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## Candidate struggles to gather signatures

By Michael Shepherd  
Staff Reporter

### BLAINE HOUSE 2010 RACE TO THE GOVERNOR'S SEAT

To get on the ballot in September, Independent candidates in the 2010 gubernatorial election need to collect 4,000 verified signatures from registered Maine voters by May 25.

As of March 16, Kevin Scott had less than 1,500 after stops from Portland to Presque Isle. Those signatures haven't come easily.

"I've spent eight-hour days over the course of a weekend knocking on doors and gathering 100 signatures," Scott said in a February telephone interview. "The challenge is really time."

Scott — of Andover, the Appalachian Trail-crossed town of just over 800 in Oxford County — can't always find that time. The 1990 graduate of George Mason University, with a degree in government and politics, is the owner of Recruiting Resources International, an employment firm that places professionals in top-tier engineering assignments.

"I'm leaving income on the

See Scott on **A1**



**Kaycee Stevens** catches air after jumping his unicycle off a picnic table on the university mall Tuesday. The junior earth sciences student has been unicycling since third grade.

Mario Moretto • News Editor

## Kennedy to resign in 2011

President to take system-wide role

By Mario Moretto  
News Editor

### Administration

University of Maine President Robert Kennedy announced Wednesday that he will resign June 1, 2011.

Kennedy's resignation allows him to transition to a position where he will oversee special projects in statewide economic development and educational opportunity, according to university spokesman Joe Carr.

Chancellor Richard Pattenau and the president began discussions about the possibility of a new role for Kennedy at the system level in October.

"We just sort of started to explore what I wanted to do and what I wanted to spend my time and focus on," Kennedy said in an interview on Wednesday. "We came to the conclusion that these would be not only interesting projects but something that my background would help with, and also something very important to the students across the system at other campuses."

This is an evolving process," Kennedy said. "I talked to the chancellor this morning, and neither of us really know how this role will be structured or where exactly it will be going."

Kennedy said that while the specifics were unknown, the focus of his new position would be on sustainability and green initiatives, and to create a state-

wide curriculum on alternative energy. He said he would continue his focus on federal research funding to benefit the university and the state. He said he would continue to tackle the challenges, especially economic pressures, that face the university system.

"I'm an optimist," Kennedy said. "But part of me has always asked, 'How can we surmount these challenges, what can we do to overcome them, to put the university and our people in the best position?'"

Though his new role will have him working on system- and state-wide projects, Kennedy will be a faculty member of UMaine, according to University of Maine System spokeswoman Peggy Markson.

"We've had faculty members at the universities work on special projects before, sort of 'on-loan' to the system office," Markson said. The university will be compensated by the system office for Kennedy's position.

A search committee to find a new president for UMaine, comprised of a board of trustees member, undergraduate and graduate students, and faculty members, will begin the process of replacing Kennedy in September, according to Markson.

With the time he has left as president, Kennedy will continue projects he's been working on, including the Academic



**Kennedy**

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## Bar Harbor businessman buys Bear Brew Pub

By Mario Moretto  
News Editor

### Orono

After a failed attempt to sell his business in February, Bear Brew Pub owner Matt Haskell has sold the Orono bar and restaurant.

Jim Bence, proprietor of Stillwater Brewing Company, bought the Bear Brew for an undisclosed price earlier this month. Bence also owns and operates CJ's Big Dipper, an ice cream shop in Bar Harbor.

"I had other people tour the place, but I wanted someone serious," Haskell said. "I know how Jim runs his business in Bar Harbor, which is a good indication of how he'll run the Bear Brew."

Haskell said Bence initially contacted him after an earlier sale to Tom Hashey, a former Woodman's Bar and Grill cook who planned to re-open the restaurant as I Gomelly, fell through.

"Jim was serious," Haskell said. "He was ready to go."

"It's going to be pretty much the same," Bence said Tuesday, between clearing out boxes and trash from the restaurant portion of the pub. He hopes to open for business by April 15.

Despite plans to maintain the overall aesthetic established by Haskell since opening the Bear Brew in 2002, the new owner said there will be some changes in store at 36 Main St.

"I was thinking of playing music videos upstairs [in Soma 36]. Maybe we'll have open mic night too," Bence said. "Saturdays we hope to feature blues and jazz bands."



**Jim Bence**, new owner of the Bear Brew Pub at 36 Main St., checks out the work on the first-floor of the restaurant-bar.

Mario Moretto • News Editor

Bence said the new Bear Brew will also feature a bakery, sandwiches and pizza service to both floors. He plans to move a brewing operation in-house by fall, when he hopes to offer at least two different Stillwater Brewing microbrews. The new owner said Thursday would still be college night at Bear Brew. The business,

including the second floor club, Soma 36, will keep their names, Bence said.

The third floor of the pub, currently home to a pool table, jukebox and a few arcade games "won't be open for quite some time," Bence said. "Maybe we'll turn it into a martini bar sometime in the future. That's what it was designed for."

Repairs and touch-ups in the restaurant and club are underway. All the tables and chairs have been refinished, the kitchen has been gutted completely and new coats have paint have been applied to most of the walls.

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## USM to combine colleges

By William P. Davis  
Editor in Chief

### System

PORTLAND — The University of Southern Maine may combine its eight colleges into five and save up to an estimated \$1.38 million a year, pending the approval of a draft proposal released earlier this month.

The savings would stem from eliminating three deans and their support staffs, and merging departments with fewer than 16 faculty members to create what the report calls a superstructure.

In a March 3 interview, USM President Selma Botman said the restructuring was "driven by the finances, there's no question." But, she added "You have the chance about once every three generations to remake a university. This is our chance."

No other system campus has gone through such a restructuring in recent years, according to system spokeswoman Peggy Markson.

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Sports - B8  
Bears set to face Terriers in conference semis



# Police Beat



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

### Missing money

An unspecified amount of money was stolen from a moneybox in the Fogler Library Collaborative Media Lab within the last 30 days, as reported on March 15. The investigation is ongoing. There are no suspects at this time.

### Park and lock

A student reported March 15 at 9:15 a.m. that a commuter decal was stolen from his unlocked vehicle in the Belgrade Parking Lot over break.

At 10 a.m., another student reported that a commuter parking decal was stolen from her unlocked vehicle in the CCA Parking Lot over break.

### Liquor before beer

An officer was dispatched to fourth-floor York Hall for a noise complaint March 14 at 3:11 a.m. The officer found seven people inside the room, some playing guitars. The resident of the room was found to be intoxicated and was referred to Judicial Affairs for possession of alcohol by a minor and possession of drug

paraphernalia. Police seized a 30-pack of beer, a bottle of Captain Morgan’s rum and two bottles of malt liquor. A half-bottle of malt liquor had been consumed, and the subjects were cooperative.

### Lobbying

A custodian reported loud individuals jumping around and making a mess in the first-floor lobby of York Hall on March 12 at 4 a.m. An officer was dispatched to the lobby where he found all the furniture stacked up in the middle of the room. He found three males who denied having anything to drink, although the officer could smell a strong odor of an intoxicating beverage. Two of the males, Alexander Kasprzak, 19, Dover-Foxcroft, and Jonathan Geiger, 20, Carmel, were non-students visiting their friend, resident Ryan Ware, 20. All three were charged with illegal possession of alcohol by a minor by consumption.

### After-smoke aftershave?

An officer responded to the fourth-floor east wing of York Hall for a report of marijuana odor March 15 at 9:10 p.m. By the time the officer arrived, the hall smelled strongly of body spray or aftershave. Police suspect it was an attempt to cover the marijuana odor, but no charges were issued.

### Natural fire

Police received a report of smoke outside the west side of the Student Fitness and Recreation Center on March 15 at 3 p.m. When police arrived, they found a two-foot-wide mulch pile smoldering, a natural occurrence during dry weather in the spring. Orono Fire Department extinguished the fire.

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## Budget proposal would put \$3M in UMaine coffers

New projects close gap in state budget

By Dylan Riley  
For The Maine Campus

### Legislature

Roughly \$3 million will be restored to the University of Maine’s coffers if the Legislature approves Gov. John Baldacci’s proposal to restore nearly \$125 million to the state budget.

Because of new state revenue projections, additional money for Medicare prescription drug benefits and the extension of Medicaid funding from the federal stimulus bill, Maine is looking at a rosier budget for the next two years. As a result, Baldacci has proposed giving \$6 million back to the University of Maine system as part of the unexpected revenue increase, roughly half of which will go to UMaine.

The approximate \$3 million is only for the coming two years and won’t affect the current 2009-2010 UMaine budget, but it will have a “significant impact” on the fiscal 2011 budget, according to Janet Waldron, vice president of administration and finance at UMaine. What parts of the budget the funds restore will be up to President Robert Kennedy, who will likely decide within the next two weeks.

Despite the restored state appropriation money, UMaine isn’t completely in the clear for next year.

“We’re still \$6.8 million below the appropriation level that the system had in fiscal year ’08,” Waldron said.

State Rep. Emily Cain, D-Orono, said the university shouldn’t back off from its money-saving plans because of the restored money, and UMaine isn’t likely to disagree — not with \$5.9 million left to cut from the fiscal Year 2011 budget due to low enrollment and decreased gift revenue.

“We will still have to make significant budget reductions” to the FY11 budget, Waldron said.

The revenue increase will

most likely be used for restoring parts of next year’s budget, but Kennedy may decide to use it to focus on increasing enrollment. That option would involve buying new databases and paying to put UMaine into more out-of-state college fairs to reach more students, Waldron said.

Additionally, the governor proposed a second restoration to state agencies March 11, which included \$470,000 in debt services for UMaine to remove asbestos and mercury from UMaine facilities. This proposal is separate from the governor’s earlier restoration, according to state finance commissioner Ryan Low. The \$470,000 will be distributed annually and amount to a total of \$7 million over several years.

The Legislature still has to approve the governor’s proposal, and the Appropriations Committee will likely finalize the state budget sometime before Sunday, March 21.

“While it does abate some of the pain, it does not mean that the budget is going to be easy,” Cain said. “I’m happy to be able to provide some relief in 2011, but I don’t think anyone should think somehow things have gone back to pre-recession [levels].”

Waldron, along with Kennedy and Provost Susan Hunter, will hold public hearings March 30 and 31 to provide information and gather community input on the FY11. The first hearing will be held 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. and the second will be 10 a.m. – noon. Both will take place at the Wells Conference Center.

UMaine has faced repeated reductions in state appropriation during the past few years. UMaine cut \$9.9 million from its current 2010 budget and lost another \$5 million in private gift money.

“It was a strong case to make that even with tough times, higher education is exactly where we should be putting these resources,” Cain said.

## Women’s History events slated for UMaine

By Lisa Haberzettl  
Assistant News Editor

Thirty-seven years after Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion, the University of Maine will be celebrating women’s history with events themed around “Reproductive Justice: The Struggle Isn’t Over.”

Women’s History Celebration 2010 is sponsored by the Women in the Curriculum and the Women’s Studies programs. The celebration runs from March 16 to 31, and includes lectures, films, a reader’s theater production and a silent auction.

According to Kristina Minott, graduate assistant for Women in the Curriculum, the celebration’s theme was chosen because of current events surrounding a public option for health care.

“There’s all kinds of debate whether abortion should be included,” Minott said. There has been concern that policies will



Travis Hall • The Maine Campus  
Lenka Gizvic and Professor Sandra Caron talked after the March 17 Women in the Curriculum event “Sexual and Reproductive Rights: An International Perspective.” A panel of 10 women from around the world spoke about their experiences and the traditions of their respective countries.

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# Word of Mouth

How do you know when it's spring?



**When I can listen to Taylor Swift in the sun.**

*Justin Barker  
Junior  
Finance*

**The air.**

*Codi Booher  
Sophomore  
Women's Studies*



**Because it's March 17, and I'm wearing shorts and playing outside.**

*Kyle Hussey  
Sophomore  
Music*



**Everyone's out on the mall playing Frisbee, and I'm wearing flip-flops.**

*Hannah Mason  
Sophomore  
Mass Communications*



**The flowers that come up.**

*Anna Desmarais  
Senior  
English and Veterinary Science*



**When there's no snow on the ground.**

*Matthew Curtis  
Freshman  
Elementary Education*



**When everyone's in a good mood.**

*Cabrina Sano  
Freshman  
Pre-medicine*



**Because it's warm out.**

*Dustin Benner  
Sophomore  
Undecided*



**It's warm outside and there are things growing.**

*Helen Allen-Weldon  
Junior  
Art History and Art Education*



**When March 21 rolls around.**

*Dan Moriarty  
Freshman  
Political Science*



# Rubbing people the right way

**By Kathleen MacFarlane**  
*Copy Editor*

Tucked away in his office in the back of Cutler Health Center, massage therapist Michael Beale sees an assortment of people from the University of Maine community every day. Some are nervous when they come in for their first massage, but that changes by the time they walk out.

"Some of them, they're kicking themselves after for not doing it sooner. At least, that was the case with me," Beale said.

Beale ran track in high school and completed several half-marathons before his hobby began causing foot problems. He started seeing a massage therapist and gained interest in the practice after seeing how it treated his injury.

He now uses his experience with injuries to treat others. He also has a contract with the UMaine track team and works with other campus athletes.

