who are tied for second place.

"Any points now in Hockey East as the season comes to an end here are huge,"

House said. "Any points we can grab are going to be huge when it comes down to home ice, and stuff like that."

UNH also leads a logjam of six Hockey East teams in the National polls. No. 16 UMaine is followed by the University

of Vermont and UMass-Lowell to round out spots 13 through 18.

UNH has lost just three league games, with the most recent coming last Friday against Merrimack College. They also lost to UMass and UMass-Lowell in consecutive games in November.

UMaine and UNH have not met since Oct. 24 in Durham, N.H., when UNH exploded for three second-period goals in a 5-2 win. UMaine freshman goalie Shawn Sirman allowed four goals before being replaced by sophomore Scott Darling after the second intermission. The fifth goal came on an empty net.

"We feel we're a much stronger team than we were," UMaine coach Tim Whitehead said. "We know this is going to be a tough challenge, but we're ready for it now."

The strides the Black Bears have made since October were evident last weekend as they mounted a two-goal comeback in the later stages of the third period to knot the game at 4-4. The effort came despite being outshot 33-21.

"They came out at the start of the third and scored an insurance goal, and we could have packed it in there, but we didn't," House said. "We dug down deep, and that freshman line of ours [Adam Shemansky, Klas Leidermark, Kyle Beattie] came up huge with a big goal, and then we were able to get another one on the power play. It was a huge point for us."

UMaine went 7-for-13 on the power play for the weekend and lead the nation in power play efficiency by nearly four percentage points.

Leidermark's second goal of the weekend and of his career Saturday was the equalizer. Leidermark was named the Hockey East Rookie of The Week after a two-goal, two-assist weekend. Shemansky garnered the honor earlier in the season.

Beattie also had a breakout weekend for the Black Bears. His first career goal was the game winner on Friday, and he assisted on Leidermark's goal on Saturday.

"We had a good weekend, our freshman line," Beattie said. "It feels good to not only get the first goal, but the fact that we played good and contributed to the team is the biggest thing."

Darling returned between the pipes Friday for the first time since injuring his knee in a Jan. 9 game against Merrimack. He picked up the win despite facing 34 shots, and kept UMaine within striking distance on Saturday.

"He's the backbone of our team, so it's huge having him back," House said. "He made some big, key saves when we needed it. Just his overall presence was good for our team, and our confidence."

Darling will have his hands full this weekend with UNH forward Bobby Butler and defenseman Blake Kessel. Butler is tied in a group of four with the third most points in the nation. The group includes UMaine sophomore right wing Gustav Nyquist. Kessel has 28 points as a sophomore and ranks second in the nation

Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

Kevin Swallow skates back into the defensive zone in a December game against Northeastern University. Swallow and the No. 16 Black Bears host the University of New Hampshire this weekend for a pivotal Hockey East series.

See UNH on **B7**

Kobe Bryant cementing place in Laker history

On Monday night, the Los Angeles Lakers lost a close game to the Memphis Grizzlies, dropping their record to 37-12 on the season. But it isn't the loss that people are going to remember. That night, Kobe Bryant passed Jerry West to become the all-time leading scorer in Lakers history.



Mike Bruso

I'm not sure most people really appreciate what an accomplishment this is. It's not like being the smartest person in a room full of imbeciles. This is like graduating summa cum laude from Harvard University. He was competing with some of the greatest players to ever pick up a basketball: guys like West and Magic Johnson, Elgin Baylor and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. But none of them scored more points in a Lakers uniform than Bryant has.

This monumental achievement in Bryant's career has spawned the endless discussion of whether or not that makes him the best Laker ever. The consensus seems to be that Bryant cannot yet be considered the greatest player to wear the Laker colors. Most analysts agree Johnson is at the top of the list and possibly even the greatest NBA player ever. Some of their justifications are that he was versatile enough to play all five positions on the court, that he revolutionized the assist and that he has five NBA championships — one more than Bryant currently has.

Abdul-Jabbar would certainly be in much stronger consideration if he had played his entire career with the Lakers like the other four guys. He spent the first six seasons of his career with the Milwaukee Bucks.

There is no denying all five of these guys are Hall of Fame basketball players and they all deserve their recognition. I actually have no intentions of declaring who the greatest player in Lakers history is. In case you intend to create your own opinion, there are a few things you should remember before doing so.

Jerry West won only a single NBA championship in his career. He is more recognizable for what he's done since retiring — the NBA logo is a silhouette of him, and he has helped lead the Lakers to eight more titles while working in their front office — than for what he did while playing.

All five of Johnson's NBA championships came while he was playing alongside of the league's all-time leading scorer, Abdul-Jabbar. The knock on Bryant was always that he couldn't do it without O'Neill. Why has nobody ever claimed that Johnson couldn't do it without Abdul-Jabar? Oh, and by the way, Bryant disproved that theory last year.

If you simply look at championships, nobody stands out ahead of the rest. Likewise, if you only look at their individual stats, it is difficult to pick the best. All of these guys were valuable in their own way. All of them were special for different reasons. I'm not saying Bryant is the best Laker ever. I'm just saying some people shouldn't be so quick to count him out of the discussion.