"I think that it's helpful to be able to understand what's going on with people with injuries," Beale said. "I guess that's where age and experience meet."

Vicki Tolton, a UMaine graduate, visits Beale before running races to loosen her muscles.

"I personally think he's a really great guy," Tolton said. "I've gone to a couple massage therapists who just do their own thing, but he really goes by what you want. He really cares."

A former municipal tax auditor, Beale said people never seemed happy when they visited him at his old job. Now, visitors come to see him for happiness.

"I really like the idea of helping people, relieving stress, helping injuries. It's just a completely different side of your brain than the linear, statistical side," said Beale, who still works part-time as an accountant.

so learning the art of massage wasn't a risk.

"I figured the worst that would happen is I would learn something — and I did," Beale said.

At Beale's first appointment with a client, he reviews their

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**Michael Beale**  
**Massage Therapist**  
**Cutler Health Center**

Beale earned his massage therapy certification through the Myotherapy College of Utah in 2003. The school offered long-distance learning that Beale said let him go at his own pace. He received books, video and audio training through the mail and completed the program in a little more than a year.

The program's flexibility allowed Beale to continue working full-time,

medical history with them and discusses what kind of massage they are looking for. Different massage techniques can energize or relax a person, help prevent injuries or relieve stress.

"Relaxation activities are different for all of us," Beale said. "Relaxation means being in the moment with no distractions from your environment."

"It's sort of an escape from the day," said Kim Raymond, who has been seeing Beale for three or four years.



Raymond, the communication and outreach coordinator for UMaine's Mitchell Center for Environmental and Watershed Research, first visited Beale on a friend's recommendation.

She had been having back problems, which interfered with her hobby of horseback riding. Now she sees him about once a month, whether she has injuries from exercise or just wants to relax.

"It's always very comfortable," Raymond said. "We've built a relationship and he knows some of the issues I have."

Beale said he asks clients to update him through the massage, letting him know how much pressure is good for them.

"I tell people the most important thing while they're here is to be comfortable," he said.

That includes clothing. While private areas will always be covered, Beale said what people want to wear is up to them. The soft-spoken Beale also said it is the client's choice how much conversation takes place during the massage.

"This is the person's time," he said. "If they want to talk, I'll talk with them, but I try not to initiate it. I try to take the cue from the person who's on the table."

Beale's business spreads mostly through word-of-mouth, since trust is a factor in the experience. Beale said when UMaine owned and operated Cutler, they worked hard to promote massage services to undergraduates, but this semester he has seen mostly graduate students and faculty at the Eastern Maine Medical Center facility.

"I hope that can be turned around a bit, because [undergraduates] definitely face a lot of pressure," Beale said. "Getting through their courses, money issues, interpersonal relationships — there's any number of stressors."

Appointments cost \$30 for a half hour and \$50 for an hour, and can be arranged through Cutler Health Center.

"The body is really an amazing thing," he said. "It's set up to take care of itself and what massage does is give it a jump start and keep it balanced."

# Harris to plan UMSG philanthropic organization

**By Mario Moretto**  
*News Editor*

Student Government President Brian Harris announced his intention to create a philanthropic arm of Student Government at General Student Senate's meeting Tuesday.

"It would be great to do something outside of UMaine for the community," Harris said. "We could donate to the local homeless shelter, or Man-na Ministries."

The president will seek input, questions and concerns from the senate in the upcoming weeks.

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**In other GSS news ...**

- Senate granted preliminary approval to UMaine Troop Greeters and final approval to UMaine Odyssey of The Mind.

- Sen. Christopher Knoblock was appointed to President Brian Harris's cabinet, filling the seat left vacant by Sen. Tim Smith's election to the presidency of Student Men's Association.

- Sen. Rebecca Dyer, student representative to the University of Maine system board of trustees, said in her report that student representatives from all seven university campuses are working to create a group to bring students together across the state. "Hopefully this will facilitate better

conversations between campuses, and for students on all seven campuses," Dyer said.

- Sen. Dayna Margarita, chairwoman of the services committee, said she and Harris had met with Maj. Alan Stormann of Parking and Transportation Services about constructing of area-identifying signs for the CCA and Belgrade parking lots to help students locate their cars. Margarita said Senate would see a resolution on the issue in the coming weeks.

- Senate passed a main motion from Sen. Ryan Gavin to disband the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate History effective May 7.

- Senate allocated \$2,465 to the UMaine Woodman's Team

for wood and building supplies for their upcoming meet, and \$2,190.15 to the Latin American Student Organization to fund the New England Latino Student Leadership Conference to take place at UMaine on March 19 and 20.

- Senate passed a resolution to complete the upgrade of Student Government hardware. The resolution moved \$5,000 from unallocated funds to Computer and Accessories to purchase five desktop computers for the Financial Affairs office, the president and the vice president. An amendment to strike the word "desktop" and insert the word "Apple" did not pass.

## Bear Brew from Page A1

The Orono Town Council approved liquor, food and special entertainment licenses for Bence's

Bear Brew at their March 8 meeting. The council conditioned the approval of the food license on satisfactory completion of minor repairs, including the installation of a grease trap and some electrical work, that Bence said are well

underway. Haskell said the sale was bit-tersweet.

"I love the place to death," Haskell said. "Orono is a great place to do business. The college community is great, second to

none. I appreciate the business over the years and the friends I've met. I'll miss it for sure, but it's time to move on." The former owner plans to open his new restaurant in Bar Harbor, Fin-back Alehouse, on May 1.

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Program Prioritization Working Group, the establishment of UMaine as a tobacco-free campus and continuing to secure grants and federal funding for the university.

“My focus will be on positioning the university in the best possible way as we surmount the challenges we face,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy names the expansion of the Honors College, the focus on climate change, the success of Habib Dagher’s Advanced Engineering and Wood Composites Center and his

fundraising record among his proudest achievements as president. According to a statement from UMaine, the university has amassed more than \$100 million in investments under Kennedy’s nearly seven-year tenure, which includes his time as interim president.

Kennedy came to UMaine in 2000, and served as executive president for academic affairs and provost, as well as interim president, before his appointment to the presidency in April 2005. He holds a doctoral degree in plant botany from the University of California at Berkeley.

Kennedy’s resignation was first reported in Wednesday’s issue of the Bangor Daily News.

# USM from Page A1

USM consists of the University of Maine School of Law; the College of Education and Human Development; College of Nursing and Health Professions; Edward S. Muskie School of Public Service; School of Applied Science, Engineering and Technology; School of Business; and the Lewiston-Auburn College.

The proposal would leave the law school and the Lewiston-Auburn campus unchanged, but would introduce three new colleges: Communications, Culture and the Arts College; Muskie College of Public Service, Management and Society; and Nursing, Health Professions and STEM College. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math.

Botman said she didn’t think students cared what college they were in as long as they got their desired degree. USM student body president Maggie Guzman and USM Student Senate chairwoman

Molly Dolby echoed this sentiment.

USM’s student government held a series of forums to inform students about the restructuring process and allow them to comment. Guzman said turnout was relatively high, but said that students brought more questions than input.

Administration officials attended the forums and the student government presented Botman with a summary of the students’ concerns, but whether the comments were taken into account cannot be determined until the final draft of the plan is unveiled March 19.

“The really important part is going to be the next stage, where the schools reorganize themselves,” Guzman said. She said the most common concerns from students were whether their degrees would still be as prestigious under the new plan as under the current plan, and that faculty aren’t laid off.

A final draft of the plan is expected Friday. It will be submitted to the University of Maine System board of trustees for approval in April.

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table by not working,” he said. “I’ll feel better knowing I’m on the ballot when I’m not earning income.”

Scott calls his jobs policy the most promising of any candidate in the race. He said his competitors, especially those in the Republican Party, offer tax and regulatory reform as the main focus of job policies.

“Before you go headlong into a new way of bringing business, you need to look at innovation, which is taking existing technologies and creating something new and attractive with that technology,” he said.

Scott spoke highly of the University of Maine System — especially UMaine’s wood composites program. He has placed many graduates of the program into jobs via his firm. Investment in high-tech programs, he said, is critical to growing Maine’s economy.

“I would like to see a governor who understands how to work with the Legislature to help promote more and more capital investment — private capital — that can invest in and incubate businesses that come out of the UMaine system,” Scott said.

Scott hasn’t reviewed the system budget, but he said any attempt for a candidate to make suggestions on the budget without would be a reach.

“A lot of candidates are talking about inefficiencies. A lot of candidates are talking about consolidation. I don’t like that. I don’t promote that,” he said. “I think that any time you reduce access to higher education, you’re making a mistake.”

Scott wants to engage large companies to come to Maine. He gave Boeing and Volkswagen as examples of companies that have recently built new facilities in other states. Even if they refuse to come, Scott said, Maine can gain valuable knowledge.

“At the end of the day, when they’ve selected Tennessee or they’ve selected Arizona, or some other state, we now have a checklist. We can utilize that matrix — that blueprint of real world experience — as where we need to target reform in our legislature,” Scott said.

Scott chairs the Andover Water District’s Board of Trustees. Local government experience is conspicuously lacking among Maine’s crop of gubernatorial candidates, he said.

“I haven’t seen any other candidates bragging up what they’ve done in a town of 800 people,

and I think they’d be thinking, ‘Well, that’s a disqualification if all you’ve ever done is [working for] 800 people,” he said. “Eight hundred people in Andover, Maine, is a big job when you’re talking about local issues.”

Scott said many legislators in Augusta are humble, everyday citizens — some, he said, are farmers, florists and small business owners.

“I want to bring balance to Augusta,” Scott said. “These are our neighbors in Augusta trying to do legislation. What kind of balance is there when they go up against a governor who has spent their career in Washington, D.C.? Now the federal government has that reach into that governor’s office.”

Scott is “not impressed” with Governor John Baldacci’s two terms in office. He said Baldacci’s approach to school consolidation, a measure passed by the Maine State Legislature in 2008, took a heavy-handed turn.

“If you didn’t consolidate — if you didn’t get it together — you had to pay a fine,” he said. “I don’t want to be an executive that operates that way.”

Scott grew up in the town of Mexico, which is about 15 miles from Andover. He said his humble roots in western Maine distinguish him from many other candidates in the race.

“I’m running for governor because I firmly believe Maine voters no longer want to see Washington career politicians, high-powered attorneys [and] multi-millionaire businessmen and -women,” Scott said.

Scott also believes his independent status frees him from much of the partisan bickering he said contributes negatively to public dialogue.

“Politics are ruling our world. These differences with political parties and these social issues ... are dividing people up,” he said. “The public policy is suffering.”

Scott is optimistic about his grassroots campaign. He is not asking for campaign contributions yet — merely signatures. He has 17 people actively passing around petitions from Aroostook County to Cumberland. When he goes out on the road, he said, the conversation is what he enjoys best.

“You don’t have to buy me a high-dollar meal to talk to me,” Scott said. “My door, as governor, will be open to any political party, any representative and any individual in the state of Maine who wants to speak with me on the telephone or in person.”

“But, as you can imagine, you’re gonna have to talk quick,” he added with a laugh.

# Women from Page A2

move back to a pre-Roe v. Wade state of being, “which we think is pretty horrible.”

Ann Schonberger, director of the Women in the Curriculum and Women’s Studies programs, emphasized that reproductive health isn’t just a women’s issue.

“Our key audience is always everybody,” she said. “We think that these issues are important for men as well as women.”

The theme was in part chosen to match a guest speaker’s specialties, according to Schonberger.

“We wanted to have our keynote speaker, Loretta Ross,” Schonberger said.

Ross will be giving the keynote address, “Black Women and Reproductive Justice,” on March 18 at 3:30 p.m. in the Bangor Room in Memorial Union. Ross is the national coordinator for SisterSong: Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective, which works to educate women and policy makers about reproductive

health issues.

Although several of the celebration’s 11 events are based around abortion — including “Jane’s Story: When Abortion was Illegal” and “The Coat Hanger Project,” both of which are films — many other topics are included in the two-week discussion.

“Reproductive justice isn’t just about abortion,” Schonberger said.

**“Reproductive justice isn’t just about abortion.”**

**Ann Schonberger  
Director**

**Women in the Curriculum, Women’s Studies**

The celebration covers “all the ways that women are treated in terms of reproductive health,” Minott said.

Other topics covered in the celebration include homebirths, incarcerated mothers and cross-cultural perspectives on women’s reproductive rights.

A silent auction and dessert buffet to benefit Spruce Run, a

domestic abuse resource network based in Bangor, will be held March 20 at 7 p.m. at Buchanan Alumni House. Tickets are \$15 per person, which covers the cost of the dessert. At the silent auction, attendees will be able to bid on both services and items — from hand-spun and — dyed wool, to a weekend at a privately owned camp, according to Schonberger. Tickets should be purchased

Voices.”

“Women’s Health Fair: It’s About Time” will feature multiple booths and tables sponsored by UMaine and community groups relating to women issues and health concerns. The fair will take place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bumps, Totman, FFA and Bangor rooms in the Union. A panel discussion on “Hot Topics in Women’s Health” will take place at noon.

Associates from Mabel Wadsworth Women’s Health Center will perform “37 Voices.” The program is compiled from 37 anonymous women’s stories about abortion experiences. The program was written in honor of the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The program will be presented at 3:30 p.m. in room 117 of the Donald P. Corbett Business Building.

“This is a very exciting Women’s History Celebration,” Minott said. “I don’t think our topics have been quite as timely in the past.”

The Women’s History Celebration has taken place at UMaine for 20 years. A complete list of events can be found online at [umaine.edu/wic](http://umaine.edu/wic).

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# Opinion

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## Editorial: Make it count — file your census forms

**The Issue:** The 2010 United States Census, the forms of which began to be mailed out across the country on March 15.

**What We Think:** Though some find the census questions invasive, it has many benefits for students at UMaine.

The decennial task of making an accurate count of the entire nation, already a logistical nightmare, is made even more difficult by those who delay or refuse their entries because they find the questions too invasive.

It is true that some of the 10 questions (race, age, etc.) go outside the task mandated by the Constitution, which is merely to enumerate the population. Some say the government is overstepping its bounds, but we think this argument is weak. After all, the information millions of people offer daily on social networking sites like Facebook is far more invasive than the census questions.

The information gleaned from networking site profiles only benefit greedy advertisers, but the census data unequivocally serves the needs of U.S. citizens. Not only does it determine the number of national representatives states have in Congress, more than \$400 billion dollars in federal money is distributed annually according to the census findings. This money goes toward areas pertinent to university students — public transportation, campus security and scholarship funds.

Dean of Students Robert Dana will soon address UMaine students through e-mail about the filing process for students, especially those living on campus.

## Letters to the editor

### Food review leaves a bad taste in mouth

I wanted to comment on the article in The Maine Campus about L'Apéritif in Bangor (Feb. 22, 2010).

Recently, local stores have been suffering and shutting down left and right. As a student, I am a little embarrassed for the newspaper's choice to slam this new restaurant.

This review was not only critiquing the tapas but took personal shots at the decisions of the chef, which were completely out of line and inconsiderate. How do you critique a restaurant and not try the entrees?

I know the writers are trying to be honest, but this is brutal. My friends and I go out to restaurants to support the local scene, and we are all truly saddened by your choice to publish such a terrible review. I don't think the writers realize how reviews can tank a restaurant.

As much as I agree with free speech, this has stepped over the line of inappropriate.

**Sarah, student**

## Readers Speak:

### Best of Web comments

#### RE: "Beard Police — Facial hair protest causes angst"

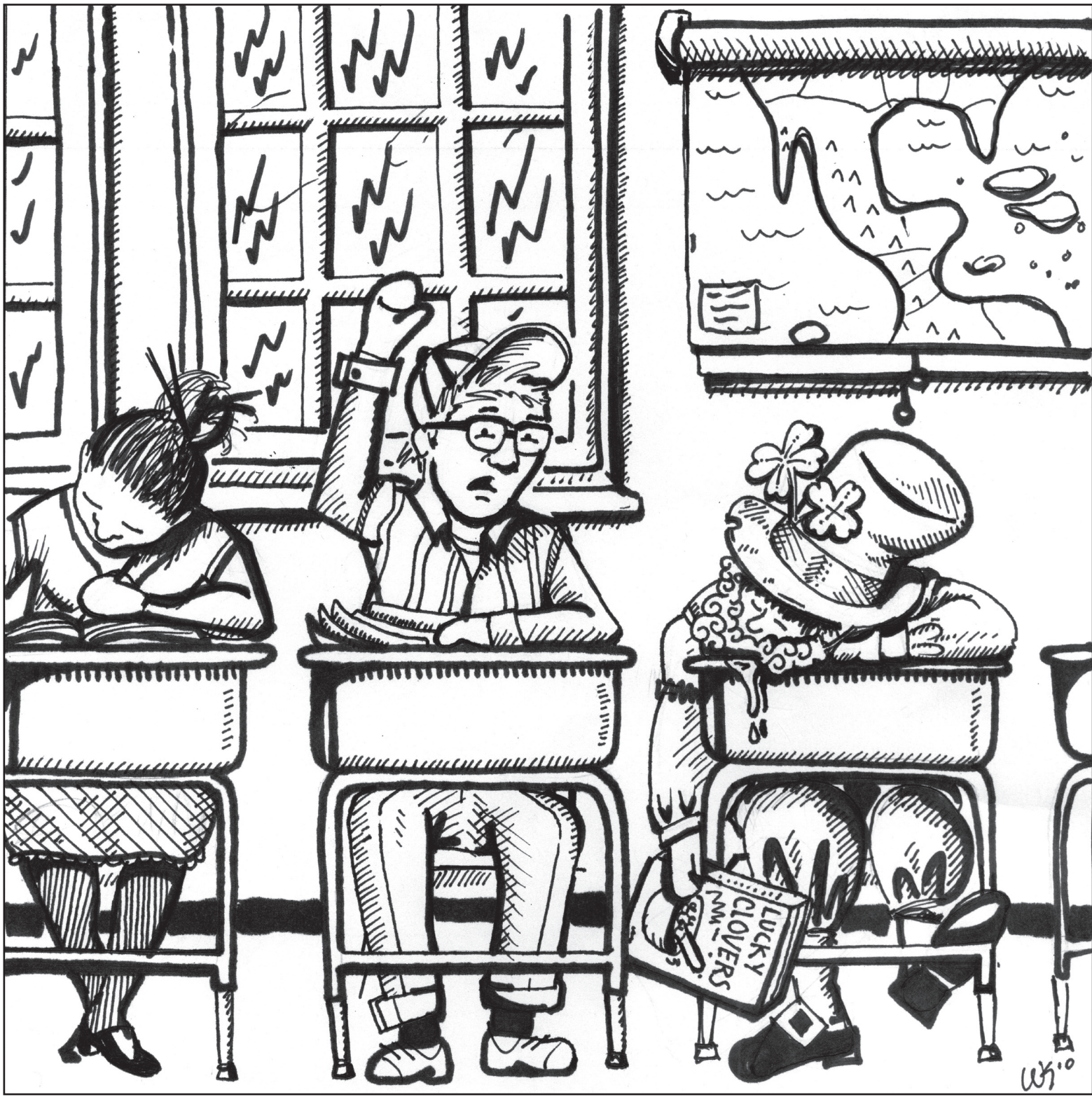
I must admit "Beard Police" is getting old. It is one thing to talk about beards and have pride with your own, but it's another to brag about beards in a weekly newspaper. We all know you have a beard, big deal. I can't believe you can write so much about something so simple as growing facial hair.

What about pubic hair? A lot of people let it grow out as some tame it and keep it short. I'm going to start my own article, "Pube Police." I can't believe this newspaper can't come up with more intelligent articles to fill up space.

This goes out to "Beer Police" as well. You drink beer. That's awesome! Guess what? Everyone in college does. I'm not going to buy a new type of beer because you liked it.

There was a girl killed in a hit-and-run last month, I like how we don't follow that investigation more. This is the biggest story I've ever heard about, yet we need to talk about facial hair each week.

— Jeff



## New protest movement not my cup of tea

**M**r. Olore's seventh grade social studies class at my Presque Isle middle school was never the highlight of my hormone-ridden, adolescent days. Honestly, I didn't care about history I couldn't get from "The Magic School Bus" or Mel Gibson movies, so I don't remember a whole lot from the class. But there is one subject I recall above all the rest: the Boston Tea Party.

Every American should know the story and hopefully they would have learned about it before they were almost in high school. One of the most famous protests in all of history, the quintessential event was a rallying point for the growing number of colonists opposed to British rule and eventually helped ignite the American Revolution — apparently the English are prone to flipping their wig if you mess with their tea.

I was psyched: These were real men with the courage, conviction, and American impudence to prod the tyrannical dragon that was the British Empire. "Why don't we have people like that anymore?" I remember wondering.

Imagine my excitement, then, when I heard of the Tea Party Movement. America is no stranger to tax protests, but the modern-day movement is different, with its roots in protests of the 2009 stimulus bill. Participants and conservative organizations who support the movement have been carrying out events throughout the year protesting taxes and government spending.

The movement's name was taken from the historical event and the taxation-based anger that led to it. Some participants have even created the acronym TEA — "Taxed Enough Already." The faction is somewhat mysterious, due mainly to the disparate coverage it has received from the mainstream media; on the Fox News Channel, these "activists" are the story of the decade, while on MSNBC, the "teabaggers" are a never-fail punchline.

Nonetheless, the movement is gathering steam. A National Tea Party Convention was



### TYLER FRANCKE

OPINION EDITOR

held last month featuring none other than Sarah Palin as keynote speaker and tea partiers even appeared in an issue of "Captain America."

I had to find out what this new movement is really about. Could it be that it represents the revival of the indomitable American spirit and will shake the nation's citizenry from our cynical complacency?

Nah. The movement has worthy cause for protesting, including the skyrocketing national debt and suspicions of government incompeten-

But despite these positive qualities, the tea party participants do not equate with their Boston Harbor predecessors who altered the course of history with their bold actions. For one thing, the colonists were not protesting taxes in general, only that the taxes had been imposed by people who were not elected officials — hence, "No taxation without representation."

Tea partiers, on the other hand, are protesting all taxes, ignoring the basic fact that they are absolutely essential. Government at the state and federal levels use this money to run countless programs, without which our society could not possibly function. Funds can be mishandled, of course, and this is reason for concern and even protest, but unless one wants to start their own country, taxes are a necessary evil. Besides, Obama's administration actually cut taxes for 95 percent of Americans last year, which makes the protesters' claims look like nothing more than belligerent hot air.

The colonists involved in the Boston Tea Party were calculating, passionate advocates, with

*Tea party protesters have valid reasons to be concerned about the government's direction. But if they really think their actions equate with the original Tea Party, they couldn't be more wrong.*

cy, deception and corruption. They uphold the principles of limited government and fiscal conservatism, both of which I value as well. Many aspects of the proponents I support wholeheartedly: their concern for the direction of the country, their desire to affect positive change rather than be complacent, their efforts to distance themselves from both the Democratic and Republican parties, their intention to hold our government accountable.

the ideas of enacting justice and forming a more perfect union. These newbies, who share a name with the revolutionaries but not much else, seem more like childish naysayers throwing a tantrum, justifiably angry about our nation's problems but unwilling to attempt to work toward a solution with our elected officials who have the power to do something about it.

*Tyler Francke has always been more of a coffee guy anyway.*

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# Gen eds weaken colleges and make students stupid



*The increase of gen eds, which devour students' time and money, is an inverse function of the quality of American high school education.*

JEREMY SWIST

There are deep reasons for despising general education requirements. Their necessity in university curricula testifies to what's wrong with our country and to the ongoing failure of our educational institutions.

Gen eds are just a repeat of everything you learned, or should have learned, in high school. The increase of gen eds, which devour college students' time and money, is an inverse function of the quality of American high school education.

The root of all this evil is the bogus American belief that if you don't go to college, you have less value as a person. This makes the duty of colleges to create well-rounded citizens whose education can help them benefit society. But it should be a high school diploma, not a college degree, that accomplishes this task.

This shift of responsibility causes the first two years of college, at least, to be wasted taking required general classes, which reduces the amount of time the student spends on his or her actual field of study and most likely damages credentials if he or she is forced to take classes rather than putting effort into freely chosen ones.

For example, my roommate is a new media student, but loves physics. He is taking classical mechanics of his own liberty. It's a tall order, but he works hard and is doing well because he's genuinely interested in the subject. On the other hand, as a history student, I had to take Intro to Computer Programming for a math requirement, and it dealt a heavy blow to my GPA.

Gen eds are expensive and distracting. Instead, how

about we pay only for courses relevant to our fields? Just imagine how much better engineers, artists and ecologists we could become if we had four full years devoted to such pursuits.

Another painful byproduct of this is manifested in our Honors College. Rather than a chance for passionate students to collaborate and explore the intellectual history of Western civilization, it's treated as an all-in-one package for anyone wishing to dispose of most of his or her gen eds. The result is that the program is filled with unmotivated people who couldn't care less about Machiavelli or Aristotle. Most don't read the material and whine when the weekly lectures are more than mere summaries of what they should have already read. Thus the quality of both the lectures and of the curriculum plummets to the level of its disinterested enrollees. Someone volunteering to take Honors courses will do much better than someone taking them merely to get gen eds out of the way.

Now think about future teachers. They already waste valuable time in our joke of a College of Education. Add gen eds to their schedules and they end up in front of classrooms with a tenuous grasp on the material they are supposed to teach because of the tragically diminished amount of time spent learning it.

Now you see the vicious cycle, and our high schools are to blame. No longer the traditional means of training citizens, they have become mere steppingstones to college, where, sadly, a real education begins. They teach to the test and the college track, rather than preparing us for the real world that would be entered after high school graduation.

My friend James Brophy said it best: "It's perfectly fine to aspire to being a mechanic as long as you're a damn good one. The American myth of every kid becoming a university graduate and a doctor is doing our country more harm than good."

College should be treated as optional, not necessary. Germany is already a working model of this superior system. There, a much smaller percentage attends college, while many others go into technical training to become a respected class of professionals.

Keep gen eds in high school, and let us have our majors back.

*Jeremy Swist is a junior history and Latin student.*

# Tobacco Free Campus Initiative makes light of students' rights



*UMaine's desire to promote health is laudable, but there are easier and better ways to do this than banning tobacco outright.*

SASHA KAUFFMAN

Using tobacco products is the choice of the individual using them. We have the right to treat our bodies the way we want to treat them, and this right should be protected. I don't smoke cigarettes, and I don't support it, but shouldn't students have the choice to smoke or not?

Tobacco is legal. This gives us the right to use it if we want to. Smokers are entitled to the same rights as those who choose not to use tobacco products: the right to choose. Civil liberties apply to smokers just as much as nonsmokers.

Smoking cigarettes is a person's right, and to take away this right would be infringing upon our freedom to make our own decisions about our health and our bodies. We have the right to treat our body the way we want to. This includes eating healthy and working out, but also includes smoking, eating junk food and drinking alcohol. We should be able to reserve the responsibility to take care of ourselves the way we want.

I don't think the university should have the right to ban tobacco on campus. What are all the students who smoke going to do? A student can't just flat-out quit if they're addicted.

It's also troubling that the university has no plans for how to enforce the ban. Even if there is a ban on smoking on campus, students are still going to smoke. Maybe they'll do it behind buildings or in

the dark, but students who are addicted to cigarettes are still going to smoke. Not all students have cars to go off campus when they have cravings, and this is going to cause a lot of resentment.

The decision to make the University of Maine tobacco-free could only cause problems for the university. How many students are going to refuse to attend school here if they can't smoke? With a university as big as UMaine, it's impractical to put into effect a tobacco ban that will do nothing but alienate and frustrate a large number of students.

Yes, sometimes the choice to smoke affects more than just the smoker. Sometimes secondhand smoke can be a nuisance or a problem, but it doesn't seem to be an issue on campus. I have never been affected or offended by secondhand smoke on campus, nor have I ever heard one of my friends or anyone else complain about smokers on campus.

I understand the university's desire to make the campus healthier and friendlier, but they should be posting fliers highlighting the risks of tobacco and making resources more accessible to students – not completely banning it.

There are already enough smoking regulations on campus, including smoking 20 feet away from entrances and not in buildings. The university needs to first enforce the regulations already in place, because I've seen students smoking right next to buildings and major walkways. If they can't enforce these relatively lenient regulations, how are they going to enforce a full ban on tobacco?

The money to enforce this ban is going to come from rising tuition costs for smokers and nonsmokers alike. Should the large non-smoking population have to pay to stop the smoking population? Not if we don't want to.

I think the right thing to do in this situation would be to let the students and faculty decide. It's our money and our freedom; let us decide what to do with it.

*Sasha Kauffman is a first-year communication student.*

# Everything is bigger in Texas, especially school board egos



MADELYN KEARNS

COLUMNIST

There are six flags that currently fly over Texas. Each banner represents a sovereignty that claims or had once claimed the Lone Star State as its own, including countries such as Mexico, Spain and even France.

But following public education curricula changes proposed by the Texas Board of Education, we may witness the hoisting of a seventh banderole over the Texas Capitol building: one depicting the all-too-familiar, tri-starred elephant and a witty slogan that manages to capitalize the word "right."

Under the pretense that textbooks in the school system are liberally biased, the board decided last Friday in a 10-5 vote to amend the program of study by providing a more conservative outlook on the nation's lineage.

*Changes proposed by the Texas Board of Education would make history whiter and more conservative for public school students across the United States.*

Don McLeroy, a former chairman of the board, said the decision to alter the curriculum was made in an effort to balance the pages of American history.

"History has already been skewed," McLeroy told The New York Times. "Academia is skewed too far to the left."

The solution came after three days of debate, with the board settling on a set of information to be included in the newly tailored textbooks.

Proposed improvements included replacing the word "capitalism" with "free-enterprise system" to eliminate negative stigmas, teaching the importance of "personal responsibility for life choices" in the chapters on suicide, sexuality, drug use and eating disorders, and the removal of Thomas Jefferson from the list of influential thinkers of the 18th and 19th centuries, because his championing of separation of

church and state clashed with the conservative board members' beliefs.

The board also vetoed other members' requests for students to learn about Latino-American role models and the reasons for protecting religious freedoms. The former refusal incited one member of the board, Mary Helen Berlanga, to leave the meeting enraged. Not one historian or teacher was consulted during the debate.

That the state of Texas tends to lean to the right when it comes to politics is far from breaking news, but to discover that such beliefs have migrated from the nation's capital to the pages of elementary and high school textbooks comes as a shock.

It is no secret that history books are pliable to — and often written by — the people in power. Naturally, somewhere down the timeline, things are going to garner a political stigma favoring one party over another. Therefore, the statement that some of history is a bit more honed upon by a Democratic mindset has certain validity to it.

What the board is trying to force, though, has nothing to do with its fellow American citizens and presenting information objectively, and everything to do with reworking history to plug its own selfish agenda.

Texas is the leading consumer of school textbooks in the nation and one of 22 states with a textbook approval process. Many national publishers revise their textbooks to make them in line with standards established by Texas, and these books are then marketed to public schools across the country.

Even though a state register will be published and open for public comment for 30 days before the final decision in May, it is projected that the party lines will be maintained and the amendments will ultimately pass.

What would it say about us as a country if we were to let the Texas fundamentalists get away with blatantly rewriting history?

This situation does not provide impetus for the revival of the education system.

The ideology behind these she-nanigans is one that is as identifiable in American culture as Babe Ruth — people will do whatever it takes to try to control what can never truly be theirs. In this case, it is the minds of others. It's sad to see the classroom turned into yet another political circus run by egocentric clowns.

*Madelyn Kearns is a sophomore mass communication student.*

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## Going for the golden glow

Students seeking bronzed bodies despite health risks

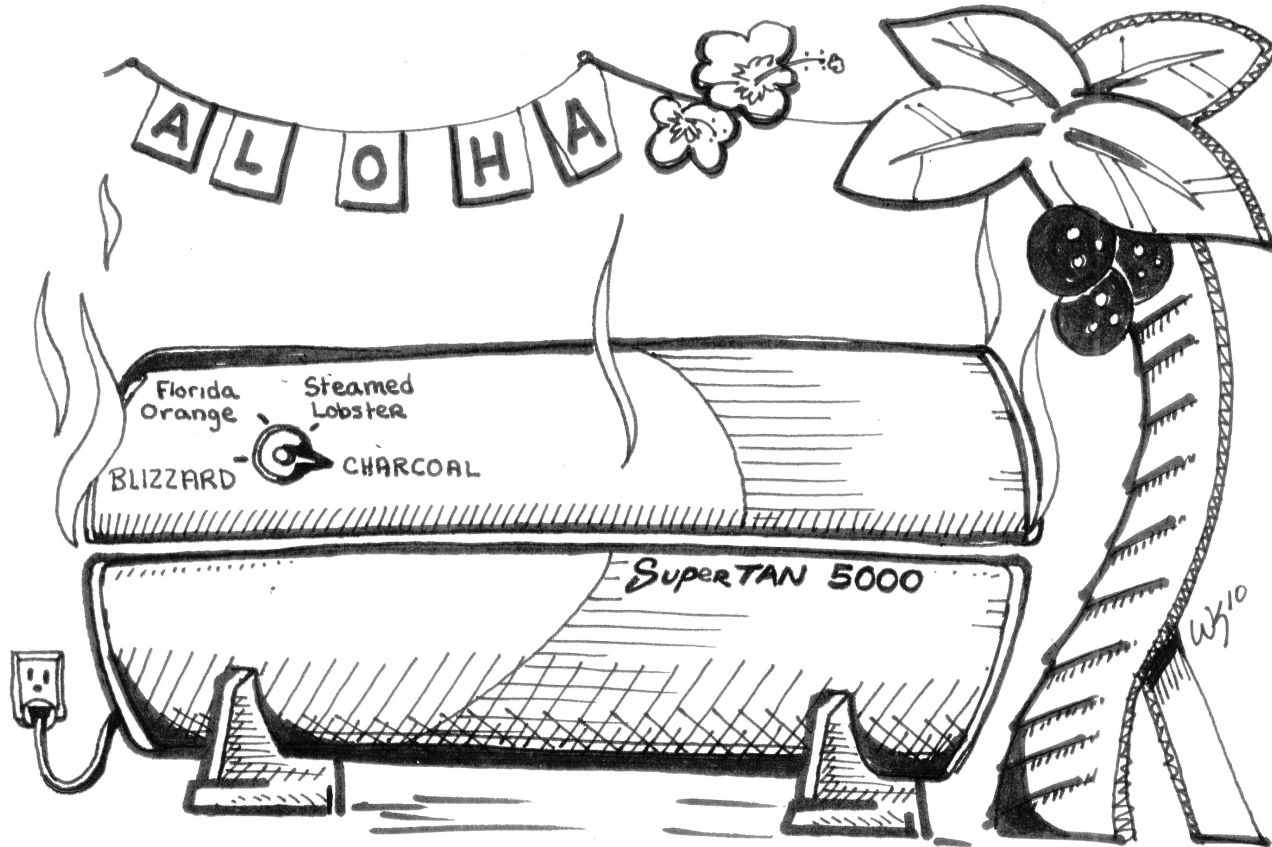
By Kayla Riley  
*For The Maine Campus*

While the mall is now alive with spring fever, many students — mainly female — are flocking to tanning salons. Despite stacking evidence that tanning salons cause health problems as serious as skin cancer, tan is proving to be the new pale.

Over the past decade, the popularity of the famed “fake bake” has only increased. The tanning industry now rakes in a mighty \$5 billion per year, according to the Indoor Tanning Association, and approximately 25,000 tanning salons span the nation, not including booths within health clubs or homes. A rapidly growing number of people are desperate for that golden glow, regardless of the effect it may have on their bank accounts or their health.

Tina Day is a third-year nutrition student at the University of Maine and a tanning enthusiast. Although she is a dedicated student who hopes to care for the health of others someday, she has been tanning since the age of 18 and frequents SunKissed Tanning, a popular tanning salon chain in Bangor.

“I feel like I look better with a healthy glow and my skin just feels better,” Day said of her tanning habits. She can be found tanning about two or three times per week.



Maine’s frigid, dark winters encourage people to escape to a warm booth and dream of a tropical paradise rather than traipse through drifts of snow to catch some rays. Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD, is a common affliction and Day often uses tanning as a way of dealing with the gloomy weather.

“It just feels good to warm up and get my skin tingly sometimes when it’s cold outside,” Day said.

Recent evidence to suggests tanning could be truly addictive. A 2006 study by Wake Forest University revealed the ultraviolet rays produced by tanning booths and the sun help release endorphins in the body, the chemical that creates a sense of euphoria. This same chemical can come from exercising or eating chocolate, but when it comes from the harmful rays of tanning beds, the results are often less than euphoric.

“I understand tanning increases my risk of skin cancer,” Day said. “I just make sure not to get severely sunburned to reduce my chances. I’d rather alleviate my winter blues and risk my health for my happiness.”

It is not uncommon on the UMaine campus to come across people who have mysteriously maintained the glow of a

See Tanning on **B3**

## York Commons latest venue for benefit concert

By Kegan Zema  
*Style Editor*

When disaster struck the island nation of Haiti, Resident Assistant Ross Gauvin knew he wanted to do something. This Friday, 15 musical acts will perform in the York Dining Commons at the Rock for Haiti event to raise money for relief as part of the continuing effort to get the country back on its feet.

While it is fairly common practice for RAs to organize they are rarely done to raise money, according to Gauvin. It is also the first event of its kind to take place in York Commons, according to Director of York Commons Susan Little.

“This was the first time in my life I felt like I could actually make a difference because I had so many resources at my hands, connections and people

15 musical acts will turn dining hall into a concert hall to raise money for Haiti relief fund.

around,” Gauvin said.

According to Gauvin, he worked closely with Little as well as his supervisor, Tiffani Lindsey. The event was originally proposed for the York Hall lobby but moved to the dining commons to accommodate more acts and attendees.

“Over the past few weeks during our [meetings], I listened to his ideas for the event and piped in with resources that he could utilize,” Lindsey wrote in an e-mail. “Getting him connected with the right

See Commons on **B4**

## Openers announced for weekend’s Roots concert

By Kegan Zema  
*Style Editor*

Boston-based hip-hop / jazz group Re-Up will be opening for The Roots on Saturday in the University of Maine Field House. According to Vice President of Student Entertainment Patrick Nabozny, the band has performed numerous times at the Berklee School of Music, opened for The Gym Class Heroes and will be opening for Big Boi of Outkast later this year.

Despite the numerous Maine-based bands that attempted to get the opening slot, Nabozny decided to go with the Boston band because of the strength of the city’s music scene.

“I’m trying to keep things as local as possible,” Nabozny said. “We’ve gone with a lot of local companies to provide production for the show. I’m not bashing any bands from Maine but I really think that people will be much more satisfied with this band than one from

Maine.”

The contract agreed upon said that the opening act must be “mutually agreeable.” According to Nabozny, The Roots loved the band’s sound.

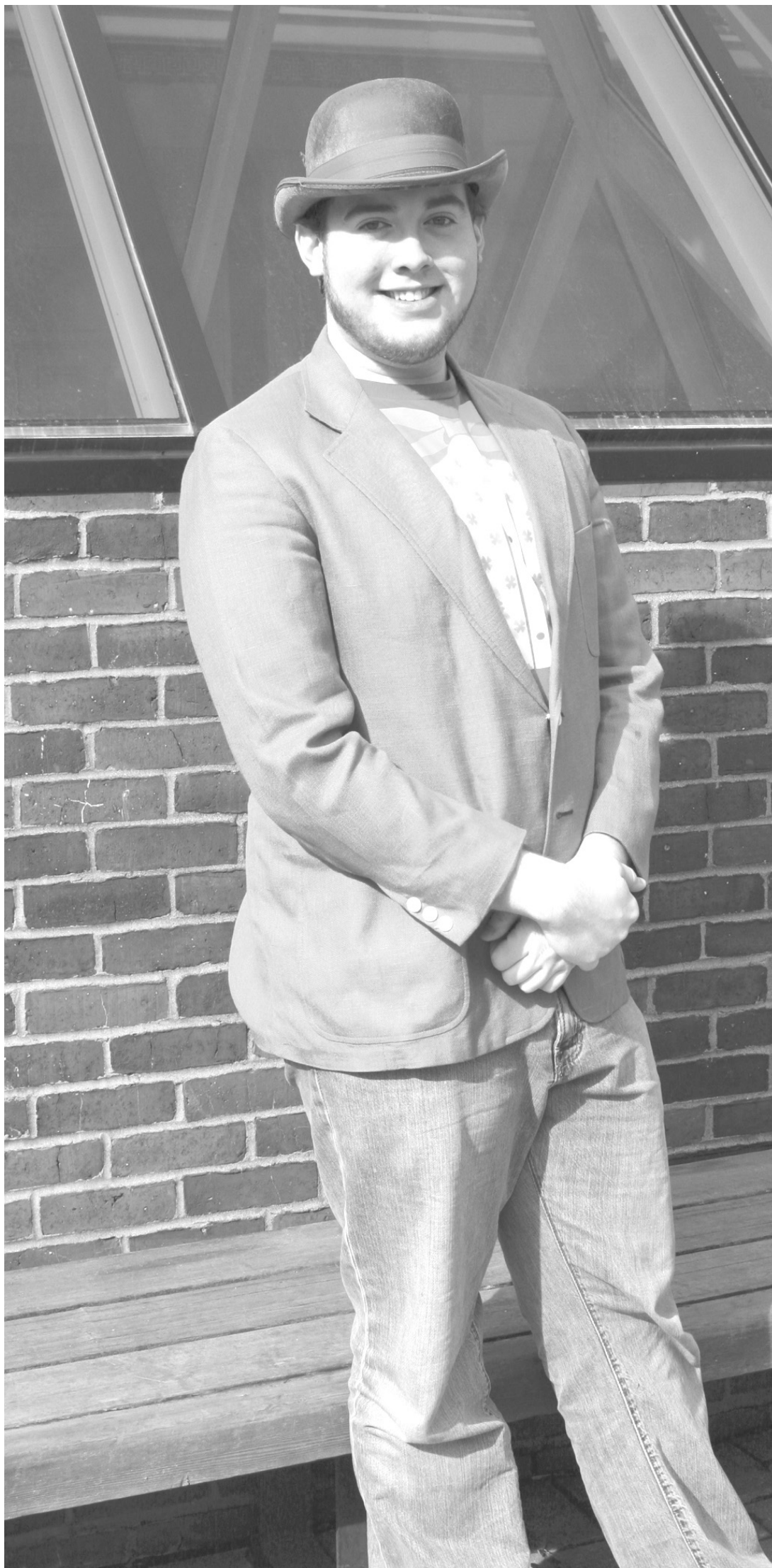
Re-Up features a full band complete with horn section and turntablist.

“The band presented a surprisingly sophisticated blend of hard-hitting rap and soulful jazz, with an unbeatable combination of great lyrics and a laid-back attitude onstage,” wrote Lisa Kong in a review of their performance at William and Mary College on the college radio station’s blog.

Tickets will be available for sale in the Memorial Union on Thursday and Friday from 12 to 2 p.m. According to Nabozny, tickets sales are approaching the sold-out mark of 3,000.

Student Entertainment has also confirmed The Machine, a Pink Floyd tribute band, for

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Rebekah Doherty • Asst. Photo Editor

Kyle Stetson celebrated St. Patrick’s Day on Wednesday by dressing up as a leprechan.

# go!

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# CD: ‘Belus’

## Prison no match for metal maniac’s riffs

**Jeremy Swist**  
*For The Maine Campus*

After being imprisoned for murdering Mayhem guitarist Euronymous, Varg “Count Grishnackh” Vikernes is now free to take his infamous musical legacy to magnificent new heights. With a back catalogue widely regarded as some of the best albums in black metal, “Belus” proves that Varg’s talents as a songwriter never faded after all these years.

As for the controversy, it’s best to treat Burzum and Varg’s crimes and writings separately. He himself assured that the band stands only for music and not the right-wing extremism of his published views. A recent interview states, “If those who are not like me are able to enjoy my music, that is all fine by me. Be a Christian-born black, gay feminist converted to Judaism for all I care, or worse, a Muslim. Just stay off my lawn.”

“Belus” is an all-Norwegian concept album centered on its eponymous solar deity, whose familiar manifestations include Baldr and Apollo. The introductory track “Leukes Renkespill” chimes in with the hammer and anvil of the Loki, aka Hephaistos, stressing the common ancestry of Indo-European mythologies.

The first real song, “Belus’ Død,” is a sinister march into the past, right back to early ’90s Norway. In fact, it would fit perfectly on his second album “Det Som Engang Var,” though with tremolo harmonies that bring “Filosofem” to mind. On the one hand this is classic Burzum, with simple drumbeats and signature melodies. On the other hand, it’s immediately evident that Varg’s prowess as a guitarist has not only survived prison, but has also taken a quantum

leap.

Vocal-wise, Varg’s still got it, though his trademark screams have matured into an echoing shriek that suits the warmer, but still raw-as-hell production — likely due to the use of digital and no longer analog equipment. The use of spoken-word verses is incredibly effective and often introduces new themes within songs. For example, “Kaimadalthas’ Nedstigning” oscillates between an angry blast-beat riff and a chanted refrain before launching into perhaps the most majestic moment on the album when Varg’s guitar work shines brightest.

“Glemselens Elv” may be the most beautiful Burzum song ever written, with a melody guaranteed to make you sway to and fro in a meditative trance. All the while tremolo riffs float above the rhythm in perfect harmony. It clocks in at eleven minutes, one for every year since we’ve gotten a release from this stellar songwriter.

The album’s perfect structure builds with increasing tempo, peaks at “Sverddans” — featuring an old school guitar solo — and then decreases. By the final song, the drums have simply melted away.

A key feature of the early ’90s albums was the presence of ambient tracks, here absent. This is well forgiven by the fact that his prison term gave us two full electronic albums in the form of “Dauði Baldrs” and “Hliðskjálf.”

In short, this is not your typical comeback album. This is the product of a decade-and-a-half of refinement and meditation, and we all knew it would come one day. So here it is, a landmark release that should set the standard for extreme metal in the new decade.

**Grade: A**

# FILM REVIEW: ‘Green Zone’

## Damon carries politically charged, Bourne-esque war movie



Universal Pictures

**Matt Damon** headlines the Bourne-esque “Green Zone.”

**By John Shannon**  
*Film Critic*

Paul Greengrass’ “Green Zone” tells the story of Jason Miller — played by Matt Damon — a key member of the invasion force in Iraq in 2003. Miller and his team are tasked with going into locations where the military believes weapons of mass destruction are hidden, but time and again they come up empty. Sick of putting American lives on the line for a wild goose chase, Miller begins investigating where the WMD intelligence came from. Meanwhile, the people who are giving Miller the information scramble to cover their tracks and silence him.

Damon continues his string of impressive performances here. Miller begins the film bouncing between the smarmy Pentagon opportunist played by Greg Kinnear and the haggard-yet-good-hearted CIA man played by Brendan Gleeson. Gleeson and Kinnear are superb. A lesser lead would come across as a dud, bouncing between the two, but Damon holds his own and continues to cement a reputation as more than a handsome leading man. Damon is able to imbue Miller with life, finding the subtle humanity in his shark-like, forward momentum toward his goal. With this on his resume alongside his

recent appearances in “The Informant” and “Invictus,” Damon’s work is becoming must-see material.

Greengrass’ patented shaky camera work is just as prevalent here as it was in the “Bourne” films, and its use seems not only appropriate but also effortless. He executes the technique like a pro, able to get across action geography efficiently while shaking the camera and employing quick cuts. These action scenes are moments of pure kinetics and adrenaline, the exact opposite of the slow-build type action exhibited in another recent Iraq-based film, “The Hurt Locker.”

While the marketing for “Green Zone” evokes a “Jason Bourne Goes to Iraq” feel, Greengrass has constructed something far more gritty and real. It hums along at an unrelenting pace, rarely letting up from chases and gunfights and tactical assaults. Not only does the movie deliver the excitement audiences want in an action movie, it also manages to make some valid points about the shenanigans that got America into Iraq in the first place. Greengrass does this without coming across as overly political; he merely takes the accepted formula for a paranoid thriller and sets it against the backdrop of real-world events.

However, the political implications on hand will certainly cause some debate.

While “Green Zone” doesn’t feel didactic — the United States and the CIA are definitely painted as the good guys here — the fact that it’s a movie about the Bush administration lying its way to war may irritate some on the right. And on the other side are the liberals who might be annoyed by Greengrass’ perspective, which contains hope for reconciliation and atonement rather the vengeance and comeuppance.

In the end the damage is done and the guys who did it got away, but the film ends with a look to the future, admitting to a messy situation but also shining a light upon those people who are doing their best to set things right from both sides of the aisle. For many liberals this may be a bitter pill to swallow, even though it’s the basic truth.

“Green Zone” isn’t a simple action movie offering closure in the form of Matt Damon holding a gun to the heads of the men who lied to Congress. It’s far more complicated, and therefore far more interesting. There’s no mustache-twirling villain and gun-toting hero. There are only people motivated by ideology and those they tricked along the way. The question “Green Zone” leaves us with isn’t “Where are the WMDs?” but rather, “Can we come back from this?” Only time will tell.

**Grade: A**

**Tanning**  
*from Page B1*

Greek god or goddess. In stark contrast to the skin tone of most Maine citizens during early spring, these tawny tanners hold to their routines like bees to pollen, refusing to favor health to a tan.

Standing on the opposite side of the pale vs. tan debate is Lindsey Timberlake, a third-year zoology student. Although she is guilty of getting sunburned once or twice during Maine summers, she prefers to retain her natural skin tone during the winter.

“It’s cancer in a box,” Timberlake said of her reasoning for keeping far from the tanning salons so often visited by her peers. “Also, I don’t want to be orange, and I can’t sit still for that long.”

Besides her anti-tanning rationale including the health concerns, hue and tendency to fidget, she can’t find a reason to spend money in order to tan. Timberlake prefers to catch her rays during the summer, whether while visiting a beach near home or playing outside with her brothers and dog.

“I prefer the all-natural look, and I feel like I could get more done by being outside and not stuck in a box trying to accomplish the same thing,” Timberlake said.

On this, Day and Timberlake agree. “I like [natural light] because it’s real and you get the great summer atmosphere too if you’re at a beach with friends,” Day said. She reserves tanning “just for the colder months when I can’t lay outside and get natural sunlight.”

Ironically, pale skin is related

to purity and divinity in various Eastern cultures. In Japan, “bihaku,” meaning “beautiful white,” is considered an ideal, discouraging many Japanese women from visiting tanning booths.

Last January, Reps. Carolyn Maloney of New York and Charlie Dent of Pennsylvania decided to take action against tanning booths, entitling their bipartisan legislation the Tanning Bed Cancer Control Act. The act aims to enforce stricter regulation of tanning beds, including reduced UV rays, limits on the amount of time exposure allowed and more warnings for consumers.

What many avid tanners may not realize is the gradual darkening of their skin is due to skin cell damage, according to Health magazine. The color skin becomes as a protective mechanism is called melanin. With prolonged exposure to UV rays, skin turns darker to protect the cell’s DNA.

As various universities, health experts and legislators fight against the tanning trend, thousands of Americans show no sign of quitting the dangerous habit. According to a recent article in The New York Times on the proposed legislation, people who start using tanning beds before the age of 30 have a 75 percent higher risk of developing melanoma, the most lethal form of skin cancer, than those who avoid tanning booths. Despite these facts, it is unclear whether or not there is an end to the trend in sight.

Like Ugg boots, Crocs and wearing leggings as pants, tanning is a fad that may linger much longer than its anticipated life span.

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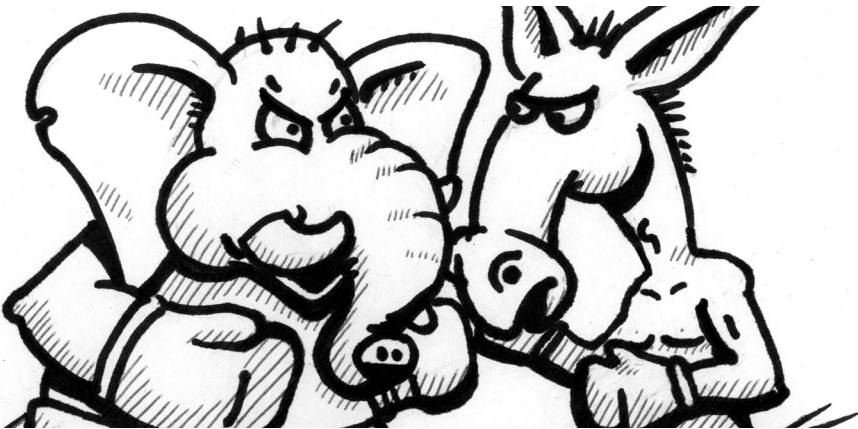
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Rebekah Doherty • Assistant Photo Editor

# A happy Easter tail: Knowing rabbits

With Easter just a few weeks away, eggs, Peeps and chocolate bunnies are found lining nearly every store's shelves. Many parents plan Easter egg hunts for their children, pack baskets full of goodies and sometimes even give gifts. What could be more appropriate than a cute baby bunny as a surprise for a child on Easter morning? Actually, lots of things.



**Pet Pundit**  
By Jessie Darkis

While several popular rabbit breeds such as the Netherland Dwarf or Holland Lop stay fairly small in size even when matured, others definitely do not. Rabbits such as the Flemish Giant, as mentioned in a previous article, or the English Lop, can mature to a whopping 11 pounds or more. Although it is simply cosmetic, the "cuteness" factor of the little bunny that's purchased for an Easter gift may wear out quickly for some. Everything grows up — and although I think rabbits are cute at all ages, not everyone does.

Rabbits are typically timid creatures. It is important to remember how they behave in the wild and put that into perspective when deciding to purchase one, especially for a child. Although they can be great house pets, they may not be suitable for all children. Many rabbits do not enjoy being held or picked up, and can pack a punch with their powerful hind legs, delivering painful scratches. If a child or adult doesn't know how to properly hold the rabbit, the animal can sustain injuries or even broken bones while struggling to get away. With that in mind, a child may not be pleased to find his or her new pet isn't willing to play, and may lose interest in the animal. Because rabbits have a lifespan of up to 10 years, this purchase shouldn't be taken lightly.

Many boxed foods in pet stores are not nutritionally adequate for small animals such as rabbits, hamsters or rats. After a certain age, rabbits require only about a tablespoon of high-quality pellets per day, relying mainly on fresh hay and vegetables. Proper nutrition is extremely important for all pets, and owners should be aware of what requirements need to be met for their animals. Simply picking up a box of food in a pet store with the corresponding species' name on it is not enough.

Rabbits can make wonderful pets. They require individual attention and daily play time, can establish strong bonds with their owners and can be quite affectionate. Not only can they learn to use litter boxes and even toilets, they can learn to climb stairs, and will often live peacefully with other house pets such as cats and dogs. Many rabbit enthusiasts even allow their pets to have free range access to their homes, letting them come and go throughout the house as they please.

When considering purchasing any animal, there are always concerns that should be addressed. Many people seem to think small pets aren't as much of a responsibility as a cat or dog, which unfortunately is a misconception. Any potential pet owner should spend time researching beforehand, not only to determine if the animal they want is going to fit into their lifestyle, but to educate themselves. You can never know too much about the animals that rely on your care.

## Re-Up from Page B1

a performance in the Collins Center for the Arts on April 29. The band will be stopping by as part of a nation-wide tour. The show is described as being heavily-laden with lasers and lighting effects.

"I wasn't just going to invite any Pink Floyd tribute band," Nabozny said. "I wanted to

make sure that if we were going to try to sell tickets that they sounded like Pink Floyd. They do sound pretty good."

The revenue earned will contribute to booking larger acts next year, according to Nabozny.

A Facebook group petitioning for the '90s band Smash Mouth to perform at UMaine has prompted Nabozny to consider a '90s music festival next year.

## Commons from Page B1

people and explaining to him how to go about certain campus processes for permissions was my primary role."

To find talent, Gauvin put up advertisements and contacted other RAs who had organized open-mic nights.

Singer / songwriter Christian Giddings will be performing at the event. He said he was friends with Gauvin his RA on the fourth floor of York Hall. Gauvin and Giddings are both music majors and are working on starting a band together.

"I'm happy to provide entertainment," Giddings said. "I figure the more people that play, the more people that will come. For instance, a lot of people are coming in just for me."

Giddings said he had attended other smaller open-mic nights Gauvin had organized. He described his music as "easy listening but with meaning."

The campus governing board and RAs will be cooking food and working at the event under Little's supervision. She volunteered her time so that the dining staff would not need to be hired and the extra money could go to the cause.

Little said that when Gauvin came to her with the idea, she jumped at the chance to be able to incorporate the community and provide the space.

"We're all in this to survive together, so whatever I can do to help another human being, I'm all for it," Little said.

The concert takes place from 4 to 9 p.m., allowing each act a 20-minute slot.

Entry is free but attendees can purchase tickets for \$5 — good for a free personal pizza, unlimited soda refills and entry in a raffle. There will also be a bake sale and donation basket.

"This isn't just about raising money," Gauvin said. "It's about taking a break after spring break, hanging out and getting food for cheap."

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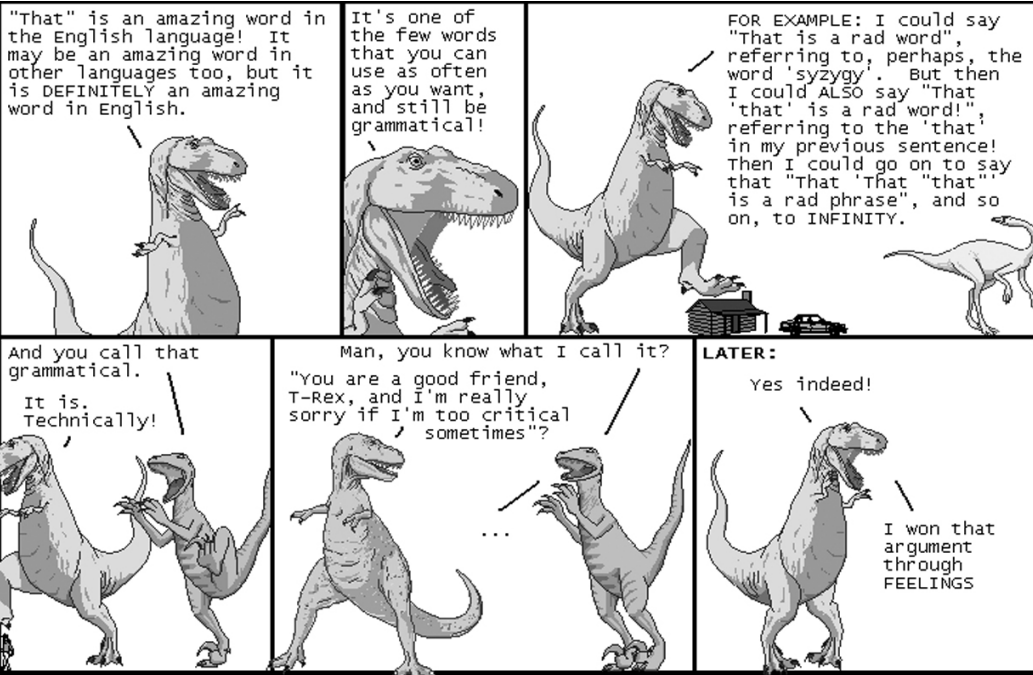
Cat and Girl

By Dorothy Gambrell

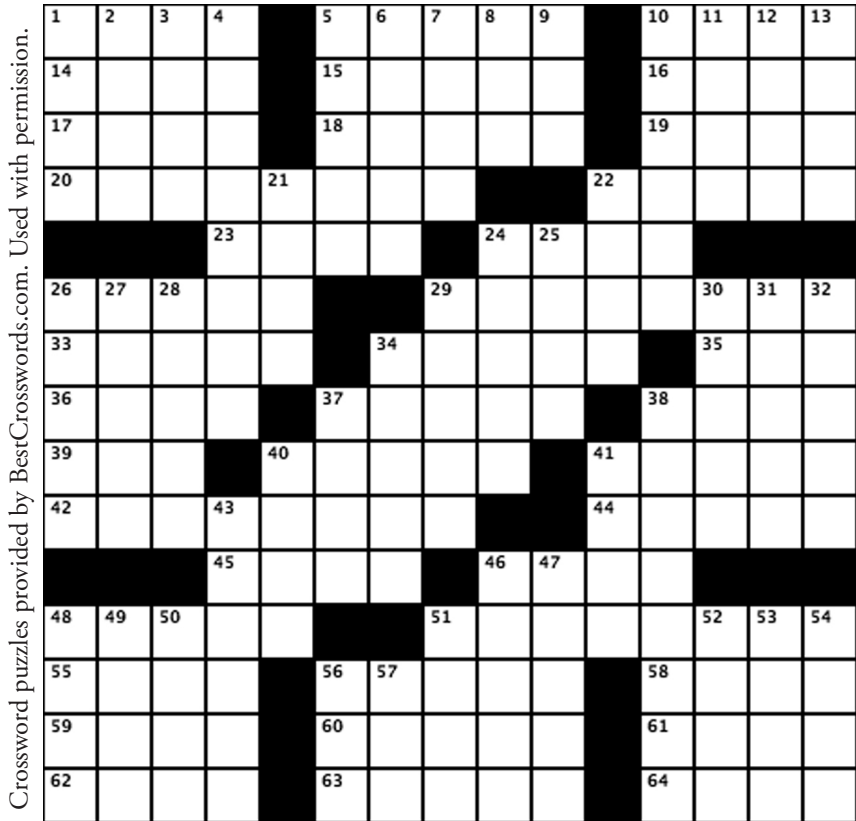


Dinosaur Comics

By Ryan North



## Crossword Puzzle



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Answer key in Sports

- Across**

  - 1- Electric fish;
  - 5- Bungle;
  - 10- Journey;
  - 14- Zoologist Fossey;
  - 15- A Musketeer;
  - 16- Alleviate;
  - 17- Small combo;
  - 18- Tee, e.g.;
  - 19- Anger;
  - 20- Forbidden;
  - 22- Conger catcher;
  - 23- \_\_\_ Fox;
  - 24- Neuter;
  - 26- Conical native American tent;
  - 29- Venerated;
  - 33- Dicembre follower;
  - 34- Explosive weapons;
  - 35- Botanist Gray;
  - 36- Australasian parrot;
  - 37- Causing goose bumps;
  - 38- Against;
- 39- Here, to Henri;
  - 40- That is to say...;
  - 41- Bogie, e.g.;
  - 42- Used to purify water;
  - 44- Irritable;
  - 45- Bring on board;
  - 46- Sudden assault;
  - 48- Grads;
  - 51- Feeble;
  - 55- Actress Ward;
  - 56- Light grayish brown;
  - 58- Boy or man;
  - 59- Strong taste;
  - 60- Get the better of;
  - 61- A party to;
  - 62- Dies \_\_\_;
  - 63- It's a good thing;
  - 64- Mine entrance;
- Down**

  - 1- 1999 Ron Howard film;
  - 2- Green land;
- 3- Den;
  - 4- Snobbish conduct;
  - 5- Moisten while cooking;
  - 6- Alternate;
  - 7- Lean;
  - 8- \_\_\_ anglais (English horn);
  - 9- DDE's predecessor;
  - 10- Shipworm;
  - 11- Complain;
  - 12- Land in water;
  - 13- Juror;
  - 21- Hydrox rival;
  - 22- Building wings;
  - 24- Street urchin;
  - 25- Dresden's river;
  - 26- Tending to a definite end;
  - 27- Methuselah's father;
  - 28- Danger;
  - 29- Goddesses of the seasons;
  - 30- Desires;
  - 31- Bar, legally;
- 32- Pyramid category;
  - 34- Designer Geoffrey;
  - 37- Chieftain, usually in Africa;
  - 38- Professors, collectively;
  - 40- Coloured part of the eye;
  - 41- Dry and waterless;
  - 43- Electric resistance;
  - 46- Scoundrel;
  - 47- Crackerjack;
  - 48- Italian wine city;
  - 49- Goneril's father;
  - 50- Forearm bone;
  - 51- Conks out;
  - 52- Monetary unit of South Africa;
  - 53- "The Time Machine" race;
  - 54- Depression in a surface;
  - 56- Anaconda;
  - 57- Nav. officer;

## Sudoku Puzzle

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

There is only one correct answer.

Difficulty level: Easy

## Word Search

### Flowers

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STATICE  
STOCK  
SUNFLOWER  
TULIP  
VIOLET  
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- Aries - March 21 to April 20** - You will dedicate your time to intellectual activities. Although this could make your friends turn away from you, the satisfaction will be well worth it. You will manage to solve important family issues.
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- Gemini - May 21 to June 21** - In the morning you may be in a bad mood and become less sociable due to health problems. You are advised to keep communicating with your friends and loved one.
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- Virgo - Aug. 23 to Sept. 22** - You could become irascible because of financial difficulties. Keep your temper or you may hurt a friend's feelings. Today is not a favorable time for exams, presentations or traveling.
- Libra - Sept. 23 to Oct. 23** - Several obstacles may arise. You may feel you are wasting your energy. People around you will be understanding and supportive.
- Scorpio - Oct. 24 to Nov. 22** - You will tend to act on impulse, and your friends and business partners may turn away from you. You are advised to be more tactful. Spare yourself and rest more. You may want to pay attention to the elders in the family.
- Sagittarius - Nov. 23 to Dec. 21** - One of your friends' failure to keep a promise will make you angry. Keep your temper — there may be a reasonable explanation. Being flexible will help you avoid a quarrel, which could otherwise lead to breaking the relationship.
- Capricorn - Dec. 22 to Jan. 20** - You are advised not to deal with issues that require tactfulness. You may be in a state of irritation and unable to be convincing. On the other hand, the relationship with your loved one will be strong.
- Aquarius - Jan. 21 to Feb. 19** - You intend to take on too many responsibilities and may not be able to cope with all of them on your own. This is not a good time for any kind of business activities. You are running the risk of incurring financial losses.
- Pisces - Feb. 20 to March 20** - In the morning you may encounter communication problems, and your social and sentimental relationships may be affected. This is not a good time for initiating new activities or business projects, no matter how tempting they seem.



# Masters earns All-America honors

By **Derek McKinley**  
*Staff Reporter*

The brightest and best track and field performers in the country converged on the Randal Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark., last weekend for the NCAA National Championships in Track and Field. With visions of All-American glory in their heads, a select few athletes showcased their exceptional talent on the national stage.

The University of Maine was represented among those competitors by sophomore Riley Masters. The Bangor native put together one of the best individual seasons in the history of UMaine track and field this year, breaking records and earning conference accolades on multiple occasions.

Although he has competed at distances ranging from 800 to 3,000 meters this season, Masters' signature event has been the mile run. Masters originally broke into the exclusive sub-four minute club at Boston University's Valentine's Invitational with a 3:59.97 victory. His personal best time of 3:59.07 came less than two weeks ago at the Columbia Last Chance Meet. This time, a university record, was just shy of the NCAA automatic qualifying time of 3:59.00. However, Masters still provisionally quali-

fied ninth out of 16 competitors in the event.

Masters described the atmosphere in the arena as "intimidating."

"A couple of months ago I was looking up to these guys, you know, with them being the top runners in the nation, and then I had to go and compete against them," Masters said.

"The big goal at first was just to make the finals, and then once I did that I figured, yeah, I could place. I just wanted to put myself in it and give myself a chance. I wanted to make sure I left it all on the track," he said.

Masters earned a spot in the finals with a 4:03.10 on Friday night, second only to defending champion Lee Emanuel, a senior from the University of New Mexico.

"I knew he was the guy to beat, so it was a little weird being that close to him. Just a couple months ago I wouldn't have expected that," Masters said.

In the final race on Saturday night, Masters stayed in the middle of the pack before falling to

last place with around 400 meters to go.

"I ended up falling off the pace quite a bit, [but] a couple of guys made some big moves early and I kind of rested a little bit," he recalled. "At the end I closed hard and was able to pick off quite a few guys."

The surge brought Masters a fifth place finish with 4:04.29, while Emanuel repeated as champion with a 3:59.26 finish.

Masters' performance secured him All-American status, the first such honor for UMaine track since sprinter Arel Gordon finished seventh in the 60-meter dash at the 2007 championship.

"It's an honor, and I'm happy I'm able to represent the university in such a positive way," Masters said of the award. "My teammates have been very supportive and I really owe them a lot of the credit. They helped me get to where I am now."

After being named the America East conference's Most Outstanding Rookie near the end of his freshman season, expectations were high for Masters' second in-

door campaign. A strong start to the cross country season last fall was cut short by a knee injury, forcing him to miss more than half of the meets, including championships. Masters doesn't think the missed time was all bad.

"I think [the time off] helped quite a bit especially because, you know, the way I ran last year, I just needed some time off to give my body a chance to take a break," Masters said.

Now Masters will gear up for his second shot at outdoor track, building off the same kind of success that helped him claim the university record at 5,000 meters last season.

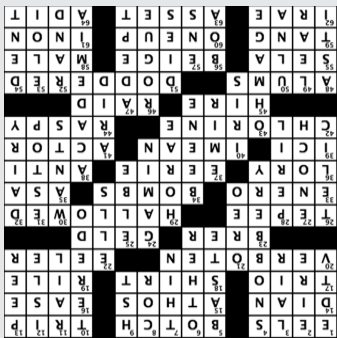
"Throughout my running career I've thought, you know, how can I get faster. I feel like I'm already going my fastest," Masters said. "I'm just gonna go with it and keep assuming I'm gonna run faster. I really don't know when I'm gonna slow down."

Unlike the NCAA meet, this time he won't be alone. The rest of the athletes are eager to prove themselves as well. Already in the indoor season, standout individuals have united to emerge as a legitimate threat to larger teams with much more depth in every event. With Masters leading the pack, the future looks bright for head coach Mark Lech and his UMaine Black Bears.


**"It's an honor, and I'm happy I'm able to represent the university in such a positive way."**

**Riley Masters**  
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**Pare**  
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war? Did Bill Clinton have sexual relations with that woman? Who really deserved the airline miles in "Wedding Crashers?" It's all semantics!

Hunter is not guilty of prejudice — only stupidity. Throwing all notions of common sense and political correctness to the winds, he participated in the roundtable as though he were sitting at a dinner table among friends, not a national audience. But why?

Frustration seems a likely culprit for Hunter's misstep, considering much of his extensive charity work centers on supporting baseball programs in the inner city. And while there are only two urban baseball academies in all of the United States — one in Compton and one in Houston — there are several better-funded programs overseas particularly in Latin America, where baseball is king.

The committee, which included eight personalities from around baseball, was incensed not that these programs existed, but that MLB's allocation of funds snubs investment in America's pastime at home.

Said player agent Scott Boras about the financials of the situation: "We have absolutely eradicated a huge part of our game

by not investing in a system that attracts an American populace."

"The colleges have corrupted baseball," he added, "because they have taken away the scholarships. They've taken away America's pastime from the grass-root level of homes."

That is where Hunter's concerns about the American involvement in baseball gains traction. The amount of scholarships allotted to baseball — 11 — compared to football — 85 — and basketball — 13 — is deplorable.

"What a lot of people don't realize is that the percentage of white players in the game is down too," Hunter said.

Black or white, this isn't an issue of race. It is an issue of nationality, of making American corporations, such as Major League Baseball, work for Americans. There has been a shift in the centrlicity of baseball interest to the global community while America has embraced football as its new pastime, and that should be celebrated. But the point Hunter should have made is when domestic opportunities for baseball fail to match domestic interest, someone should be held accountable. Major League Baseball has the guys with the money saying we care about baseball in America while they send it all overseas. So who are the real imposters?

## Abbott

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scored upon.

"It means a lot to me," Abbott said. "It means [Whitehead] does have confidence in me, and it also helps my game and gives me confidence."

Despite standing 5-feet-9-inches tall, Abbott remains strong on the puck since adding muscle in the off-season to his 170-pound frame. His strength complements elusive skating ability and a quality wrist shot.

"His ability to hold defenders off until a man gets open is exceptional," Whitehead said. "That's really helped his game a lot."

"I went home last summer and got down to business," Abbott said. "I gained probably eight or nine pounds of muscle and stayed 5-percent body fat. I definitely got a lot stronger in every aspect of my body."

UMaine's power play efficiency has hovered around 30 percent all season and currently stands at 27.9 percent, which is more than four percentage points higher than its nearest competitor. Abbott said it has been a group effort for the two power-play units.

"We've got really good net-front guys, so if we draw guys out and get pucks to the net, they'll do the rest," Abbott said. "It's great to be a part of that."

Abbott has a career-high eight goals this season despite being relied upon more to assist on scoring chances with the man-advantage rather than score. He has dished out 17 assists and ranks sixth in team scoring. Just one of Abbott's goals has come on the power play, after scoring six power play goals as a freshman.

The Black Bears can rely on Abbott to contribute on the score sheet in big games. In both of his seasons, Abbott's game-winning goals have forced decisive third games in UMaine's Hockey East Tournament quarterfinal series. Last year, his game two goal came against eventual National Champions Boston University, and he scored the game-winner last Saturday in the quarterfinals against UMass Lowell.

"In the playoffs, it's a totally different style of game," Abbott said. "It's more grinding and mucking it up. To be able to come out on top with a couple of points against a good team like BU really helped my confidence."

UMaine's second forward line of Abbott, junior center Robby Dee and senior right wing David

deKastrozza has accounted for 18 percent of the team's scoring, even with Dee and deKastrozza having missed time due to injuries. Dee is a skilled center and good skater, while power-forward deKastrozza balances the line as formidable net-front presence to screen the opposing goaltender, finish rebounds and block shots in the opposite end.

"They're all well-rounded players, but each one has some elite aspects of their game that really make it a great line," Whitehead said.

Whitehead knew he was getting a scoring threat when he recruited Abbott out of Hamilton, which is also Abbott's hometown. Abbott racked up 83 points on 42 goals and 41 assists in 42 games in his second season of junior hockey. He scored 75 points the previous season.

Former Black Bear leading scorer Josh Soares set Hamilton

**"I went home last summer and got down to business."**

**Spencer Abbott**  
**UMaine Sophomore**  
**Men's Hockey**

scoring records with 124 points in 48 games in 2002-03. Abbott said Soares skated with the junior team during winter break while a member of the Black Bears. UMaine junior defenseman Josh Van Dyk and freshman forward Joey Diamond also played for Hamilton.

Abbott was disappointed he did not contribute to UMaine's scoring as much as he had hoped to as a freshman, while the Black Bears' offense finished with a league-low 2.21 goals scored per-game in their 13-win season.

"I felt like I could come over and make an impact," Abbott said. "It wasn't the season I was looking for, but hopefully I can carry on the good things I've been doing this year."

Whitehead said Abbott's improvement is evident in all aspects of his game.

"He's become more of a complete player than we expected this quickly," Whitehead said. "He's really improved the defensive side of his game."

Abbott attended Sherwood High School in Hamilton. He said he was also recruited by Northeastern, Niagara, Bowling Green and Bemidji State.

"Maine was best suited for me," Abbott said.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Men's Hockey  
Hockey East Semifinals vs. Boston University in Boston, Mass.  
8 p.m.

Baseball  
at Oregon State in Corvallis, Ore.  
8:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Softball  
vs. Boston College in N. Smithfield, R.I.  
2:30 p.m.

Baseball  
at Oregon State in Corvallis, Ore. (DH)  
4 p.m.

Men's Hockey  
Hockey East Final (if they defeat BU) vs. Boston College/Vermont winner in Boston, Mass.  
7 p.m.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 21

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UMaine, and has chipped in with three goals and three assists for six points. Andersson has played in 29 of 37 games this season, and despite typically playing on the fourth forward line, is tied with second-line left wing Spencer Abbott for the best plus-minus rating (-1) of UMaine forwards, excluding the top scoring line of Nyquist, Tanner House and Brian Flynn.

“Theo’s very good on the penalty kill, and he takes pride in that role,” Kerluke said.

“Even the role players, you need them to produce,” he added. “Having goals from the fourth line lifts the team in a big way.”

Andersson took the role change from offensive threat to defensive specialist in stride. He said the highlight so far this season was his first goal scored at Alfond Arena, coming against rival University of New Hampshire on Feb. 6.

“I was just going to work harder than last year, and try to break the lineup more, and I’ve done that,” Andersson said. “I’ll take my role as whatever I can do for the team.”

Andersson was venturing to the unknown by coming to Orono. Unlike Nyquist, he did not visit UMaine before committing. Nyquist, from Malmo, Sweden, had committed before him and convinced Andersson he would like the school.

“It was a very good choice,” Andersson said. “I’m so happy that I [committed].”

Former University of Vermont star Viktor Stalberg, also from Gothenburg, who left the Catamounts last spring after

his third season to sign with the Toronto Maple Leafs, also confirmed Andersson’s expectations of an American college education and NCAA Division I hockey. Stalberg’s younger brother Sebastian played with Andersson on Frolunda and is a freshman at UVM.

“I wanted to compete at a high level in hockey and at the same time get a good education,” Andersson said.

Andersson’s parents supported his decision to leave Sweden.

“They’ve always been behind me, whatever I’ve want to do,” Andersson said. “When I told them I wanted to come over here and get an education and play hockey at the highest level, they thought it was a great idea.”

If Andersson had not enrolled at UMaine, last year would have been the final season of junior hockey eligibility for the 20-year-old. His next option in Sweden would be to play in a low-paying professional league called Second League, which Andersson said has a similar talent level as Division I college hockey and is a step below the highest-level Swedish Elite League.

Andersson had to adjust to a more physical game than is played on the wider Olympic-sized rinks in Sweden. Like Nyquist and Leidermark, Andersson thrives on his skating ability, but is not known for delivering bodychecks. He has spent just six minutes in the penalty box this season.

“The rinks are smaller and the game is tougher over here,” Andersson said. “I just try to play as simple as possible.”

Kerluke said he would like to see Andersson elevate his intensity and physicality, but noted the more laid-back Swedish cul-



**Amy Brooks • Photo Editor**  
**Theo Andersson** fights for the puck with a UMass Lowell player in last weekend’s Hockey Easy quarterfinals.

ture has an effect on the way the game is played there.

In order to succeed in the classroom, Andersson had to develop his English speaking proficiency. He also had to acclimate to the American culture and a college town. Gothenburg is a city of more than 500,000 people.

“[UMaine Athletic Academic Counselor] Crissy [Kerluke] and the coaching staff took very good care of me,” Andersson said. “It was a tough adjustment being away from my family for the first time, but you’ve got to go away sometime.”

The UMaine coaching staff expanded their range of recruiting to Sweden as Boston area schools and Canadian Major Junior teams compete for local talent. Kerluke said finding another elite Swedish talent such as Nyquist or Stalberg that meets NCAA eligibility requirements will be difficult, because the Swedish Ice Hockey Association is starting to protect their top players by tempting them with professional contracts that void their eligibility.

“We can get a ton of Swedes, but we need ones that can help us,” Kerluke said.

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past Hutton from the right point, with help from a defender’s stick in front. The goal came while the teams were skating four-on-four.

“I just tried to get as much on it as I could,” O’Neill said.

O’Neill was named Hockey East Player of the Week on Monday.

O’Neill’s first goal tied the game at 1-1 late in the second period. His late-game heroics answered Lowell junior center Scott Campbell’s power play goal 7:42 into the third. Campbell stood his ground at the top of the crease and one-timed a pass from behind the net by sophomore center David Vallorani to beat UMaine senior goaltender Dave Wilson.

“It’s a disappointing way to end the season, having led on two different occasions in the game,” MacDonald said.

Hutton and Wilson were both on top of their game for the third straight night. UMaine held a 32-27 edge in shots-on-goal at the end of regulation and scored on its fourth shot in overtime. Wilson stopped 26 shots, while Hutton took the loss in a 33-save effort.

“I was thoroughly impressed with Hutton and their entire team,” said UMaine coach Tim Whitehead.

“Wilson elevated his game,” O’Neill said. “He played unbelievable.”

UMaine battled through the adversity of having to scratch injured junior defenseman and as-

sistant captain Jeff Dimmen from the lineup before the game. Dimmen hurt his leg on a hit along the boards during Saturday’s game. Freshman Matt Mangene, who was recruited as a defenseman but played center for the entire season, replaced Dimmen on the blue line.

“I thought [Mangene] was arguably our best defenseman,” Whitehead said.

UMaine also played without suspended sophomore starting goaltender Scott Darling, injured junior defenseman Mike Banwell

and injured senior center Brett Carriere.

“Everyone just stepped up in their own way and we battled through for those guys,” House said.

In Saturday’s game, Wilson stopped all 23 Lowell shots for his first career playoff win and shutout, and sophomore left wing Spencer Abbott’s goal on the first shift of the game was enough for the 2-0 win.

Abbott scored 23 seconds into the game, when a flurry of shots resulted in a rebound out to him

in the slot where he fired the puck through Hutton’s five-hole.

Abbott also scored the game-winner in the second game of last year’s quarterfinal series against Boston University to force a third game.

House scored on the power play 12:45 into the second period to give the Black Bears some insurance.

Friday’s series-opening game saw a 1-1 tie hold until the third period, when Lowell senior center and captain Ben Holmstrom scored 6:55 in. The River Hawks

won 2-1.

UMaine freshman defenseman Mark Nemec’s first career goal gave the Black Bears a 1-0 lead 5:00 into the first period. Nemec watched a Lowell power play from the penalty box, but exited just as freshman right wing Joey Diamond started on a shorthanded breakout. Nemec took Diamond’s pass in the high slot and beat Hutton with a wrist shot.

Friday’s win was the first post-season triumph for Lowell against UMaine after 12 previous losses.

Expanding NCAA  
tourney a bad move

Anyone who sings “It’s the most wonderful time of the year” during the Christmas season must not be familiar with the NCAA Basketball Tournament that takes place annually in late March. It is undoubtedly the most exciting couple of weeks to be a sports fan, and the best part about it is that you already know what tournament I’m referring to. The tournament doesn’t have a name because it doesn’t need one. It is “The Tournament.”

Not that anyone cares, but there are actually two other tournaments that take place at the same time. All three opened play Tuesday night. The real tournament had its annual play-in game and the other two had their respective opening round games. When Arkansas-Pine Bluff against Winthrop is more relevant than NC State vs. South Florida, it’s clear how irrelevant the other two tournaments are.

The National Invitational Tournament (NIT) takes essentially the best 32 teams that weren’t allowed to play with the grown-ups and seeds them in four, eight-team brackets. Last I checked, the winners were each given a \$10 gift certificate to Applebee’s. Raise your hand if you thought NIT actually stood for “Not In the Tournament.” Now raise your hand if you think that’s what it should stand for. Yeah, me too.

The other tournament that began play Tuesday is the CBI. Most people have never even heard of it. I think it stands for “Can’t Beat Iona,” but I haven’t confirmed that yet. It’s a 16-team tournament that includes teams like Green Bay and Duquesne. Speaking of abbreviations, IUPUI is also in the CBI field. If you know what IUPUI stands for without typing it into Google, it’s because one of your relatives went there.

So this brings me to the important topic of discussion regarding the NCAA tournament. There have been recent talks of expanding the field of 64 teams to 96. Most arguments in favor of the idea include more good teams would be rewarded with the opportunity to play for a national championship and more coaches would keep their jobs. However, ESPN personality Eric Kuselias is the only person I’ve heard acknowledge a relevant counter-argument: For every coach that would keep his or her job because their team made the tournament there are just as many, if not more, that would lose their job for not making it.

Imagine how bad it would look for those teams that aren’t good enough to make it into a field of 96 teams. That’s like having to play in the CBI.

The fact of the matter is the NCAA Tournament is so special because of the excitement that comes with earning a bid to play in it. The more teams that get in, the less impressive an achievement it is. Sure, there are arguments that sound logical, but why mess with perfection? If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.



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March Madness would be watered down with more teams

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Men's Hockey (Sat.)	2	0	UMass Lowell
Men's Hockey (Sun.)	3	2	UMass Lowell
Baseball (Sat.)	6	10	Georgetown

Baseball (Sat.)	7	8	Rollins
Softball (Sun.)	5	7	Pittsburgh
Softball (Sat.)	5	1	Southern Illinois
Softball (Sat.)	3	4	Saint Joseph's

"I can't describe the feeling."

Tanner House on his game-winning goal on Sunday

## INDOOR TRACK

### Masters places fifth in mile final

Bangor native adds All-America honors to resume

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## Hunter's comments unnecessary

By now Torii Hunter's comments regarding the racial dynamics of Major League Baseball are yesterday's news. Considering the central thrust of his admittedly tactless statements were never addressed in the popular media, perhaps they shouldn't be.



Michael Pare

While trying to make the point that there is a public misconception about the actual number of black players in the majors, Hunter infamously insinuated that Major League Baseball has gone overseas to raise the number of "dark faces" on the field.

"It's like, why should I get this kid from the South Side of Chicago and have Scott Boras represent him and pay him \$5 million when you can get a Dominican guy for a bag of chips?" he said during a USA Today roundtable discussion on diversity in baseball. "The perception is that they're African American, but they're not us. They're imposters."

Hunter has since apologized for what he termed a "poor choice of words," but that has not saved one of the most respected members of the baseball community from being labeled a racist by the media and the public. The sad thing is Hunter had a legitimate point to make — which was done later in the discussion — about the underfunding of domestic baseball programs, but like many political and social debates, it degenerated into a semantics battle rather than a poignant argument.

Is the war on terror a real

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**UMass Lowell goalie Carter Hutton** makes a glove save in Sunday night's game at Alford Arena. Hutton made 33 saves, but the Black Bears won 3-2 in overtime to move on to Friday night's Hockey East semifinals. The Black Bears will take on Boston University at 8 p.m. at the TD Garden.

William P. Davis • Editor in Chief

## Bears rally to sink River Hawks in series

Men's hockey set to face BU in Hockey East semis; winner faces BC/Vermont victor

By Steven McCarthy  
Staff Reporter

University of Maine junior center and captain Tanner House scored 5:10 into overtime Sunday night to send the Black Bears to the Hockey East Tournament Semifinals with a 3-2 win in the decisive third game of their quarterfinal series against the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

UMaine will oppose defending National Champions Boston University Friday at 8 p.m. at the TD Garden in Boston. Vermont will face Boston College in a 5 p.m. semifinal.

House drove to the left post while sophomore left wing Brian Flynn skated with the puck along the left-wing boards and slid him a pass after drawing Lowell senior goaltender Carter Hutton toward the middle of the goal.

"I can't describe that feeling," House said of his

16th goal of the season. "Flynn made a great pass. I was fortunate to bang it in off the post."

UMaine is returning to the semifinals for the first

### Hockey East semifinals



UMaine vs. BU  
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time since the 2005-06 season, when they lost to Boston College in that game, but followed the tournament

with a trip to the NCAA Frozen Four.

BU took the season series against UMaine 2-1, winning both games at Agganis Arena. However, the Black Bears are 4-0 all-time in the semifinals against BU, with the last meeting coming in 2004. UMaine has won five Hockey East Championships. BU has won seven.

Lowell lost to BU in the championship game last year and had 10 seniors dressed for last weekend's games.

"They [UMaine] are to be congratulated," Lowell coach Blaise MacDonald said. "They really bounced back from some adversity and played well."

UMaine sophomore defenseman Will O'Neill's second goal of Sunday's game with 4:48 remaining in the third period sent the game to into the extra 20-minute session. O'Neill sent a whistling one-timer

See Hockey on B7

## Abbott fills void on UMaine power play

Sophomore winger provides scoring punch, clutch play

By Steven McCarthy  
Staff Reporter

Former University of Maine men's hockey standouts Michel Leveille, Derek Damon and Keenan Hopson were forwards coach Tim Whitehead trusted to run the point of his team's power play unit. Whitehead's decision to try sophomore left wing Spencer Abbott there this season has paid dividends for UMaine's power play, which has been perched atop the nation for most of the year.

Graduated power play defensemen Simon Danis-Pepin and Matt Duffy left Whitehead with a void to fill. Whitehead had a hunch during the summer that Abbott's calm, poised demeanor while in possession of the puck would translate to an expanded role on the team.

"[Abbott] certainly could have played both roles for us this year," Whitehead said. "Set-up man was really what we needed most, so we were pleased that he could do that."

The point man commands the distribution of the puck similar to a basketball point guard or football quarterback, and a mishandled puck or ill-advised pass could result in a short-handed breakout for the opposing team.

"You get a lot of looks and touch the puck a lot, so it helps you out in the game," Abbott said. "It helps you on five-on-five because you have confidence with the puck."

Abbott said his only experience in the role came during the playoffs of his second year of junior hockey with the Hamilton (Ontario) Red Wings. He currently plays in all situations for the Black Bears, and his minus-one plus-minus rating is tied with classmate Theo Andersson for the best among UMaine forwards not on the first line (Tanner House, Gustav Nyquist, Brian Flynn). The plus-minus rating factors in whether a player is on the ice when his team scores and when they are

See Abbott on B6



Amy Brooks • Photo Editor

**Spencer Abbott** fires a shot on net as a UMass Lowell player puts pressure on him in the weekend's playoff series against the River Hawks. Abbott is one of the leading scorers for UMaine and leads them into Friday night's Hockey East semifinal against Boston University.

## Andersson one of three Swedish Black Bears

Nyquist, Leidermark also on UMaine roster

By Steven McCarthy  
Staff Reporter

Three years ago, when University of Maine sophomore left wing Theo Andersson, from Sweden, decided he wanted to play college hockey in the United States, he was unaware that eight years earlier, in 1999, Swedish-born Marcus Gustafsson scored the game-winning goal in overtime to propel the Black Bears to their second National Championship.

That Swedes Robert Ek and twins Anders and Magnus Lundback also played a part in UMaine's title run was also news to Andersson.

UMaine associate head coach Dan Kerluke — a winger on Maine's 1999 team — filled Andersson in on UMaine hockey history during a 2007 recruiting trip to Sweden that resulted in Andersson, classmate Gustav Nyquist and freshman Klas Leidermark committing to UMaine.

Andersson also sought advice from the leading scorer of the 1999 Black Bears, Steve Kariya, who was playing for Swedish professional team Frolunda Hockey Club, based in Andersson's hometown of Gothenburg, Sweden. The middle brother of the Kariya trio sold Andersson on his alma mater.

"[Kariya] said he had a great

Andersson has had to adjust to a more physical game than is played on the wider Olympic-sized rinks in Sweden. He thrives on his skating ability, but is not known for delivering bodychecks.

time here and he loved it," Andersson said.

Andersson was the third leading scorer for the Frolunda Under-20 team in 2007-08 with 41 points in 41 games and impressed Kerluke in the lone game the UMaine coaching staff got to scout. UMaine coach Tim Whitehead took a chance on Andersson, who was not recruited by other U.S. schools, bringing him in along with top Swedish talent Nyquist.

"It's a bit of a gamble sometimes," Kerluke said. "I didn't have a real solid idea how his game would translate to here. It's a big jump."

Andersson failed to record a point in his first season with the Black Bears, and was in and out of the lineup, playing in just 18 of 39 games. He has since developed into a top penalty killer for

See Andersson on B7